

We hope you enjoy **Term 1's** edition of 'Mission Heights News.'
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Principal, Mr Ian Morrison



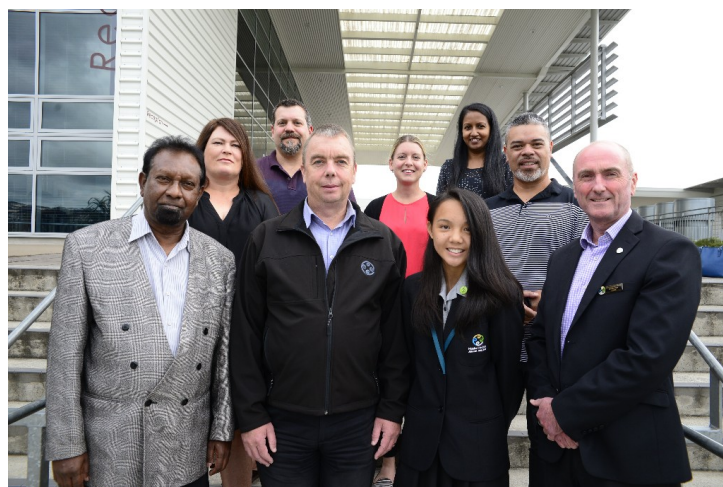
Message from the Principal

Term 1 Newsletter 2018 *Information for students and parents*

A major focus in Term 1 is to provide opportunities for new students to become part of their new learning community. A highlight for many during this process are the **Year 7 Camps** which provide many different challenges to our new recruits. Outdoor activities, being away from home comforts and being close to nature all provide students with new perspectives and a chance to learn more about themselves. I was touched by the comment of a young lady in **Forest Whanau** who after what seemed to be a very long time finally and very bravely jumped into space (with a harness!!) from a platform 5 metres high. When she came down to earth she had a huge smile on her face and said to her teacher that, "I have faced and overcome my fears!"

We promote EOTC (*Education Outside the Classroom*) at MHJC because of these amazing learning opportunities - well done to this young lady and every other student who faced and overcame their individual challenge/s. May the experience strengthen you for the future.

'Growing greatness - kia mana ake'
Ian Morrison



Welcome to our 2018 Board of Trustees

8W1 & 8W2 EOTC - Rotorua

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday
11th April

9C1 & 9C2 Ice Hockey

Tuesday 10th April

Yr 9 Outdoor Education - Sea Kayaking

Wednesday 11th April

AIMS Games Parents Meeting

Thursday 12th April 5:30pm in
the 'Meeting Place'

Sports Camp Parents Meeting

Thursday 12th April 6:30pm in
the 'Meeting Place'

Mufti Day - \$2

Thursday 12th April

MHJC Disco

Thursday 12th April, 6:30pm to
8:30pm (*Parents, please
collect children from the
theatre at 8:30pm*)

Last Day of Term 1

Friday 13th April at 1pm

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First Day of Term 2

Monday 30th April, 8:15am

Coast Whanau Bike Training

Monday 30th - Thursday 3rd May

Coast Whanau - Body Worlds Exhibition

Friday 4th May

ICAS Digital Technologies Exam

Tuesday 8th May

Ugly Shakespeare Performance

Tuesday 8th May

Young Leaders - Vodafone Events Centre

Wednesday 9th May

Safe Schools Week

Monday 14th to Friday 18th May

ABSL Basketball Module Starts

Wednesday afternoons, for the
duration of Term 2

Inter Whanau Benchball Competition

Wednesday 16th May

SEZ Badminton

Thursday 17th May

Otago Problem Solving

Thursday 17th May

Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday 17th May - 5:30pm

This year is significant for the Board and the school. Our School Charter, that sets the **vision, values, goals and strategic direction** for the next 4 years, is due to be updated and preparation of a 10-year property plan is underway. Although separate, both of these key documents are intrinsically linked. Once direction has been determined for the immediate future, it is then necessary to ensure the school has the tools and resources to meet our goals. This includes all aspects of the **property portfolio** - inside and outside the classroom. Key also to this success is the **highly qualified, experienced and committed MHJC staff** which has implemented the school vision with passion and is ready to take the school into the exciting future.

Next year we will be celebrating our **10th birthday** and the next 10 years will hold a number of challenges and opportunities for the school and I am confident we are well-placed to continue to provide **amazing learning opportunities** so our students can **grow their greatness**.

- **Blair Telfer**

Photo above: Board Members: (from top left) **John Bassano** Deputy Chair; **Catherine Hunter** Teachers Representative; **Seinjileen Naidu, Mrs Sian Grant, Jason Tuhaka; Naddy Naidoo** MHJC Deputy Principal; **Blair Telfer** Chairman; **Victoria Kree** Student Representative; **Ian Morrison** MHJC Principal.



2018 Executive has Full Year Ahead

In keeping with tradition, this year's Executive Council will continue to provide a student voice in many areas of school life. Several sub-committees have been formed which will carry out their responsibilities through the year. These include organising **socials/discos** and **mufti days**; co-ordinating the supply and sale of **leavers' jerseys**; deciding on a **legacy project** and **charity** to support from funds raised and organising the second MHJC Student Leaders' Conference. Feedback to Mr Morrison and Mr Naidoo will also be given as to how the school can be "**climate friendly**" starting with suggestions about the site and the students' uniforms.

In April the Council will be part of the **ANZAC Parade at Stockade Hill** and sell poppies at school to raise funds for the Howick R.S.A. A **Pink Shirt Day** in May will bring awareness of mental health issues. Seven members of the council will represent the school and New Zealand at the **Annual Student Leaders' Convention in Singapore**.

Pink Shirt Day
Friday 18th May

2018 Term Dates

Term 1
Wednesday 31st January
to Friday 13th April
(11 Week Term)

Term 2
Monday 30th April to
Friday 6th July
(10 Week Term)

Term 3
Monday 23rd July to
Friday 28th September
(10 Week Term)

Term 4
Monday 15th October
Wednesday 12th December
(9 Week Term)

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

**FRIENDLY REMINDER
SCHOOL CLOSES AT**



**FRIDAY 13TH APRIL
FOR THE HOLIDAYS**



We're Proud of Mrs Naidoo
Congratulations to MHJC teacher

Back from left: Tuor Chan, James Zeng, Harjot Singh Dharni, Kyle Anderson, Anav Ramsing. **Second Row:** Tanveer Virk, Brianna Yeung, Tanna Clegg, Aditya Nair, Ayushi Narayan, Amanda Lee. **Front Row:** Principal Mr Morrison, Victoria Kree, Pahul Kaur, Paul Chan.

[Click here to read full story.](#)



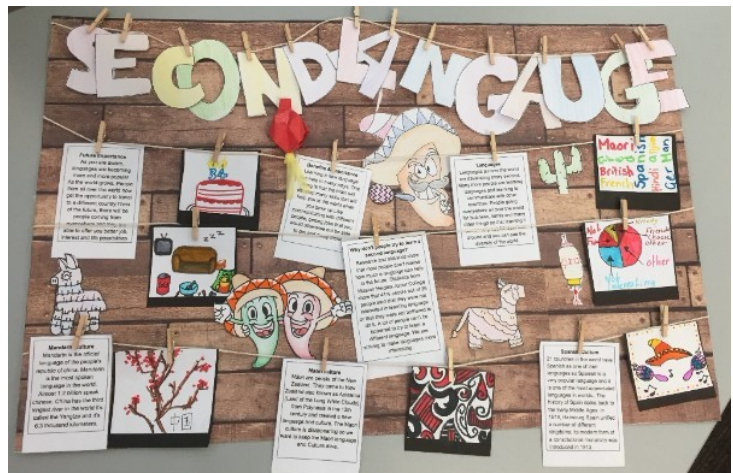
Ocean Racing...and MHJC First Over the Line!

Who would have thought Mission Heights Junior College could win The Volvo Ocean Race without leaving dry land! Education Perfect, the world online educator, worked with race competitors Team Sun Hung Kai - Scallywag, to create their own competition event with lessons relating to the science and maths behind sailing, and the core Sustainability Programme of Volvo Ocean Racing.

Year 9 MHJC students, under the guidance of teacher Mrs Reshmika Lal, took to the contest like ducks to water, blitzing their competitors by earning a total of 558,259 points. Mission Heights Junior College took out both the Top Class (9W2) and overall Top School awards. This brilliant team performance doubled that of the second place finisher with 18 of the top 30 places also going to MHJC students.

For their efforts the team has won a \$200 shared lunch and students say it was the excitement of the racing and the involvement with an actual Volvo Ocean Race crew Scallywag - an international team made up of Australians, British, Dutch and Portuguese male and female sailors - that kept the pace going among the students.

Teacher Mrs Lal says it illustrates how Maths and Science can be engaging and exciting when put into the context chosen by Education Perfect. [Read more](#)



Language Committee Formed

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to form our Languages Committee 2018: Jennifer Zeng, Nikhilesh

Priscilla Naidoo on gaining her Masters degree in Legal Literacy - Auckland secondary school principals' understanding of education law. Priscilla had earned a **Bachelor of Law** qualification and after several years teaching decided to open her own legal practice. Although enjoying the challenge of being an attorney, she missed being an advocate for students, helping them realise they're stronger and more resilient than they ever thought possible. This void saw Priscilla return to teaching with an increased awareness of the need for equity and social justice in teaching to enable more just and equitable life-chances for all learners. The in-depth knowledge acquired through the research for the **Masters degree** enables Priscilla to work with **Principals and Boards of Trustees** to help enhance their understanding of education law and raise their levels of **legal literacy**. Priscilla's graduation ceremony will take place in July.



Inspiring Women

Mission Heights Junior College was host to the second in the series of **Womens Changemakers Breakfasts**. Two highly inspiring women Tracey Moore and Keera Ofren spoke to the audience of students, teachers and family. [Full story](#). Following the event Keera posted on the **MHJC Facebook** page ...*"Thank you, it was an honour to speak to such a positive and proactive audience, many of whom are changemakers in their own way and are continuing to pave that way for themselves at school and beyond. I truly enjoyed the opportunity. Thank you for such a memorable International Women's Day and for hosting me."* Click to Video <https://youtu.be/Xunp9TQBww4>

Prasad, Wasan Abunada, Yang Yang Zheng, Annie Lu, Rachana Rajeev, Baaj Singh, Kathleen Tieu, Annie Man, Yuan Tsai, Kiesya Liew and Devanshi Mani. The committee will organise school events and activities to promote learning an additional language among **MHJC** students. Pictured above is one of the posters they have made.



Mountains Take on a City Challenge

Mountains Year 8 and 10 students took part in a **City Challenge** to support their classroom learning context. The **Leadership Challenge** required Year 10s to lead groups of Year 8 students through an **Amazing Race** in and around **Albert Park**. A second focus on **Communication and Teamwork** included a visit to the **Art Gallery** and to find an owl from **The Big Hoot** art series. The final challenge was completing the **Great Escape**, with groups locked in a themed room requiring solving puzzles in order to escape. The day trip was a great success with students identifying a range of different challenges and the Year 10's having the opportunity to use many **different leadership styles** learned in class.



History Class Visit Auckland Museum

Our Year 10 students had an enlightening day out exploring the **WWI** and **WWII** galleries at the **Auckland Museum**. Students spent time with the **Museum Librarians** learning about their **primary source/evidence collections** and how to use them. They were also given access to manuscripts that were more than one hundred years old. Some students are planning weekend trips back to use the **Museums' Library Collection**.

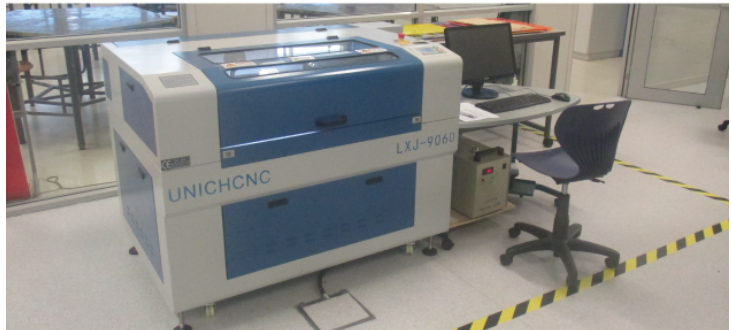


Late in March students from 7M1, 7W2 and 8C2 visited the **Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple** in East Tamaki as part of their **Chinese Cultural Learning**. They revisited the **3G** concept (Good deeds, Good thoughts and Good words) and were able to recite it in **Mandarin**. Later, they practised **Taichi** in the courtyard accompanied by relaxing oriental music and a highlight was having **Yumchar** at the Chapel Road **Star Cafe**.



Chinese Bridge Speech Competition May 2018

MHJC students have won merit prizes in previous competitions. Please register your interest in participating by the end of the term, 13th April 2018. For more information [click here](#)



MHJC has the Cutting Edge!

MHJC has taken delivery of a new **Laser Cutting** machine. Such sophisticated equipment is normally found in large secondary schools and universities and our Year 7 - 10 students will gain a head start in being **trained to use this modern technology**. Weighing 280 kilos the removal of the machine from the truck to its new home on the top floor of **Water Whanau** was quite a task with the balcony rail needing dismantling before it was hoisted onto the landing using a truck crane and then rolled in place.

Following **commissioning and testing** it is now in full use by technology and Inkscape DEEP students, already **producing designs for their technology projects** that were not possible using the existing laser cutter. The new machine has **ten times the laser power** and has a cutting speed fifteen times faster with a positional accuracy of 0.05mm. It also cuts and engraves a wide range of materials, except steel.



Leadership Council supporting Auckland City Mission

This term the **Leadership Council** had identified **Auckland City Mission** as an important organisation in our community to support. Led by **Mrs Uluka Singh**, students research showed that over two thousand families are dependant on food parcels from the **Mission**, each week. This alarming statistic inspired students to **contribute to make a difference**. A can drive collected **600 cans** donated by students and staff.



Student Competition 2018

All students are encouraged to make a video or poster delivering the message 'It's important to learn a second language'. Share your video or poster with Mrs Gao through Google Drive by 12th April 2018. For more information, [click here](#)



Mission Heights Junior College artists, under the guidance of Art Teacher Ms Hanna-Latham, entered into the Auckland-wide art trail Little Hoot Big Hoot. Our entry, named Kaitiaki, sits proudly in the Botany Library - vey apt place for a wise owl! There is also an entertaining book 'Manu's Journey' connected to the event which was held throughout March. It's about a little owl recovering after his cancer treatment and is available to purchase online in support of the Child Cancer Foundation.

Protocol for Signing Out for Appointments or Illness

Please contact the Senior Leader of the Whanau through the Whanau Administration team:



Wero White Water Park Trip for Forest YR 9 & 10 PE

This state of the art water complex is the best in the world and was developed and is managed by NZ Olympic Gold medalist Ian Fergusson. While Year 9's focused on water awareness and water safety, Year 10 students completed the NCEA level 1 assessment 'Demonstrate Responsible Behaviour' while involved in an outdoor activity. Both classes started with river crossings and understanding how to mitigate the risks involved. The rafting students learnt paddle techniques, rescue and swim techniques and had an opportunity to float down the rapids and safely identify how to avoid the hazards. Both students and teachers enjoyed the fun learning environment on offer.



Tea with the Governor General

Teachers Ulika Singh, Reshmika Lal, Abigail Shields and Dr Rajesh Joshi, along with 23 students from Y7 & 10, enjoyed an outing to meet Hon Dame Patsy Reddy, the Governor General of New Zealand, at Government House in Auckland. Guests included Race Relations Commissioner, Dame Susan Devoy and comedian Jeremy Elwood [7 Days] and others from television and radio. 'GIVE NOTHING TO RACISM', the Race Relations Commission's project, was discussed and as one of the most diverse cities in the world, Auckland is challenged to practice tolerance and acceptance when embracing people from other countries and communities. A message back to the school: "On behalf of Dame Susan Devoy, we would like to express our sincere thanks to you, fellow teachers, parents and most importantly the children for attending the Race Relations Day function with the Governor General. We sincerely hope that you all had a very successful and enjoyable afternoon. We were honoured to have you all present. Please convey our thanks and appreciation to everyone that attended."

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email.

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at the MHJC Reception. If the
student is returning to school
on the same day, the parent
must also sign the student in at
the MHJC Reception, please.



Forest Camp Adair Adventure 2018

Accompanied by Mrs Ismail, Mrs Bartlett, Mr Gardi and Mr Groenewald a group of highly excited Year 7 and year 10 helpers set off for Camp Adair. The activities chosen for them during the camp included the mud confidence course, the high swing, islands in the sky, the pamper pole, bushcraft and archery. Everyone's favourite activity was probably the mud slide and most students had a marvellous time sliding down the slippery slope into a muddy - yet refreshing pond of water - even Mr Gardi and Mrs Ismail took part! Although it rained on and off for the next two days this did not dampen the spirits of the students as they continued to challenge themselves. The Year 10s hosted evening activities including blindfolding people who then had to feed each other and teams dressing a model by designing an outfit out of newspaper! All agreed this was a **GREAT Camp** and the students all had a wonderful time bonding with their cohort and year 10 leaders. **Thanks must go to staff and Mr Rubanand** for behind the scenes work ensuring the camp went off without a hitch.



Camp Kokako for Mountains Year 7 and Y10

Mountains Y7 students attended a 2-night camp at Kokako Lodge near Hunua Falls accompanied by student mentors and guides from Y10. On Day 3, enroute back to school, they visited Duder Regional Park to

MHJC School

DISCO Time



Theme:
CARTOONS

6:30pm - 8:30pm
Thursday April 12

Food & Drinks:
Soft Drinks – \$2
Choc Bars – \$2
Pkts Chips – \$2
Brownies – \$2

Entry: \$5
Parents must drop off.
Students must be collected from the theatre (not outside) at 8:30pm sharp please.



DEEP School Outreach Programme

The School Outreach DEEP class was created to support the Bruce McLaren Retirement Village in Botany. It is here our students passions had ignited to support the elderly residents through random acts of kindness, communication and create strong friendships thereby gaining an awareness and empathy for others. Students take part in many activities -

tramp and for water skills and safety training with NZ Surf Lifesaving Association at nearby Umupuia Beach. Over the three days students had participated in many capacity building and fun activities. For most, it was the first experience to stay away from their whanau and tested their emotional strength, learning to manage themselves and be independent. They helped teachers in the kitchen in exploring how to benefit from working together with people who have different strengths and skills. This camp was organised to build and promote friendships, resilience and independence among students.



Water Whanau Rocks Raglan!

Over three days Water Whanau Yr 7 & 10 students completed several activities at Camp Raglan including a Bush-to-Beach walk, kayaking, BMX riding, rock climbing, aquatics and the confidence course. A Camp Auction and Showcase, as well as a technology challenge Fashion Show, were all fun indoor activities! 'Charlie' from Raglans' Nitro Eels was invited to join students at camp. He explained how their system of Water Management used aquaculture ponds to support farmers in managing their farms in a manner that mitigates the environmental impact on adjoining drains and waterways. Water Whanau's six skilled and patient parent helpers mucked-in to ensure activities, meal times and clean-up routines ran like clockwork - thank you all for your tremendous support!

Sports Report

Term 1 has been very busy with many summer sports taking place as well as the selection of winter sport teams. Our annual school swimming sports also took place and MHJC has also entered into many more summer sports than ever before!

knitting, board games, baking, themes, crafts, gardening, music and engage in discussions with interesting folk with so much historical knowledge and wisdom. Two residents are WWII veterans - one having spent 4 years as a Prisoner of War in North Africa. His stories captivated students and teachers alike. It is hoped that this DEEP programme can continue for many years and special thanks goes to **Topsy Reynolds** for her support with this programme.



Bad Weather Couldn't Dampen These Spirits!

Persistent rain meant indoor activities and cabins became the alternative option for the planned 9W1 & 9W2 overnight EOTC trip. Visits to **Snow Planet** for skiing and snow boarding and the **Goat Island Discovery Centre** examining beautiful rocky shore creatures in the impressive 'touch tank' was fascinating and fun for the students. The following day's visit to the **Shakespear Open Reserve** meant students participated in an interactive **SOSSI Education** lesson about the **pest eradication programme** and an instructed **mountain bike tour** of the scenic reserve. This was followed by a **beach cleanup** in response to growing concerns about the issue of plastic waste on our marine environment. Sadly, several **Little Blue Penguins (Kororā)** were discovered deceased on the beach, leading students to question whether this was the result of plastics in their ocean habitat, predators, stormy waters or other causes. Students identified that it was meaningful to put learning to action



Swimming Sports:

It was a beautiful summers day for our **Annual School Swimming Sports** with MHJC students giving it their best in all categories. Talent definitely emerged and staff and students were in awe of how fast some of the swimmers were finishing their events. A big congratulations to champions **Water Whanau** who took out the **Swimming Sports house shield with 701 points!**

Junior Boys Swimming Champion - Leo Arrowsmith

Junior Girls Swimming Champion - Kaitlyn Rohm

Senior Girls Swimming Champion - Marissa Dodd

Senior Boys Swimming Champion - William Chen

Counties Manukau Swimming Competition:

12 of our talented swimmers in our **Year 9 and Year 10** cohort qualified to swim at the **Counties Manukau Competition**. While no-one placed in the top three of their events this gave our students the opportunity to show their talent against elite competition.

Cricket:

Cricket continues to be one of the **most popular summer sports** here at MHJC. Our senior students play in the **Colts 2 Grade**, competing against schools across the wider **Auckland region** and are fortunate to be coached by Premier Club Coach **Mr Pasupati**. Our junior students play in the **South Eastern Zone Cricket Competition** and selected students from those teams are chosen for the **National Cup team**.

Colts Cricket:

Our **Colts cricket team** have had a tough start this year, going up against some of the **top cricketing schools in Auckland**. The boys have struggled and had some close games but retained a strong spirit with good performances by **Harjot Singh, Ross Khurana and Kayan Kermani**. The much anticipated final game for Term 1 against **Auckland Grammar School** was unfortunately rained out.

SEZ Cricket:

This year MHJC hosted the **SEZ Cricket Tournament** along with the support of **Papatoetoe Cricket**. In windy, cold conditions the boys played hard but did not make the semi-finals. This competition was also a final trial for all the students for the **National Cup Team**.

and contribute by *"thinking globally and acting locally."*



SEZ Swimming

Congratulations to Leo Arrowsmith (7F2) who finished 1st equal in 50m Backstroke, and 3rd in both 50m Freestyle and 50m Breaststroke. He missed out on first in the 100m Freestyle by less than 0.3 of a second! Leo represented the zone at the Inter-zone Event on the 6th April and earned a credible 4th overall in breaststroke and 7th overall in Backstroke.



Three students excel at Tag Rugby!

Brooklyn-Rose Timu and Troy Korewha (above) took part in the inaugural Oceania Cup Tag Rugby Tournament held over 3 days, in South Auckland. Both represented Aotearoa Māori, with Troy earning a Silver Medal in the U14 Boys and Brooklyn winning a Gold Medal in the U14 Mixed Team. Rios Tasmania (7W2) was also selected for the New Zealand



National Cup Team:

The team lost to St Kentigerns and Rosmini and won by default against Kristin which may not be enough to go through to the next round. Mantej Singh performed well scoring a 50 well supported by Brayden Walter.



SEZ Softball:

For the first time in years MHJC has entered two junior softball teams. An excellent day out saw students learning and loving the game! There was some natural talent evident in the girls team, with players achieving two triple plays in one game and skilled pitching from Madisyn Hohua-Tata (8M1), Karmanjeet Sandhu (8W1) and Marion Aimee Petelo (8F1). The boys competed well by beating some top schools in the zone. Many got their first home run and with this the excitement and determination grew. Excellent individual running came from Rios Tasmania (7W2) and well-executed pitching from Michael Peacock (8M1) and AJ Bassano (8W1).

Thanks to students Ethan Kidd (10M2) and Ricky Bassano (9W2) who helped coach and prepare the teams for the competition, both showing great leadership and sportsmanship to step up and umpire a school zone two-day tournament. MHJC is very grateful to Mrs Dionne Bassano,

Invitational Under 12 Boys Team which won their grade.

Great performances by our junior Tag Rugby players.



Cricketer of the Year

MHJC cricketer Mantej Singh picked up two of the top awards at end-of-season prize giving at his cricket club **Howick -Pakuranga**. Mantej received a special prize for achieving **four half centuries** during the season: 53 runs against Cornwall, 52 at East Coast Bays and 50 runs against Parnell and Takapuna. His outstanding skills earned Mantej the trophy for **Player of the Year** for Howick-Pakuranga!



Boccia Champions

Congratulations to MHJC students **Arvinth** and **Ashvin Sathy** who competed in the **Auckland Primary Schools Boccia Championships** and both achieved top placings! **Arvinth** won third place and **Ashvin** nabbed the overall winning spot. **Boccia** is a game played by individuals, pairs, or mixed teams of three. The aim of the game is to throw leather balls – coloured red or blue as close as they can to a white target ball, or jack. The boys participated in the **North Island Boccia Championship** at **Tauranga** in March and despite

parent helper, who coached the team, organising DEEPs and trainings during lunchtimes and making it possible for **MHJC** to compete.



Howick Fun Run:

It was a great family-friendly event on a beautiful Sunday morning with competitors of all ages running or walking the **tough** courses around **Howick**. For the first time this year MHJC entered **9** students competing for the **Intermediate Cup**. Staff members, also ran the 6.9km or 8.1km courses, in support of the students. **Congratulations to all staff and students who took part.**

Winter Sports:

The **trials for most winter sports** are now completed with only **Basketball** left to finalise. A reminder that all winter sports will run for the whole of Term 2 and part of Term 3. Details are in the permission slips sent out and students are expected to attend both training and games. **Commitment is vital** to achieve personal or team success and we encourage parents to ensure their child is **upholding their commitment.**

STOP PRESS:

Congratulations to MHJC students **Victoria Kree** and **Ronak Lal** who have just been selected for an exciting enviro leadership opportunity - the **Manukau Harbour Forum's Young Sustainability Leaders Wananga**. This leadership and mentoring programme involves students spending three days connecting with peers from schools across the region. They will interact with **marine experts**, learn **marine skills**, and find out first-hand about **marine diversity** and the key issues facing the **Manukau Harbour** and **Auckland's waterways**. A great opportunity for Victoria and Ronak to be chosen from a large applicant pool of students!

being the youngest participants, did exceptionally well, managing to beat two former para olympians with **Arvinth** taking home a **Bronze medal**. Playing as individuals or pairs these two are a force to be reckoned with!



SEZ Tennis Update

Ethan Chen (8M2) narrowly missed out by 2 points on securing 3rd place in the singles tennis Championships. **Kaira Kandu** (7M2) won 2 out of 5 games. Overall this was a great experience for the team and the only way now is up!

Summer of Baseball for the Bassano Brothers!



Brothers **Ricky** and **AJ Bassano** have baseball futures in their sights as both boys flew to Australia in January after being selected to represent the Super City in the 2018 Gold Coast Classic Baseball Tournament. Ricky(U14) and AJ (U12) took part in two of the three

Our school is using *Reading Plus* to help students become better readers. *Reading Plus* is a web-based program that helps students develop the skills they need to be proficient readers and independent learners. Through regular *Reading Plus* practice, your student will begin to read faster with better comprehension. To learn more about *Reading Plus*, visit www.readingplus.com.

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age grades with the U14 team placed third and the U12 winning first place. Back home in March the final of the **2018 United Airlines U16 Baseball National Championships** was held with Ricky Bassano's Howick & Pakuranga Hawks U16 team going into the finals undefeated. The play off for first place was against North Shore and after two and a half hours of play, North Shore was victorious with a final score of 3-0. A **Silver medal** for Ricky to add to the Bassano growing medal collection!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday 10th April - SEZ Orienteering

Thursday 12th April - Sports Camp Parents Evening from 5:30-6:30pm

Thursday 12th April - AIMS Games Parents Evening from 6:30-7:30pm



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!

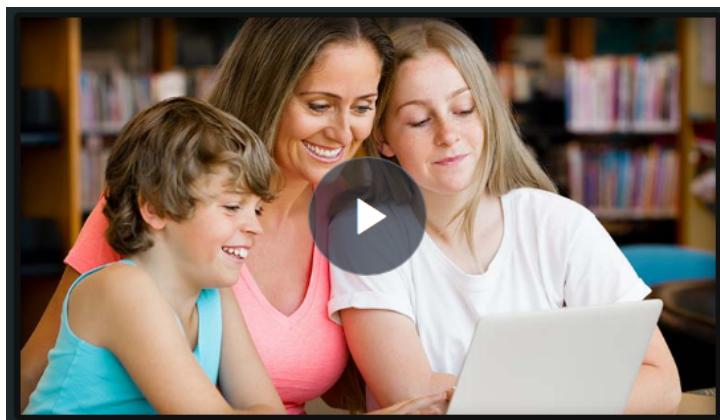
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- ✓ Gives student the freedom to study without stress, at home, in their own time, at their own pace.
- ✓ Students can catch up on lessons they missed or concepts they have not fully understood.
- ✓ Because maths concepts build upon each other, sometimes it's necessary for students to go back and revise a particular concept before moving on to a new topic, this can be done as every student has access to the entire Year 1 to 13 program curriculum.
- ✓ Students can preview lessons at home before they take them at school.
- ✓ Students can gain understanding and confidence especially in areas where they struggled previously.
- ✓ Students can complete the worksheets and interactive questions to test their understanding. All of their results are recorded so that their progress can easily be seen.
- ✓ Above all, it works!

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Education Perfect is a new learning platform that MHJC is using this year to support effective and engaging learning in Science for all students. It is also being used by senior students to supplement other digital tools already in use. Education Perfect is being used by over 1000 schools with 3000000 students signed in to the program.

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Introduction: Threatened Species 6

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MCQ: Species Assessment
Introduction: Species Threats
Drag and Drop: Species Threats
Species Classification
Introduction: Species Conservation
MCQ: Species Conservation
Skills Section: NZ Bird Songs

Have you ever heard someone say that an animal is **endangered** or **threatened**?

Many species of animal in the world today are. For example, 37% of New Zealand's native bird species are considered threatened and 34% have already become extinct!

In this **Smart Lesson**, you will learn about how scientists classify different species as healthy, threatened or endangered, and some of the threats that affect these species.



The three top scorers at the Volvo Ocean Race (left to right) Jasper Carpenter, Nikhilesh Prasad and Jahnvi Shah.

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EDUCATION

First over the line in school ocean racing challenge

Who would have thought Mission Heights Junior College (MHJC) could win The Volvo Ocean Race without leaving dry land!

Education Perfect, the world online educator, worked with race competitors Team Sun Hung Kai - Scallywag, to create their own competition event using lessons relating to the science and maths behind sailing as well as the core Sustainability Programme of Volvo Ocean Racing.

The Education Perfect Volvo Ocean Race Challenge took place over 10 days in March, and included participants from more than 250 schools around New Zealand.

MHJC Year 9 students, under the guidance of teacher Mrs Reshmika Lal, took to the contest like ducks to water,

blitzing their competitors by adding to the school total of 558,259 points.

The school took out both the Top Class (9W2) and overall Top School awards. The impressive team performance doubled that of the second place finisher with 18 of the top 30 places also going to MHJC students.

The team has won a \$200 shared lunch along with a special keepsake - an official photo of Sun-Hung Kai Scallywag which has been signed by the whole racing team!

Students say it was the excitement of the racing and the involvement with an actual Volvo Ocean Racing crew made up of Australians, British, Dutch and Portuguese male and female sailors that inspired them to keep going and ultimately succeed.



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Prize Giving at 1 pm



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Monday's in Water Whanau &
Wednesday's in Coast Whanau

MATHS CLUB

3:15PM TO 4:15PM

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