

We hope you enjoy our **September** edition of 'Mission Heights News.'
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Mission Heights News JUNIOR COLLEGE



Principal, Mr Ian Morrison

OUR VISION

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



Message from the Principal September Newsletter Information for students and parents

“Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei”

“Aim for the highest cloud so that if you miss it, you will reach a lofty mountain”

It was my pleasure to present certificates at our end of term **Champions Assembly** to almost 100 students. Every recipient had achieved success in one or more of our cornerstones and it was wonderful to see so many students acknowledged for their efforts.

It must be remembered that talent can only take you so far. Hard work, determination and good time management are but a few of the characteristics of successful people. I am pleased that so many students at MHJC have set their sights high, they rise to every challenge offered and in the process learn important life lessons:

- to place winning in perspective;
- that improvement, like achieving your personal best or finishing higher in the league than last year are also important measures of your development;
- how to cope with disappointment;
- how to achieve success with dignity;
- and most importantly, the way you conduct yourself while striving to succeed, will be remembered long after the result has been forgotten - sportsmanship, courtesy and respect should all shine through MHJC students.

In short the opportunities help us to learn about ourselves and help us to become **GREAT** people. I would like to acknowledge all the **teachers, parents and volunteers** who have helped provide the amazing array of activities that enable our students to 'Grow their Greatness' and close with a thought provoking quote:

“It's a great art, is rowing. It's the finest art there is. It's a symphony of motion. and when you're rowing well, why it's nearing perfection. You're touching the divine. It touches the you of you's, which is your soul.”

Upcoming Events

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

PPTA Meeting

Thursday 15th October

• *Supervision provided in Whanau for students who do not have permission to depart at 12:45pm*

Year 9 & 10 Exams

Tuesday 27th October to
Tuesday 3rd November

SEZ Touch Rugby

Tuesday 3rd November

Board of Trustees Meeting: 6pm

Thursday 5th November

MHJC Athletics Day

Friday 6th November

Enviro Week

Monday 9th November to
Friday 13th November

Yr 10 Transition to OSC 'Whole Day Experience'

Thursday 12th November &
Friday 13th November

Yr 6 Transition to MHJC 'Whole Day Experience'

Friday 13th November

Maori & Pasifika Celebration of Success Evening

Thursday 19th November

SEZ Athletics Champs

Friday 20th November

Rainbow's End Trip for Road Patrollers

Thursday 26th November

Teacher Only Day (No School for Students) National Standards OTJ's

Monday 30th November

Board of Trustees Meeting: 6pm

Thursday 3rd December

Santa Show

Friday 4th December

Whanau End of Year Trips

Friday 11th December

George Yeoman Peacock from the book 'The Boys in the Boat'

Let me challenge all our students to strive for perfection next term. Best wishes for the examinations and enjoy a well-deserved break.

Regards,
Ian Morrison



KDEC Authentic Learning in Maths

Ms Rabo and Year 8 KDEC students visited Saint Paul's church this week as part of their Maths community-based project learning. They have been learning about measurement (perimeter and area) in our KDEC Maths sessions. The visit allowed the students to connect their Maths learning to their local community and being KDEC students, they also taught the church priest few basic words in NZSL.



Auckland City Amazing Race Year 9 Water Whanau

What a day... "Amazing!" certainly sums up Year 9's day in Auckland City yesterday. This was a slick operation, with the aim of viewing the contrasts in "Our City, Our Community & Our Place." Fifty students formed teams with six members of staff and did just this!

The group set sail from the Half Moon Bay marina at 10:15am and completed many challenges in their teams. Teams needed to map out their own routes through a series of Amazing Race challenges and

Prizegiving Ceremonies & Year 10 Graduation

Wednesday 16th December
Year 9: 9:00am
Year 8: 11:30am
Year 7: 1:30pm
Year 10: 6:00pm

Teacher Only Day

Thursday 17th December
(No School for Students)

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2015 Term Dates

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.*



Congratulations to the following Year 7 & 8 students whose work was displayed at the Corban's Art Centre for the AMSAA Art Exhibition recently.

Joanne Ting (8W1)
Latika Lallupersad (8W1)
Campbell Strong (8W2)
Sanraj Hayer (8W1)
Ariel Kim (8F2)
Grace Cocker (8F2)
Jessica Zhang (8C2)
Ru-Qing Xu (7F2)
Kathleen Tieu (7F2)
& Tania Kumar (7F2)

approached the tasks differently. One group spoke to a sales representative and viewed six thousand dollar Gucci handbags near a stall that sold five dollar sunglasses. Accommodation prices were also compared between the **Auckland Backpackers** and the **Grand Hotel**, all whilst taking countless pictures as evidence of 'contrast' that was demonstrated through transport options, buildings and retail stores. Students also completed activities and viewed exhibits at the **Auckland Museum**.

MHJC students behaved impeccably and represented the school with pride. Thank you to the wonderful teachers in **Water Whanau** for their planning and mentoring on the day.



'Make a Difference DEEP'

The 'Make a Difference' class for this term investigated the relationship between nutrition and learning. Through primary research and interview skills students found out that children who do not eat breakfast experience difficulties concentrating in the classroom. Further research showed that New Zealand has a high level of poverty amongst children, where latest statistics from KidsCan show that 240 000 children live in poverty. As a class students wanted to do something about this alarming statistic.

Students identified **Rongomai Primary School** located in **Otara** to be an ideal school to network with. The principal **Mr Matthew Williams** was delighted with the offer of support and suggested that students support the current **Breakfast Club** that is organised by the school. The 'Make a Difference' class divided into two teams each collecting 61 tins of Milo,



Chinese Culture Competition

Last week MHJC won the organisational contribution to the 2015 New Zealand young people's Chinese Culture General Knowledge Competition, that was organised by the New Zealand Chinese Cultural Education Society.

Angela Huang (9F2), Sherry Chen (8F2) and Cindy Ma (9F1) represented our school in this competition, with Angela and Sherry placing second. Well done!



Students Leading Through Service

As a part of their 'Leadership for Service', a group of MHJC students enjoyed the opportunity to put on a morning tea for the Howick Baptist Rest Home. The food technology students prepared and served their morning tea to a group of 30 residents. This opportunity was seen as a way to introduce the students to the rest home with a view to establishing a long term volunteers programme with the institution. The residents were extremely grateful for the morning tea and the pleasant company offered by our students.

40 Weetbix boxes, 17 packets of sugar, 4 litres of fruit juice and 30 cans of food. The class are thankful to Countdown and New World at Botany for their generous donations.

Kaur Divraj (9W2), Victoria Kree (7M1) and Emeline Niu (9W2) accompanied Mrs Ulika Singh to deliver the breakfast items to Rongamai Primary School. Staff and students were treated to a school tour that showcased the students' learning. It was identified that the Breakfast Club that was held at the school is successfully operating through the school week

The 'Make a Difference' team will endeavor to keep connecting with those who are in need within the community and have enjoyed witnessing the change helping others can bring.



Enviro Reminders

MHJC Worm Farm:

Stay tuned for exciting news from our worm farm. Over the holidays members of the Enviro Council will finish the work 7W1 started last year, towards reinstating the worm far. The squirmy worms will be fed with the food scraps from the food technology room.

Recycling:

Please remember to sort your plastics, paper and cans from the rubbish bin. Do your part to conserve and care for the environment!





Supporting World Vision

MHJC was named as one of the top fundraising intermediate schools within the North Island in this year's 40 Hour Famine! In recognition of this great achievement our three top fundraisers, Sarah Robinson (8C1), Victoria Kree (7M1) and Kyle Anderson (7M2), were invited to the World Vision Intermediate Scholarship Day which took place on 16th September, 2015. This programme not only acknowledged these students success in the 40 Hour Famine, but also built upon their leadership potential. The day was full of invigorating experiences that ranged from listening to youth leaders and advocates, to participating in fun activities. From this experience, these students have decided to lead fellow pupils,

Sports Report

Success at the AIMS Games

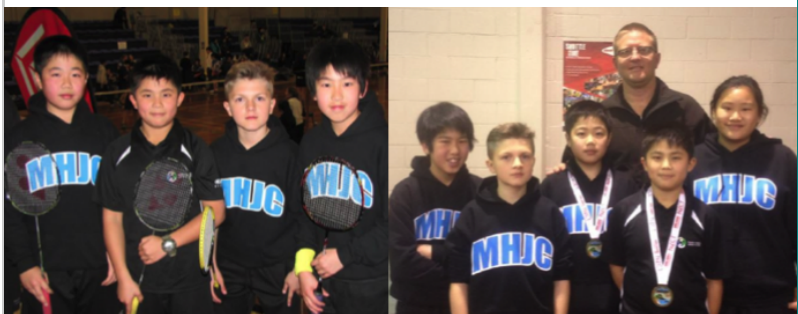
This year Mission Heights Junior College took part in the 14th annual AIMS Games tournament in Tauranga. It was the largest tournament to date with 261 schools and 9500 competitors taking part.

Mission Heights Junior College sent 32 competitors to the tournament, with students competing in Badminton, Football, Golf and Netball and achieving many GREAT successes...



Badminton:

The school took 5 players to the tournament. All MHJC students finished in the top 30 out of a field of 80 players. Justin Ho (7M1) won Silver in the boys singles and James Duong (8C2) finished 4th. These two boys also won Gold in the doubles competition, which was an incredible achievement! The team's final placings were:



Girls Singles:

Joanne Ting (8W1) placed 25th

Boys Doubles:

Nicholas Sokin (7C2) & Yuan Tsai (7C2) placed 12th

James Duong (8C2) & Justin Ho (7M1) placed 1st

Boys Singles:

Nicholas Sokin (7C2) placed 25th

Yuan Tsai (7C2) placed 22nd

James Duong (8C2) placed 4th

Justin Ho (7M1) placed 2nd

and teach them how to stand up for causes they are passionate about, so that they can become better global citizens. *“We hope to take the lessons and advice we learned during this session, and do our part to make the world a better place” Sarah Robinson.*



Staff Versus Students Dodgeball Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Staff vs. Student Dodgeball Game that was held last Friday during lunchtime. While the teachers were very outnumbered and had to call in a few ringers from the student team, a fair battle was fought. In the end, everyone was a winner as a 'free for all' game concluded the event. As a result, the Leadership Through Service DEEP group collected over 10 rubbish bags full of donated clothes and blankets, as well as 2 full boxes of canned goods. Thanks again to all who donated for the Auckland City Mission!



Team Members: Keathan Davids (7W1), Chetan Dev (8F1), Joel Goundar (8W2), Benson Ireland (8W1), Joshua Jeftha (8F1), Salah Mohammed (8W1), Matthew Painter (8F1), Arashdip Parmar (8M1), Caleb Prasad (8W2), Jayden Reddy (8C2), Billgatesun Seang (8W2), Kartik Singh (8W2) & Michael Trinh (8F2).

Football:

Our AIMS Boys Football team exceeded all expectations this year. MHJC finished 36th last year and in 2015 demonstrated a stunning improvement by finishing 10th overall. This was a GREAT effort by the boys. Thank you to Mr Neil Penfold for coaching the team.



Golf:

Jarrold Millar (8F1) was the first golfer from MHJC to compete in the AIMS Golf Tournament and he finished 10th overall (7th boy) out of a field of 92 golfers. Despite some challenging conditions, Jarrold managed to move up during the tournament from 28th position on the first day, to finish 10th overall. This is an outstanding achievement - well done Jarrold!



Team Members: Kelsea Cress (8F2), Isabella Gillespie (7C1), Georgia Hall (8F1), Tiana Herewini (8M1), Skylah Hewett (8F1), Olivia McSaveney (7C1), Atalia Tamati (8F2), Maddison Taylor (8W1), Makayla Tuiroma (8M1) & Annemeik Vaha'akolo-Ngaika (8F2).

Ms Wigg Presents at Languages Conference

Our Academic Co-ordinator, Ms Trudi Wigg, was invited to present at the New South Wales Federation of Community Language Schools State Conference and Professional Development Training Day in Sydney on Saturday. Ms Wigg was selected by Education Perfect as a 'Teacher Hero' and presented to teachers of various languages about the use of digital resources in the modern language classroom. Ms Wigg was also delighted to hear Australian politicians speaking about the necessity for second language education, and was delighted to get the chance to speak with Sophie Kotsis, the Shadow Minister for Multiculturalism on this theme. Our thanks to both the NSW Federation of Community Language Schools and Education Perfect for giving Ms Wigg the opportunity to speak at an international conference.



Congratulations Victor!

Congratulations to Victor Chua (10W2) for winning a Silver medal for the 100m Butterfly at the New Zealand Secondary School Swimming Championships that were held in Hamilton recently. This result is

Netball:

Our AIMS Netball Team had an extremely tough, but enjoyable week. They started off slowly, however remained undefeated in their final 4 games. They were the winners of the 'C Grade' with Annemeik Vaha'akolo-Ngaika making the 'C Grade' Tournament Team. Thank you to Miss Sarah Baker for coaching the girls!

Our sincere thanks is extended to the following people...

Keanu Liew (10W2) and Ngapipi Herewini (10W2) who were our senior helpers for the week. Mr Tom Ireland and Mr Shaun Millar were marvelous parent helpers - thank you!



Team Members: Emaan Dass (8W2), Kelsea Cress (8F2), Amy Moore (8F2), Annemeik Vaha'akolo-Ngaika (8F2), Grace Cocker (8F2), Bianca Langi (8W1), Tiana Herewini (8M1), Paula Pirangi (8W1) & Maddison Taylor (8W1).

MHJC Girls Basketballers Place 3rd in Zone

Congratulations to our Year 8 girls basketball team who placed 3rd out of 11 teams in the SEZ Basketball Tournament last week, after narrowly missing out by 1 point on the buzzer to Saint Kentigern College for the playoff for 1st and 2nd. The girls dominated Bucklands Beach Intermediate in their playoff for 3rd and 4th, winning 22 - 15. Sir Edmund Hillary College ultimately won the tournament, beating Saint Kentigern College in the final. Our team returned to school exhausted, but happy having received high praise from the tournament referees for their pick as 'top team.' Well done, girls!

the product of Victor's commitment to a grueling training regime, including before school and afternoon training sessions.

Victors full results were...

- 2nd for 100m Butterfly;
- 4th for 50m Butterfly;
- 6th for 200m Butterfly;
- 8th for 400m Freestyle &
- 10th for 50m Freestyle.



Junior Inter School Chess Championship

Congratulations to MHJC's Junior Debatng Team who finished first in the Inter School Chess Championships earlier this month. Leo Champion (7F2) collected the award for the 'Best Junior Player.' Congratulations, Leo!



Player Standings

| # | Name | M/F | Team Name |
|---|----------------|-----|---|
| 1 | Leo Champion | M | Mission Heights Junior College - Senior A |
| 2 | Ibrahim Madawi | M | Mission Heights Junior College - Senior A |
| 3 | Anish Pathi | M | Mission Heights Junior College - Senior A |
| 4 | Kaveen Kumar | M | Mission Heights Junior College - Senior A |
| 5 | Alex Peck | M | Somerville Intermediate School - Junior A |
| 6 | Owen Chen | M | Somerville Intermediate School - Junior A |



Team Members: Joshua Setefano (8F1), Devon Murdoch (8M2), Xavier Gray (8W1), Devonte George (8W1), Jeremy Peng (8W2), Bailey Williams (8W2), Ryan Iglesia (8M1), Azaria Silao (8F1), Joshua Rao (8M1), Josh Rowe (8F1).

MHJC Boys Basketballers Place 4th in Zone

Eleven teams competed for top honours at the SEZ boys basketball tournament that was held on Tuesday 15th September, at the Allan Brewster Sports Centre. After 5 group games MHJC were flying high in 1st place in their pool, with 5 wins from 5 games against Redoubt School, Sir Edmond Hillary Collegiate, Howick Intermedite, Sommerville Intermediate and Ferguson Intermediate. The solid defense of Joshua Rowe (8F1), Josh Setefano (8F1) and Jarrod Millar (8F1) gave the team license to get forward and score. Our points were shared around the team. However, the drive and guile of Jeremy Peng (8W2), Xavier Gray (8W1) and Bailey Williams (8W2) really put the team on the front foot.

After a nail biting and closely fought game in the semi final against Sancta Maria the boys went down by just 8 points to the eventual winners and played of for 3rd place. At the close of the competition, they bounced back from the loss to Sancta Maria with a great performance against Redoubt School to only narrowly lose out on a 3rd place finish with a tight game that finished 22-21, and placing the boys in 4th spot out of 12 teams.

The team scored many points and played an exciting and entertaining brand of Basketball. It was a great effort by all the boys. Our MVP for the day was Jeremy Peng for his constant drive.

Mr Nutt and Mr Pasupati are very proud of all the boys achievements and wish to thank the Year 10 Coaches, Alistar Johnson (10W1), Kobe Fonoti (10W1) and Lantze Davids (!0W1) for their hard work.



MHJC Girls Netball - Season Results

MHJC Netball has enjoyed another successful season. This year we



Students Enjoy Martha Mine Tour & Karangahake Gorge

Year 7 students from Water Whanau participated in a field trip to the Martha Gold Mine in Waihi, recently. Students spent time completing a range of 'hands on' activities in the Education Centre, such as panning for gold! They also were taken on a guided bus tour of the gold and silver processing plant. On the return journey to school students had the opportunity to hike along the Karangahake Gorge historic walkway, which included a 1km long tunnel. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



expanded our programme to incorporate a fourth tournament.

Our Year 7 and 8 teams played in the South Eastern Zone Tournament (SEZ) in July; a fantastic opportunity to hone skills and spend a day out in an intensive tournament situation.

For Year 7/8 'B', this was the most important tournament in their season. Coaches Mrs Ulika Singh, Briana Baker (10F2) and Katelyn Knox (9F1) had worked to prepare this team for the event, and we are proud of the girls for giving it their all.

Year 7/8 'A' have had a busy year. As well as the SEZ even they were placed into the weekly Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre competition, and were hugely successful, being promoted out of their initial Year 9 grade, and eventually beating out their 10A schoolmates to clinch a grade victory playing against girls 2-3 years their senior. Coaches Miss Sarah Baker and Ngapipi Herewini (10W2) took these girls on to the AIMS Games.

Miss Olivia Young and the 10A girls had an amazing second half to their HPNC season, after being affected by injury in the earlier stages. The team came together beautifully in the end, and were runners up in their grade at HPNC. Well done to the 10A girls for showing resilience and determination this season.

10B, coached by Miss Abbi Shields, were amazing in their final, winning their grade emphatically. This team has made the most progress in terms of skill and confidence this year, after a very shaky beginning. They ended up playing some wonderful netball in their last few matches, and thoroughly deserved to be recognised as victorious in their HPNC grade.

Our Premier Netball Team (pictured above) played at the Auckland Netball Centre for the first time this year, and were very successful in their grade, eventually being promoted to a higher one. While they didn't place in the higher grade, the quality of the sportsmanship and the netball has been impeccable, and we are proud of the girls. Coach Mrs Lou Culley and assistant coach Miss Olivia Young have spent a lot of time in training with these girls, who finished their netball year with a group trip to the UNISS tournament in Hamilton to be inspired by the standard of netball at a high-level competition. We congratulate our winners and thank Ms Trudi Wigg for her service to MHJC Netball.





Physics & Careers Focus at Rainbow's End

To support Water Whanau's 'It's Our Future' context, Year 10 students visited the Rainbow's End amusement park to learn about the physics of theme park rides. Students enjoyed the opportunity to experience energy transfer and types of forces first hand!

As Rainbows End is also an employer of University students and first-time, part-time job seekers, students met with the Operations Manager, Liane to learn 'top tips' for what employers look for in a first-time job applicant, the attributes of a high quality CV and the personal qualities of successful applicants. Needless to say, students and staff thoroughly enjoyed their day at the amusement park!



Success at DanceSport Competition

On the 12th September four Year 8 students attended the Auckland regional Ballroom Dancing Competition 'DanceSport'. Students practised for ten weeks and learned four dances, the Cha Cha, Foxtrot, Samba and Jive.

Solana Carpenter (8W2) and Campbell Strong (8W2) placed 8th in the Foxtrot competition and Aria Bibby (8F1) and Samantha Aspden (8F1) placed 9th in the Samba competition. Well done to these four students for their hard work and efforts on the day!



Magic Memories at OPC 2015

On Sunday 13th September, 19 students from Year 9 took off on a week long adventure to the Hillary Outdoors Pursuits Centre (OPC) in Tongariro. The students took part in a Hillary Outdoors' Adventure Programme and did a whirlwind of challenging and exhilarating outdoor activities. The students learned the importance of self-resilience,



School Tours



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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teamwork, leadership and what it feels like to step outside of their comfort zones. They also learned how to stay warm in some rather interesting winter weather.

Throughout the week the students took part in numerous activities including low ropes, high ropes, team building challenges, skiing/snowboarding, caving, tramping, and the highlight - an overnight expedition! For a number of students, the trip was the first time they had experienced snow and cold mountain temperatures! The students were tremendous in representing Mission Heights Junior College and showing their energy and enthusiasm for new situations. A huge thank you to all staff, parents and community members who made this incredible trip possible for our wonderful students! We are already looking forward to 'OPC 2016'!



Paradise Ice Sports Trip

After learning how to play floor hockey and evaluating the first aid procedures to treat injuries, 7M1 headed to the Paradise Ice Skating Centre to apply their skills to a new surface. Students also had fun taking the local bus as a link to their "Fabulous Flatbush" context.

We'd love you to follow us on Facebook! Simply visit our school website then click on the Facebook logo...

Mission Heights Junior College are 2015 Education Perfect World Series Champions

Mission Heights Junior College competed in the Education Perfect World Series this year, for the second time. We have been competing in the Language event since Academic Co-ordinator Ms Wigg introduced it to the school in 2012, and we branched out into the other four events last year.

The World Series consists of five online competitions which run at varying between April and August. Students compete by answering a range of questions, which vary in type and difficulty. Students are able to self-select content from the extensive lists available, but in order to achieve the higher awards they need to interact with advanced material. This means, in practice, some of our Year 7 and 8 students have correctly answered questions from content at a Year 12 and 13 standard - truly, this competition is a measure of what students are capable of learning, given the opportunity to do so.

We are delighted to announce that Mission Heights Junior College earned the following global placings in this competition for 2015:

- 1st in Languages
- 2nd in Social Sciences
- 3rd in English
- 4th in Science
- 5th in Maths

...and were recently named the 2015 Education Perfect World Series Overall Champions.

The team of over 300 students worked hard during the five events, and students' willingness to help each other, work together, provide encouragement, competition and camaraderie and ultimately strive for their goal of victory were key factors in this win.

We would like to acknowledge our top five achievers from this competition:

Christina Bang (9F2) - 1st MHJC in Social Sciences, 7th in the world overall.

Martin Chui (10F2) - 1st MHJC in Languages, 15th in the world overall.

Khai Wong (7F2) - 1st MHJC Maths.

Ashlyn Prasad (8C2) - 1st MHJC English and Science.

Ho Zhin Man (10F2) - 18th in the world overall.



MHJC Students featured in the Botany & Ormiston Times

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Go to the *Times Live* website:

<http://www.times.co.nz/news/champions-of-the-world.html>

LEARNING

Champions of the world

Mission Heights Junior College was declared the champions in the world's largest online event

■ BY FARIDA MASTER

Students of Mission Heights Junior College are on a high.

They have been named world champions in the Language Perfect World Championships. They won the 250-500 student school category, nationally and globally.

The school had other firsts to their credit in the world placing as they got the top placing in Maori, Samoan and Fijian - among other notable achievements.

There were more than 300,000 students from 25 countries competing in the world's largest online learning event. Some schools had up

to 2500 students participating from each school.

A total of 309 students from the school enrolled this year under the guidance of Japanese teacher and academic coordinator, Trudie Wigg.

Around 178 of them won individual awards in different competencies that range from maths and science to languages and social sciences.

"What's creditable is that our students are a lot younger, considering they were competing in the year 9-13 category," says Ms Wigg.

She now believes that age doesn't matter.

"I told my students that even if you don't achieve academic excellence, you must keep

trying and understand the process."

In a show of support, Ms Wigg who says she really admired the students for clocking in long hours, also put herself to test.

"I put myself on the same page to know what it is really like to appear and excel at it," she says.

Accessible from any computer with internet access, all the content for the Language Perfect World Championships follows the Australian and New Zealand curriculum.

Pointing to Year 10 student Martin Chui, Ms Wigg says "he is a legend" as he got elite scores in languages and science, thus contributing towards the



Academic coordinator Trudie Wigg (back centre) with top scorers at the Language Perfect World Championships, Grace Coker, Tyla Amos, Angela Huang and Martin Chui. Times photo Farida Master

school achieving the overall championship.

Grace Coker, Angela Huang and Tyla Amos are other top scorers who took the school to new heights.

MHJC Students featured in the Eastern Courier

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Academic champions

MEGHAN LAWRENCE

Months of study has paid off for Mission Heights Junior College students.

The East Auckland school surpassed more than 1000 others from different countries to be named champions at the Education Perfect World Series.

That comes after it won the Language Perfect section of the competition, which deals with foreign languages, in June.

Over the past four months students have been tested in other subjects like maths and science.

Points were allocated to students for correct answers.

Year 8 student Ashlyn Prasad

achieved the most points in the school. She says it was the competitiveness between her friends that pushed her to get three Elite Awards in different subjects.

Year 9 student Christina Bang says it helped develop her school work.

"We were learning about photosynthesis and everyone thought it was hard, but I had covered it in the competition so I knew all the vocabulary and could just breeze through it," she says.

Academic co-ordinator Trudi Wigg says the competition was a huge time commitment for students but the win has really paid off.



Mission Heights Junior College has won the Education Perfect World Series. From left: Ashlyn Prasad, Christina Bang, Caeli Dayu and Trudi Wigg.

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