

We hope you enjoy the **February 2019** edition of 'Mission Heights Junior College News.'

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"A special welcome to our new students and to those returning..."



Principal, Mr Ian Morrison

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to all new and returning students and staff for a landmark year. I am, as always excited by the prospects the year holds as we share the learning journey of our students towards their greatness.

Looking ahead we are excited to be celebrating the school's 10th Birthday later this term as well as beginning our first 10 Year Property Plan. I encourage parents to consider standing for election for the Board of Trustees with elections in term 2, a committee which with the Tomorrows' Schools review has shown will have an important role to play in the direction, governance and leadership of our school.

We will be focusing on creativity this year - a key quality that came through last year's consultation with the community about what we would consider to be an important future skill. We will be looking at how we can promote an environment inside and outside the classroom for creativity to thrive. This will help our students to face the challenges and opportunities of the future.

With one of the hottest summers in memory may I repeat our drive for our community to be sun-safe. Please ensure hats or caps are worn for any outdoor activity. We have sunscreen in every whānau as well to help protect our students' skin - a wise investment.

Best wishes for the year.

'Growing greatness - kia mana ake'  
Ian Morrison

## Our Vision:

'Growing Greatness through innovative, constantly evolving personalised learning'



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Introducing the new Mission Heights Junior College

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### Upcoming Events



Dates are also published on our [Mission Heights online](#).  
(See Sports Report for Dates of sporting events)

**Vaccination Yr 8 Gardasil**  
Thursday 14th February

**Chinese Cultural Dress Day**  
Friday 15th February

**Coast Yr 10 Water Safety**  
Monday 18th to Thursday 21st February

**Yr 7 Disco**  
3:30pm - 5pm Thursday 21st February

**Coast First Aid Training Yr 7**  
Monday 26th to Tuesday 27th February

**Kayaking Y10**  
Monday 26th February

**Mountains First Aid Yr 7**  
Wednesday 27th February

**Teacher Only Day**  
Thursday 28th February

**Mountains Camp**  
Monday 4th - Wednesday 6th March

**Forest Pop-Up Globe Y10**  
Tuesday 5th March

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Tuesday 5th March

**Coast Camp**  
Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th March

**Forest Camp**  
Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th March

**Tournament of Minds Workshop**  
Saturday 9th March

### teachers for 2019

From left to right: Douglas Choong- Coast Whanau, Maths and Science  
Logan Dobson - Coast Whanau, Global Studies and English  
Jan Newbold - Mountains Whanau, Visual Arts Specialist  
Erin Steel - Water Whanau, Global Studies and Drama  
Iris Brandauer - Forest Whanau, Science Term 1 for Gillian Bartlett  
Sahara Singh - Forest Whanau, English and Global Studies



### Film Success Tops off the Year!

A few days before Christmas the local paper ran a piece congratulating our MHJC students for their win in this years Outlook for Somewhere New Zealand Film competition. Well done to all our entrants! Outlook for Someday winning MHJC film makers: (left to right) Farhaan Mohammed, Raiyan Khan and Andrew Ma. Read the article: <https://www.times.co.nz/news/is-the-game-playing-you/>



### Our First Reunion!

This year is a very important year for Mission Heights Junior College. In April we will celebrate 10 years of *Growing Greatness* and we ask our past and present school community to share in the celebrations. We will be bringing updates regularly and we do ask for those families who have remained in touch with past students to spread the word!



### Kayaking Yr10

Monday 11th March

### Water Safety Yr9

Monday 11th March

### Girls Breakfast

Theatre 7:00am Wednesday 13th March

### Polyfest 2019

Wednesday 13th - Saturday 16th March

### River Rafting Forest Yr10

Wednesday 13th March

### Water Camp

Monday 18th - Wednesday 20th March

### Board of Trustees meeting

Thursday 21st March

### Outdoor Education Yr10

Totara Park, Monday 25th March

### Kayaking Yr10

Monday 1st April

### Otago Maths Comp Yr 9 & 10

Tuesday 2nd - Wednesday 3rd April

### 10 Year Celebration Dinner

Thursday 4th April

### 10 Year Celebration Assemblies

Friday 5th April

### MHJC 10 Year Celebration

Saturday 6th April

### Photolife - Teams & Groups

Theatre, Monday 8th April

### Epro8 Semi Finals

Wednesday 10th - Friday 12th April

### Otago Problem Solving Competition Yr 7 & 8

Theatre, Thursday 11th April

### End of Term 1

Friday 12th April @ 1:00pm



Above: On Friday February 8 MHJC Teaching and Support staff acknowledged the start of the 2019 Chinese New Year - Year of the Pig - by arriving at school resplendent in red! Chinese celebrations will continue with the 2019 Auckland Lantern Festival from Thursday 14 - Sunday 17 February.

### Friday 15 - Chinese New Year for MHJC Students

Students that would like to participate, by celebrating and supporting our cultural diversity will need to wear either red, yellow or gold clothing (red in the Chinese culture represents good luck). Join us at lunchtime for cultural activities as well as entertainment in the bike shed and outside Mountains Whanau. There will also be a Chinese traditional food tasting N.B. This event is neither compulsory or a mufti day and students choosing not to wear cultural colours will attend school on Friday in uniform.

### Save the Date - Annual Girls' Breakfast

Bring your Mum/Grandma/Aunty/Sister/Cousin/Friend to our annual breakfast on Wednesday 13 March at 7am!

Cost \$10 a ticket or \$15 student/adult combo ticket

*Be inspired, be empowered, and be motivated by our guest speakers.*

*Stay tuned for more details.*

A friendly reminder that compulsory fees are due by the end of Week 3 (Friday 22nd February).

## Sports Report

### IMPORTANT - SPORT SIGN-UP

Sport sign-ups have begun for all Term 1 Sports and Winter Sport and trials will take place for some sports teams this week. Dates, times and venue information will be uploaded onto the school website under the events section. Daily email updates regarding trial information will also be sent to students. All wishing to sign up for sport can do so [via email](#) or visit the Sports Office before/during breaks only and after school to talk with Ms Van Rensburg.

### TERM 1 Sports Timetable:

**Junior A Boys Cricket** starts Saturday 16th February - 23rd March

**SEZ Softball Yr 7 & 8 Trials** Thursday 14th February 1:10 pm - 2:00 pm

Year 7



**DISCO**  
(free)  
Thursday  
21st February  
3.30pm to 5pm  
in the theatre.

Parents must collect students from the theatre at 6pm sharp.

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

REMINDER


## School Tours



Mission Heights Junior College is open for viewing by the public every week on Wednesday mornings starting at 9:45am from our school reception.

*Come and see our learners in action!*

- Orienteering Sprint Series** starts 19th February - 26th March
- SEZ Boys Cricket** Tuesday 19th February
- MHJC Swimming Sports** Wednesday 20th February
- SEZ Girls Cricket** Thursday 21st February
- SEZ Boys Softball Tournament** Tuesday 5th March
- SEZ Girls Softball Tournament** Wednesday 6th March
- College Sport Counties Zone Athletics** Wednesday 6th March
- SEZ Tag** Tuesday 12th March
- College Sport Counties Zone Swimming** Tuesday 12th March
- SEZ Swimming** Friday 22nd March
- SEZ Tennis** Thursday 28th March
- Rugby Development Yr 7 & 8** Tuesday 2nd April
- SEZ Orienteering** Wednesday 10th April



HOMWORK CLUBS

Make a difference!

Encourage your friends to come along to Homework Club

SEEK SUPPORT

- e-Learning
- Resubmissions
- Class Work
- Teacher Help

Homework Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm Monday's in WATER and Wednesday's in COAST

Maori & Pacific Club 3:15 pm - 4:15pm Monday's in Mountains

Maths Club 3:15 pm - 4:15pm Monday's in COAST

## Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

# \$500

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