

We hope you enjoy **Term 2's** edition of 'Mission Heights Junior College News.'

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Principal, Mr Ian Morrison

Our Vision:

'Growing Greatness through innovative, constantly evolving personalised learning'



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Matariki or the **Māori New Year** is a time for **reflection**. Now is a good time to look back on the first part of the year. Have I made significant progress towards my goals? How am I showing our **values of integrity/pono, compassion/awhinatanga and learning how to learn/ako**. For Year 8 students it is time to contemplate the next stage of your journey as you decide on options for next year and for **Year 10 students** you are thinking about your pathway to senior college.

For all of us it is hoped the bargaining and industrial action may be at an end so we can all move forward. It has been an unsettling and at times disruptive process and I thank again our community for its patience and understanding.

The new **Board of Trustees** has had its first meeting and it is gratifying to see a nice balance of three former members (**Mrs Grant, Mr Tuhaka and Mr Bassano**) and fresh new ideas coming from two new parents (**Mrs Wang and Mrs Bajwa**) and a new staff trustee (**Mr Hishey**). More information will be on our website about our trustees and the work they will be doing and we thank **Miss Hunter, Mr Telfer and Mrs Naidu** who had served the board in its last term or longer.

Our students continue to participate at high levels and excel with a highlight being over **\$11,000 dollars raised** (and still counting) for **World Vision during the 40 Hour Famine** appeal. Such selfless action shows we have students who possess a sense of purpose - something we promote during "disruptive" times and which will grow in importance as digital technology and artificial intelligence threatens to challenge the landscape of the traditional model of finding meaning through vocation. To serve others is an ideal worth following whether for personal gain or not. **Growing greatness/Kia mana ake!**

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Upcoming Events



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

End of Term 2

Friday 5 July @ 1:00pm

Start of Term 3

Monday 22nd July

Sir Ed Hillary's Birthday (Y100)

Tuesday 23rd July

Great English Competition

Wednesday 24th July

Otago Problem Solving Competition

Thursday 25th July

Mountains Virtual Reality Day

Friday 26th July

Yr 7 & 8 Otago Problem Solving Competition

Friday 26th July

MHJC Cross Country

Friday 26th July

MHJC Cross Country

Monday 29th July (Rain Date)

Yr 6 Parent & Student Information Evening

Monday 29th July 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Yr 7-10 Australian Chemistry Quiz

Tuesday 30th July

Australian Maths Competition

Tuesday 30th July

Tip Top Factory Trip

Wednesday 31st July

Yr 7-10 Australian Maths

Thursday 1st August

AAIMS Sport Council Meeting

Thursday 1st August

MHJC Science Fair - Entries Due

Friday 2nd August



Sharing the history of Matariki through stories

Four Year 7 Māori and Pasifika students from Mountains whānau were invited to TreeTops ECE at Botany Junction during the week of Matariki. Jayda, Alana, Alyssa and Mihcha read stories to groups of students about the importance of Matariki and its history. The students asked a lot of questions about the books and the girls enjoyed sharing part the Māori culture with the students. Thanks to Mrs Townsend for helping select the books to share.



MHJC Ambassadors in Singapore

Our MHJC students returned from the 25th annual 'Young Leaders Convention', hosted at the Hwa Chong Institution in Singapore. They have brought back with them the prestigious award of 'Best Delegation 2019'! We're very proud of these wonderful ambassadors for the school.

MHJC Science Fair - Judging
Monday August 5th

Tournament of Minds Workshop
Friday 9th August

Dental Van - Yr 8
Monday 12th - 13th August

MHJC Speech Competition
Wednesday 14th August

MHJC Mathex Evening
Thursday 15th August 7:00pm

Board Meeting
Thursday 15th August

In Zone Enrolments Due - 2020
Closing date: Friday 16th August

MHJC Speech Finals
Monday 19th August

Yr 7 & 8 Otago Maths Competition
Thursday 20th August

Auckland Mathex Yr 9 & 10
Wednesday 21st August

Otago Problem Solving Comp Yr 7 & 8
Thursday 22nd August

Dental Van Yr 8
Monday 26th - 27th August

NIWA SCIENCE FAIR Prize Giving
Tuesday 27th August

Yr 9 Forest Governance Trip (Wgton)
Wednesday 28th August

William Pike Visit
Wednesday 28th August

Amped for Life Presentation
Wednesday 28th August

Kaonga Festival
Thursday 30th August

Tournament of Minds Regionals
Friday 31st August

Attitude Presentations
Monday 2nd September

Yr 7 Vision Testing
Monday 2nd September

ICAS Digital Technologies
Tuesday 3rd September

Out of Zone Enrolments Due - 2020
Wednesday 4th September

ICAS Science Yr 7-10
Thursday 5th September

William Pike Challenge
Friday 6th September

AIMS Games - Tauranga
Sunday 8th - Friday 13th September

Maori Language Week
Monday 9th - Saturday 14th September

ICAS Writing Yr 7-10



A 'Tree-mendous' effort for Auckland!

Over fifty **Mission Heights Junior College Year 7** students joined 250 other volunteers at **Totara Park** last week to support **Auckland Mayor Phil Goff's** pledge to plant a **Million Trees in the Auckland region**. The planting of a **Puriri** marked the **millionth tree milestone**. **Phil Goff**, thanked the volunteers and organisations that had worked to deliver the project. *"Putting a million trees in the ground was always going to be an ambitious undertaking, but Aucklanders have come together to make our city a better, greener place to live. It's exemplified people power, and the love Aucklanders have for their environment."*



Multi-colourful Cultural Day!

MHJC celebrated annual **Cultural Dress Day** with a competition on Friday 3rd May. It was great to see so many students participating in the **Traditional Wear** or **Cultural Passion Wear** categories. There were so many beautiful and colourful costumes and creative outfits. A great day to celebrate our **cultural diversity**.

Tuesday 10th September

ICAS Spelling Yr 7-10

Wednesday 12th September

Haka Celebration

Friday 13th September

PhotoLife Teams/Groups

Monday 16th September

ICAS English Yr 7-10

Tuesday 17th September

ICAS Maths Yr 7-10

Thursday 19th September

MHJC School Social

Thursday 19th September

Board Meeting

Thursday 19th September 5:00pm
- 8:00pm

**MHJC Student-Led
Conferences**

Friday 20th September

Teacher Only Day

Friday 20th September

Chinese Language Week

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th
September

End of Term 3

Friday 27th September @ 1:00pm

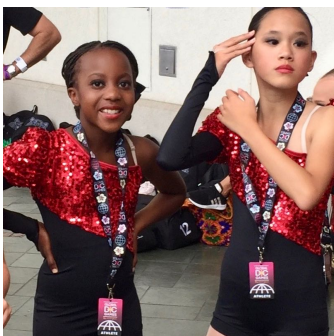
REMINDER

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!



Congratulations **Samara Ngoro**
on her recent success competing
in the **Global Dance + Cheer
Games** in Hawaii May 2019.
Samara and her team had an
incredible week in Honolulu, and
all of their hard work paid off by
coming **second in the
competition!**

**12th Chinese Bridge Speech
University of Auckland**



Students **Prabhjot Sodhi** (10M2) and **Saniya Lal** (8W1) competed in the prestigious Chinese Bridge Speech competition, in conjunction with the University of Auckland. **Congratulations Prabhjot** for winning **First Prize** in the Junior Secondary Category Auckland region; the highest award MHJC has achieved since. **Saniya Lal** also won a **Merit Prize** in the event.



School Outreach DEEP

Three teams from the **School Outreach** class wrote beautifully illustrated **books in English, Māori and Chinese**. The books have been designed for young patients at **Starship Hospital** and will be gifted to them. A fourth team arranged a **raffle**, raising funds to purchase **11 beautiful story books** as their gift to **Starship Hospital**.



For this years **ANZAC Day 'Lest we Forget' Poetry contest** students were asked to **reflect on the theme: Peace**. Two MHJC students **Saniya Lal** and **Andrew Ma** were selected to read their entries to a special audience at the **Auckland Museum on ANZAC Day**. Both were chosen from over **167 poets**. Congratulations on the **moving insights within your poems**.



MHJC has once again ranked **1st globally** in **Education Perfect's 2019 SCIENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS!** Congratulations to **Kowshi Obli Raj**, **Leo Arrowsmith** (8F2) and **Bhavisha Ram** (9F1) who ranked top 10 globally. **Jason Wong** (10M2) won the **ELITE PRIZE** (10,000+ points) of a \$50 GiftPay



MHJC has so much Talent!

This year's **Talent Quest** certainly brought out the depth of musical talent at our school! A wonderful audience attended **raising \$270, for 'StarJam'** - a charity inspiring young New Zealanders with disabilities to express themselves through music, dance, singing and performance.

The Final Results were:

1st place - Georgina Pico (7W1) singing '*Warrior*' by Demi Lovato
2nd place - Sokopeti Lavemai (10W1) singing '*I'd rather go Blind*' by Beyonce
3rd place - The Band, playing '*Dance baby*' by Boy Pablo.
 Lead vocals, **Grace Hazell** (10F1);
 Bass guitar, **Ashiv Govind** (10W1);
 Keyboard, **Dallas Barrett-Thomson**(10F2);
 Drums, **Clyde Fronda** (10W2);
 Electric guitar, **Aadi Golchha** (10W2).

Well done for demonstrating confidence and passion in your performances - a fantastic effort by all **MHJC** finalists!

Happy Campers!

Year 9 and 10 Outdoor Education students spent a night camping on the school field as part of their **Term 2 assessment**. Students have been learning about **tent care, tramping nutrition, camp cooking, rope knots, and environmental responsibility**. The evening was spent setting up tents, cooking their planned meals, and night games. In the morning, campers had to cook their breakfasts and take down camp before attending regular classes as 8.30am. It was a great night that has helped them prepare for their end-of-year camping trip.



Mud, Glorious Mud!

voucher. **MHJC** placed...

- 1st overall** globally out of 1,561 schools
- 1st overall** in New Zealand out of 371 schools
- 1st overall** in the 501-1000 students out of 437 schools
- 1st in New Zealand** for the 501-1000 students out of 104 schools



MHJC students raised a massive **\$11,568.70** to support refugees in **Northern Uganda** providing **educational playgrounds, food, water and solar energy** for these communities. A huge thank you to **all 343 students!**



MHJC Year 9 Media student Bill Liu has created this inspiring and professional short film featuring profoundly deaf **MHJC student Nathan Zheng**. Bill's entry '**I Can Hear**' portrays Nathan beautifully and the film is entered into this years Australian '**Focus on Ability**' Film Festival.



Congratulations to **MHJC student Arvinth Sathiyaseelan** who won all **6 out of 6** matches at the **East Auckland Intermediate Chess** competition! This was a 'first' for the competition, and **Arvinth** was

This term, Year 8 students from **Water whānau** travelled to **Ngaruawahia** to participate in the **Junior Tough Guy/Gal Challenge**. The students competed against **1,000 other students** from across **South Auckland** and the **Waikato** in a full day of **mud, challenges, and adventure!** All had an absolute blast and are still talking about the **lovely mud!**



Sports Report

Term 2 Sports Round-up

Sport has grown this year with Term 2 being the **busiest sporting Term** **MHJC** has ever experienced. We have **twenty-two teams** (*approximately 225 students*) playing on a weekly basis, and a further **eight teams** competing in **one-day tournaments** and **competitions**.

MHJC Basketball: We have **6 Junior Teams (ABSL)** for Y7 & 8 students, and they are developing their skills in the game. Participation in the ABSL is an excellent opportunity to compete while playing in teams with their friends. Our **5 Senior Basketball Teams** (Y9 & 10) are competing in the **Counties Manukau Competition** on Thursday afternoons. **Four boys teams and a girls team**, compete in the Y9 & Y10 Grade. **Top level coaches** have taken the teams from strength to strength, with the opportunity to send teams to the **Auckland Basketball Championships** next term. The **MHJC top senior boys team** are currently second in the competition.

MHJC Netball: The **Year 8 AIMS Netball team** play in the Auckland competition at the Auckland netball centre and have won all their games so far. They have been playing some exceptional netball and continue to improve as **AIMS GAMES** approaches. The **Premier Netball Team** have won all their games competing against some of the top schools on Saturday morning and have been promoted. Four other netball teams compete in the **Howick-Pakuranga Netball Competition** on Wednesday afternoons. Rain, hail or shine the students play to the best of their ability, improving every week.

MHJC Football: We now have **five teams (2 senior, 3 Junior)** and the senior boys play in the **Auckland U14 A2 Grade**. The boys finished in the top two in their pool and so go on to play in the Championship round next term. The **Girls First XI** compete in the **Greater Auckland Counties Manukau Junior Grade**. Currently **placed 4th**, the girls, many newcomers to the sport, are improving week by week and celebrated an excellent win against Macleans College. The **SEZ Football Tournaments** are a highlight for junior footballers, and this term the **MHJC Y7 boy's team** and our **Y8 boy's team placed 4th** in their grades.

recently presented with a specially **engraved medal** to acknowledge his fine achievement.



Surprise Performance at Champions Assembly

Warriors legend, MHJC parent and winning **Dancing with the Stars** celebrity, **Manu Vatuvei**, surprised the audience at assembly by arriving with his dance partner, **Loryn Reynolds** to put on a [Champion dancing display!](#)



MHJC student and competitive swimmer **Leo Arrowsmith** took top prizes at the **2019 Counties Manukau Prize Giving Ceremony** including **1st place** for most points overall in the **Age-group Boy's Division** and **1st Fastest Under 12 male** in the **800m Long Distance Freestyle!**

Badminton: MHJC now has **Senior and Junior students** taking part in **badminton competitions**. They have been working hard and are giving a good account of themselves throughout their games.

Table Tennis: Table tennis players are enjoying the **new table tennis club** that has been set up at **MHJC** this year and competing in weekly competitions.

Rototuna Exchange: The **4th annual sports exchange** between **MHJC** and **Rototuna Junior High School** in **Hamilton** was a day full of fun, laughter and competition. Over **300 students competed** in the sports and demonstrated the value of this exchange in our community. The day ended with delicious burgers and juice shared among newfound friends – an experience that the students will remember for life. Next year, **MHJC** will host the event.

Sports Camp: As this newsletter goes out, **forty MHJC students** are attending the second annual **Totara Spring Sports Camp** in **Matamata**. This camp is always a highlight for **MHJC** athletes who may not have been able to attend the **AIMS Games** next term.

Staff volleyball: Our teachers emerged victorious in a friendly game against **BBI** this week. Many thanks to **Mr Nutt** and **Mr Choong** for organising the game and trainings - we hope **Mr Choong** recovers soon!

TERM 3 - Upcoming Events

Currently - Just Smash it Badminton club enrolments for term 3

23 July - Badminton starts again

26 July - **MHJC Cross Country**

1 August - Table Tennis

6 August - **SEZ Netball**

7 August- Combined Points Netball tournament

15 August- **SEZ Cross Country**

26 - 30 August - **Y9&10 Volleyball trials**

26 - 30 August - **Y9&10 Touch Rugby trials**

27 August - **SEZ Boys Basketball**

29 August - **SEZ Girls Basketball**

2 - 6 September - Cricket training sessions start

8-13 September - **AIMs Games** in Tauranga

Thank you to **Mr Wayne Martin** for sharing many wonderful action shots throughout the Term2 **ABSL** module. These are available for students to view on the **MHJC photo drive**.





FROM THE MHJC COUNSELLOR

The school holidays can be a time when students may feel the need to be able to talk to someone, but school counsellors are not available.

Please make use of these numbers at any time during the holidays if you require help.

Youthline

0800 376 633

text 234

Lifeline

0800 543 354

Kidsline

0800 543 754

Or in an **emergency dial 111**