

We hope you enjoy our **Term 4** edition of 'Mission Heights News.'  
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Principal, Mr Ian Morrison

## OUR VISION

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



## Upcoming Events

Dates are also published

## Message from the Principal

### Term 4 Newsletter

Information for students and parents

As another amazing year comes to an end we can all look back with satisfaction on a job well done. The seemingly endless opportunities provided to our students to **grow their greatness** is clearly visible as we see our latest group of Year 10 students graduate from the college. They are confident, articulate young people and all are prepared for the challenges and opportunities the future may bring.

They will enjoy, as will every family in the school the first edition of "Kia mana ake". This will be a proud addition to the coffee tables of our community and beyond. It is an amazing production and does justice to the activities and achievements of our students. Browsing the pages makes me feel extremely proud of our school and I wish you happy reading and a restful summer holiday.

Growing greatness - Kia mana ake!

Ian Morrison



## 2017 Transpower Neighbourhood Engineers Merit Award

A team of Year 10 students have collaborated this year to produce an innovative

on our website, [Mission Heights Online](#).

## 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

Wednesday 31st January,  
2018  
8:30am

#### All Students at School

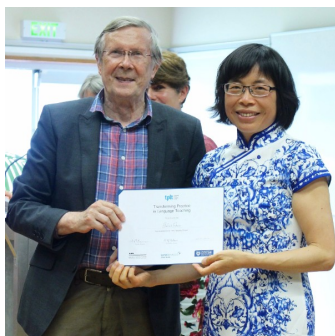
Thursday 1st February, 2018  
8:30am

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



### Reflections on Peace

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition is the world's oldest schools' writing contest and this year's theme was 'A Commonwealth for Peace'. Along with 13,000 students from around the world, Coast's Year 10 students Megan Strydom and Dilshadpreet Singh entered and both were successful: Megan's entry, 'A Manual for a Peaceful World', placed in the Silver category and Dilshadpreet achieved Bronze category for his entry, 'Should we fight for peace?' Congratulations!



project, earning the group a Merit Award in the 2017 Transpower Neighbourhood Engineers Awards and \$750.00 for the school. The students created 'Robo-ish' a robot programmed to sense and pickup litter and place it in rubbish bins.

The robot stays within a specific vicinity, using claws to move in a random order automatically sensing rubbish on its way, then finding its way to the bins. The project team was determined to learn the new software of coding the robot and used certain codes to ensure the robot does the required job.

Special guests **Craig Stephens**, Consultant for Goodman Property and **Sarah Kelly**, Civil Engineer at Calibre, presented the cheque from Transpower on behalf of Futureintech to Team Robo-ish at the MHJC Champions Assembly this week. From left: **Craig Stephens**, **Basil Taha**, Mentor Teacher, **Jamini Patel**, **Lia Arroyo**, **Vanisha Rajan** and **Camryn Chetty** and **Sarah Kelly**.



### Success at BizTech Competition

Hosted at Botany College the BizTech objective was to solve a real-world, social problem using technology. Approximately 15 teams participated from various schools in the area. Congratulations to our MHJC teams:

- 2nd place - Victoria Kree, Harjot Dharni and Anav Ramsing
- 4th place - Kyle Anderson, Amanda Lee, Sunny Lau and Ronak Lal

Both teams worked extremely well during the brainstorming sessions and were praised for their strong public speaking skills.



### Future Careers Programme

AUT's Future Students careers team invited students from MHJC to participate in the 'MyFuture' Year 10 Juniors Programme held at the AUT South Campus. Nearly 300 students from 16 schools attended with 8 student representatives from MHJC. Careers advisor, Mrs Uluka Singh, accompanied the students and



**Congratulations Juliet Gao** - seen here being presented with her **Transforming Practice in Language Teaching (TPLT)** certificate by **Professor Rod Ellis** at the 2017 graduation ceremony last week .



### Hola!

**National Adviser for Spanish, Señor Cristóbal Gutiérrez** met with staff and language teachers **Ms Martin** and **Mrs Gao** and discussed a student trip to Spain and the valuable learning opportunities for the class. The goal is to make this trip a reality at the end of 2018 or early 2019. **Señor Gutiérrez** also brought valuable resources to share with teachers who are delighted he will provide ongoing support for our school's Spanish teaching and learning programme.



### Gold Coast Classic Baseball Tournament 2018

**Ricky Bassano (U14)** and **AJ Bassano (U12)** have been selected to represent the **Super City U14** and **U12** baseball teams at the **Gold Coast Classic Baseball tournament** from the 2nd-9th January, 2018. The Tournament was

saw them actively engage in teamwork and leadership skills workshops. New friends were made and students discovered more about themselves and their capabilities.



### MHJC Outreach: Supporting KidsFirst Middlemore Hospital:

Through active research, students identified **KidsFirst at Middlemore Hospital** as the local community organisation they wanted to support and engage with this term. Many children miss out during the festive season as they are hospitalised for long periods of time. The student's bake sale raised \$582.00 to purchase 32 baby blankets and 43 new toys. Students in **Mrs Singh's 'Outreach DEEP'** class wrapped their gifts and designed cards. The presents were handed over to **KidsFirst Representative, Ms Charlene Colling** who shared a riveting presentation on the socio-economic backgrounds of the children and babies at **KidsFirst**. The statistics were alarming - 300 children are admitted into emergency care each day - some sadly with a terminal illness. Well done to all **MHJC** students who participated in the social action of *giving with purpose*.



### Year 10 Work Experience

### Work Experience a Great Success!

Year 10 students connected with a variety of organisations both within our local and extended communities during the first school-wide voluntary **work experience** initiative recently. Senior students researched appropriate companies and work sites based on their skills and interest levels and sent job applications, conducted Skype, telephone and personal interviews - as well as attending **Health and Safety** meetings.

Students were motivated and contributed positively to local companies and their team work, leadership, business and communication skills were further sharpened. Important connections were made between students and our local community. Careers Advisor **Mrs Uluka Singh** received positive feedback from employers, parents and students alike on the tremendous benefits this



started by two baseball coaches, in different countries, who saw the importance of developing young baseball players in their regions. This year 16 teams took part across three age grades U16s, U14s and U12s and 2018 promises to be even bigger!



### Our Artists Give a Hoot!

MHJC is one of sixty schools participating in the *Haier 'Big Hoot Little Hoot'* art trail, taking place in March, 2018. The 'Big Hoots' are being painted by forty NZ artists and will be auctioned after the event. MHJC's 'Little Hoot' Kaitiaki (owl) is a collaborative piece with a number of students helping to design and paint it. It is now ready to leave the nest for the photo shoot, in aid of the Child Cancer Foundation.

### To Market, to Market...

Lunch time on a Market Day is eagerly anticipated at MHJC with not only a variety of handmade products showcasing the skills and creativity of the students but an array of yummy home-baked treats and snacks on offer! Year 10 Business students began the term with their pre Christmas offerings, followed by Year 8 students from Water and Mountains Whanau....

opportunity had brought to them. The event encourages authentic learning outside the classroom and we look forward to this real life skills event in 2018 and thank all the teachers for making this possible.



### William Pike Challenge Award

As a part of this years' challenge, Year 9 students enjoyed a sensational day at the Westhaven Marina with the team from WaterSafe New Zealand. Activities included standup paddle-boarding, land and boat-based rescues and water survival techniques.

The William Pike Challenge Award is a leadership development programme, named after amputee and adventure seeker William Pike who set it up after surviving the eruption of Mt Ruapehu in 2007.

Throughout the year, WPCA students have completed five Outdoor Activities, including skiing, tramping, snorkelling, camping, caving, and many more challenging outdoor tasks. Students have also worked towards completing 20 hours of Community Service and 20 hours of Passion Projects. We congratulate MHJC students who have been successful with their completion of the William Pike Challenge Award and thank Ms Aly Grant for leading this high quality leadership initiative.



### What a Load of Rubbish!

Mission Heights Junior College went on a mission to rid reserves of rubbish! 9W1 supported 'Enviro Week' by organising a Student Army rubbish collection at the Silvana Reserve in Mission Heights - it certainly was a real 'dumping ground'. Kate Loman-Smith (Manukau Beautification Trust) and Sarah Peters from the Auckland Council supported our organisation in this. Students even found a large dead turtle in a plastic bag that had been eaten as well as a treadmill, chairs, buckets and LOTS of litter. Top work team.





### Mountain's Market Day

Mountains Whanau Market was held last week and like true marketers after the main chance, pushed a Christmas theme getting into the festive mood with their gifts and treats. Students presented a range of tempting products and produce such as Slushies, Bath Bombs, Soap, Coke floats, Sorbet, Plants, Birdfeeders, Smoothies, Sushi and Doughnuts. All were researched, packaged and promoted, in line with the learning opportunities presented by their Term 4 learning context.



### A Celebration of Maori & Pasifika Cultures

Our community came together in November to celebrate our Maori and Pasifika culture with dance, music, song and special awards. Special Guest and actor, **Te Kohe Tuhaka** - spoke to our students and their families, striking a chord telling them "...to be BRAVE!" **Te Kohe** has starred in many stage productions, television shows and movies, including 'The Deadlands', 'Mahana' and 'Sione's Wedding'. The event displayed a wonderful variety of contemporary and traditional performances showcased the beauty and pride of our Maori and Pasifika cultures. Māori & Pasifika students were acknowledged for the following achievements: Year 10 NCEA credits; Two (or more) years progress in Reading and Maths; Top 4 Māori and Pasifika students from each Whānau and Māori & Pasifika Council. **MHJC Te Reo teacher, Jason Tuhaka** expressed thanks to staff, families and students for making this event truly memorable. Click on the images above for the video of the night's entertainment. (See more photos in the digital version of *Kia Mana Ake - the 2017 MHJC Year Book* at the end of the Newsletter, or for highlights of the show click on the [Maori & Pasifika](#) link).



2017 Santa Show!



USING SCIENCE TO CREATE  
**Market Day  
Magic!**

### Shark Tank Outcomes

Year 8 science students from **Water Whanau** participated in developing products for the contextual concept - **Shark Tank**. The students formed 'companies' led by a student company director and expanded on knowledge gained from chemistry to learn about the world of beauty products, how companies employ scientists to develop and test perfume, lotions and soap and how they are constantly researching and investigating chemical properties to enhance the look and feel of products. Students also learnt what makes the fizz in bath bombs and how ingredients are often inactive in powder form and undergo chemical reactions to form new substances. Other students 'companies' learnt about the science behind baking. Not usually thought of as chemistry, baking relies on interactions of various chemicals and chemical reactions taking place. These companies had fun baking doughnuts and brownies. The context for the term also involved product development, packaging and logo design, ingredient listing, researching ingredients reactions and possible allergies.

Once more our talented students worked together to produce a fun end-of-year **Santa Show** - celebrating another successful year at **MHJC**! The staff and students were entertained with dance, musical items, bands and hip hop. For highlights of the show click on [Santa Show](#) link.

## Sports Report

### Colts Cricket

The **Colts Cricket** boys continued their season this Term. After the success of Term 1, the boys managed to finish Top 3 in the **Auckland Colts/2 Grade**. This is the best **MHJC** has ever performed in cricket. We hope to continue this success next season and grow our cricket programme. We have also had a number of cricket players selected for their district teams. Congratulations to the following students:

- **Benson Ireland** (Manukau District)
- **Devon Murdoch** (Manukau District)
- **Tannin Khurana** (Manukau District)
- **Ashwina Krishnamkumar** (Manukau District Girls Y7)
- **Mantej Singh** (Manukau District Boys Y7)
- **Mansimran Kaur** (Auckland Womens U21 Wider Training Squad)



### MHJC Athletics

On the **1st November** the annual **MHJC Athletics Day** was held at **Lloyd Elsmore Park**. It was an incredibly competitive day with over 450 students participating in various events. As this was our last **Inter Whanau Sporting Competition** for **2017** a lot was at stake and **Water Whanau** raced ahead holding their lead throughout the day. We are pleased to announce and congratulate the following students as our senior Boys and Girls **Athletics Champions**:

**Sharaheel Saheel** (10W2) Senior Boys Athletics Champion  
**Victoria Kree** (9M2) Senior Girls Athletics Champion  
**Dylan Menzies** (8F2) Junior Boys Athletics Champion  
**Kaylin Strydom** (7F1) Junior Girls Athletics Champion





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!

**CONTACT US**



### South Eastern Zone Athletics

Following the MHJC Athletics event, Year 7 and Year 8 students who placed **Top 3** in an event qualified to represent MHJC in the **South Eastern Zone Athletics Competition** at Mt Smart Stadium. All students performed extremely well with some students competing in almost every event! From this competition any student who placed **Top 3** at the **South Eastern Zone Competition** qualified for the **Inter Zone Auckland Athletics Championship** for Year 7 and Year 8s. This year MHJC had 4 students compete at this prestigious event. Congratulations to our **Inter Zone** competitors:

- Janke Maritz (2nd in Discus, 3rd in Shot Put at SEZ)
- Jasmine Strong (2nd in 1500m & 800m at SEZ)
- Algin Fondling (3rd in 100m at SEZ)
- Lachlan Hendry (2nd in 400m at SEZ)

### Volleyball

This year we had four **Senior Volleyball** teams and many of our students had never played volleyball at a competitive level, so this did mean a steep learning curve. However, the players rose to the occasion and week by week improved their skill and abilities. It was impressive to watch and even better to observe students bond and play as a unit.

### Touch Rugby

**Touch** is a popular summer sport at MHJC. This year we had one Boys and one Girls Team compete in the **College Sport Eastern Zone Competition** at Macleans College. The Boys did particularly well, however due to a cancellation the week before finals, the semi finals were not played limiting MHJC to finish 3rd overall.

### SEZ Mixed Touch

MHJC are veterans when it comes to hosting the **South Eastern Zone Mixed Touch** tournament. We had eight schools competing in the competition and it ran without any hitches. MHJC ultimately placed 3rd overall, a great effort from a very young team. We would also like to thank the **MHJC Sports Council** for their help on the day and **Botany College** for providing students to referee the Tournament.

**Looking Forward to 2018**



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As we move into 2018, planning has already begun to introduce additional sporting opportunities to MHJC. Our staff are looking to expand the programme even further by introducing codes such as Softball, Tag Rugby as well as Year 9 and Year 10 Hockey. MHJC hopes to take Junior Hockey to AIMS, enter a team into the Term 3 Sports Camp and continue to offer all sporting codes that were available during the 2017 school year.

As always, we warmly invite parents or caregivers to manage/coach a team next year. Alternatively, if you know anyone who is willing to help, please do not hesitate to contact Laetitia Jansen Van Rensburg in the Sports Administrator's office [lrensburg@mhjc.school.nz](mailto:lrensburg@mhjc.school.nz) as the school is always most appreciative to receive a helping hand.

Please click on the image below to view the *digital version of 'Kia Mana Ake' - the 2017 MHJC Year Book*







# Wishing all MHJC Families A Happy Holiday Season!

Queries?  
Please contact the MHJC  
Reception from  
Monday 15th January  
Phone 277-7881 or email  
admin@mhjc.school.nz

## 2018 Start Up

### Tuesday 30th January: Compulsory 'Administration Day'

It is essential that all students attend with a parent at a time that suits, between 9:00am and 3:30pm or 5:30pm and 7:30pm. Students will not remain at school and are not required to wear uniform. Students will check Whanau and class allocation, course + DEEP selections and fee payment to ensure that lessons can begin promptly on Day 1. Returning students please go directly to your Whanau. New students please report to the school Reception.

### Wednesday 31st January 8:30am

Year 7 and Year 10 students only. Year 7 students please go to the theatre Year 10 students please report to your Whanau.

### Thursday 1st February 8:15am

All students please report to your Whanau.

Thank you for supporting  
MHJC to a successful  
2017 year!