

We hope you enjoy the **February 2022** edition of 'Mission Heights Junior College Newsbrief.'
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Principal, Mr Ian Morrison

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou

I extend a very warm welcome to all our students, parents and caregivers, particularly those who are new to our MHJC community.

We hope and trust that by working together, 2022 will be as close to a normal year as possible. The challenges that the pandemic has caused across the world have been immense; however, I am pleased to record that our community has risen to the challenge with a spirit of collaboration and cooperation. The way our staff and students shifted to a new model of distance learning was amazing to witness and while many people worked incredibly hard to make things work, we should also thank our visionary Principal and foundation staff who established a culture of digital learning from the opening of the school.

We also learnt that schools do have a purpose! I heard so often how much students (and staff) missed school. Learning cannot be achieved only through computers. The relationship between teacher and student is critically important and we have been reminded after a prolonged period "online" how much this has been missed. I often say it is not so much what we learn that is important but why and how. We were also reminded of our important roles as guides and mentors to students and each other, which is most effective when we can see each other face to face.

Our primary focus for 2022 is connection and reconnection. We realise that many students have not been to school for several months and will need time to adjust to our routines and expectations. We will support our students through this process with care and compassion, living our school value of awhinatanga.

Best wishes for the year as we support our students to find and grow their greatness.

'Growing greatness - kia mana ake'
Ian Morrison

Our Vision:

'Growing Greatness through innovative, constantly evolving personalised learning'



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Drop-Off Reminders

MHJC students are only using the Valderama Drive entrance to access school site. This is very busy in the morning. Please drop students before 8.15am to avoid heavy traffic.

Please also remember your hat and mask.



Introducing MHJC's New 2022 Teaching Staff

From left to right, top to bottom:

Pauli Roodt - Coast Whānau, Technology

Maryke Cordier - Learning Assistant

Ria Jacobs - Forest Whānau, SENCO and Maths

Johan Fourie - Water Whānau, Hākinakina/Head of Sport and PEH

Eilidh McGregor - Mountains Whānau, Performing Arts

Anna Vuksanlekaj - Coast Whānau, Science

Amanda Carter - Coast Whānau, English and Global Studies

Suellen Scales - Learning Assistant (absent from photo)

Rustom Dubash - Learning Assistant (absent from photo)

MHJC 2022 Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates are also published on our school website:

[Mission Heights Online](#)

* See **Sports Report** for dates of sporting fixtures.

Y8 Bikes in School Programme

Tuesday 8th - Friday 18th February

e-asTTle Testing

Thursday 8th - Wednesday 16th February

Pasifika Parents' Evening

Thursday 17th February

Teacher Only Day - Student-Led Conferences

Thursday 24th February

Enviro Week

Monday 28th February - Friday 4th March

Y8 Bikes in School Programme

Monday 28th February - Thursday 10th March

Coast Y7/8 Black NZ-VR

Monday 28th February

Coast Y9/10 Black NZ-VR

Tuesday 1st March

Y10 OED Whitewater Kayaking

Wednesday 2nd March

Y10 OED Whitewater Kayaking

Wednesday 23rd March

Y10 OED Whitewater Kayaking

Monday 28th March

Y10 OED Whitewater Kayaking

Monday 4th April

Celebration Assembly

Tuesday 5th April

EPRO Challenge Semi-Finals

Tuesday 12th - Thursday 14th April

Board of Trustee Elections

We will be asking for nominations to the school's **Board of Trustees** later this year. This committee is an important element in the long term success of the school and we seek parents who are prepared to make a significant commitment to the school for this **term of office 2022-2025** and possibly beyond. In the past, we have enjoyed representation which reflects our rich cultural diversity on our Board and seek a **Māori** voice, in particular to ensure we honour our treaty obligations in a meaningful way.

Parents/caregivers who have property, legal, HR and financial expertise and/or have served on other Boards are encouraged to apply.

If you need any information about the Board, its' role and individual responsibilities please contact **Sian Grant - Board Presiding Member** (sgrant@mhjc.school.nz) or the Principal - **Ian Morrison** (imorrison@mhjc.school.nz). The following link is very helpful:

<https://www.nzsta.org.nz/assets/Information-for-parents/A-parents-guide-to-the-role-of-the-board-of-trustees.compressed.pdf>

End of Term 1

Thursday 14th April @ 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!

Māori & Pasifika Meet and Greet

Thursday 17th February - 6 - 7pm, MHJC Staffroom.

Please join us for a casual meet and greet here at Mission Heights Junior College. This is your chance to meet some teachers, explore the school, and learn about the school systems.

**Welcome Year 7 Students**

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

AUDITIONS WILL BE HELD AT LUNCHTIME IN WEEK 3 IN THE THEATRE

LOOK OUT IN YOUR EMAILS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO FIND OUT HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE AUDITIONS

For more information contact Miss Shields or Miss Steel

School Production

This year MHJC's Production is High School Musical! The show will be taking place towards the end of Term 3, with auditions happening in Week 3 of Term 1. We encourage all students to take part. More information has been emailed home.

A friendly reminder that any outstanding fees are due as soon as possible.

Sports Report

IMPORTANT - SPORT SIGN-UP

Sport sign-ups will begin for all Term 1 Sports as well as Winter Sports from Tuesday 8th February. Trials for some teams will take place from Week 3. Dates, times, and venue information will be uploaded to the school website under the events section. Daily email updates regarding trial information will also be sent to students. All those wishing to sign up for sports can do so via email or visit the Sports Office during breaks or after school.

Please be aware that MHJC is a member of College Sport Auckland and Auckland Association for Intermediate & Middle School Sport. As a result, MHJC is bound by these organisations' COVID protocols. As of Friday 28th January 2022, all students wanting to participate in College

year / students our outdoor
classroom - Tane.

schools have been asked to assume the child is not fully vaccinated. Further information for sign-ups, as well as details regarding vaccinations for College Sport participation, was sent home on Tuesday 2 February 2022.

TERM 1 Sports Timetable:

Tennis Club Starts Friday 11th February

Senior Boys Cricket Starts Saturday 12th February

Senior Boys Basketball Trials Tuesday 15th February

Senior Girls Basketball Trials Wednesday 16th February

Orienteering Starts Tuesday 22nd February

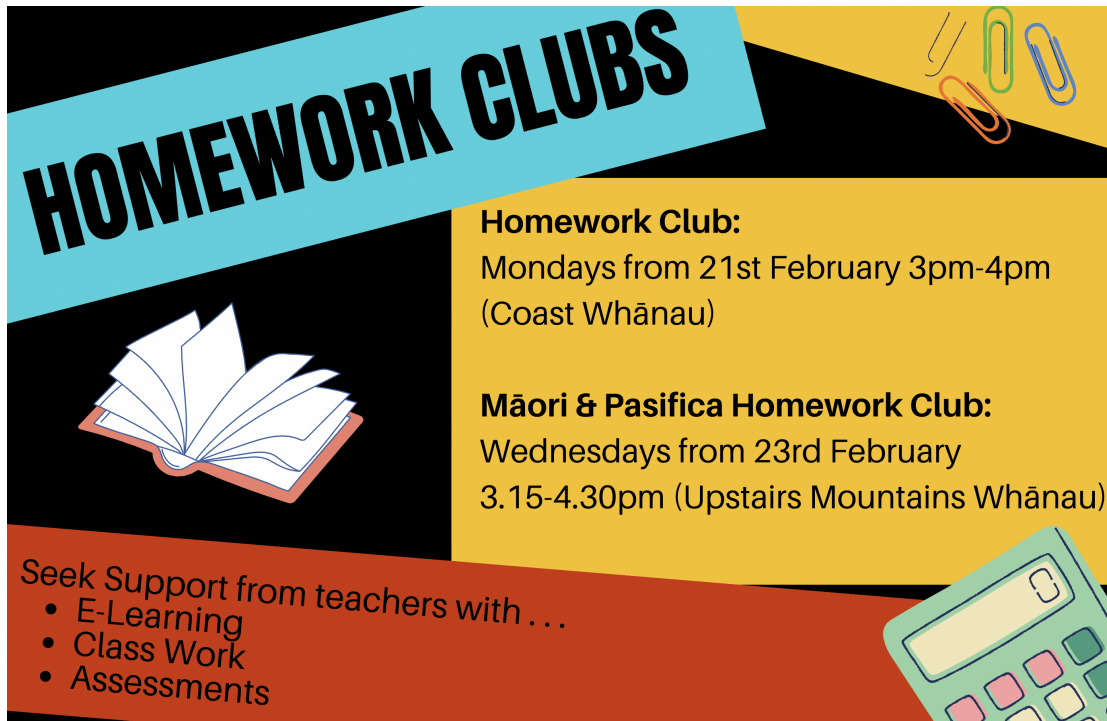
SEZ Girls Softball Tuesday 1st March

SEZ Boys Softball Thursday 3rd March

Counties Manukau Athletics Tuesday 8th March

Eastern Zone Athletics Thursday 10th March

SEZ Swimming Friday 25th March

A colorful poster for Homework Clubs. The top left features a blue diagonal banner with the text 'HOMEWORK CLUBS' in large, bold, black letters. Below this, on a black background, is an illustration of an open book. To the right, on a yellow background, are three paper clips (orange, green, and blue). The bottom section has a red background with a green calculator illustration. The text on the poster provides details about two homework clubs: 'Homework Club' (Mondays from 21st February 3pm-4pm at Coast Whānau) and 'Māori & Pasifica Homework Club' (Wednesdays from 23rd February 3.15-4.30pm at Upstairs Mountains Whānau). It also lists support services: E-Learning, Class Work, and Assessments.

HOMEWORK CLUBS

Homework Club:
Mondays from 21st February 3pm-4pm
(Coast Whānau)

Māori & Pasifica Homework Club:
Wednesdays from 23rd February
3.15-4.30pm (Upstairs Mountains Whānau)

Seek Support from teachers with ...

- E-Learning
- Class Work
- Assessments