

We hope you enjoy July's edition of 'Mission Heights News.'
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Principal, Mrs Joan Middlemiss.

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innovative, constantly evolving,
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Message from the Principal

July Newsletter

Information for students and parents

As you can see from the newsletter, we are looking forward to another busy and exciting term. We have a full sporting calendar, with opportunities for students to participate in a wide range of sporting activities. The **Cross Country** is a fun opportunity for all students to participate, whatever their level of fitness.

The **ICAS competitions** are in full swing. It is wonderful to see so many students participating and that our first results are once again very positive. The **NIWA Manukau Science & Technology Fair** is also fast approaching and I know that many of our students have been working on exciting projects over the holiday break.

Our school **MATHEX Evening** is always a wonderful event. It is so great to see students really enjoying maths and to have such support from our staff and parents for this fun and challenging night. After an extremely successful **zone debating competition** we have two teams advancing to the Auckland wide finals. This is an amazing achievement and we wish them well as they now take on the best in our city.

I would like to thank, in advance, all the teachers, parents and community members who make it possible for our students to experience so many great opportunities and wish everyone the best for the term ahead.

Regards,
Joan Middlemiss

Upcoming Events

Dates are also published on our website, [Mission Heights Online](#).

Ormiston Senior College Open Evening

Wednesday 30th July

MHJC Speech Competition

Wednesday 30th July

MHJC Cross Country

Friday 1st August

Australian Maths Exam

Monday 4th August

Coast Yr 8 OSC Visit

Monday 4th August

Forest Yr 8 OSC Visit

Tuesday 5th August

MHP Yr 6 Visit MHJC

11:00am to 12:30pm

Tuesday 5th August

MHJC Mathex Evening

Wednesday 6th August

Family & Friends Meeting

Monday 4th August, 7pm

Water Yr 8 OSC Visit

Thursday 7th August

BOS Yr 6 Visit MHJC

11:00am to 12:30pm

Thursday 7th August

Mountains Yr 8 OSC Visit

Friday 8th August

Manukau Science Fair Hosted by MHJC

Saturday 9th August &

Sunday 10th August

Yr 6 Parent & Student Info Evening

MHJC Library at 7pm

Monday 11th August

ICAS Maths Exam

Tuesday 12th August

Manukau Science Fair Prize-giving Hosted by MHJC

Wednesday 20th August

Yr 10 OSC Transition

MHJC Represent Zone at Debeating Octo-finals

MHJC is part of the Southern Zone for Auckland Schools debating, which includes Rosehill College and ACG Strathalan. Each year, the two top teams are selected from each zone and this year MHJC has won both of these positions, therefore being the only school from our zone to gain a place in the Auckland Octo-finals.



Team 1 (pictured above) Rylee Fraser, Rashmeen Sandhu and Laila Abada have remained undefeated for the whole season. Samson Ireland is the reserve.



Team 3 (pictured above, centre) Victor Chua, Ayesha Ali and Joshua Fong, with reserves (pictured left) Avinash Sathiyaseelan and (right) Sartaj Bedi won four of their five debates. This is quite an achievement considering they are a Year 9 team.

Come along and watch the Octo-finals...

Date: Monday 4th August, 2014

Venue: ACG Parnell at 4:30pm. The moot is announced at 4.30pm with teams preparing for an hour and the debate starts at 5:30pm.

MHJC Team 1 vs Lynfield 2

MHJC Team 3 vs Sacred Heart 3

Visits

Thursday 14th August
Friday 15th August
Monday 18th August
Tuesday 19th August

SEZ Cross Country

Tuesday 19th August

Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday 27th August

MHJC Arts Festival: Open for Viewing

Wednesday 27th August &
Thursday 28th August

Year 10 Showcase

Friday 29th August

MHJC Yr 8 & 9 Options Evening

Thursday 4th September

Aims Games Event Tauranga

Sunday 7th September to Friday
12th September

MHJC Mufti & Disco

Thursday 18th September

Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday 24th September

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2014 Term Dates

Term 3

Monday 21st July to
Friday 26th September
(10 Week Term)

Term 4

Monday 13th October to
Wednesday 10th December
(9 Week Term)

2015 Start-Up Dates Compulsory Admin Day

(Parents & students)

Tuesday 3rd February

First Day for Yr 7 & 10's

(Yr 7's to Theatre)

Thursday 5th February

Waitangi Day Holiday

Friday 6th February

All Students Return

(Yr 7, 8, 9 & 10's)

Monday 9th February

*Please do not book overseas
travel during term time.*



Pictured from left: MHJC students Neha Nitasha, Anthony Hua, Suhayla Khan, Sartaj Bedi, and Steven Guo.

Hwa-Chong Young Leaders Convention in Singapore

This once in a lifetime experience kicked off with MHJC's team experiencing Singapore's hot, humid weather - but even that did not dampen MHJC students' anticipation for meeting new people, learning new traditions, and gaining new life experiences.

Students worked hard to complete a project on the second day, during which time they liaised with 10M2 students eight and a half thousand kilometres away, to present ideas on the context, 'Human Rights'. Nevertheless, the student's reflected that perhaps the most valuable learning came from the opportunity to form new friendships with other delegates from the 20th Young Student Leaders Convention.



TE TOI TUPU LEADING LEARNING NETWORK

Gifted and Talented

Te Toi Tupu Facilitators Inspired by MHJC Gifted & Talented Programme

Members of MHJC's GATE Team recently hosted a forum with a group of Te Toi Tupu Facilitators. The group gained valuable insights and learning, and "...came away inspired."

Members of the team, headed by Vivienne Russell, gained a further appreciation of MHJC's personalised approach to gifted education which sees students strengths and passions recognised and catered for in a holistic and highly personalised manner.

The facilitators were impressed by MHJC's hospitality and willingness to share good practice.

Come along to our next...

MHJC 'Family & Friends' Evening

Meet the Principal of Ormiston Senior College

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Karen Brinsden the new Principal of Ormiston Senior College, at our next meeting on Monday 4th August. For most of us, our children will be transitioning from MHJC on to Ormiston Senior College. The appointment of Karen Brinsden as Principal is therefore an exciting time for us, as our children commence at a new school under new direction and leadership.

Karen will be sharing her vision and aspirations for Ormiston Senior College with us and answering any questions that our parent body may have about Ormiston Senior College and its philosophy for learning.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Monday 4th August, 7.00pm in the MHJC Staffroom.

Family & Friends Committee
Bringing our community together



MHJC Students Continue to 'Make a Difference'

The 'Make a Difference' DEEP classes were actively involved with supporting the broader community this term. These included two important organisations that are in need of public support: Middlemore Hospital and the Auckland City Mission. The teams supporting Middlemore Hospital explored the need to gift children in long stay wards as well as premature babies in the neonatal care unit. Through bake sales and a raffle, \$260 was raised. This money was used to purchase educational toys and premature baby clothes. Ms Ankita Luthra, a representative from Kids-First was invited to Mrs Singh's 'Make a Difference' DEEP class where she thanked the team for the active community engagement to support Kids First.

Cans were also donated to the Auckland City Mission. Representative, Alexis Sawyers was invited to the school to collect food cans and to deliver a presentation on the need for community involvement to assist with homeless individuals and families.



Tim Payne (pictured centre) with members of the MHJC Year 7/8 AIMS Football Squad. Coach, Mr Neil Penfold.

All Whites Player Visits MHJC World Cup Fundraiser

FIFA World Cup fever gripped Mission Heights Schools on Sunday 6th July, when the community gathered in the theatre to watch the last Quarter Final between the Netherlands and Costa Rica. Current All White, Tim Payne made a guest appearance, signing autographs and



Inter-Centre Rep Tournament

At the Pukekohe Netball Club yesterday, four MHJC students represented Howick Pakuranga at the Inter-Centre Rep. Tournament.

Lafi Tu'a and Lasalle Lefale's team took out the under 15 tournament. Manasseh Gray was in the Year 9 team that won their section, and Jazmin Stevens-Apaipora was part of the Year 8 team that placed runners-up.

Many congratulations to all four girls. An outstanding effort in the final rep. tournament of the season.

Howick Pakuranga won the whole tournament, just pipping Mangere Otahuhu by a single point.



Travelwise Celebration

Five representatives from MHJC (pictured right gaining several autographs) attended a special

having photographs taken with those present.

After the game, specialist Coerver coach Michael Poulopoulos treated all students to a 75 minute Coerver Skills session.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in this community event. The MHJC AIMS Games netball and football players will benefit from the money raised from this event and from Tim's message, "*The key to success is hard work.*"

Any budding footballer who is serious about improving their technical ability should check out the Coerver NZ website...

<http://coerver.co.nz/wp/>



Calling All DanceSport Enthusiasts for School National Championships

Mrs Jacqui Barrow is leading a team of Year 7 & 8 dancers to the DanceSport National School Championships. This is the last call for new members to attend trainings in the Dance Studio during Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes. No experience is required, however students will need to start training now to be ready to compete.

conference at Eden Park recently to celebrate MHJC's work with Auckland Transport. The students participated in many exciting activities and were surprised with a mini 'Titanium' concert!

big science competition

'Big Science' Results

Congratulations to the following students who achieved highly in the recent 'Big Science' Competition:

Year 7

'Credit'

Solana Carpenter
Eugene Chua
Campbell Strong

Year 9

'Credit'

Victor Chua
Caleb Ye

'Distinction'

Lorena Gesmundo
Samson Ireland
Avinash Sathiyaseelan
Daniel Strong

'High Distinction'

Joshua Fong

Year 10

'Credit'

Louis Ye

'Distinction'

Anthony Hua
Dylan Townsend



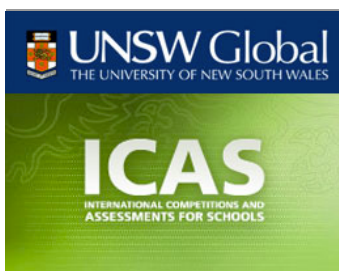
Trees For Survival Planting

The Enviro Council had a fantastic day planting trees on a local farm in Drury last Friday. Through the Trees for Survival programme, students planted over 500 trees on 220m of stream front. They were assisted by the local Rotary Club of Botany/East Tamaki.



Dairy NZ Education

Students from 8W2 have been very busy learning how milk gets from a cow to the consumer. They have recently traveled to a local dairy farm to see a calf birthing and milking (*below*) and also visited the Tip Top factory (*above*). They will continue their studies this term to investigate the benefits of milk to a healthy diet.



ICAS Science Exam Results

The following students achieved highly in the ICAS Science Exam:

Year 7

'Credit'

Kaed Charman

Caiel Dayu

'Merit'

Lia Arroyo

Joshua Rao

'Distinction'

Eugene Chua

Sharaheel Saheel

Campbell Strong

Year 8

'Credit'

Brendan Hua

Kayla Pieterse

'Merit'

Ryan Ngo

'Distinction'

Jing-Ying Foong

Christina Bang

Year 9

'Credit'

Kris Fainsan

Jasneek Sandhu

Avinash Sathiyaseelan

'Merit'

Sophie Chen

Celeste Lane

Timothy Kree

'Distinction'

Daniel Strong

'High Distinction'

Joshua Fong

Hari Narasimhan

Year 10

'Credit'

Cailey Dayu

Anthony Hua

Andrew Lee

Courtenay Powell

Paris Yee

'Merit'

Rashmeen Sandhu

Dylan Townsend

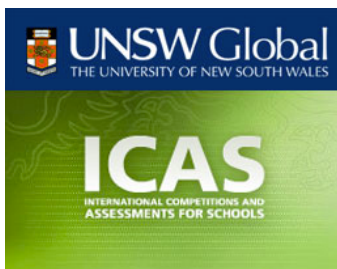
'Distinction'

Daniel Strong



Forest Year 8 Careers Day

On Wednesday 25th June, the Year 8's in Forest Whanau welcomed a number of community members to extend their knowledge of the human body and to see how different careers use this knowledge on a daily basis. The students explored the life of a paramedic and were taught how to use different life saving devices. They also learned about surgery, personal training, and were introduced to university courses involving exercise science. A big thank you to all of the individuals who came in and extended our students' learning.



ICAS Computer Skills Results

The ICAS Computer Skills Exam produced some commendable results this year:

Year 7 'Credit'

Camryn Chetty
Reece Abel
Eugene Chua
Cael Dayu
Aryan Mantravadi
Tirakshna Nand
Harman Sandhu
Campbell Strong
'Distinction'
Lia Arroyo

Year 8 'Credit'

Bill Wong
'Merit'
Brendan Hua
Kaveen Kumar
'Distinction'
Jing-Ying Foong

Year 9 'Credit'

Lorena Gesmundo
Victor Chua
Samson Ireland
Bo-Jiun Liou
'Merit'
Ashley Taimataora
Mikayla Chetty
Timothy Kree
'Distinction'
Joshua Fong

Year 10 'Credit'

Anthony Hua
Gurjapleen Kaur
Dylan Townsend
'Merit'
Rashmeen Sandhu
Paris Yee
Ben Zhao
'Distinction'
Louis Ye



Migration Stories Shared

As a part of Forest's learning context, a group of adult refugees and migrants came to visit 7F1 and 7F2 recently. Students had the opportunity to interview the adults to find out about their **migration stories** and their lives here in New Zealand. Students demonstrated warm hospitality by bringing a plate of food to share with their visitors.



Year 8 & 9 'Fun Spanish Day Out'

As a part of the Year 8 and Year 9 Spanish Curriculum, students were given the opportunity to participate in a 'Fun Spanish Day Out' to celebrate their commendable achievement in **Spanish**. This involved students participating in a **professional Salsa lesson**, a variety of **cultural Latin entertainment** and experiencing an authentic **Spanish lunch**. Ms Martin and Ms Terremere were delighted with the high levels



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of excitement and participation that were demonstrated by students throughout the day.



Year 10 Spanish Students Visit 'Mad Mex'

Year 10 Spanish students had the opportunity to have lunch at the Mad Mex Café in Botany Downs to celebrate their commendable achievement in Spanish and to farewell one of our Spanish teachers, Ms **Martin**, as she is taking maternity leave. The day involved experiencing a truly authentic **Mexican lunch**, with a very delicious Spanish dessert - Churros with chocolate!



Congratulations Ms Wigg!

We are pleased to announce that Language Specialist Teacher, Ms Trudi Wigg has been appointed to the position of *Secretary of the Executive Committee of the New Zealand Association of Japanese Language Teachers (NZAJLT)*.



Mission Heights
JUNIOR COLLEGE



An invitation to current
Year 6 students & their
families to attend our
'Information Evening'

Year 6 Student & Parent Information Evening Monday 11th August, 2014

Principal, Mrs Middlemiss warmly invites Year 6 students and their families to MHJC's **2015 Enrolment Information Evening**.

The evening will start at **7.00pm** in '**The Meeting Place**', which is next to our MHJC school library. Provisions will be made to supervise youngsters in the library, if they do not wish to join the information presentation and school tour sections of the evening.

The **Enrolment Information Evening** presents families with a wonderful opportunity to meet teachers, observe areas of the school in action, hand in completed 2015 enrolment forms and ask any enrolment questions.

* Completed enrolment forms are due to the **MHJC reception** by **Friday 22nd August** please.

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'Experience a Day in the Life at MHJC'

OPEN EVENING

"Preparing and inspiring our students to achieve their very best in a global society".

Wednesday, July 30, 2014

All Welcome (6:30pm until 8.30pm)

Discover OSC: Displays, activities, performances and expertise.

Information about: Year 11 - 13 NCEA courses and college life.

Student led tours in: English, Punjabi, Hindi, Tagalog, Cantonese.

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