

We hope you enjoy October's 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

October Newsletter

Information for students and parents

We are only two weeks into the final term but already so much is happening and we have so much to celebrate as you will see from this newsletter. Our Year 9 and 10 students are busy with their examinations which we see as an opportunity for students to experience this type of assessment and possibly some of the pitfalls, before they face external exams as part of NCEA in their senior years. For our students this is new learning and we wish them well.

The amazing students who have experienced such outstanding success in national awards, such as the **Young Designer Awards**, the **Transpower Neighbourhood Engineers Awards** and the **Crest Awards** show the value of the emphasis we place on authentic learning. Many schools will never have the pleasure of celebrating students as champions at a national level. We are proud to once again have the opportunity to do so. As you will see in the newsletter there are so many examples where our students will know the value of the learning they have done as they have been able to combine challenging learning with making a real difference in society.

The continuing success of our students across the 4 Cornerstones is testament both to the calibre of our students and the teachers who support them. We are looking forward to what is already proving to be an exciting term.

Regards,

Joan Middlemiss

Upcoming Events

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

Yr 9/10 Exams

Tuesday 28th October -
Tuesday 4th November

MHJC Athletics & Tabloids Day

Friday 7th November

"Shorts" Film Festival Yr 10 Media Studies

Monday 10th November

Teachers Union Meeting

Thursday 13th November
Please advise **Whanau Student Services** whether your child is to be dismissed, or to remain at school for supervision at 12 noon.

Inter-Whanau Competition

Wednesday 19th November

Maori & Pasifika Achievement Evening

Thursday 20th November, 7pm
in the MHJC Theatre

Yr 10's 3 Day Transition Event at OSC

Thursday 20th November -
Monday 24th November

Yr 6's 'Whole Day' Transition Event at MHJC

Friday 21st November

BOT Meeting

Wednesday 26th November

Teachers Only Day (No School)

Friday 28th November

Santa Show

Wednesday 3rd December

Whanau Trips

Friday 5th December

School Prize-giving Ceremonies

Wednesday 10th December

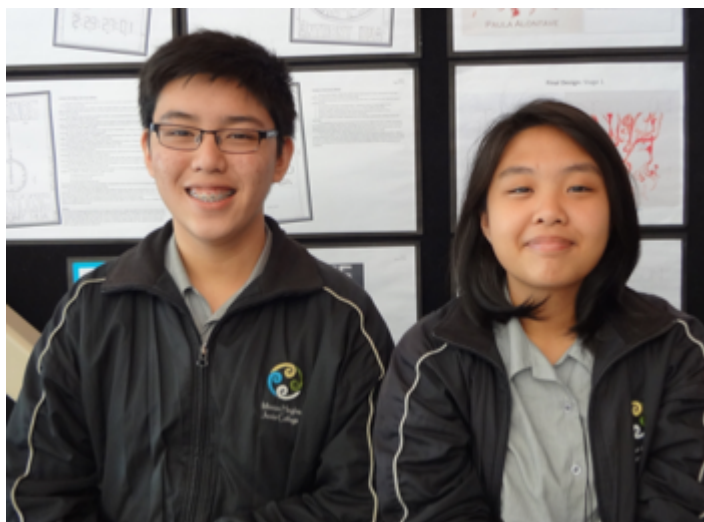
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Year 8: 11.30am

Year 7: 1.30pm

Year 10: 6.00pm

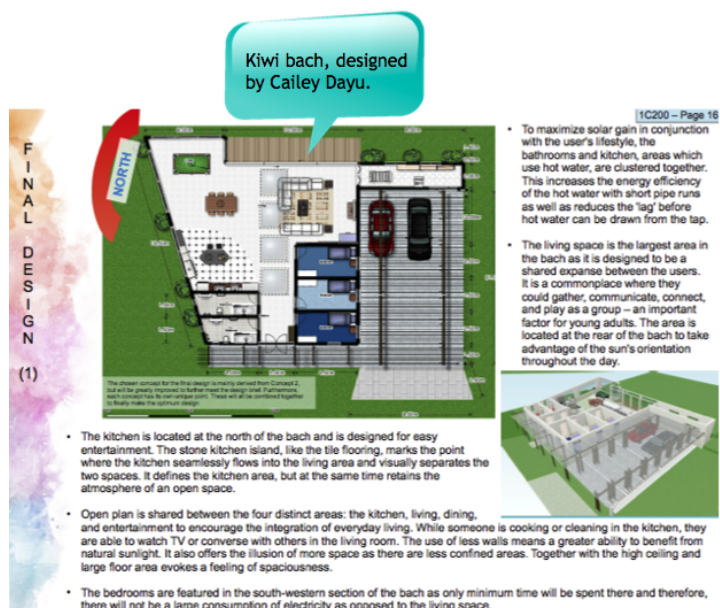
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Top Placings in National Young Designer Awards

The Young Designer Awards (YDA) encourages young people aged 11-18 to develop creativity, confidence and the pursuit of excellence through design. Their organisation achieves this by providing a format where the expansion of students knowledge and skills in design and teamwork can be supported by contact with academic and industry experts in a nurturing, but competitive environment. YDA stages an event where students successes are celebrated at a national level and this year, Mission Heights Junior College has been part of this competition for the first time.

Five Graphics and Design students from Year 10 worked for one term giving their own time to develop top quality design results. Cailey Dayu, Rashmeen Sandhu and Chanel Van Deventer each designed a "Kiwi Bach" (Cailey Dayu's is pictured below) in the Living Environments: Residential Architecture category, against students in Year 10 and Year 11. All three students achieved marks above 70 points for their Kiwi bach designs, gaining feedback from YDA that these were "very good, above average results..."



2014 Term Dates

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.*

Come along to our next...

MHJC
'Family & Friends'
Evening

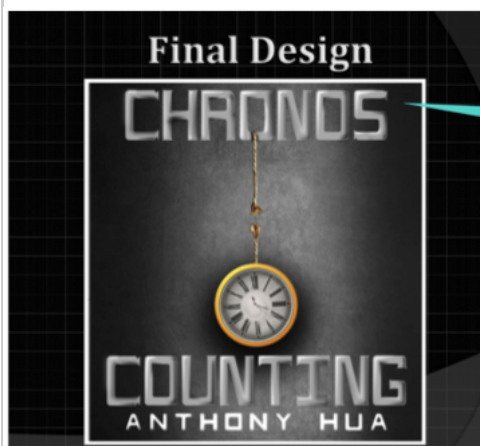


Maori & Pasifika Achievement Evening

MHJC'S Family & Friends warmly invite you to a Maori & Pasifika Achievement Evening on Thursday 20th November, starting at 7 pm in the MHJC Theatre. Please rsvp to your child's Student Services email address, for catering purposes.

Family & Friends Committee
Bringing our community together

Mission Heights Junior College students gained 1st and 2nd placings nationally in the Visual Arts Design: Print Communication category, with Paula Alontave gaining the first place prize and Anthony Hua second place for their book cover designs. Congratulations to these students and to teacher Mrs Patricia Terremere for showcasing such excellent work.



2nd place book cover
design by Anthony Hua.

1st place book cover
design by Paula Alontave.



The design portrays the overall ambience of a dark-fantasy genre. The overall design relates very well with the story that has been provided. The blood in the water works very well with the concept of the face formation; the design also directs it away from mainstream blood designs, which usually feature blood splatter or dripping thickly. This is unique as it allows the book cover to be different and unique. The concept of the blood in water causing the formation of the character's face evokes the aspect of the character "drowning" or "sinking" with the color of crimson. The lifeless motion of her face provides a feeling of "giving up" or loss of will.

The blood flow allows for the illustration of the face very well, since it consists of different shades. The darker shades used to provide a visual of the actual face. The flow also enables tears flowing down the eye form, which includes a stronger impact of the character's suffering.

The applied effect for the title 'CRIMSON' works very well with the aspect of "blood in water", it also blends well with the design and doesn't look out of place since the first few options provided a very bold effect and did not fit in well with the design.

The effect used in the right eye shows the audience a characteristic of the character and the unusual colors and illustration allows differentiation (character-like effect that drives it away from the norm) giving them a clear idea that it isn't a normal human eye. The fact that the eyes aren't morphed the same way as the rest of the face makes it direct and easy to see.

The font was modified in a way that gave it a darker aura to it, increasing the sharpness and darkness of each of the letters, and also including the pointed figure within the 'R' of 'CRIMSON'. These letters for the title have been provided with measurements to ensure a balanced proportion and to ensure that the same shape of the font is replicated to perfection when creating the final design concept.

The final font design for the title was implemented into the final drawing. It included all the same features besides colour, which was added based on various concepts. With this one, it included a marbled texture which complemented the red nicely. It brought out a smoky like texture which flows nicely with the blood flowing from the words. The font is nicely coloured and also has a nice red effect; this red effect merges nicely with the blood and focuses the attention from the title to the main concept, which is a face hidden in blood.

With the author name, the idea was to keep it informal and basic; this way, it keeps the attention on the main parts of the book cover (title and image), but still keeping a relatively readable and noticeable font size. This author name is red to suit the title and the rest of the book cover, as having a different colour will distract from the main parts of the book. The font is easy to read and so people do not have to go to the effort to decipher what it reads, making it efficient and easy to grasp the book's information.



MHJC Gains Top Placings in National Transpower Neighbourhood Engineers Awards

This week we received the exciting news that Mission Heights Junior



Lest We Forget...

10W1 visited Auckland's War Memorial Museum recently, to set the scene for their '*Lest we Forget*' learning journey.

Students enjoyed the opportunity to compete inquiry based activities and grow their appreciation for the contribution of ANZACs soldiers.



Chinese Competition

During the first week of the holidays three MHJC students Sherry Chen, Cindy Ma and Angela Huang attended a knowledge competition on Chinese culture for young people in New Zealand, at the Auckland University.

Congratulation to Angela Huang and Sherry Chen who scored 98 and 96 in their tests.

College had won 1st place and a Highly Commended prize in the Senior Division of the 2014 Transpower Neighbourhood Engineer's Awards, for the second year in a row. The awards are presented annually to the most innovative collaboration between students, teachers and volunteer engineers, working on authentic projects within the school and community. Our congratulations to...

1st Place Prize: \$2500 'The Sixth Sense' (Pictured above)

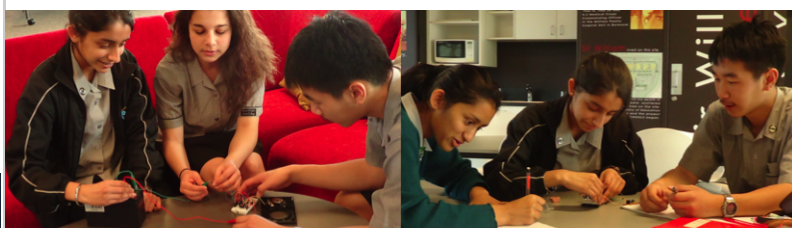
Year 9 students, Victor Chua, Joshua Fong, Joseph Haddad, and Samson Ireland were mentored by Matt Ng-Wai Shing of Altitude Aerospace Interiors to construct a prototype for a low cost reversing camera in response to the South Auckland and New Zealand-wide issue of driveway run over injury.

Highly Commended Prize: \$1000 'Stray Cat Blues' (Pictured below)

Year 10 students, Laila Abada, Vincent Djajana, Neha Nitasha and Rashmeen Sandhu worked with Jiawei Chen and Sam Wang from Beca on the Stray Cats Blues project, which investigated the use of high frequency noise to discourage cats from hunting in bush areas.

To view the full media release click the link below...

<http://www.futureintech.org.nz/enews/Schools/story.cfm?ID=47&referral=web>



Authentic Learning Facilitates CREST Success

Silver Crest Awards

Twenty students from 10M2 tackled the task of entering the Silver Crest programme this year, which usually demands the completion of a 3-4 Term project for students in Years 11 to 13. Students worked with commitment on a range of Science, Technology and Electronics projects to earn their Silver CREST Team Awards. This is an outstanding achievement for Year 10 students. Only 20 Secondary Schools nationally had students successfully complete the Silver level Crest Award.

Primary Crest Awards

The dairy industry is one of New Zealand's largest industries. Miss Catherine Hunter and twenty-eight students from 8W2 (photographed



Geonet Interview

Year 7 students from **Mountains Whanau** had the amazing opportunity to Skype **Caroline Holden**, a seismologist from **GeoNet** and **GNS Science** recently. Students asked many questions about her day to day life and the role of a seismologist.

Students learned that one of Caroline's saddest memories was the Christchurch earthquakes. One of her most exciting and greatest memories of working at **GNS Science** was that she finally felt an earthquake for herself while she was working in Wellington.



Waicare - Caring for Our Own Back Yard

Waicare have been looking at their own back yard this term and have investigated pests that live in the **Tane Forest**, that borders our school.

During week one students were visited by **Anna Baine** from the **Auckland Council**, who taught the **Waicare** team about the different pest species found in

below) used the New Zealand dairy industry as a learning context to earn Primary CREST, DairyNZ Awards. Congratulations 8W2!

Bronze Crest Awards

Miss Hunter also worked with twenty-six students from 9W2 to earn **Bronze CREST Team Awards**. Students collaborated to construct authentic science investigations, and worked hard to present their findings using skills from across many curriculum areas.



MHJC Participate in Uxbridge Kids' Festival

Uxbridge Creative Centre held it's popular annual Kids' Festival on Saturday 18th October. The festival is dedicated to celebrating children by encouraging interaction between the children and allowing them to engage in activities designed to foster their creative side. The festival provided the opportunity for students to learn new skills in a safe and friendly atmosphere.

'Outbreak Evening' Showcases Learning & Talent

our area and showed them how to set ink traps to identify what's living in our forest. This information will then be used to humanely remove these pests, so our native birds and animals can survive.



Enviro Updates Worm Farm & Recycling

7W1 recognised that our school worm farm wasn't being used correctly. As a class, they worked hard to raise \$500 and are in the process of repairing and painting the school's worm farm. A series of promotional pieces are being prepared to educate students about worms and the worm farm. Please click on the link to see a video of the "Worm Farm Song", written and performed by Aasim Issa, Charlie Turoa, and Bailey Williams.

MHJC has also received new recycling bins from the Auckland Council. Students are being encouraged to recycle yogurt cups, drink bottles and cans in the correct bins. Thank you for your support in keeping our school a clean learning environment.



At the end of Term 3, Water Whanau held an 'Outbreak Evening' to showcase a range of learning and talent to families. A real highlight of the evening was an impromptu performance by Year 7 student Bailey Williams (*pictured above*), who was accompanied by his mother on the guitar and father on the drums. This was a truly wonderful performance...

Students shared authentic learning outcomes from across all areas of the curriculum, and relished the opportunity to showcase learning activities to parents.



Community TravelWise Evening Update

Mission Heights Junior College held a successful Travelwise Evening with Mission Heights Primary on Wednesday 15th October. Parents learned about local bus routes, biking training options for students, started talking about Walking School buses (creating leadership opportunities for Year 10s) and had questions answered by our knowledgeable Community Constable, Phillip Toms, and Auckland Transport representatives.

Congratulations to the following prize winners...

- Tabir Ahmad, the winner of \$350 bike from Avanti Plus.
- Mrs Townsend and Mr. Liou, the winners of Avanti Plus bike service gift certificates.
- Caiel Dayu, the winner of a new helmet.

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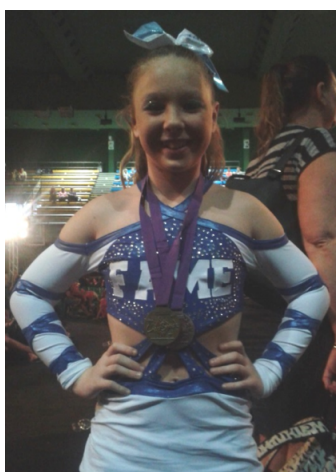
Te Whare Wānanga o Otāgo

NEW ZEALAND

Otago Problem Solving 'The Final Challenge'

Five students from Mission Heights Junior College qualified to sit the Year 7 & 8 Problem Solving Challenge 2014: 'The Final Challenge' this week. Our best wishes to...

Christina Bang, 8M1
Kalvin Huynh, 7C2
Devon Murdoch, 7M2
Campbell Strong, 7W2
John Yang, 8W2



Morgan Has Cheered her Way to the Top!

Year 8 student **Morgan Telfer** cheered her way to the top



Sports Report

A great end to Term 3 has been continued into Term 4 by our sports teams.

Basketball

At the end of Term 3 our Year 7 & 8 Girls Basketball team competed in the South Eastern Zone Basketball Tournament. Finishing as champions qualified the team for the Auckland wide Interzone Basketball Competition that was held at the start of Term 4. The girls played 5 games against other zone winners. Despite missing the semi finals, a great effort saw the team place in the top 6 teams in Auckland. Congratulations.

Volleyball

Our senior Volleyball teams are currently playing in the Eastern Zone Volleyball competition. All three teams have been developing well through the season. The improved performances this season are a reflection of the hard work being put in by both the players and our coaches. Well done to all involved.

Upcoming Events

- Junior 3v3 Basketball (grading games are underway)
- South Eastern Zone Mixed Touch Rugby Tournament
- South Eastern Zone Cricket Tournament

during the school holidays, representing **New Zealand** in **Level 3 Fame Idolz** at the **Australian Majors Cheerleading Competition**, held in **Brisbane**. Her team won Gold in their division and also went on to become **Grand Champions** over all Level 3 categories. Morgan also assisted a Level 1 team, which brought Silver home to New Zealand. Congratulations Morgan!

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- MHJC Athletics & Tabloids Day
- South Eastern Zone Athletics
- Senior AFL

Thank you to all staff, coaches, managers and players that support sport at MHJC.

Helgard Groenewald

Sports Coordinator



Sports Uniforms & Fees Now Due



Mission Heights Junior College has seen a lot of success in sports this year! As a friendly reminder, we ask students to please return their uniform(s) to their team managers and that parents ensure any outstanding sports fees are paid immediately. Please do not hesitate to contact **Antoinette** at our school reception on **277-7881** if you have any questions...

Forest's Authentic Learning Outcome Featured in NZ Herald's Viva Magazine

Publishing permissions gained from the Editor of Viva, Amanda Linnell 31.10.14

Read the Viva Magazine article on their website:

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/viva-fashion/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503468&objectid=11349385

STYLE

LIFE HACKS

Use our stylish cheat sheet to find good taste on a pocket-friendly budget

CHEAP SWEETS

Head to the markets for affordable eats like Sweet Val's icecream. Lisa Norling (right) whips up made-to-order scoops from her icecream parlour on wheels, Val, a 1970s Kingswood ute. She's at the Cottesville Markets (10-2pm, 2 Mahoeval Valley Rd) this Sunday, and other markets and festivals this summer. Flavour pick: Lisa's beet, pistachio and rosewater.



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DISCOVER THE NEXT GENERATION of young design talent by heading along to the various graduate fashion shows on this month. As well as showcasing end-of-year fashion collections from students, the shows are a fun night out that will inspire your own creative leanings.

- 1** **AUT Rookie, November 4,** Shed 10, Queens Wharf. Tickets \$40, from eventfinder.co.nz
- 2** **Launch Massey Fashion Show,** November 13, Michael Fowler Centre, Wellington. Tickets from \$35, from ticketek.co.nz
- 3** **Whitecliffe Fashion Show,** November 22, Vlandact Events Centre. Tickets from \$25, from ticket.co.nz



GROOVE IS Make your Mum's groovy vintage shoes granty-squashy again. go DIY and check out there are heaps of great tutorials on YouTube to get you started.



GET THIS SEASON'S LOOK on a budget with well-placed accessories, like this cute Kate Sylvester badge set, \$55, ph 0991 307 3282.

ART STARTER

Start collecting on the cheap, with websites like Endemic World offering well-priced prints by local artists. We love this one by Natasha Vermeulen (left), a collaboration with students from Mission Heights Junior College. To celebrate the recent ban on shark finning in New Zealand waters, all proceeds after print costs go to the Sustainable Oceans Society. From \$39, endemicworld.com

DIY FRIDAY

Upskill your sewing by renting a machine at the Sew Love sewing lounge in St Kevin's Arcade. Owner Sarah Lancaster will teach you how, and there's fun workshops and Friday night socials (sewlovetradz.com). Or, buy your own online — brothers Ray and Shay Narney set up Direct Sewing to supply affordable machines and accessories. See directsewing.co.nz

FLICKS 4 (ALMOST) FREE

\$5 Wednesdays at Academy Cinemas means you can see art films and documentaries for the price of a small popcorn at the rather-less-atmospheric mall. *Wish I Was Here* (left) is on today, at the after-school friendly time of 4pm. Zach Braff's latest also stars Kate Hudson and teen queen Joey King. Tickets see academycinemas.co.nz

BEAUTY BOOKING

Book in for a makeup lesson at your favourite makeup counter. Some are free, many are redeemable on product, so ask around. It's a great way to upskill, glam-up and stock-up at the same time. We love M.A.C's eyelash applications and their menu of express look options, or try the teen-targeted classes at Bobbi Brown. Off Wax and Brow bars and Benefit counters at Smith & Caughey's will start shaping your brows safely and teach you how to maintain them. — compiled by Fiona Ralph, Zoe Walker, Janetta Mackay, Sophie Burton.

T Shirts with a Social Message to be Sold at 'Mr Vintage' Stores

Mr James Field-Mitchell and students from Forest Whanau collaborated with Natasha Vermeulen to create a T Shirt design to raise awareness and funds for the issue of shark finning and the Sustainable Oceans Society. T shirts were recently featured in the NZ Herald's Viva Magazine, and are to be sold at Mr Vintage, a company that prides itself in playing a part in the social commentary of our nation.

MHJC staff celebrated Diwali with a delicious Indian lunch, last week.

