

We hope you enjoy **Term 1's** edition of **'Mission Heights News.'**

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Principal, Mr Ian Morrison

Message from the Principal

Term 1 Newsletter

Information for students and parents

As the first term comes to an end it is remarkable to consider how much has happened in such a short period of time. The drama of the flag referendum is over; the **Black Caps** returned bowed but not beaten from the **20/20 Cricket World Cup** and we were all shocked by the devastation caused by terrorism in Brussels, the cyclone in Fiji, the Trump "storm" in the US and our own Helen Clarke stands on the brink of the highest position in the United Nations.

While some of us are struggling to maintain our new year's resolutions, our students are sharing their learning journeys with their parents and Learning Advisors in the last few weeks of term. **Student Led Conferences** are a fantastic way for parents to connect with the school and I wish to thank you for making such an effort to participate in these valuable forums. Your support of your children to achieve their goals is crucial.

The Year 7's have quickly settled into school routines and again my thanks go to all the senior students and staff who have helped them to become part of the great MHJC family. Everyone will remember their camp experience which helped leaders to grow and Year 7 students to share many activities which helped to develop their team-work, resilience and problem-solving abilities. I wish to reassure the community that we will continue to offer students these experiences despite the media speculation over the changes to the **Health and Safety at Work Act**. Parents already know that our staff is mindful of possible risks to student safety and have well developed systems and processes to minimise possible injury. Our **Board of Trustees** is involved in processes which help to maintain a healthy and safe environment for students, staff and visitors and we will continue to work hard to maintain our high duty of care.

I trust our entire community enjoys the holidays and may I wish you a safe return if travelling.

New Support Staff

We are pleased to announce that several new staff have been appointed to our support team:

OUR VISION

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





Upcoming Events

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

Last Day of Term 1
Friday 15th April at 3pm

South Eastern Zone Badminton
Wednesday 4th May

Otago Problem Solving: Set 2
Wednesday 4th May

South Eastern Zone Badminton
Wednesday 4th May

NCEA Information Evening
Thursday 5th May. 6:30pm

Yr 8 SEZ Girls Soccer
Tuesday 10th May

Yr 8 SEZ Boys Soccer
Thursday 12th May

ICAS Digital Technologies Exam
Tuesday 17th May

Big Science Exam
Wednesday 18th May

ICAS Science
Tuesday 31st May

Yr 7 SEZ Girls Soccer
Tuesday 31st May

Yr 7 SEZ Boys Soccer
Thursday 2nd June

Queen's Birthday Holiday
Monday 6th June

Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 7th June

ICAS Writing Exam
Monday 13th June

ICAS Spelling Exam
Wednesday 15th June

Aaron Gracie - Sports Assistant replacing Anila Collins who has resigned to spend more time with her family. We wish her everything of the best with the arrival of her new child. Aaron is a qualified personal trainer and holds a certificate in Sports Studies. He is also playing rugby for Pakuranga Rugby Club.

Rachel Moir - Science Technician replacing Yash Naidoo who has resigned owing to health reasons, however he will continue with us assisting with the DEEP programme. Rachel brings with her outstanding laboratory experience from the University of Otago in the field of Bio-Chemistry.

Geeta Patel - Finance Assistant replacing Heidi Armistead whose family is relocating to Matamata. Geeta is a qualified chartered accountant who brings a wealth of financial experience from the commercial world.

Sandra Andrews - Principals' P.A. replacing Pamela Lyness who after six years of loyal and dedicated service will be resigning at the end of Term 2. Sandra brings over 10 years of P.A. experience from Sancta Maria.

Board of Trustees Parent & Staff Elections 2016

Key dates: Main roll closes on 4th May and Nomination forms will be sent out by 6th May. Nominations close at noon on 20th May.

If more than 5 Parent nominations and 1 staff nomination is received there will be a vote and voting papers will be sent out by May 25th.

Voting Day is Friday 3 June 2016. Votes will be counted on 9th June and Board takes office on June 10th 2016.

The elections are held every three years and we wish to publicise the dates well in advance for parents and staff to consider whether they wish to stand for election. This is a very important position as the board helps the school to achieve its vision and guide the strategic planning of the senior leadership team.

The physical time required for this commitment is one meeting a month, however there is a considerable amount of background reading of policies and procedures, reports and correspondence which does require a "hidden" time commitment. A background in finance, property, health and safety, school governance, legislation and naturally student achievement would be advantageous for any prospective candidate.

If you require further information, please go to the website: www.nzsta.org.nz or contact the returning office Ms Pamela Lyness plyness@mhjc.school.nz

ICT Developments

This year we introduced the **google platform** to staff and students. While the use of **google** applications has provided staff and students with higher levels of collaboration in our learning community it has also resulted in an unexpected load being placed on our servers. This has reduced, at times, our ability to provide the 2:1 device to student ratio which we have been so fortunate to enjoy to this point. I would like to acknowledge the work of the **IT staff** who have worked tirelessly and creatively to minimise the disruption to teaching and learning this has caused and I appreciate the patience of staff and students as they implement their medium and long-term plan. This involves replacing the out-dated **SunRay** devices with **NUC (Next Unit of Computing)** computers which will reduce the load on the servers. This can only be

Yr 8 OSC Transition Visit

Thursday 16th June

PhotoLife Photos

Monday 20th June

Otago Problem Solving:**Set 3**

Thursday 23rd June

Science Road Show

Thursday 23rd June

School Mufti Day & Disco

Thursday 30th June

Last Day of Term 2

Friday 8th July, 3pm

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2016 Term Dates**Term 1**Wednesday 3rd February
to Friday 15th April
(11 Week Term)**Term 2**Monday 2nd May to
Friday 8th July
(10 Week Term)**Term 3**Monday 25th July to
Friday 23rd September
(9 Week Term)**Term 4**Monday 10th October
Wednesday 14th
December
(10 Week Term)*Please do not book
overseas travel during
term time.*Students and families are
asked to refrain from visiting

done during “down time” which is in school holidays. However, we are confident the situation will improve at the start of Term 2 as the Sun Rays are replaced.

The chromebook trial also proceeds with much enthusiasm from teachers and students and will help to guide our long-term ICT planning.

General Notice re: Mission Heights Park

It has come to our attention that small groups of students have been gathering at the park opposite the school after school hours in school uniform. We ask that parents remind their children to go straight home after school unless they are taking part in homework clubs, extra-curricular activities or working in the library - all of which are supervised by MHJC staff. While we have staff on duty at the park straight after school, we cannot be responsible for students after that time.

School Policy Regarding Bullying

It is important that we publicise the school’s policy regarding anti-social behaviour generally but particularly as it pertains to bullying on a regular basis. Teachers and students work to create a safe, inclusive environment at school in which everyone is able to learn and grow. We will therefore take action against students who consistently harass or threaten others emotionally or physically in a systematic and personal manner (bullying behaviour). We also have support structures in place for students who feel they are victims of bullying behaviour. This includes the pastoral care team of **Learning Advisor**, **Whanau Leaders** and **Guidance Counsellors**, all of whom are able to support and guide students who report bullying behaviour to them. We have employed a new **Guidance Counsellor**, **Tamryn Broodryk** to strengthen our counselling support systems and she is willing to assist any student along with **Savita Kesry** who is a student counsellor placement from MIT.

I am particularly keen to appeal to the “bystanders” in our student body. These are students who witness bullying behaviour and may do nothing to stop it. These students hold the real power in any community as they can stop harmful behaviour before it has any effect. Recently I complimented a young man who had the courage to stand up against the actions of a student who had posted hurtful comments on social media. When I hear of this I am reassured that we have people of integrity who do the right thing, even when no teacher or adult is around. Parents and teachers cannot be everywhere, so students have the power to help each other and I challenge them to move from “*bystanders*” to “*make a standers*”!

Aside from our normal reporting process (to **Learning Advisors**, **Senior Leaders** or **Guidance Counsellors**), our policy is therefore:

1. To maintain a culture of respect, inclusion and acceptance of all people;
2. To provide clear consequences for bullying behaviour and make it clear that it will not be tolerated;
3. To encourage “bystanders” to report or say they do not approve of any harmful or bullying behaviour;
4. To support victims of bullying.

We also appreciate the information provided to us by parents who become aware of bullying behaviour. Some parents simply need advice and we recommend the use of agencies like **Netsafe** <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/> particularly regarding cyberbullying. Most

the MHJC school grounds during the holidays period, due to hazards associated with building construction. Thank you for your co-operation.



Alana Young Thanked for Considerable Service to MHJC's BOT

Mrs Alanna Young will be standing down as Board Chair this year and wishes to thank the Board and community for their support over 8 years of service. Alanna has thoroughly enjoyed working on the Board of Trustees and for the school - supporting the school's vision *"Growing Greatness through innovative, constantly evolving and personalised learning"*.

Alanna was co-opted as a parent representative onto the Establishment Board of Mission Heights Junior College in 2008, a year prior to its opening in 2009. In 2010, she was elected as Board Chairperson and continued in that capacity until the beginning of this year. Mr Blair Telfer has now been elected as Board Chairperson, to aid succession planning with the Triennial Board Elections coming up shortly.

Mission Heights Junior College is certainly a better place due to the strong leadership and support Alanna has given the school.

cases reported to us arise from comments made on social media so we advise strict controls over children's on-line activity at home. The community needs to know that the school may take action even if the behaviour has occurred on-line, outside school hours, if it affects the emotional safety of a student at the school.

If any more advice is required please contact our **Guidance Counsellor**:

Tamryn Broodryk: tbroodryk@mhjc.school.nz

Information shared will be dealt with sensitively and confidentially, if requested.

Regards,
Ian Morrison



Representation on Boards of Trustees

All of New Zealand's state and state-integrated schools have a board of trustees. The board of trustees is the Crown entity responsible for the governance, and the control of the management of the school. Boards are responsible for setting the strategic direction of the school in consultation with parents, staff, and students and ensuring that their school provides a safe environment and quality education for the school's students. Boards are also responsible for overseeing the management of personnel, property, finance and administration. Trustees are elected by the parent community, staff members and, in the case of schools with students in year 9 and above, the students. The principal is also a member of the board. For more information go to [Becoming a Trustee](#)



Ormiston Impress with 2015 NCEA Data

Year 11

85% pass rate with over two thirds of these students gaining a Merit or Excellence endorsement. School principal, Diana Patience presented 31 Excellence endorsement certificates out at our first assembly of the year. These endorsement statistics are considerably above the national averages.

Year 12

87% pass rate up 8% from 2014. Over 40% of Ormiston students gaining a Merit or Excellent endorsement

Year 13

81% pass rate with over 30% gaining a Merit or Excellence endorsement.



Baverstock Mural Unveiling

On the 18th March two MHJC students, Erin-Leigh Pye (7M1) and Ether Gray-Lefale (7C1) returned to Baverstock Oaks School for a very special



2016 Executive Council

We are pleased to introduce our 2016 Executive Council.

Front: Sophia Herewini, Katelyn Knox, Katrina Mohammed, Hruthin Pagadala, Kayla Pieterse

Middle: Tyler Amos, Sinead Venter, Alina Hayat, Ryan Ngo, Oliver Davies

Back: Marcus Vaevae, Kahurangi Mason-Wells, Christina Bang, John Yang Josh (Wang-McCarthy absent).

MHJC's Television Broadcasting Unit

Click on the image below to view a message from Mission Heights Junior College's television broadcasting unit...



occasion. Last year they were both involved in an art project to create a massive mural of the school's six core values. **Baverstock** had it erected this week and wanted to say a special thank you to the artists at a formal assembly. **MHJC** are so proud of these two amazing students, and look forward to them show-casing their considerable talents at our school.



MHJC's Mandarin Language Programme to Feature in TKI Publication

Mrs Juliet Gao has been working hard to deliver a Mandarin Language Programme that delivers the school's vision for innovative, constantly evolving, personalised learning. **Mission Heights Junior College** learners are to feature in an upcoming **TKI Learning Languages** newsletter. This newsletter is published termly to keep the language learning community informed about important news, events,



Snorkelling at Goat Island Marine Reserve

As part of Term 1's "Fight for Life" learning context, Year 9 students from Water Whanau travelled to the **Goat Island Marine Reserve** on Thursday 31st March. Students viewed the sea life by snorkelling from the beach under the care and supervision of PADI Divemasters and teachers. A large range of species were visible in the marine reserve, such as large 40 year old snapper, blue cod, red moki, sting rays, jelly fish, sea urchins and kelp. Thank you to Miss Young for planning this wonderful EOTC experience and to Mr Field-Mitchell + students for their impressive **Go-Pro** camera footage (view movie, below...)



Coast's Leadership Camp - Shakespeare Lodge

Coast Whanau returned to **Shakespeare Lodge** on the **Whangaparaoa Peninsula** for the second successive year with Year 7's and Year 10 leaders. Campers began the three day experience with the goal of improving resilience and building positive relationships. Year 10 leaders were briefed by camp teachers and instructors before leading their groups in air mountain boarding, raft building, kayaking, archery, bush craft, mountain climbing and orienteering, supported by trained YMCA instructors. It was amazing to see students working together to strengthen their friendship circles....including the Y10 students among them. The activities were challenging, due to the fact that many of our students had very little or no experience in outdoor activities. To say that the raft building was challenging would be an understatement; for many groups, tying knots and rearranging timber and drums to construct

deadlines and the exciting things going on in language classrooms around New Zealand.



Amnesty International Supporting Formation of MHJC Youth Group

10F1 and 10F2 have been learning about the **Syrian Refugee Crisis** and participating in social action to support refugees in New Zealand. The photo below shows students forming doves with their hands, as a displaying of their support of **Syrian Civilians**. Students will be forming a **Youth Group** with the support of **Amnesty International NZ**, to support refugees in New Zealand.



Mountain's Surf Life Saving

Mountains Year 9 students visited the **Mairangi Bay Life Surf Saving Club** on the 31st March. After spending time indoors learning about rips and reading tides, students headed into the ocean. Everyone practiced saving their friends with floatation devices and boogie boards and also learned about beach patrol protocols.

a floating raft was a sight to see....the level of discussion was awesome and often hilarious. By the third day, when it was time to return, everyone commented on their fun-filled camp experiences and thanked their teachers for a safe and successful **2016 Coast Whanau Leadership Camp** experience.



Forest's Leadership Camp - Shakespeare Lodge

Year 7 and 10 students from **Forest Whanau** attended camp at **Camp Adair** in **Hunua** on Wednesday 9th March - Friday 11th March. While on camp there were many things that challenged students to get out of their comfort zone and to conquer their fears. Favourite activities were the Pamper Pole, Islands in the Sky and the River Traverse.

Many of our students have commented on how camp has strengthened the bond between our youngest and oldest students, improved the confidence and communication skills of all the participants as well as developing some leadership and organisational skills.

Camp also provided students and staff with an authentic and relevant learning context for term one. While on camp the Year 10 students were assessed on the leadership skills they spent the first half of the term learning about and the Year 7's had their teamwork and communication skills observed as part of their learning. It was a wonderful hands-on and authentic learning experience that will be remembered for years to come!





Lifeguards Share Water Safety Message

Two lifeguards from Surf Life Saving NZ visited Year 8 students in Forest Whanau to present tips to promote safety at the beach.

- [Learn about the Water Safety Code](#)
- [Learn about Safety at Beaches](#)



Cleaning Up Our Community

One Park at a Time...

The Enviro Council has been busy keeping up appearances at



Water's Leadership Camp - Piha Mill Camp

On the 16th March Year 7 students from **Water Whanau** set off on an exciting camp with twenty Year 10 leaders. Day one started with a splash as students participated in a day of water safety fun at the **Massey Park Pools, Papakura**. Students capsized out of boats, learned life-saving and floatation techniques and experienced the currents of the lazy river.

Campers then jumped back on the bus and continued the long journey to Piha. After many sing-alongs students finally arrived at Piha Mill Camp and were placed into 'tribes' for the next three days. The competition between the six tribes was cemented during a fun afternoon of beach activities, at Piha Beach. Students also participated in archery ("Mockingjay"), camp cooking ("MasterChef"), problem solving, the Amazing Race and hiking to the beautiful **Kitekite Falls**. Throughout these activities students had the chance to earn points for their tribe, as well as earning "camp money" from the Year 10 leaders.

Students all showcased a variety of talents at the '**Camp Show**' including magic card tricks, singing, extreme make-overs and even a performance by the teachers! It was a fun-filled night, during which the "winning tribe" was announced. Congratulations to the **Green Tribe** who took out Water Camp 2016. It was fantastic to see such strong relationships grow between Year 7 and Year 10 students throughout the camp and we thank Mr Field-Mitchell and Miss Young plus all students who made Water's 2016 Camp such a memorable experience!



Mountain's Leadership Camp - Camp Adair

On the 7th March Year 7 students from **Mountains Whanau** attended the much anticipated annual camp at **Camp Adair**. Year 10 leaders, fresh from their own leadership camp, led five student teams in kayaking, high ropes, archery, and other confidence building activities. Students

the local Mission Heights Reserve. Through Auckland Council's 'Adopt a Park' programme, students monitor and report on the state of the park. Here you can see several Enviro Council members collecting rubbish so everyone can enjoy a clean park. Students collected three fewer bags of rubbish in comparison to their Term 1 rubbish collection last year - a positive improvement!



Lunchtime Trivia Quiz Winners

Our first ever MHJC Trivia Quiz was a huge success. Over fifty students and staff from across the school competed in the quiz competition. Questions came from geography, music, books, food and sport categories. Many groups had strengths in music and most now know they need to brush up on their geography knowledge for future quizzes. Congratulations to **Team Friday** for being our first winners of the year!



also enjoyed additional activities, such as the giant water slide, Burma trail, campfire and a guided walk through the Hunua Ranges.



Science Outbreak Evening in Water Whanau

On Tuesday 5th April students in 8W1 & 8W2 + staff hosted a family science evening where students applied their science learning, by teaching others.

A range of interactive stations were set up within Water Whanau to promote learning and enjoyment of science - Mrs Kent's English class even set up a crime scene investigation! The evening successfully showcased science learning across the curriculum and shared information + tips detailing how families can support Term 2 Science Fair investigations.

KDEC Leading Community Learning

Year 9 KDEC students, Jordan, Charlie, Ula, Adam and Courtney visited Saint Paul's Church recently as a part of their Maths learning with fractions and financial literacy. KDEC students prepared fruit to serve to guests following their service.

KDEC students enjoyed the opportunity to develop personal leadership and inter-personal communication skills with people beyond their MHJC classroom. The students also taught community members numbers, basic everyday words, greetings as well as the alphabet in New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL). This sharing proved valuable as the priest has progressive hearing loss!



The Road to Slower, Safer Travel

Four students attended the annual Travelwise Student Workshop to plan their communication plan for the year. Wasan Abu Nada (8M2), Victoria Kree (8M1), Leon Lei (7C1) and Aliza Azba (7W2) participated in activities to identify how to advertise, develop key messages and tag lines, and also had the opportunity to use a speed gun on local traffic.

The photograph (below) shows the girls participating in a 'Road Safety' relay race. Stay tuned for further information from the team, who have decided to focus their efforts on reducing the speed of drivers around the school this year.

Sports Report

SEZ Swimming

This year we sent 10 of our top Year 7 & 8 swimmers to compete at the SEZ Swimming Competition. This was held at the Lloyd Elsmore Swimming Pools. All our swimmers did extremely well and were very competitive in their races.

Marissa Dodd (7F2), was a stand out performer on the day as she qualified for the finals in the following events: 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke and 100m Freestyle. She placed 3rd overall in the 100m Freestyle final - well done Marissa! Thank you to all parents who supported at the event and helped with transport. It was very much appreciated.

SEZ Boys Futsal



Igniting Learning on Fire Safety

In preparation for camp 7M1 and 7M2 focused their learning on fire prevention and treatment of burns around the home and outdoors. Students completed a First Aid course with the NZ Red Cross and invited guest speakers from NZ Fire Service (pictured above is Matt Evans, a Fire Risk Management Officer) Fire Wise and the Middlemore Hospital Burns Unit to school. Pictured below are Isha Rah'mani, Devanshi Mani and Avishna Sharma with Marta I. (a burns survivor) and Michele Henry (Middlemore Hospital Burns Unit) after an inspiring and informative session.

Students would like to remind families to have an escape plan to evacuate your home if there is a fire, instead of trying to put it out yourself. It is also recommended that smoke detectors be present in each bedroom. To plan your family's escape plan, please visit...

www.fire.org.nz/-draw-your-own-escape-plan

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

This was the first year that the SEZ Futsal Competition was managed by Counties Manukau Sport. There was huge interest and a total of 20 teams competed in this competition. The boys were victorious in all four of their pool games. The team qualified first in their pool and advanced to the final.

MHJC played a strong Somerville team in the final and finished as SEZ Champions for 2016. Thanks to the coach and manager Mr Jackman and to our parents who supported and transported the team.

SEZ Tennis

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

MHJC recently competed at the highly competitive SEZ Tennis tournament. Kevin Fu (8C1) went through the day undefeated and finished as the 'SEZ Tennis Champion'. Kevin will represent SEZ at the upcoming Counties Manukau Champions Competition. Congratulations, Kevin!

Active Post Cup Competition WE ARE STILL UNDEFEATED!

Our Active Post Cup cricket team consists of our top Year 7 & 8 boys cricket players. This competition is an Auckland wide event with approximately 30 teams from around Auckland that participate. For the first round MHJC were put into a pool with Bucklands Beach Intermediate, Somerville Intermediate and Sacred Heart College. MHJC won both of their first two matches against Buckland Beach Intermediate and Somerville Intermediate, with the third being called off due to rain with our boys ready to chase down their total. MHJC therefore go through as top qualifier from their group for the second round of the competition during Terms 3 and 4. Well done to the boys and Mr. Pasupati. Thank you to all the parents that have supported and helped with transport it is very much appreciated.

Blitz Cricket Competitions FINALISTS!

Our Year 9 & 10 Blitz Cricket team played 5 games this term on Wednesday afternoons. This team had at least 4 players who made their debut as cricket players this year and the team has won 4 out of their 5 pool games. This meant that they qualified for the final against De La Salle College. The team played well in the final however lost against a strong De La Salle College team. This is the fourth year that we have finished in the top 2 teams of this competition. Well done to the team and coaches.

Auckland Junior A Cricket WE ARE STILL UNDEFEATED!

This is the first time that we have entered this competition with our top Year 9 & 10 boys cricket team. This team played on Saturday mornings and they won all five of their matches quite convincingly. Our team is still undefeated and will continue the season in term 4. Well done to Mr. Pasupati the coach of the team. A special thank you to Mr. Tom Ireland and Dion Murdoch who as parents have offered up their time to manage the team on Saturday mornings. Thank you to all parents who has helped with the transport on Saturday mornings - your support is appreciated.



MHJC's

'Make a Difference' DEEP Thanks You!

MHJC's 'Make a Difference' DEEP extends its thanks to families for the many donations received during its recent collection. A representative from Auckland City Mission visited the school on Wednesday 6th April to present a talk to the 'Make a Difference' DEEP group on the various services and support they provide to families in need.

The Auckland City Mission provides immediate support to those who are in desperate need - ensuring their basic human needs are met. They also provide a range of social services and are committed to addressing the larger issues so that people in need have the opportunity to move forward and fully participate in the community.

Some of their work in 2015 included:

10,934 emergency food parcels
132 homeless people housed
292 isolated elderly assisted
993 drug and alcohol assessments
76 other community organisations supported with food

The Auckland City Mission are only able to do this because of the generosity of the community. The Auckland City



Secondary Schools 3X3 National Slam Tournament

Mission Heights Junior College put forth some strong performances at the 2016 Secondary Schools 3X3 National Slam at The Trusts Arena, Waitakere last week. The event attracts some of the strongest 'sharp-shooting' athletes from around the country. Here is an instructional clip that details the rules of the game...



Teams were joined by two fantastic tournament referees, Marco de Costa (10C2) and Amy Moore (9F1). Our teams were...

Josh Wang McCarthy (10W2) *Captain*
Ian Orosio (10W1)
Jordan Johns (10C1)
Anthony Nelson (10W1)
Jeremy Peng (9W2)

Sophia Herewini (10M1) *Captain*
Tiana Herewini (9M1)
Katelyn Knox (10F1)
Annemeik Vaha'akolo-Ngaika (9F2)
Bianca Langi (9W1)

Go to our school website to see our players in action....

<http://www.mhjc.school.nz/index.php/category/schoolnews/>

Mission expressed their great appreciation to MHJC for its kind donations.



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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Jarrod to Captain New Zealand's Trans-Tasman Golf Team

Jarrod Millar has recently competed in the U.S Kids Tournament Golf series around Auckland which comprises of 8 tournaments. He had an extremely successful season which saw him end 2nd overall in his age group of boys 13-14. With this achievement he secured a place to represent New Zealand in the first ever Trans-Tasman challenge tournament against the Australians in May where he will compete against the best 2 Australian players in his age group. The best 2 players have been selected in the various age categories which will make up the team of 24 players travelling to Australia for the event.

He has been selected to captain the New Zealand U.S Kids Golf team for this inaugural event. We wish him and the rest of the team the very best for the tournament and hope to see them bring the trophy back to New Zealand.



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Upcoming events for Term 2

Year 7 & 8's

SEZ Y8 Football Boys
SEZ Y7 Football Boys
SEZ Football League
Year 7 & 8 ABSL Basketball
SEZ Boys Basketball
SEZ Girls Basketball
Year 7 & 8 Rugby 7's
Year 7 & 8 SEZ Rugby
Howick Pakuranga Netball Tournament
SEZ Badminton

Year 9 & 10's

Auckland u/15 boys football
Counties Manukau u/15 Girls football
Auckland u/15 football Knock out Cup
Counties Manukau u/15 Boys Basketball
Counties Manukau u/15 Girls Basketball
Auckland u/15 Netball
Howick Pakuranga Netball Tournament
Rugby 7's

Please remember to return all permission letters and payment before the start of every season. Also, thank you to all the parents that will be helping with transport for Term 2's sporting codes.

Regards,

Helgard Groenewald
Sports Co-ordinator



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Upcoming Parent Information Evening

All parents and Yr 10 students are invited to our upcoming...

'NCEA Parent Information Evening'

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Many parents, especially those of us who are new to New Zealand, feel daunted when discussions turn to the NCEA. If you want a simple, straightforward explanation of how the NCEA works, then this is the event for you. Come along and understand terminology such as 'NCEA credits', 'NCEA standards' and 'levels of NCEA certificates'. The earlier you understand the NCEA system, the better you can support your child when it matters most.

This evening is open to all MHJC parents/families. **HOWEVER IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL YEAR 10 STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS ATTEND.**

Ms Kate Lambert, Principal's Nominee, NZQA, will be presenting the evening. Kate will explain the workings of the NCEA and what will be offered to Year 10 Students at MHJC. We will also be joined by guest speaker, Diana Patience, the new Principal of Ormiston Senior College.

Please join us at 6.30pm, on Thursday 5th May (Term 2, Week 1), in the Meeting Place (next to the Mission Heights Library).

Looking forward to seeing you there,

Family & Friends Committee
Bringing our Community Together

We hope you can join us!

We're working together to grow great kids



counsellors, assessment services, sports, preschools, before & after school care, vision and hearing, tutors, play therapists, extra-curricular activities, osteopaths, dentists, teen careers & motivation, psychologists, in-home childcare, OT's, speech language therapists, under 5's activities, chiropractors, baby specialists, dyslexia specialists, dieticians, physiotherapists, holiday programmes, driving instructors, dance & drama, self confidence, parent education...



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