

We hope you enjoy our **Term 3** edition of 'Mission Heights News.'

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Principal, Mr Ian Morrison

## OUR VISION

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



## Message from the Principal

### Term 3 Newsletter

#### Information for students and parents

As Term 3 comes to an end we reflect on another busy term. This newsletter is packed with highlights and achievements of our students which we wish to share with our community and which illustrate the busy life of the school.

For me the term was one of firsts - the first time our **Kapa Haka** group performed at the **Koanga Festival** and first time our **school haka** was performed in public. The first time we held a **Change Makers Breakfast** for our girls to be inspired by female leaders who have made a positive impact in their chosen fields and our first **Student Leaders' Conference**. These events and the **Boys' Breakfast** held in Term 2 together with our extensive **extra-curricular** programme, **Student Led Conferences** held twice a year help to build stronger connections with families and the wider community.

I wish to thank parents and caregivers for their support and our dedicated teaching and support staff for their commitment helping to provide so many opportunities for our students to grow their greatness - kia mana ake!

**Ian Morrison**



### An Inspiring Event

Congratulations to Assistant Principal Kate Lambert for organising our first-ever **Women Change Makers Breakfast** with the help of students, parents and friends. The event showcased three special women - all with different aspirations and all with the same message to our girls: "You can do it".



### The Smile Says it All!

Congratulations to Aadi Golchha (8W1) for placing first in the **Auckland-wide Hindi Speech Competition**. The Judges found his excellent content of contemporary ideas and humour very entertaining. In his winning speech Aadi spoke about how we



### Inaugural Student Leaders' Conference

Following our attendance of the **Hwa Chong Institution's International Student Leaders' Conference** in Singapore last term we challenged our **Student Executive** to organise a local conference with a similar theme and format. Our student leaders did an excellent job and leaders from the three schools we invited (**Albany Junior High School, Rototuna Junior High School and Ormiston Junior College**) and their teachers were extremely impressed with the organisational ability of our students. The challenge was to bring the views and opinions of the international delegates to a local context within the same theme - "Amity Achieve as One".

We look forward to continuing this new initiative next year as it not only grows **great leadership** in our students but also helps to develop **global citizenship** as well as strengthening our **connections** with other Junior Colleges. Click to read the full article in this week's [Education Gazette](#).



### Education Perfect Success

For the second year running, **Mission Heights Junior College** has ranked in the top two places in the world for the **2017 Education Perfect** online learning challenge. Designed in **Dunedin** and used by over 300,000 students from 1,000 schools around the world, **Education Perfect** is a powerful online learning platform.

Subjects range from the **Sciences** to **Maths** and multiple **Languages**, including English, and students take exams online competing on



use technology in our daily lives and how we shouldn't misuse it.



### It's Not Debatable!

Best not to get into an argument with Ryan Iglesia (10C2) because he debates equally strongly for or against! He was placed **3rd top speaker** in the **Auckland Regional Junior Open Debate** category recently. Taking out **third place** is a superb accomplishment out of a field of **400 speakers**!



### Nathan's Winning Words

Congratulations Nathan Zheng (8C2) for being placed first in the **Kelston Deaf Education Centre Year 7 & 8 Speech Competition**. Nathan is really happy to have won as he set himself this goal after placing second last year. Organisers described his presentation as outstanding!



accuracy and to a time limit. **MHJC Academic Competitions Co-ordinator, Ms Catherine Hunter**, is excited to announce Year 9 student **Amanda Lee (9M2)** has reached 10th overall after completing the five competitions in this year's global challenge. *"I am impressed to see our students growing academically with their performances in these external competitions. We have students reaching the **Elite and Gold levels** and all competitions are external to class work, showing students are engaging in learning outside of the normal school day."*



### MHJC Recognised at 40 Hour Famine Awards

A phenomenal result for this year's **40-Hour Famine** from **Mission Heights Junior College** was recognised at a celebration awards evening held at **Elim College, Botany**. Over **\$10,000** was raised by our pupils who chose to either give up food, technology, furniture or even talking - for a whole weekend in June! As one of the top fundraising schools this year, a special acknowledgement was also made to **Maddison Taylor's** personal effort of raising **\$1,000** for the **Syrian Refugees**. Shown here are students (from left) **Maddison Taylor (10W1)** and **Georgia Hall (10F2)** who accepted the awards on behalf of our school.

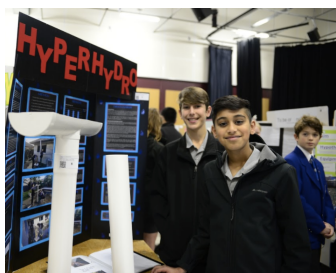


### Mind Lab 'Makers and Doers'

Students from Year 9 and 10 **Mountains Whanau** experienced a wonderful day at the **UNITEC MindLab** facilities in **Newmarket** last week, participating in workshops relating to **Coding, Film-making, Augmented Reality** and **Animation** - some students even got the chance to dress up! **Mind Lab** supports the development of the next generation of makers, doers, inventors and creators who will shape the future with new ways of working, thinking and living.

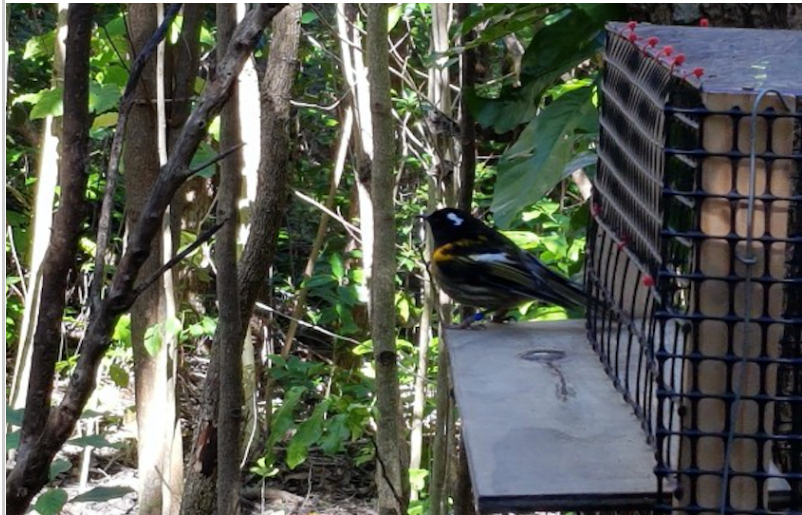
## Students Excel in 2017 NIWA Science Fair

An outstanding level of recognition was gained by MHJC students at this years' NIWA Manukau Region Science & Technology event. The annual Fair celebrates the excellence in scientific and technological investigations carried out by Year 7 to Year 13 students around Auckland. Congratulations to our students whose hard work was recognised by the external judges. A full list of MHJC award winners is available by clicking on ['School News'](#) on the MHJC website. Thank you to Ms Catherine Hunter for organising this outstanding event.



The Mind Lab team was very impressed with student's learning context, the ideas the students shared and their level of understanding. This term students have been examining **Mental Health in New Zealand** - the attitudes and media messages (past and present). The purpose is to examine issues students may encounter in their teenage years that may affect their wellbeing and ultimately ability to make positive decisions for themselves.

Next on the agenda is a challenge project to apply what students have learned to create a digital product - with the objective of affecting change for individuals or for our community, from a wellbeing perspective.



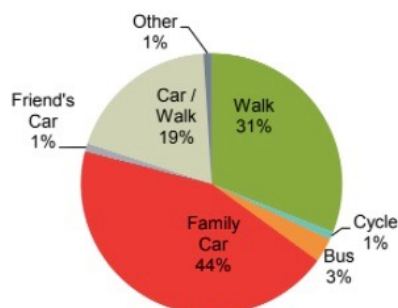
## Tiritiri Matangi - the Jewel in the Hauraki Gulf

On Friday the 25th of August Forest Whanau took a trip to the beautiful island of **Tiritiri Matangi** - a wildlife sanctuary for **New Zealand's** native and coastal birds situated in the **Hauraki Gulf**. From the ferry, even before reaching the island, it's crystal clear water and green grassy hills were breathtaking. First visit was **Hobbs Beach** - with its astonishingly clear water in the shade of a giant **Pohutukawa** tree. From this beach many of the colourful birds could be seen in the trees including the **Hihi Stitchbird** (pictured) with it's amazing birdcall and colourful patterns. The purpose of the visit to **Tiritiri** was to see first-hand the endangered birds and the care a group of volunteer supporters have taken to protect so many species. Prior to the visit, research had been completed in class and students were surprised to see there were many more birds and trees on the actual island than books and websites had shown.



## Taonga Te Reo Maori, Our Treasured Maori Heritage





### 2017 MHJC Survey Results

Results from our annual survey of how students travel to school show there are a lot of cars coming to MHJC each morning. We are encouraging students to walk, cycle and scooter to school as a way to promote sustainable transport and to increase fitness levels. During Term 3 incentives were offered in an effort to reduce the number of cars. The **Carpool Karaoke Contest** meant students who carpool and submitted a song were in the running to win a prize pack and for the parent driver, a \$50 petrol voucher. Results will be announced in Term 4.

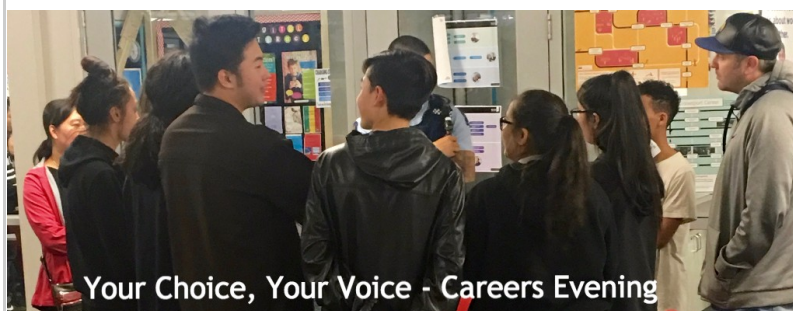


### A Great Week in any Language!

Missions Heights Junior College was abuzz with their cultural and languages extravaganza during **International Language Week** which was held from 14th to 18th August, 2017. Multiple languages were spoken and diverse cultures were celebrated. Online quizzes were held in Te

In August, students from 7F1 and 8F1 visited the **Papatuanuku Kokiri Marae** in Mangere East, Auckland to learn about the marae and its Māori heritage. Students were welcomed onsite with a **powhiri** - a ceremony involving speeches, singing, and ending with a **hongi** which is when the guest and the host press noses and forehead so both breathe the same air.

The vision of the **Papatuanuku Kokiri Marae** is to supply fresh home grown food to the community. Morning tea was served, Māori games were played and new words learned while completing the activities. A historical song or **waiata** was sung about the tradition of Māori growing vegetables. Students then helped in the gardens doing jobs, including feeding the chickens!



### Your Choice, Your Voice - Careers Evening

Water Whanau hosted a Year 10 'Careers Expo Evening' with the theme *Your Choice, Your Voice* last week. The event was a way for students to meet and engage with various industry providers including the Police, NZ Defence, AUT, VetNurse Plus, OneStaff Recruitment, Jetts Fitness and amazing professionals from the fields of Architecture, Engineering, Web Design and Finance. It was particularly special to welcome graduates of MHJC, OSC and University to the Whanau to give practical tips and strategies which were very well received by students and parents. Our thanks to Mrs Ashika Selagan for organising the wonderful careers event.



### First Festival Performance

Our school performed an amazing **kapa haka** at this year's **Kōanga Festival** held at **Somerville Intermediate**. It was a day of many 'firsts' - first performance in public for many of our students, first time performing at the **Kōanga Festival**, and the inaugural performance of our school **haka**: '**Kia Mana Ake**' - **ka mau te wehi!** Congratulations to the group, you did us proud; and a big thank to all staff and supporters in the audience. Plans are underway to include more students and staff in learning the words of the new **haka** and the full lyrics and a translation will be published in our 'Year Book 2017'.

Reo Māori, Pasifika languages, Hindi, Spanish and Chinese. Throughout the school there were games, challenges, food tasting and prizes galore to be won by both staff and students. Spirits were high and the competition was fierce. By the end of the week students and staff were all more than a few words wiser in many new languages.



### Parliament, Politicians and (Te) Papa!

Year 9 students from Water Whanau took a flying visit to Wellington this term to learn more about our country's electoral system. Students enjoyed a guided tour of the parliament buildings and the opportunity to visit the House of Representatives that has been graphically represented in many 'Election 2017' broadcasts. This was followed by a fascinating guided tour of the Te Papa Museum with its rare exhibitions and collections. Students were in awe of the stories behind many pieces from New Zealand's history. For many of the group this was not only the



### Physics Principles in Action at Rainbow's End

Both Year 9 classes from Coast Whanau recently travelled to Rainbow's End to explore the physics behind roller coaster designs and had a great time doing so! Through their studies into tourism, the students also learnt that Rainbow's End is a big draw card for the Auckland visitor market.



### Outreach Visit to Bruce McLaren Retirement Village

As part of the school's *Outreach Programme* the DEEP class visited the Bruce McLaren Retirement Village to strengthen links between the MHJC youth community and local senior citizens. Students had researched this facility and knew that it comprised of a rest home, hospital and dementia care unit. This ignited the students' desire to support residents through a 'random act of kindness' and to grow friendships through the provision of a morning tea. A Bake-Off campaign began with Mrs Uluka Singh overseeing a team of girls who, with the support of students and staff, gifted 270 cupcakes to residents.

The visit to Bruce McLaren was an emotional one, stories and family photos were shared and games played. Students left with the knowledge that they had created a community connection to inspire other young leaders to support. A special thank you to Bruce McLaren Retirement Village for hosting the MHJC Outreach Team and establishing this friendship network.



first time on a flight, but also the first time to Wellington.



### Winning Design for Festival

Māori and Pasifika Coordinator, Mr Jason Tuhaka, congratulated Tra Mi Nguyen (7W2) for designing the winning MHJC picket to represent the school at this year's Kōanga Festival. The picket reflects our student's voices characterising aroha (love) kotahitanga (oneness) and kia mana ake (growing greatness).



### Chinese Speech Competition Winners

Dr Fu, the National Advisor for Chinese, visited our College in August to present awards to the winners of the Chinese Bridge Speech Competition. Congratulations to winners Elsa McCormack (8M2) and Aadi Singh (9C1), shown here receiving their prizes. Dr Fu was impressed by our facilities and our Chinese Teaching Programme. Later, he taught a Year 7 class how to use chopsticks with first prize of the Chopsticks Challenge going to Leo Cao (7C1).



### OPC Hilary Outdoors Tongariro National Park

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September, twenty students from Year 9 departed on a week-long adventure to Hillary Outdoors (OPC) in Tongariro. Students took part in a whirlwind of challenging and exhilarating outdoor activities. They learned the importance of self-resilience, teamwork, leadership and what it feels like to step outside of their comfort zone, especially in snowy conditions. Activities also included low ropes, high ropes, flying foxes, tree climbs, 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've experienced snow and cold mountain temperatures.

All students represented MHJC extremely well and showed their energy, enthusiasm, and leadership in new situations. A huge thank you to Ms Aly Grant, Mr Dino Gardi, parents, and community members who made this incredible trip possible.



### Year 10's ab-ZORB-ing Rotorua Experience

As a part of their 'Your Voice, Your Choice - Careers' learning context Year 10 students from Water Whanau attended an overnight field trip to Rotorua on Monday and Tuesday of this week. The purpose of this trip was to deepen student's understanding of the broad range of career pathways in New Zealand that are shaped by our cultural heritage, geographic setting and lifestyle choices. This builds upon



## Upcoming Events

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

### First Day of Term 4

Monday 16th October

### Chinese Language Week

Monday 16th to Friday 20th October

### Tree Planting - Enviro Team

Tuesday 17th October

### Yr 9 & 10 College Sport Touch Rugby Season Starts

Tuesday 17th October

### SEZ Boys Volleyball

Wednesday 18th October

### SEZ Girls Volleyball

Thursday 19th October

### Yr 9 & 10 College Sport Volleyball Season Starts

Thursday 19th October

### BOT Meeting

Thursday 19th October

### Term 3 Celebration Assembly

Friday 20th October

### Colts Cricket Season Resumes

Saturday 21st October

### Labour Day Holiday (No School)

Monday 23rd October

### SEZ Badminton

Tuesday 24th October

### Photolife Team & Group Photos

Wednesday 25th October

### Mission Heights Cyber Safety Evening

Wednesday 25th October, 6-7pm

### Otago Problem Solving

Friday 27th October

### MHJC Athletics & Tabloids Day

Wednesday 1st November

### Cricket Blitz Season Starts

Wednesday 1st November

### SEZ Touch

Tuesday 7th November

### Year 9 & 10 Exams

Monday 6th to Friday 10th November

### Baverstock Oaks School's "Whole Day Experience" at MHJC

Friday 10th November

### 'Enviro Week'

Monday 13th to Friday 17th November

recent work with Ormiston Senior College Careers & Pathways Consultant Mrs Linfield, their Year 10 "Water Careers Expo", and students upcoming Work Experience in Term 4.

Please click on the image below to view video highlights of the day from the Skyline Doppelmayr Gondola ride to the top of Mt Ngongotaha to see the magnificent view of Lake Rotorua, luge cart rides, visit to the spring fed mineral pools at The Polynesian Spa and downhill adventures captured by GoPros at 'Zorb New Zealand'.



### 'Big Hoot Little Hoot'

MHJC is one of 50 schools taking part in an Auckland-wide event. So watch this space for the colourful makeover that will happen next term before this owl joins the 'Big Hoot Little Hoot' outdoor exhibition in March 2018.

## Sports Report

What an incredible term for sport it has been! Term 3 saw over 17 teams competing across 4 different codes, representing a significant increase in sport participation across all four year levels. In readiness for Term 4 teachers have been busy holding trials for Touch Rugby and Volleyball, as well as starting Cricket teams for the Active Post Cup, Colts and Blitz Cricket teams.

### AIMS GAMES Round-up

Six staff members, two parents and forty one competitors travelled to



**MHP, Willowbank & Out of Zoner's 'Whole Day Experience' at MHJC**  
Friday 17th November

**Year 10's Transition Day at OSC**  
Friday 17th November

**SEZ Athletics**  
Friday 17th November

**Accelerate Class Parent's Meeting**  
Monday 20th November

**College Sport Touch Rugby & Volleyball Concludes**  
Tuesday 21st November

**Year 10's Market Day**  
Wednesday 22nd November

**William Pike Award Trip to Westhaven Marina**  
Thursday 23rd November

**Year 10's Work Experience**  
Monday 27th November

**Mufti Day - \$2**  
Wednesday 29th November

**Inter-Whanau Competition**  
Wednesday 29th November

**Māori & Pasifika Evening**  
Thursday 30th November

**Road Patrollers Trip to Rainbow's End**  
Thursday 30th November

**Teacher Only Day (No School)**  
Friday 1st December

**Term 4 Celebration Assembly**  
Monday 4th December

**Santa Show**  
Wednesday 6th December

**Year 10 Prizegiving & Graduation**  
Monday 11th December at 6pm, in the MHJC Gym

**Year 9 Prizegiving**  
Tuesday 12th December at 9:30am, in the MHJC Gym

**Year 7 & 8 Prizegiving**  
Wednesday 13th December at 9:30am, in the MHJC Gym

## 2017 Term Dates

**Term 4**  
Monday 16th October  
Wednesday 13th December  
**(9 Week Term)**

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## 2018 Start Up Dates

**Term 1 Admin Day:**  
*Compulsory meeting for all students and parents*

Tuesday 30th January, 2018  
9:00am to 3:30pm or  
5:30pm to 7:30pm

**Yr 7 & 10 Students Start**

Tauranga for this year's AIMS Games event. Inclement weather during the first few days didn't dampen the excitement, with students playing hard and gaining some exciting wins.



Our AIMS Netball Team impressed, losing just two games during the entire tournament. This is a significant achievement as the team played 13 games over five days! **Sophia Lafaiali'i (7F1)** won the MVP for her impressive shooting and circle movement throughout the tournament. Our AIMS Netball Team finished 33rd out of 116 Teams, and won the 'B Grade' section.



AIMS Footballers confronted rough weather conditions and gained experience playing tournament football on several waterlogged pitches. However, the boys played to the conditions and were never afraid to shoot for the goal. The boys finished 28th overall from 59 competing teams. MVP for football was **Dylan Menzies (8F2)** for his skill, talent and influence on the game.



Our Badminton Players were up against some of New Zealand's best players during the AIMS tournament. **Anje Te Boekhorst (8F2)** faced strong competition first up, playing against a competitor who ultimately finished 2nd in Division 2. Never giving up, Anje gained strong improvements as the week progressed. **Nishika Jain (7C1)**, **Fateh Bhular (7C1)** and **Aadi Golcha (8W1)** all reached the quarter finals with Aadi making it into the final of Division 4 and placing 2<sup>nd</sup>. Partnering with **Fateh Bhular (7C1)**, Aadi also made it through to the final of the

Wednesday 31st January,  
2018  
8:30am

**All Students at School**  
Thursday 1st February, 2018  
8:30am

*Please do not book  
overseas travel during  
term time.*



### Waste (waist) Friendly Lunch Ideas

Ways to reduce the cost of school lunches and cut down on wastage.

Try these helpful tips:

- Reuse plastic yoghurt containers (snap on lids) to pack school lunches into.
- Purchase food items in bulk and send in reusable containers instead of using single portion packages (eg. chips/cookies/cheese and crackers).
- Put your slow cooker on at night for hearty, large portion meals to be ready to dish up in the morning. Leftovers can be portioned and frozen for days you're in a rush.
- Fruit and vegetables are cheap, health snack options that don't end up in landfills.



A huge thank you to parents and families for supporting your child to attend the 2017 AIMS Games and be a part of this amazing sporting event. We hope that their AIMS experience was enriching and rewarding.

**Doubles Competition** finishing 2nd in Division 3 of the competition.

Our AIMS Swimmers, Marissa Dodd (8F2) and Michaela Rohm (8F2) both achieved personal bests in the **50m Breaststroke**, narrowly missing the final by a few milliseconds. Both swimmers competed well in their other events - narrowly missing out on the finals. We acknowledge their hard work, training and preparation leading up to the event - well done girls!



### Netball

Our Premier and AIMS netball teams played on Tuesdays after school with each team placing 3rd for their grade based on points differential. Both teams competed at a high level, demonstrating their skill and talent on a weekly basis.

**Premier Netball** - 3rd in Auckland Netball Y10 Intermediate B Section 1

**AIMS Netball** - 3rd in Auckland Netball Y8 Intermediate B Section 1

**Senior A** - 2nd place in Secondary Schools Yellow Grade (pictured)

**Senior B** - 4th place in Secondary Schools Black Grade

**Junior B** - 6th place in Intermediate Red Grade

**Junior C** - 4th place in Intermediate White Grade Y7 - 4th place in the intermediate Blue Grade

### Junior B Team

2017 saw a strong squad take the court each week at the **Howick Pakuranga Netball Association** to compete against some of the best intermediate teams across **Auckland**. It proved to be a tough season, but it was a pleasure to observe increasing ball and court skills from all players throughout the season.

Highlights include a convincing win over a team who had previously beaten MHJC and a trip to **Rototuna Junior High** that saw students come away with not only a win, but new friendship connections. Congratulations to **Harshitha Surendran** (8W2) who was named **MVP** for the 2017 season.





MHJC would like to acknowledge **Lem Arabelo** for coaching the **AIMS Basketball Team** all season and joining the team down at the games in **Tauranga**. "Camp Mum" extraordinaire **Dionne Bassano** was also invaluable throughout the week, helping to manage and care for players, coaches and teachers plus offer expertise to aid recovery.



### Cordelia Skates her Way to the Podium

Our congratulations to **Cordelia Shi (8W1)** who performed in the **North Island Championship in Ice Figure Skating** early in **September** and took home first place. **Cordelia** has now qualified for the **New Zealand Championships** to be held in **Dunedin** on 5th October. Good luck **Cordelia** - **MHJC** is backing you!



### Jasmine Awarded Red Ribbon

**Jasmine Strong (7W2)** competed in the **Mounted Games** pony club competition earlier this term and gained first place. **Jasmine** was excited to receive her first

## Basketball

It has been a very successful year for our **MHJC basketball** teams. Our **U15 'A' Boys** qualified in the **Auckland** finals and were thrilled to meet the **NZ Breakers** and watch a closed training session. A big 'thank you' to parents and coaches for their valued support throughout the basketball league - the results were:

**U17 Boys** - 8th in the U17 B Grade

**U17 Girls** - 6th in the U17 Girls Grade

**U15 A Boys** - 2nd in U15 A Grade (*pictured*)

**U15 B Boys** - 5th in U15 B Grade

**U15 Girls** - 8th in the U17 Girls Grade



**SEZ Basketball** is a one day tournament for Y7 & Y8 Students. This year **MHJC** took both a girls and boys team. The boys finished an impressive **3rd overall** beating **Saint Kentigern's College** in the 3rd-4th final, which proved to be a valuable warm-up for their tournament week at the **AIMS Games**. Our girls placed **5th overall**, a good result considering their relative inexperience.



## Cross Country Run

The annual school **Cross Country** was held on a beautifully sunny day and every student placing was significant to the overall outcome of the **Inter-Whanau** challenge. **Ms Aly Grant**, **Mr Alex Jackman** and **Mr Ian Morrison** joined the fun, running the cross country with students. Runners who placed in the **Top 10** earned the option to compete at the **SEZ Cross Country** (Year 7 & 8), or the **College Sport Road Race** (Year 9 & 10).

Chants, cheering and excitement ensued as runners neared the finish line. The winners were...

### Year 7:

**Jasmine Strong (7W2)**  
**Lachlan Hendry (7C2)**

### Year 9:

**Niamh Beattie (9F2)**  
**Paul Chan (9M2)**

### Year 8:

**Tatiana Mason-Wells (8M2)**  
**Dylan Menzies (8F2)**

### Year 10:

**Shahad Ldouri (10W1)**  
**Ronald Ondoy (10C1)**

red ribbon - congratulations,  
Jasmine!



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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This year the winner of **School Cross Country** was based on the **Whanau** that scored the lowest points average:

- 1st Place - Mountains Whanau (43.3)
- 2nd Place - Water Whanau (44.7)
- 3rd Place - Forest Whanau (45.4)
- 4th Place - Coast Whanau (46.7)

The **SEZ** and **Inter Zone Cross Country** events clashed with **Teachers Only Day** this year, however **MHJC's Top 10** Year 7 and 8 students were given the opportunity to compete against runners from the **South Eastern Zone** schools. **MHJC's Jasmine Strong (7W2)** and **Lachlan Hendry (7C2)** both qualified for the **Inter Zone Cross Country** competition. Both students ran fantastic races and are talented athletes. **Jasmine** further asserted her abilities at the **National Cross Country Championships** held at the **Auckland Domain**, placing **6th** in the **under 13yrs girls** division.

## Football

The Year 9 and 10 **football team** concluded their season this term finishing 4th in the **14th Grade 'A2'** competition on goal difference. The team had a strong start to the season holding 2nd until the final few games. **A2** is the highest league in which **MHJC** has played football, competing against some of the strongest schools in **Auckland**. **MHJC** ended the season conceding the least amount of goals in the competition thanks to a strong and organised defence. Captain and top goal scorer led the way at the front with **Dylan Menzies (8F2)** providing the most assists. Overall it was a successful season with **MHJC** having such a strong showing in their first year in **A2** after promotion from **A3** as **champions** in 2016. The team has played superb football this season and the players have all grown in experience as a result of **Mr Alex Jackman's** excellent coaching.

Our **girls' team** had an encouraging season and achieved several creditable results. All games were closely contested and their continued determination has not waned, with full attendance at training sessions and games. Girls' football is improving every year at **MHJC** and the school is hoping to take a girls team next years to the **AIMS Games** tournament.



## Ava's Success at the Auckland Gymnastics Champs

Year 7 student **Ava Steele (7M2)** set the standard at the **Auckland Gymnastics Championships** that were held at the **Counties Manukau Gymnastics Centre** this term. **Ava** gained **2nd place** for **Step 7** all-around individual and **1st place** as a part of her **Harbour Step 7** girls team. We believe that **Ava** has a tremendous future in gymnastics and commend her for her impressive commitment to a gruelling training regime. Our congratulations to you, **Ava!**



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### NZ Police are Good Sports!

Our U15A Boys Basketball and Premier Netball teams combined to play against the men and women in blue from Ormiston Police Station. Mixing the teams with an equal number of students and police officers, it was a battle of composite teams and an awesome opportunity for the students to build relationships with the men and women who protect our community. The gym was open at lunchtime for students and staff who witnessed an exciting display of camaraderie. Great work MHJC!

### Sports Fees

Thanks to those families who have paid their children's sports fees. A friendly reminder to all parents that all **winter sport fees** need to be paid please. **South Eastern Zone** competitions (competitions for Year 7 and Year 8 students) must be paid prior to the competition. Please contact the **sports office** if you have any queries about your child's sports fees.

### Term 4 Sports

Selection for **Senior Touch Rugby** teams have been made and training has begun in preparation for the season which starts in the first week of Term 4. **Volleyball** trials for both Juniors and Seniors have also been completed in readiness of starting first week back next term. The **Cricket** season begins in Term 4, as well as school **Athletics**, **SEZ Touch** and **SEZ Athletics**. All sport will finish by the 25th November.

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### Read an eBook during the School Holidays!

**Mrs Townsend** has challenged all **MHJC** students to read an **eBook** during the school holidays, to go towards earning their free pizza! The ***Hell Pizza Reading Challenge*** is an initiative to encourage students to extend their reading mileage, as students ask teachers to 'sign off' their reading wheel (*shown in the poster below*) as they complete a book. The challenge goes right through until Sunday 3rd of December, 2017 and an exciting range of eBooks can be accessed by clicking [here](#)...



Hey kids!  
The **Hell Reading Challenge** is back for 2017! Read 7 books and get a **FREE 333** kids pizza!

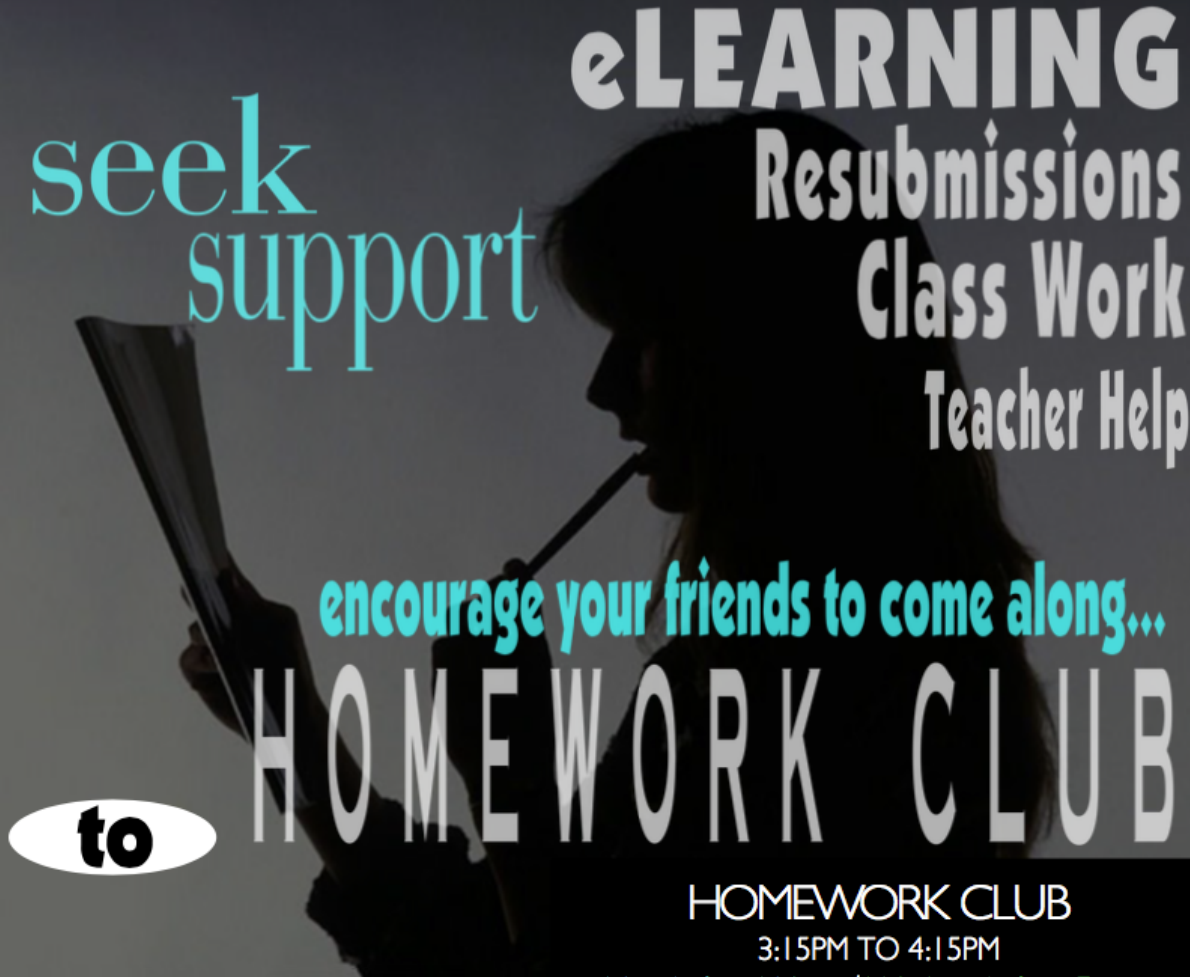


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