

We hope you enjoy our **May** edition of 'Mission Heights News.'
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Principal, Mrs Joan Middlemiss.

OUR VISION

'Growing Greatness through
innovative, constantly evolving
personalised learning..'



Message from the Principal

May Newsletter

Information for students and parents

As you can see from our newsletter our term is in full swing and our students are involved in an array of exciting learning experiences which are providing them with sometimes, once in a life time opportunities.

We are so proud to have been named as **World Champions** in the **Language Perfect World Series**, bettering our already impressive record from previous years. In addition to have students placing first in the world or in New Zealand in so many different languages is a wonderful achievement and underlines the value we place on cultural diversity and our global focus.

We also currently have students preparing to visit **Japan** and others returning from **Singapore**. The connections our students make on these trips and the experiences they have will help prepare them to be truly global citizens.

Thank you again to all those who support our students in so many ways, teachers, parents, community groups and individuals. Without your ongoing efforts the experience that our students have at Mission Heights Junior College would be so much the poorer.

We look forward to many more exciting activities for the remainder of the term.

Regards,

Joan Middlemiss

Upcoming Events

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

Year 8 Transition Visits Ormiston Senior College

Thursday 11th June

Coast & Forest Whanau

Friday 12th June

Water & Mountains Whanau

Talent Quest Finals

Thursday 11th June, 6:30pm

start in MHJC's theatre

Tickets \$5 at school reception or at the door on the night

ICAS Writing Exams

Monday 15th June

ICAS Spelling Exam

Tuesday 16th June

PHOTOLIFE Class Photos

Wednesday 17th June

Science Road Show (Yr 7 & 8's)

Thursday 18th & Friday 19th June

What's Your Flavour? Burger Battle

Tuesday 23rd to Thursday 25th June

Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday 24th June, 6pm

MHJC Mufti Day & Disco

Thursday 25th June

Last Day of Term 2

Friday 3rd July, 3pm

2015 Term Dates

Term 2

Monday 20th April to

Friday 3rd July

(11 Week Term)

Term 3

Monday 20th July to

Friday 25th September

(10 Week Term)

Term 4

Monday 12th October to

Wednesday 16th December

(10 Week Term)

Please do not book overseas travel during term time.



MHJC are Language Perfect World Champions!

This year, Mission Heights Junior College competed in the Language Perfect World Championships, held between the 18th and 28th of May. This is an online competition, involving translation into and out of 27 languages. MHJC were the defending national champions, and we were hoping to improve on our global placing from third in 2014.

The 309 students involved competed against students from over 1200 schools in more than 20 countries around the world. After ten days of competition, MHJC were named the World Champions, taking first place in this event. This is the first time in the history of the competition that a New Zealand school has achieved this feat.

This Language event is one of five subject championships that constitute the Education Perfect World Series. At this time, Mission Heights Junior College sits at the top of the overall leaderboard, standing an excellent chance of winning the entire tournament.

Click on the image below to view a mini-documentary that Kermath Davies from Education Perfect filmed at school last Monday...



Our congratulations go to the following students for their significant achievements...

Dinner with the Consul General of Japan

Our Japanese Teacher Ms Wigg was honoured to be invited to dinner last week with Mr Yokoyama, the Consul General of Japan, at his residence. Ms Wigg was invited alongside other prominent members of the Japanese speaking community in Auckland as part of her voluntary work with the Executive Committee of the New Zealand Association of Japanese Teachers, of which she is the Secretary. It was a pleasant evening of delicious Japanese food and conversation about important points in both Japanese education in New Zealand, and the relationship between our two countries.



MHJC's Family & Friends are seeking support for the supervision roster for the NIWA Manukau Region Science & Technology Fair on the following dates...

1. Viewing by the Public

Monday 10th August &
Tuesday 11th August

3:00pm to 5:00pm in Theatre

2. Collection of Exhibits

Wednesday 12th August
9:00am to 5:00pm in Theatre

3. Prize-giving Supper

Tuesday 18th August
6:00pm to 9:00pm in Theatre

Please email if you are able to help out at one, or more of these evenings...

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Kathryn Taylor

Martin Chui (Year 10)

School champion, 3rd in NZ for Arabic, 1st in NZ for Indonesian and 2nd in NZ for Malay

Christina Bang (Year 9)

2nd place overall in MHJC, 2nd in NZ for Greek

Ho Zhin Man (Year 10)

3rd place overall in MHJC 2nd in NZ for Fijian

Lui Baker (Year 8)

1st in the world for Tongan

Michael Trinh (Year 8)

1st in the world for Vietnamese

Samson Ireland (Year 10)

1st in NZ for Hebrew

Oanh Le (Year 10)

1st in NZ for Malay

Alina Hayat Khan (Year 9)

1st in NZ for Russian

Katrina Mohammed (Year 9)

3rd in the world for Fijian and also 2nd in NZ for Arabic

Shartik Achari (Year 8)

3rd in NZ for Fijian

Priyashka Naidoo (Year 8)






3rd in NZ for Indonesian

Sanraj Hayer (Year 8)

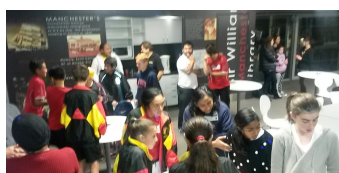
3rd in NZ for Malay

(All students in the top 50 in NZ for Malay were from MHJC)

Language Perfect World Championships

Total questions answered:	2,371,167
Total points earned:	914,410 pts
Total hours spent learning:	10,440 hrs
Global ranking:	1st
Category ranking: (251-500 students)	1st
43  Elite Awards (10,000 pts)	
60  Gold Awards (3000 pts)	
16  Silver Awards (2,000 pts)	
34  Bronze Awards (1,000 pts)	
25  Credit Awards (500 pts)	

Chairperson of Family & Friends



Japan Trip Update

Recently the six Mission Heights Junior College students who are heading to Japan in July were treated to a visit from their *senpai* from Stanhope Road School in Mt Wellington.

Stanhope Road School were the 2014 APCC School from New Zealand; Mission Heights Junior College is following in their footsteps. We enjoyed speeches in Japanese and English by the students and teachers, and a great visual presentation and sharing session.

Our students are inspired by those who have gone before them, and are looking forward to getting to the camp and having this experience for themselves. We now have information on our homestay families, and the trip is getting closer and more exciting every day! We look forward to sharing more of our journey with you...

Family and Friends

Family and Friends would like to take this opportunity to thank Sibylle Townsend and Kylie Cairns, in their roles as Chairperson and Treasurer respectively, for their outstanding contribution to our School Community over the past 6 years.

Following the annual AGM, the new Family and Friends Committee looks like this:

Kathryn Taylor - Chairperson
Dharshini Sathiyaseelan - Treasurer
Donna Telfer - Events Coordinator
Michelle Ireland - Secretary
Sara Vahaakolo Ngaika - Committee Member
Alicia Naera - Committee Member
Daliah Porus Kermani - Committee Member

At Family and Friends, our primary aim is to engage our families in various school activities and school events. We feel that by connecting our families with the School, we can better support our children's learning and personal development.

Please email us if you would like an informal role on our Committee, or if you would like to help out at future events. We look forward to working with you!

Family and Friends Committee

Bringing our Community Together

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Archives New Zealand - Protecting Our Treasures

On Wednesday the 6th of May students from 9F1 and 9F2 visited Archives New Zealand, the official guardian of New Zealand's public archives, to learn how important archives, such as the *The Treaty Of Waitangi* are gathered, stored and protected. Students learned about different ways that posters, paintings, letters, maps and film are conserved, and gained valuable tips on how to best archive their own Cultural Food Festival resources.



KDEC Students Connect with Christchurch School

Year 8 KDEC students and teacher, Miss Rabo enjoyed a most exciting Maths session recently, during which time they enjoyed their very first Skype session with some deaf students who attend Wharenui Primary School in Christchurch.

Miss Rabo states that KDEC are very happy and grateful that MHJC facilities support digital platforms that allow students to connect and collaborate with other deaf students and teachers across the country.



What's Your Flavour? Burger Battle Competition

Do you have a flair for creating new dishes? Do you like experimenting in the kitchen? Then you may be interested in entering the MHJC Burger Battle Competition. Teams of two need to create, cook and present a burger that's healthy and has a cultural twist.



"We're Traveling Wise!"

The 2015 Road Safety Week was a great success! Thank you to MHJC students who attended the bake sale, took a ride on our smoothie bike (pictured below), and entered our competitions. Our competition winners were:

"How a bike would change my life" contest
Amanda Lee (7M1) won a new bike!

'Fast Bike Race'
Joshua Campbell (9W1) and Dilan Patel (8M2)

'Slow Bike Race'
Kyle Anderson (7M2)

Road Safety Quiz
Still to be confirmed...

Stay tuned for details on the upcoming competition to win a **FREE MGP Scooter!**

The school heats will be held in lunchtimes during Week 10. The school winners will go to the Auckland competition heats the following week.

Any students interested need to contact Ms Hunter chunter@mhjc.school.nz to sign up please. Unfortunately, this competition is restricted to Year 9 and 10 students only.

MHJC Winner of \$1000 "Give Back to your School" Campaign

During the past Back to School season Amos (in conjunction with Croxley) ran a consumer promotion called "Give Back to your School". This qualified the winner of this competition to nominate a school for a cash donation. Thanks to Yolanda Ochi (Mother) and Brianna Ochi (9F2), Mission Heights Junior College has been nominated to receive one thousand dollars. Thank you very much, Brianna for supporting our school!



Please support MHJC's



The Annual MHJC Talent Quest is coming up this Thursday 11th June, 6:30pm to 8:45pm in the MHJC Theatre. Do not miss out on this spectacular event!



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WaiCare Stream Improvements

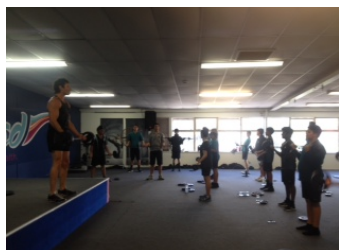
Our team of WaiCare experts in 7M1 have positive news to report. Since testing the local stream in March, our stream quality has significantly improved. The water is cleaner and the area around it is now free of litter.

7M1's WaiCare experts are also happy to report they have found fish in the stream - banded kokopu and Cran's bully. This is pleasing, as the WaiCare team hadn't seen a fish in this stream in well over a year!



You will get to see a range of students with outstanding musical talents - singing, dancing and instrumental. There are certainly other unique talents that we're sure you will want to check out. Please add the date to the Calendar!

Tickets will be \$5 at the door
(also sold at the school reception)
See you there!



Exceed Fitness

9C1 and 9C2 visited Exceed Fitness on Monday 18th May as part of their 'muscles and movement' learning journey. They participated in a Pump Class where they lifted weights for every muscle group: Squats, Biceps, Lunges, Abs etc. Students completed 10 songs within 1 hour of intense weight lifting. It was extremely hard and left a few students feeling rather sore. A big 'thank you' to the team at Exceed Fitness for making this activity possible.



Mr Ash Sudhakar (Parent Helper), Wei Zheng Yong 7F1, Harshil Parmar 7F1, Jesse Manuel 7F1, Keathan Davids 7W1, Connor Boyd 7W2, Cj Lupena-Baker 7W2, Rogen Jr Chigwende 7F1, Byrin Knox 7C2, Ayush Sudhakar 7W1, Mr David Nutt (Coach), Nicholas Sokin 7C2, Rajbir Sandhu 7F1, Leo Champion 7F2, Glazcious Phares-Vaega 7C2 & Harjot Singh Dharni 7M1

SEZ Year 7 Boys Football

The South Eastern Zone Yr 7 Boys Football tournament was held at St Kentigern College on Thursday 7th May. After successes in the previous week's Year 8 competition by MHJC, the Year 7 boys were hoping to emulate or better the 3rd place finish. And that they did!

After 4 group games MHJC were flying high in 2nd place in the group with 3 wins out of 4. Goals from CJ Lupena Baker, Ayush Sudhakar, Glazcious Phares-Vaega, Leo Champion and Nic Sokin had seen off the challenge of Farm Cove (2 - 1), Pakuranga Intermediate (4 - 0) and Sancta Maria College (1 - 0). The solid defense of Keathan Davids and Connor Boyd gave the team license to get forward and score.

With a narrow loss to Sommerville Intermediate, the squad knew that the games were going to get harder and prepared well for the semi final challenge of St Kentigern College. After a nail biting and closely fought game the boys lost 2-1 to the eventual winners and played for 3rd place.

At the close of the competition, they bounced back from the loss to St Kentigern College with a great performance against Bucklands Beach Intermediate to share the 3rd Place finish with a tight 0-0 game.

Thank you to Mr Ash Sudhakar for his invaluable assistance on day. Mr Nutt and Mr Sudhakar were very proud of all the boys achievements and we wish the Year 7 students well for their senior football years.

Premier Netballers Thank BOT for New Uniforms

Our Premier Netball Team would like to thank the MHJC Board of Trustees for assigning funding for the design and purchase of new netball uniforms. The girls' have got off to a flying start to their netball



MHJC Chess Team 3rd in Eastern Zone

MHJC finished third in the Eastern Zone Chess Competition, winning 12 out of their 24 games. Unfortunately the team were eliminated with the tie breaker round, due to having more than one team in third place.



A reminder that Mission Heights Junior College is **open for viewing** by the public on Wednesday mornings each week, starting at 9:45am from our school reception. Come and see our learners in action!

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season, and we look forward to sharing an update of their progress in our next newsletter.



MHJC's Premier Girls Netball Team

Ianeta Penitani 10W1, Jesse Tuhaka 10W2, Briana Baker 10F2 (Vice Captain), Ngapipi Herewini 10W2 (Captain), Katelyn Knox 9F1, Annemeik Vaha'akolo-Ngaika 8F2, Sophia Herewini 9M1 and Katrina Mohammed 9F2
(Absent: Chanelle Cecil 10F1 & Yvonne Taogaga 10F2)



Strong Start to Season for Yr 9 & 10 Girls Footballers

The MHJC Girls 1st XI have had a strong start to the season with a 2-0 win over Otahuhu College and a 0-0 draw against Strathallen. The team has been training twice a week since the middle of Term 1. The girls are enjoying the support provided by their student co-coaches Crystal Noun (Ormiston Senior College) and Celeste Lane (Mission Heights Junior College). Ms Lambert and Miss Grant both agree that the commitment and enthusiasm currently demonstrated by the squad bodes well for the season ahead.





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Sophie Chen 10W2, Mikayla Chetty 10W2, Kris Fainsan 10F1, Alina Hayat Khan 9F2, Hufriya Kermani 9C2, Queenie Lim 10M1, Eva Min 10M2, Amy Moore 8F2, Claudia Nair 10W1, Rochelle Narayan 9C2, Brenda Ngo 10M1, Pranisha Prasad 10F1, Pranita Prasad 10W1, Arpanjot Sangha 9F2, Ashley Taimataora 10W2, Angela Wong 10F1



Sir Peter Blake Leadership Training at the Voyager Maritime Museum

On Thursday 14th May, fifty Year 10 students from Water Whanau traveled by ferry to the Voyager Maritime Museum to participate in a Sir Peter Blake Leadership Training Day. Highlights of the day included a leadership workshop, tour of the museum and a sailing experience on the Auckland Harbour. Thank you to our parent helper, Warren Herbert, who captured some lovely shots (above) during the day.

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OPEN INVITATION FOR ENROLMENT

As the only in-zone Secondary School for MHJC, we are proud to announce the dates of our enrolment drive and annual open evening, on **Wednesday 22 July 2015 from 6:45pm to 8pm.**

Welcome Address at 7pm sharp in the Auditorium by our Principal followed by a walk-through of our modern learning environment, experience learning in action on show throughout the evening.

Enrolment packs will be delivered to MHJC for distribution on 26 June. In-Zone applications will close on 31 July 2015. Out-of-Zone applications will close on 2 September with the ballot being undertaken on 9 September 2015.

Bring along your completed enrolment application to our open evening (including original documents so that we may sight these). Further information will also be available on our website at www.ormiston.school.nz

We look forward to welcoming you!

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