

We hope you enjoy our **End of Year** 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

End of Year Newsletter

Information for students and parents

As we reach the end of a very successful year at Mission Heights Junior College I want to thank everyone in our school community for the part you have played in our success this year. As parents you have given us a resounding vote of confidence through the community surveys and we can assure you we will continue to work hard to ensure we maintain our high standards for your children.

Our teachers and support staff work very hard and their commitment to our students goes beyond the classroom. We genuinely care for our students and their many successes across the 4 cornerstones fill us with pride. This term alone we have celebrated 5 national awards in major academic competitions, many competing against students up to Year 13. We have much to be proud of.

Most importantly a school is about students. We are fortunate to have students who thrive on challenge, take on leadership roles many would consider beyond their years, and who show caring for others in society. Yes, our students are teenagers and certainly they do sometimes get things wrong, but this a necessary part of growing up and learning and we are lucky that in our school our energies can be focussed on learning and not on discipline.

Our ERO report was full of praise for what our school has become in five short years and I know we can look forward optimistically to the next five. Thank you all and best wishes for the holiday season and for the New Year.

Regards,
Joan Middlemiss



Upcoming Events

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

Term 4 Ends

Thursday 12th December is our School Prize-Giving Day and the last day of Term (9 Week Term)

Prize-Giving Times:

Year 9's: 9:00 am

Year 8's: 11:30 am

Year 7's: 1:30 pm

Year 10's: 6:00pm

2014 Start Up Dates

MHJC Reception Opens

Monday 13th January
8:00am to 4:30pm daily

2014 Admin Day

(Compulsory Meeting with Teachers)

Thursday 30th January 9:00am to 3:00pm + 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Students please attend with a parent at a time that suits for approx. 30 minutes (uniform not required).

First Day: Year 7's + 10's

Monday 3rd February at 8:30am. Year 7 students please report to the school theatre and Year 10 students please go to your Whanau.

All Year Groups Return

Tuesday 4th February, 8:15am. Students, please go to your Whanau.

Please do not book overseas travel during term time.



Pictured: The Project ALERT Team: Courtney Powell, Mrs Middlemiss, Cailey Dayu and Dylan Townsend.

Project ALERT take another National Title

Three Year 9 students, Cailey Dayu, Courtney Powell and Dylan Townsend and their coach Mrs Middlemiss recently attended the New Zealand Future Problem Solving National Finals and won the Middle Division Community Problem Solving title. This has earned them an invitation to compete at the International Finals in Iowa, USA in June 2014.

Project Alert Win 2013 Codeworx Challenge

Cailey Dayu, Courtney Powell, Dylan Townsend and Krishin Rama have also placed 1st in the teams section of the Orion Health Codeworx Challenge. This was a national programming competition for students from Years 9 -13 sponsored by Orion Health. It was as a result of the win that they featured on 3 News. Well done to the team on winning not one, but three National Awards in just a few weeks!

You may wish to view a short video clip that details Project Alert's learning journey, on YouTube...

Project-Alert-On-Youtube.com



Project Alert - Mission Heights Junior College

Stationery lists for 2014 have been emailed to all families and are also published on our MHJC website [Mission Heights Online](#). Students are required to wear the correct school and PE uniform, and have their school stationery on their first day of the new school year please.



Whanau Organisation for 2014

Coast Whanau
Mr Sachida Naidu
Assistant Principal
Mrs Reshmika Lal
Senior Leader Curriculum
Mrs Priscilla Naidoo
Whanau Co-ordinator

Forest Whanau
Mrs Raeesa Dada
Assistant Principal
Ms Kate Lambert
Senior Leader Curriculum
Ms Kathlene Porter
Whanau Co-ordinator

Water Whanau
Miss Melanie Kindley
Assistant Principal
Mr David Nutt
Senior Leader Curriculum
Mr Fabian Sanchez
Navarro
Whanau Co-ordinator

Mountains Whanau
Mr Neil Penfold

The Project Alert team has also been featured on the 3 News website.

Click on the link below to be directed to the 3 News article...

www.3news.co.nz/Kiwis-missing-out-on-tech-jobs/Project-Alert

Kiwis missing out on tech jobs

By Tony Field
Reporter

Wednesday 27 Nov 2013 6:28p.m.

4 Comments



Assistant Principal
Mrs Neelam Taneja
Senior Leader Curriculum
Mrs Audrey Sharma
Whanau Co-ordinator



Level 2 Chess Badges

Congratulations to the following students for passing the Level 2 Chess Badge (Knight).

Caleb Ye
Year 7
Hruthin Pagadala
Year 7
Bob Liou
Year 8



MHJC Cans Drive for Auckland City Mission

Students collected cans for our Term 4 inter-Whanau 'Cans Drive' competition recently. All cans have now been sent to the Auckland City Mission to assist with the increased pressure they face supporting struggling families over the Christmas period. It was wonderful to see so many students getting into the spirit of giving and demonstrating what it means to be a GREAT citizen!

Harish Narasimhan & Nishalia Maharaj model Legacy Blazers.

Our Executive Council's Legacy Project

Each year the Executive Council plan and raise funds for a "Legacy Project", something that will continue to benefit MHJC students after they have left. Examples of past projects have been the format of the Year 10 Graduation, our Top Scholar medals, a contribution to our amazing playground and the bright feature walls in our classrooms.

This year's Council has fundraised for, designed, and purchased school blazers, in a range of sizes, so that when students are representing the school in formal situations they can borrow a blazer to ensure they look their best. We will continue to add more blazers each year to ensure that we have a full size range when needed. Congratulations to the 2013 Executive Council on an amazing initiative.



Pictured: Elaina Hea, Ivy Hu, Mrs Jenny Wang and Steven Guo.

Top Chinese Language Learners in Auckland

On the 10th November, Steven Guo, Elaina Hea and Ivy Hu were acknowledged by the Chinese Embassy for being among the Top Chinese Language Learners in Auckland. They were each awarded \$30 book vouchers, Chinese and English dictionaries and certificates. These three students have been learning the Chinese language for more than five years and we commend them, and Mrs Wang on their learning success.

The results were...

1st Mountains Whanau

2nd Coast Whanau

3rd Forest Whanau

4th Water Whanau



'Wings of Silence' Author Visits MHJC

On Friday 8th November students from 7C1, along with some lucky senior students who attended during their lunch hour, enjoyed an author talk from Shriram Iyer. Mr Iyer has published the novel 'Wings of Silence' and is currently working on completing his second book.

This was an authentic learning opportunity for 7C1, who had recently completed their first novel study and penned storybooks of their own. The visit presented students with the opportunity to learn more about the writing process and how books are published.



MHJC students competing at our school Athletics Day, that was held at the Lloyd Elsmore Athletics Track.

MHJC Athletes Reach New Heights!

Sophia Herewini
Junior Girls Champion

Tyrell Green
Junior Boys Champion

Viona Silao
Senior Girls Champion

Vinal Latchman,
Tyberg Mauafua & Pranav Deo
Senior Boys Champions

The following students qualified for the Auckland Championships, after placing in the top 3 in the South Eastern Zone meeting:

Ngapipi Herewini
400m Sprint

Dylan Honey
400m Sprint

Tyrell Green
100m Sprint, 200m Sprint &
Long Jump

Pamona Aerenga
Shot Put

MHJC students all performed very well in their events. Tyrell Green had an outstanding meet, and gained the following South Eastern Zone records:

Long Jump - 4.90m, 100m Sprint - 12.16 sec, 200m Sprint - 25.4 sec.

Tyrell also won the following events at the Auckland Champions event:
100m Sprint - 10.9 sec (electronic), 200m Sprint - time not yet confirmed. Congratulations to Tyrell and our MHJC athletes on their outstanding performances!



Park Ranger Visits MHJC

7M1 were lucky enough to have a visit from an Auckland Council Park Ranger as part of their learning in and about New Zealand forests. Students learned about pests and how we can keep our forests safe.



Thank you for Parking Safely Around our School

This term our school has participated in Auckland Transport's 'Safety at the School Gate' programme. Drivers who stop in the wrong place to drop off passengers put the safety of children at risk.

Parking officers have been on patrol outside the school this term and will be issuing tickets in the future to drivers who park illegally.

Please park legally to keep our children safe and to avoid being ticketed.



MHP students 'mucking in' to a host of Waicare activities.

MHJC Hosts Waicare Day with MHP Students

MHJC's Waicare group held a special day for MHP students to learn about our rivers and streams. Students were shown how to test water, search for minibeasts and plant native trees!



"Inspiring, educating and transforming students through enterprise experiences."



Success in 'DairyNZ Get Ahead Challenge'

Mr Stefano Cataloni's Business Studies students: Ramneek Sandhu, Sanara Swarnadhipathi, Sasha Amichand, Swashna Lal, Janelle Lopez and Hetu Shah gained second place nationally in the Year 10 Young Enterprise Trust, Dairy NZ Get Ahead Challenge competition. The Dairy NZ Get Ahead Challenge is a marketing challenge focused on the agricultural industry. It is designed to help students learn about the industry and apply that knowledge by creating a marketing plan targeting their own age group.



'Diversity' Rocks at the Intermediate Band Quest

Year 7 students, Tylah Williams, and Jordan Johns were joined by Year 8 students Justin Tan, Rishav Narayan, Kyle Oasan and Shrey Varma to perform at the RockShop Band Quest recently. 'Diversity' impressed with their error free performance and gained recognition for having the 'Top Vocalist' of the competition, Tylah Williams.



MHJC Cultural Council's '2014 Santa Show'

MHJC's Cultural Council brought our year to a close with a fantastic Santa Show. The show comprised singing, dancing and acting and once again showed off the GREAT talent that we have at our school. It was wonderful to see both teachers and students come together in the spirit of Christmas, to celebrate the end of another successful school year. A big thank you to the 2013 Cultural Council for all their hard work.

Have you purchased a 2013 Photo Gallery Yearbook yet?



- ☒ Full set of 2013 class photos
- ☒ Dozens of team and group photos
- ☒ Just \$15 from the MHJC Reception

2014 Start Up Information for MHJC



**Wishing all MHJC Families
A Happy Holiday Season!**

2014 Start Up

Thursday 30th January: Compulsory 'Administration Day'
It is essential that all students attend with a parent at a time that suits, between 9:00am and 3:00pm or 5:30pm and 8:30pm. Students will not remain at school and are not required to wear uniform. Students will check Whanau and class allocation, course and DEEP selections, fee payment, ID card processing etc to ensure that lessons can begin promptly on Day 1. Returning students please go directly to your Whanau. New students please report to the school Reception.

Monday 3rd February 8:30am
Year 7 and Year 10 students only. Year 7 students please go to the theatre Year 10 students please report to your Whanau.

Tuesday 4th February 8:15am
All students please report to your Whanau.

Queries?
Please contact the MHJC
Reception from
Monday 13th January
Phone 277-7881 or email
admin@mhjc.school.nz

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2013 year!

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