

We hope you enjoy this **Term 3** edition of **'Mission Heights Junior College News.'**

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Let nature be  
your teacher...

Kia ora te  
kaiwhakaako

- William Wordsworth



Principal, Mr Ian Morrison

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Kaitiakitanga/guardianship and conservation

Two of our **strategic goals** are to promote the **Maōri world view** and **environmental sustainability** and one initiative which is very exciting is the utilisation of a precious resource on our doorstep, **Tāne Forest** in order to achieve these goals. We and the primary school have acted as **guardians of this amazing outdoor classroom** over the years with students and the Enviro Council working hard to clear paths and perform other important tasks during that time. **Mr Gardi and Miss Hunter** have developed a long term plan with key actions which will be integrated into the curriculum for our students to learn. For example one *whānau* has already used Technology to **produce wooden signs to identify trees** in the forest and which have their **English, Latin and Māori** translations. There are many ways we can use this natural environment to make learning real and **authentic including understanding, respecting and celebrating the Māori world view of kaitiakitanga**; statistical data collection of rodent activity; scientific testing of water and soil; spending time listening to nature to promote **wellbeing/hauora** and inspiring creative writing.

Our goal would be for **Tāne Forest to be preserved and treasured** so that we and future generations can enjoy its beauty and the lessons it can share. This is particularly relevant in a world where **climate change and its devastating effects** have become so real. I applaud, in particular **the many young people who realise that action is required now** before it is too late. One way to achieve this change is to **think global and act local** - what better place than in Tāne Forest.

**Growing greatness/Kia mana ake!**

**Mr Ian Morrison**  
Principal

## Our Vision:

'Growing Greatness  
through innovative,  
constantly evolving  
personalised  
learning'



**COMMUNITY DAY –  
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

approximately 200 students from Y7 to Y9. In a relatively short time, the school has grown to a roll of almost 900 students and enjoys an excellent reputation thanks to ten generations of students growing their greatness through the countless opportunities offered. On Saturday 2 November we will be celebrating at school our 10th Anniversary. Former students, their whānau, former staff and the wider community are all invited to join us. People can visit the school from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm to join the celebrations. The day will get underway with an opening address by our Principal followed by sporting and cultural events. The Whānau will be open to the public and will have visual highlights of our history and displays of learning. There will also be opportunities for students to have photographs taken with their old classmates. Food trucks will be on-site providing delicious food.

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### Koanga Festival 2019

This years' Festival was a new beginning with a new roopu (group) made up of tauria (students) from MHJC, OJC & OSC. We had more interest than ever and were fortunate to have three tutors teach new and exciting items, extending and challenging the roopu capability for onstage performance.

This year, tauria experienced, for the first time, a marae noho (at MHJC) with the objective of creating an environment of whanaungatanga and kotahitanga. It also provided time for our tauria to refine the programme. Five new items were learnt including a unique, original item: the waiata a-ringā (action song). This was dedicated to matua Tapu who passed away this year. He was the founder of the Te Whanau o te Rau Kahikatea roopu.

The experience of hard work and success paid off when the roopu performed at the Koanga Festival! Thanks must go to Netanya, Toa and whaea Pearl for their full support and expert organisation and tutors Te Ruki, Monika & Ben for sharing their skills and waiata. Staff from MHJC, OJC & OSC supported us and provided spaces for us to practice. [View the performance.](#)

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Mission Heights Junior College

are the WORLD CHAMPIONS  
 2019!





Dates are also published on our [Mission Heights online](#).

(See Sports Report for dates of sporting events)

#### Trip to China

Thursday 10th - Friday 18th October

#### Term 4 Begins

Monday 14th October

#### Market Day Business Studies

Tuesday 15th October 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

#### SWIFT Conference

Monday 21st - 25th October

#### Enviro Event

Wednesday 23rd October

#### United Nations Day

Thursday 24th October

#### Otago Problem Solving Challenge Y7 & 8 Final

Thursday 24th October

#### Board Meeting

Thursday 24th October 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

#### MHJC Diwali

Friday 25th October

#### AIMS Sport Council Meeting

Friday 25th October

#### Enviro Week

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

#### Labour Day

Monday 28th October  
Public Holiday (No School)

#### PhotoLife Teams/Groups

Wednesday 30th October

#### 10 Year Anniversary Community Day

Saturday 2nd November 9:00am - 1:30pm

#### 'Love & Peace' NZ Interfaith Concert

Sunday 3rd November 2:00pm - 4:00pm

#### MHJC Athletics Day

Monday 4th November



### Cultural Exchange Going Strong.

This term, we welcomed **two teachers and ten students** from our sister school in China, **Nanjing Jin Ling high school, Xian Lin campus**. Hosting teachers and students from an overseas school is a first for MHJC – **and it was a great success!** The Chinese students enjoyed **authentic Kiwi experiences** staying with MHJC students' families and attending school with their buddies. Along with visits to **Rotorua, Mission Bay and museums** the group were impressed most with the rainbows they were able to see nearly every day and **New Zealand's blue skies over beautiful beaches and forests**.

Together with their MHJC buddies, **the visitors enjoyed fun trips to Rainbow's End and Waiheke Island**. The big finale for their trip was cheering on the **All Blacks against the Wallabies at Eden Park!**

Our students got to know more about **school life in China**, and in October **ten MHJC students and two teachers** will experience this **first hand** with a reciprocal visit to our **sister school in China**.



### Service and Kindness are Alive and Well in MHJC!

There is a group of students who are the quiet achievers, buzzing away in the background and getting the job done. The **MHJC 'Leaders Through Service Council'**, are 15 senior students who were selected at the start of the year. Their role is to dig a little deeper and learn more about the **annual fund-raising initiatives and activities** planned for the year. They share the story and create awareness about a project, e.g. the **40hr Famine**. Members attended the Auckland-wide briefing session, hosted

**Year 9/10 Trivia Competition**

Friday 8th November

**Auckland Social Student Assoc Quiz**

Tuesday 12 November

**Maori/Pasifika Celebration of Success**

Wednesday 13 November 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**MHJC Athletics Day SD**

Monday 14th November

**Year 10 Visit to OSC**

Friday 15th November

**Y6 All Day Experience -**transition programme  
Friday 15th November**Years 9/10 Exams**

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd November

**Board Meeting**

Thursday 21st November 5:30m - 8:00pm

**Work Experience Week**

Monday 25th - Friday 29th November

**Teacher Only Day**

Wednesday 27th November

**Vaccinations Gardasil 9 Dose 2**

Friday 29th November

**HPPA/PCT Graduate Celebration Evening**

Friday 29th November 7:00pm - 9:00pm

**Santa Show**

Thursday 5th December

**Whole Whānau Trips**

Friday 6 December

**Year 10 Prizegiving & Graduation**

Monday 9 December 5:30pm - 7:30pm

**Year 9 Prizegiving**

Tuesday 10th December

**Years 7 & 8 Prizegiving**

Wednesday 11th December

**Important Dates: 2020****'Admin Day' Interviews**Monday 3rd February  
(Compulsory)**Yr 7 & 10 Students Only**

Tuesday 4th February

**All Students**

topped \$12K and went to supporting refugees in Northern Uganda.

Eight Council team members attended **The Howick Youth Board** annual summit, along with students from 11 other local schools. All were encouraged to think **broadly about issues** they may be able to **impact on in their local community**. Initiatives included changes to **infrastructure**, support of children with **mental health issues**, better systems of **waste control** and many other ideas. The MHJC Councillors interacted with **like-minded students** and **community stakeholders** to work towards a **sustainable community**.

Later in the term, the Council attended the **Young Leaders Convention** at the Vodafone Centre in Manukau. The event aims to **inspire young minds to become leaders**. The speakers encouraged the **7,000 students** to follow their dreams, be true to themselves, persevere, and never give up and to stand up for what they believe. **Young Leaders Day** was a success, and the attendees learnt that despite challenges, starting conversations can lead to breaking through barriers. **Young minds are becoming young leaders!**

**MHJC School Outreach Programme**

The programmes ethos aligns closely to the Leadership Group and as part of the **DEEP studies** students working hard to support **local community projects**. Research goes into each initiative – like the **Auckland City Mission's** desperate need to feed **two thousand families** every week in Auckland. Through our school community, the **Outreach class** was able to donate **460 cans** to this winters cause and in term 3 supported the **SPCA with cans of pet food, toys and blankets**.

Next on the agenda, will be the school-wide drive to collect and wrap Christmas gifts for **young patients at Starship Hospital**. MHJC is proud of these young people - learning about **kindness and giving – by doing**.



Thursday 6th February  
Public Holiday (No School)



### **Trouble!**

*Trouble. I find myself  
getting into it a lot. It's like  
an uncontrollable force  
pulling me closer and  
closer and then BANG,  
I'm right in the middle of it.*

*I don't know why It  
happens to me but I just  
wish it would leave me  
alone.*

*I can't stand it!*

**Senior 1st Place:**  
**Kota Kitson, 9C2**

### **The Race**

*BANG! Run like your life  
depends on it. Because it  
does. People are coming  
for you. Keep your eyes in  
front. Don't look back. Or  
regret will overcome  
you. Legs hurting. Heavy  
breath. Sweat  
falls. Murmured voices in  
the distance. You're nearly  
there. Push. Victory in  
sight. Finally, first place.*

**Junior 1st Place:**  
**Amber Sue 8M1**



## **The 2019 NIWA South and East Auckland Science and Technology Fair**

Many MHJC students received accolades, including **First, Second and Third place awards** for their projects at the NIWA South & East event. Several students also took home **top prizes, including the Baking, Environment and Heritage Awards**. Congratulations to all MHJC entrants and especially **well done to Navini for winning best Year 9 Project** in the Fair! **Back row from left to right: Mika Ramsing, Brita Chauhan, Abbie Yeung, Mihika Pai, Navini Ariyasinghe, Bonnie Ye, Harshitha Surendran, Aryan Kumar** **Front row: Faatimah Nisa and Jahnvi Shah** **Teachers: Ian Morrison, Catherine Hunter, Dion Cowley.**



## **NIWA Auckland Science Fair Success**

Congratulations to students **Maia Murray, Kearnn Tito and Brooklyn-Rose Timu** from 9F2 for gaining a **Highly Commended prize and 1st Place** for the **'Best Social Science Focus'** exhibit in show, at **Kings School** last week. The girls' exhibit entitled **'Kuia Cures'** researched and developed Maia's grandmother's traditional family cures using the healing properties of a native New Zealand plant, the **Kawakawa**.

## **LATEST NIWA NEWS:**

**Science Fair Showcase Representative Navini Ariyasinghe** has been selected to be involved in the inaugural **Science Fair Showcase**. This is a prestigious accomplishment, as only **thirty projects from the Upper North Island** (Whangarei - Auckland - Bay of Plenty - Waikato) were asked to participate. **Navini's project** will be on display to the public for two weeks (19 October - 3 November, inclusive) at the **Museum of Transport and Technology (MOTAT)**.

Congratulations to the MHJC video team's **Focus On Ability Short Film** achieving the **Top 4 Award for 2019** with their entry 'I Hear'. The selection was made out of hundreds of entries between **Australia and New Zealand**. Well done **Zarik Rafick, Jackson Smith, Raymond Wang, Bill Liu, Nathan Zheng, Renolin Pillay, Arvinth and Ashvin Sathy**. To view the MHJC Team entry [click here](#)



### Forest's Leadership Trip to Wellington

Students from 9F1 and 9F2 travelled to **Wellington** recently as a part of their '**Leading into the Future...**' learning context. Highlights of the trip included student **Tyla Paoo** hosting a Q&A time in the role of the **Prime Minister** from the 'Media Release' stage, a powerful **interview session** to present issues of concern to MP, **Andrew Bayly** and time observing the **House of Representatives** in session within the debating chamber. Students also enjoyed their tours of **Te Papa Museum** and the wonderful **Weta Cave** in Miramar.



### Tournament of Minds Winners

**MHJC** has won the Auckland/Northland **STEM challenge** for Secondary schools in **Tournament of Minds (TOM)**, for the **second year** in a row. Students had to solve a **challenge to design a Carousel machine**. The machine was to carry **five different animals**, whose **DNA could be collected** to prevent their **extinction through regeneration**. The team had to justify the reasons for choosing the **endangered species** on the carousel and **why their DNA must be collected**, based on **plausible scientific research**. The team also created an **ICT virtual model** demonstrating how this machine could collect and **store the DNA for safekeeping**. The NZ finals will be held this month in **Wellington** and the **Australasian finals in Hobart, Australia**.



### Hindi Speech Competition 2019

The APPA Inter-School Hindi Speech Competition held here at **MHJC** for the **3rd Year** in a row. Students competed in two categories: **Years 5/6** and **Years 7/8**. Topics were varied and insightful. Our own MHJC student **Mitesh Juneja's** topic was 'Propkaar' – Selfless Service. Other subjects included **Plastic** and my *My Hindi Journey*. Judges **Ms. Roopa Sachdev** and **Nimi Bedi** scrutinised the entries, supported by MHJC seniors **Aadi Golcha** (10W2) and **Neksha Juneja** (9M2) who undertook the role of MCs. **RESULTS Y5/6** 1st: **Tizah Kumar** – Favona Primary; 2nd: **Aryan Rodrigues** – Kristin School; 3rd:(equal) **Samara** – Papatoetoe West & **Bharany** – Point View School **Y7/8** 1st: **Samar Brar** –Somerville Intermediate 2nd: **Mitesh Juneja** (7M1) Mission Heights Junior College.



### Success for MHJC students





### Global Maths Champions!

We did it again! During Term 3 **MHJC** won the **2019 Education Perfect Maths Championships!** All students worked extremely hard with a total of 22,840,000 questions answered over the entire range of contestants! A big round of applause to the **MHJC team** for for placing **first overall** with **1,266,499 points**. Great work!



### William Pike Visits MHJC

All **Year 8 students** and those **Year 9 students** who are entered in the **William Pike Challenge Award** for 2019, enjoyed a visit from him earlier this term. He spoke of his **incredible survival**



Congratulations to our **MHJC** students for their success in our own **Y9 and Y10 Speech competition** and went on to compete at the **Eastern Zones Speech Finals**, hosted by Pakuranga College. **Abby McGarva [9F2]** won **3rd Place** in the **Year 9 category** and **Ricky Bassano [10W2]** came **2nd** in the **Year 10 category**. **Fabulous results for MHJC contestants** to be placed in such a broad catchment of schools!



### WPCA Duder Regional Park

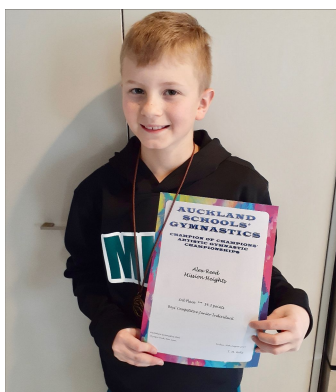
Our **Year 9 students** entered in the **William Pike Challenge Award** are continuing to progress to completing the Award. On Friday 6th September, students travelled to **Duder Regional Park** to spend the day tramping and learning about **navigation and bush craft**. This day counted as **1 of 5 of their Outdoor Activity days** for the Award. They showed **great resilience** in rather windy and wet weather.





Students were highly motivated by his talk and the photos he showed. He challenged all of our current **Year 8 students to enter the William Pike Challenge Award as Year 9s in 2020**. More information about this Award can be found here:

<https://williampike.co.nz/>



Level 5 gymnast, **Alex Reed** (Yr 7) qualified last term at the **SEZ Intermediate School** competition and has been selected to represent Gymsport Manukau at the **NZ Gymnastics Champs** during these school holidays!



**Ashvin** (1st place) and **Arvinth Sathay** (2nd Place) received a Gold and Silver medal at the **College Sport Table Tennis**.

### Upcoming Events

**Thursday 17th October** -

Senior Volleyball Starts

**Saturday 19th October** -

Senior Cricket Starts

**Thursday 24th October** -

SEZ Girls Volleyball

**Monday 4th November** -

MHJC Athletics Day

(Savings day is 14th

November)

**Tuesday 5th November** -

SEZ Touch (Boys, Girls &

in the **Primary Outdoors Leadership Programme**, completing a whirlwind of challenging and exhilarating outdoor activities. Students learned the importance of self-resilience, teamwork, leadership, and what it feels like to step outside your comfort zone. They also learned how to stay warm in some rather snowy weather! Students took part in numerous activities including low ropes, high ropes, team-building, skiing, snowboarding, caving, tramping, and the highlight - an overnight expedition! For many, the trip was the first time experiencing snow. The students represented **MHJC** incredibly well, showing their energy and enthusiasm in challenging weather conditions. We are grateful to the staff, parents, and community for making this wonderful trip possible.



### Matamata Sports Camp

Just missing out on last term's newsletter our **MHJC Sports Camp Team** returned from **Totara Park** in **Matamata** on the last day of Term 2, **exhausted and exhilarated** and, for the second year in a row, winners of the **Sportsmanship Cup**! Their positive spirit, enthusiasm and respect for the opposition and officials was acknowledged by the other schools as they voted for **MHJC** as the recipients of this award.



### Term 3 Sports Round-up

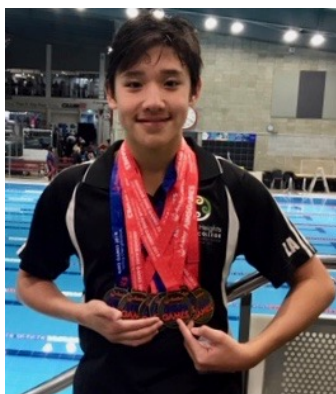
**Winter sports** are at an end, and **summer sport** has now begun! We are pleased to share the **achievements of MHJC's teams** during Term 3:

#### MHJC Basketball

- Senior Softball ODI  
**Tuesday 19th November**  
 - SEZ Athletics



**AMBER SUE**, Aerobic Gymnast.  
 Gold AIMS '19



**LEO ARROWSMITH**, swimmer.  
 Six Gold & 2 Silver AIMS '19



**JOSHUA & CULLAN CAMPBELL**,  
 Rock Climbers. Gold & Silver AIMS  
 '19

basketball on the rise, we are extremely thankful for the support of our **senior students** and **parents** who have stepped up to coach this term. Our senior teams have had a **successful year competing in the College Sport Counties Manukau Competition**. Our **Titans Team** and **Thunder Team** came second in their different **A Grade** pools with the Titans team missing out on **Auckland Champs** by 1 point. The **Rockets team** ended 8th in the **Junior B Championship Grade**, and the **Lakers team** placed 4th in the **Junior B Plate Grade**. The **Diamonds team** fought hard to place 7th in the **Junior Girls Championship grade**.

### MHJC Netball

Our **Premier netball team** has achieved some of the best results since joining the **Auckland Netball Competition**. Having lost **only three games the entire season**, they **placed 2nd in B grade** showing much promise as we aim for '**A Grade**' in **2020**. The girls have done exceptionally well, **improving their skillset** and '**paying it forward**' by **coaching** some of the Junior teams and being a part of the **Fun Ferns Programme** that operates at **Baverstock Oaks Primary School**. The **AIMs Team** has carried on their **success from last year placing 2nd** in the Intermediate competition run at the **Auckland Netball Centre**. The **Wednesday netball teams** finished their season at the **Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre in Week 3**, with many students having played netball for the first time. All have improved their skills and **now have a better understanding of the game**. It is exciting to see the **quality of netball growing every year**.

**SEZ Netball** was another highlight of Term 3 with the **Girls team placing 5th overall**, and the **Boys team placed 2nd!** The boys then went onto the **AAIMS Netball** where they **represented the South Eastern Zone**, placing **4th overall**.

### MHJC Football

Our **senior boy's football team** played in the **Auckland U14 A2 Grade**. After some tight games, they placed second in their pool and **4th overall**. Our **girls First XI** competed in the **Greater Auckland Counties Manukau Junior Grade**, placing 4th overall.

### Badminton

This term we had **two senior teams competing** weekly in the **College Sport Badminton Competition**. The **Tactix team** came **first in the Open 'C Grade'** and the **Flyers Team** placed **4th in D Grade**.

### MHJC Cross Country

Term 3 also included **MHJC Cross Country**. The 2.5km-3km loop set the challenge, and some **students ran at incredible paces**. Below are our MHJC Cross Country winners!

**Taanmay Annappa** - Year 7 Boys

**John Nguyen** - Year 8 Boys

**Joandrew Taramai Remo** - Year 8 Boys

**Abhinay Kumar** - Year 9 Boys

**Edward Suckling** - Year 10 Boys

**Clara Suckling** - Year 7 Girls

**Maddison Dowling** - Year 8 Girls

**Jasmine Strong** - Year 9 Girls

**Cordelia Shi** - Year 10 Girls





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!*

Term 4 starts Monday

14 October at 8:30am.

Have a safe and happy holiday break!



### AIMS GAMES

The highlight of Term 3 is the AIMS Games. Over 324 schools from around NZ and the Pacific Islands, and over 11,000 participants competing, AIMS is the biggest Tournament for intermediate aged students. This year we took a boys football team, a Netball team, 4 Badminton players, a boys basketball team, 3 Rock Climbers, five gymnasts, three swimmers and one tennis player. Overall we had 7 Gold medals, three silver, 1 Bronze and netball placed Top 10 in the AIMS A Grade netball. It certainly was a successful year!

Congratulations to the students who won the medals for MHJC:

**Leo Arrowsmith** won 6 gold medals and two silver in various swimming events;


**Amber Sue** won a Gold medal in the Aerobics Category;

**Joshua and Cullan Campbell** Rock Climbers who won Silver and Bronze respectively.

*Below are some of the images from our entrants in this years SEZ Intermediate Cross Country held earlier this term.*







**Homework Clubs** friends to come along  
**to Homework Club**

*Make a difference!*

**SEEK SUPPORT**

- e-Learning
- Re submissions
- Class Work
- Teacher Help

**Homework Clubs: 3:15pm - 4:15pm**  
Mondays in WATER and Wednesdays in COAST

**Maori & Pacific Club 3:10 pm - 4:00pm Monday in Mountains**