

We hope you enjoy this **Term 4** edition of 'Mission Heights Junior College News.'

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Principal, Mr Ian Morrison

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This has been a momentous year for MHJC. Significant milestones included our 10th Birthday Celebrations; approval of our first 10 Year Property Plan; introduction of our first holistic report and following becoming signatories to the International Students Code of Practice, enrolling our first international student.

Another significant event is taking place at Mission Heights Primary School where the foundation Principal, Mrs Veena Vohra has decided to step down after eleven years of dedicated service. We have a unique relationship with MHP as two schools on one site with autonomous leadership and governance however it is a model which provides fantastic opportunities to share resources for the benefit of our students. Mrs Vohra has helped to establish our two schools' enviable reputation for equity and excellence and we extend our sincere appreciation to her for her efforts and the genuine spirit of collaboration she has promoted.

May I wish our entire MHJC community a joyous Christmas holiday and urge everyone to be kind to themselves, their friends and whānau. I look forward to 2020 for another year of growing greatness - Kia mana ake!

Mr Ian Morrison
Principal

Our Vision:

'Growing Greatness through innovative, constantly evolving personalised learning'



Congratulations to MHJC Year 10 student **Aadi Golchha**, who won

Speech competition.



TRAVELWISE WINNERS ONCE MORE!

Every year Auckland Transport awards schools that have excelled in its **Travelwise** programme. We are pleased to share the wonderful news that MHJC has been presented with a **Gold Award** for our work to encourage active transport to school and working with our local community to reduce congestion. Well done to **all students and staff** who are walking and cycling to and from school!

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MHJC 'BOYS-TO- MEN' BIG ADVENTURE!

Students and their Dads, uncles or family friends met up at the

2019



**Mission Heights
JUNIOR COLLEGE**

PRIZEGIVING

Year 10 Graduation: Monday 9th Dec 5:30pm.
(Students to be in school by 4.45pm)

Year 9 Prize Giving: Tuesday 10th Dec 9:30am

Year 8 Prize Giving: Wednesday 11th Dec 9:30am

Year 7 Prizegiving: Wednesday 11th Dec 12:30pm



BASKETS OF JOY FROM THE OUTREACH TEAM

The wonderful MHJC Outreach Team chose Starship Hospital to support this festive season. **Twenty-five Baskets of Joy** were created and delivered to **babies and children** during their hospital stay over Christmas. Each basket was packed with items of clothing, toys, stationery, activity packs and treats. Teacher-in-charge of the MHJC Outreach Team, **Mrs Uluka Singh**, was delighted with the many items donated by generous staff, family and friends. *"This is truly a lovely act of kindness that will add extra sparkle to the children and their families."*

style, they manoeuvred across the rapids on foot, practised river crossings, jumping in and swimming down the rapids, and of course rafting the **grade-2 course** while hanging on tight through the bumps and drops! It was an ultimate adventure rush, and many are keen to take on this kind of activity again. Thanks to teacher **Mr Suckling** – an excellent bonding success!. Thanks to **Krispy Kreme** too for the free Donuts...delicious!



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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2020:

Term 1:

- Monday 3 February, 2020
Compulsory Admin Day Interview (All)
- Tuesday 4 February, 2020



Auckland Enviro Schools Awards

Representatives of the **MHJC Enviro Council** attended the **Auckland Enviro Schools Awards** at **Howick College** in early November. **Ikman Warraich** and **Harmann Mahey** received the **Mayoral Conservation Award** for **MHJC**. This award honoured the efforts of the **Council** and **Ms Hunter's** successful **Pestival** event that the school's **Enviro Council** held with our community. In **2020 MHJC** is aiming to earn the **Green/Gold Enviro award** – this would be a significant achievement for the school and community. To receive this award the Council, with support from **MHJC**, will continue to put forward environmental issues and **educate the community** on ways to **reduce our footprint**.



*All Students***Term 2:**

Tuesday 28 April, 2020 –
Friday 3 July 2020

Term 3:

Monday 20 July 2020 –
Friday 25 September 2020

Term 4:

Monday 12 October 2020 –
Thursday 10 December 2020

**School will be closed on the
following holidays in 2020:**

Waitangi Day –

Thursday 6 February 2020

**Student-Led Conference &
Teacher Only Day:**

Friday 28 February &
Friday 18 September 2020

Easter: (During term holiday)

Friday 10 April to
Tuesday 14 April 2020

ANZAC Day: (During term holiday)

Monday 27 April 2020

Queen's Birthday:

Monday 1 June 2020

Teacher Only Days:

Thursday 2 June 2020
Thursday 6 August 2020
Thursday 19 November 2020
Thursday 26 November 2020

Labour Day:

Monday 26 October 2020

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!

The 2019 **Embracing Love and Peace** event was held Saturday 2 November at the **Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple**. The annual event aims to spread solidarity and harmony in New Zealand, raising awareness by building bridges within communities and nurturing **Love and Peace** through acts of selflessness, compassion, respect and equality. **MHJC Principal Mr Morrison** was invited to speak, and several community groups participated on stage, including **MHJC dance performers**.

**A Chance to win BIG and make a BIG difference!**

The **Sir Ray Avery Foundation**, a NZ Charity committed to developing innovative, affordable products and technologies, is making an impact on improving access to quality healthcare on a global scale. **Sir Ray** was our **special guest** at this week's **Celebration Assembly** where he was presented with a donation of \$2000 raised by the Executive Council through multi days and other fund-raising efforts at school socials. His company **Amigo Nutrition** is giving away **\$40,000 worth of travel** to the best 'happy and hangry' face designs. His nutrition bars have been developed to serve as a **nutritious breakfast bar** supplying schools for children unable to have breakfast. Click to [view competition details](#). Winners will be announced in early 2020.



**Community Work Experience at Fo Guang Shan
Buddhist Temple, Flat Bush**

A group of **Year 10 Forest and Mountains** boys thoroughly enjoyed their **work experience last week**, especially the opportunity to learn how to



'Eldest or only' students will receive a complementary 2019 Yearbook on Monday morning. Our sincere thanks to Maree Peterson (Designer & Editor) and Tashi Hishey (Photography) for their work to craft this beautiful publication.

during the evening prayer ceremony. The students were well supported by a team at the temple which consisted of university volunteers, the Temple organiser and Marketing Manager. Our students were also provided with all meals during the duration of their work experience week.

Sports Report



Although sport has now concluded for the year, we were extremely pleased that a number of **MHJC** students qualified for the **Inter-Zone Athletics** in November and our **MHJC Cricket Team** won their final game of the year. Well done to our **Girls Volleyball Team**, who placed 2nd in the **Eastern Zone Volleyball Competition**. Our **Senior Boys Softball Team** placed 2nd in the **College Sport** tournament.

The **MHJC 2019 Yearbook** has an overview of the year's sports events and results in its '**Sporting Endeavour**' section.

We thank our Sports Assistant, Miss Laetitia Jansen Van Rensburg for her efforts in helping to grow sport at MHJC in her three years here and wish her well for her year of teacher training hoping she returns as a fully qualified teacher!

Wishing everyone a happy and sporty holiday break playing backyard cricket, beach volleyball, basketball, tennis... and **all things active!**





[Click here to view the MHJC 2019 Santa Show video!](#)

Year 10 Work Experience Week 2019

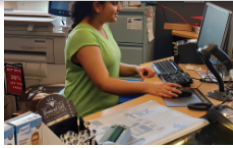
MHJC's Year 10 students spent time out in the workforce last week and it was a fantastic opportunity as they gained valuable skills. It was an eye-opener to their future working journey. Overall, students thoroughly enjoyed their week. It was an eye-opener to their future working journey...

"It was hard work but well worth it and rewarding." "I was always busy and learnt a lot."

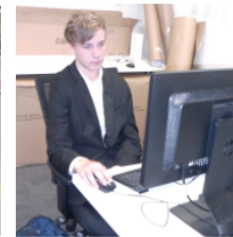
"The employers and mentors were friendly and supportive." "My experience was well structured."

"The experience helped me to plan and organise, plus the food was excellent!"

"The working conditions were excellent and we felt very welcome and safe; all the staff were very friendly and supportive."



who gave Work Experience to our 2019 MHJC Year 10 students



Learning Assistants for 2020



Wanted: Learning Assistants with a passion for supporting our students with learning and /or behavioural needs.

Urgent need for a male Learning Assistant to support a male student with both behavioural and learning needs. If you know of someone suitable please forward all leads or pass on the following contact details of the MHJC co-ordinator.



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Marketing & Communications

MHJC is seeking a Marketing and Communications Manager responsible for presenting the College positively in the local and broader community. The role will contribute to the promotion of the MHJC brand, in keeping with its' vision statement of:

Growing Greatness through innovative, constantly evolving personalised learning.

The role is part-time (hours negotiable) and applies to term time only. Start January 2020 or by negotiation. For a full job description visit www.mhjc.school.nz or click here to download a copy.