

We hope you enjoy the **Term 2, 2026** edition of 'Mission Heights Junior College Newsletter.'

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"If you see someone without a smile, give them yours."

~ Dolly Parton



Principal, Mr Ian Morrison

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou

As Term 2 draws to a close, I wish to thank staff, students and parents/caregivers for making a valuable contribution to steering and paddling the MHJC waka towards its destination.

Term 2 is a time for staff and students to get into their stride and build momentum after the set up phase of Term 1 and this is shown by the incredible number of activities our students are enjoying, as well as rich learning opportunities.

Matariki is an appropriate time to pause and reflect on our progress and perhaps adjust course if necessary. I trust the community enjoys the break and returns set on building on the foundations laid in the first half of the year. Soon we will begin planning for 2027 - time flies when you're growing greatness!

'Kia mana ake - growing greatness'

Ian Morrison

Our Vision:

'Growing Greatness through innovative, constantly evolving personalised learning'

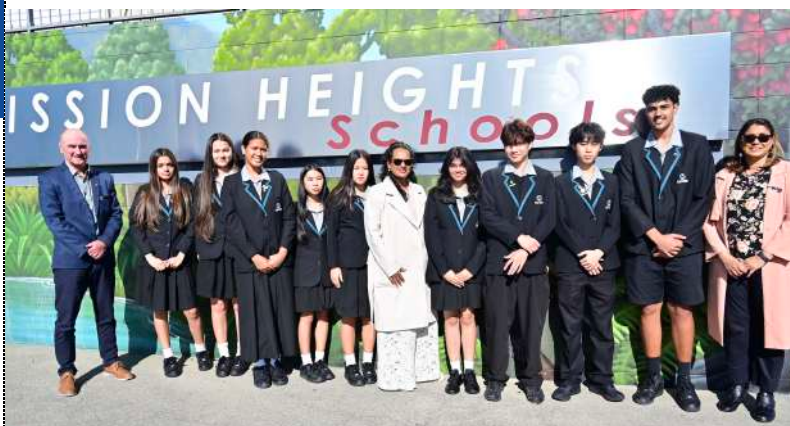


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Dates are also published on our school website:

[Mission Heights Online](#)

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

Term 3 Starts

Monday 20th July

MHJC Science Fair

Wednesday 22nd - Thursday 23rd July

Pōwhiri

Thursday 23rd July

MHJC Speech Competitions

From left to right: Mr Ian Morrison, Samaira Puri, Kelly Everett, Caramel Williams, Suki Ma, Nicole Chen, Mrs Malicia Naidoo, Aiza Kidwai, William Breen, Jacob Kim, Aviraj Singh, and Mrs Raeesa Dada.

**Te Moana-Nui-a Kiwa**

Our school community was treated to a spectacular celebration of Pacific culture at the **Te Moana-Nui-a-Kiwa Festival**. Students put on an incredible showcase of talent, featuring performances from our Kapa Haka group, Tongan, Samoan, Cook Islands, Fijian and Niuean cultural groups. Each performance highlighted the rich traditions, pride and diversity of the Pacific through vibrant costumes, powerful storytelling, energetic drumming, and outstanding choreography.



Monday 27th - Friday 31st July

Attitude Talks - Y7-Y10

Wednesday 29th July

Photolife Photos

Friday 31st July

Cook Island Māori Language Week

Monday 3rd - Friday 7th August

Open Evening

Wednesday 5th August

Interwhānau Lip Sync

Tuesday 11th August

Tongan Language Week

Monday 17th - Friday 21st August

MoE Teacher Only Day

Friday 21st August

NIWA Regional Science Fair

Monday 24th August

Non-Uniform Day

Wednesday 26th August

Y10 Coreq. Reading NCEA

Monday 31st August

Y10 Coreq. Numeracy NCEA

Wednesday 2nd September

Student Led Conferences

Thursday 3rd September

Y10 Coreq. Writing NCEA

Friday 4th September

Māori Language Week

Monday 14th - Friday 17th September

Inter-Whānau Ki-o-Rahi

Wednesday 16th - Friday 18th September

Business Studies Market Day

Tuesday 22nd September

Champions Assembly

Wednesday 23rd September

Options Evening

Thursday 24th September

End of Term 3

Friday 25th September - 1pm

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!



ANZAC Day

Our Executive Council attended the Howick ANZAC Day Parade and Civic Service at Stockade Hill in April. This leadership group has a long history of attending and supporting this parade and service, alongside many other schools from our area. We look forward to continuing this annual tradition in 2027.



3G4G Festival of Cultural Sharing

Our Year 7 students enjoyed a meaningful visit to the Fo Guang Shan (FGS) Buddhist Temple this term. The visit provided students with the opportunity to learn about Buddhist values and experience a range of engaging activities. Students participated in meditation sessions, explored the importance of kindness, respect, and good deeds, and gained insights into different cultural and spiritual practices. A highlight of the day was enjoying the temple's delicious vegetarian rice. The visit was a valuable experience that encouraged reflection, empathy, and cultural understanding.

Emergency Contact Details

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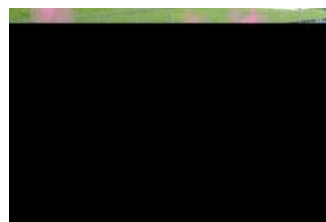
Kiwi Bubble Soccer

Earlier this term, some of our **Year 10** students (and staff) had the opportunity to participate in **Kiwi Bubble Football**. This tied into a number of their learning contexts, helping them improve their teamwork, communication, and other important interpersonal skills. It was also an opportunity to experience a different type of movement that focusses on play; showing that physical activity can indeed be fun!



Maunga Whānau Y7 MOTAT

The Year 7s from **Maunga Whānau** visited **MOTAT** in Week 9. Students explored how **Māori**



Pink Shirt Day

Our school community came together to celebrate **Pink Shirt Day**, promoting the importance of kindness, inclusion, and standing up against bullying. Students proudly dressed in pink and participated in a variety of lunchtime activities, including hair spray painting, taking photos with themed photo frames, and writing positive messages on the **Kindness Wall**. These activities helped spread messages of respect, acceptance, and friendship.

The day concluded with the **Colour Run**, where students enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon of running, laughter, and colourful powder. The event brought students together in a positive and energetic environment, reinforcing the importance of the day.



Wai Whānau Y9 Rangitoto Island

During Week 1, Year 9 students from **Wai Whānau** travelled to **Rangitoto Island** to experience its wonder. Their Term 1 context was '**Beyond the Footprints**', where they spent time learning about various **Auckland Regional Parks** and marine reserves. They looked at how important these areas are to the ecological preservation of **Tāmaki Makaurau** and how well they serve as community resources to support well-being. They travelled to Rangitoto Island to look at this special area and how

signal to prepare and plant crops for the coming season. Throughout the programme, students deepened their understanding of Māori knowledge and practices in Aotearoa. A highlight of the visit was the hands-on learning. Students designed their own pātaka (storehouse), participated in interactive games, and planted seeds to take home. They also had the opportunity to practise planting kūmara using kinetic sand, helping them connect practical skills with cultural knowledge in a meaningful way.

summitted the volcano, experienced the lava caves, and enjoyed looking at the sea life back down by the wharf!



Enviro Week

The **Enviro Council** organised a number of outside educators to provide workshops to students for this years' **Enviro Week**. These organisations were

- Kathryn Lorenz from **Watercare**
- Ashritha Bagadam from **Beautification Trust**
- Katie Goodwin from **Legasea**

These workshops were a mixture of practical and theory based lessons using MHJC's own 400 year old Ngahere forest. Students tested the quality of our water, discovered the invertebrates in our waterways, and learned how to take action to protect the Moana and Kai in the **Hauraki Gulf**.

Jammies for June

As the colder weather sets in, the **Executive Council** wanted to channel MHJC's collective mana into a legacy project that makes a real difference in our community. The Council chose to support the **Middlemore Foundation's 'Jammies for June'** initiative because no child should have to go to sleep cold this winter. The MHJC "Jammie Army" was rallied to provide urgent warmth, through both gold coin donations and winter pajama collections. For the Executive Council, this project is about more than just a fun non-uniform day; it is about empathy, community responsibility, and showing that even a small act of kindness can transform a winter for a family in need.





Maunga Whānau Y9 Howick Historic Village

Maunga Whānau Year 9s took a trip back in time to the **Howick Historic Village** this term. It was a chance for students to see how everyday choices - what we wear, eat, and learn - have been shaped by those who came before us. Students explored pioneer life, through experiencing past activities and questioning their own present day choices. The trip helped students understand that knowing about the past helps us walk more thoughtfully into the future.

Academic Competition Update

Students competing in Academic Competitions have had an outstanding start to the year! The **Big Science Competition** saw exceptional results, with 5 Credit, 3 Distinction, and 4 High Distinction awards. Congratulations to **Clare Zhang (10F2)**, **Jason Nguyen (8F2)**, **Krishna Rangu (8M2)**, and **Azhaf Khan (8F2)** for achieving High Distinctions. Students also took part in the **Great Kiwi Maths and Science Competitions**. A record six Year 9-10 students progressed to Stage 2 of the **Otago Maths Competition**, placing them among the top 15% of students nationwide. The **Otago Junior Problem Solving Competition** is also well



Sports Report

Junior Sport Codes

MHJC South Eastern Zone Sports Success - Kia Mana Ake in Action

At MHJC, we believe sport provides our students with valuable opportunities to grow, challenge themselves, build confidence, and develop a lifelong love for physical activity. Our participation in South Eastern Zone (SEZ) events allows students to experience a range of sporting codes, including opportunities to try sports they may not have participated in before, while developing teamwork, resilience, respect, and leadership. SEZ highlights from this term are below.

Our **Boys Futsal Team** competed with determination and finished 8th overall, showing great teamwork and commitment throughout the competition.

Our **Orienteering** students embraced the challenge of this unique sport, with a number of students participating and our Year 8 boys achieving an outstanding opportunity to compete at the Auckland Championships.

In **Football**, our Year 7 Boys and Girls teams both finished in 8th place, while our Year 8 Girls finished an impressive 5th. Our Year 8 Boys had a fantastic tournament, walking away as Plate Winners.

In **Badminton**, our players had an excellent competition, with our Girls Doubles team finishing in 3rd place and one of our singles players also achieving a 3rd place finish.

During the **Hockey** competition, our Girls Team finished 5th after competing against strong teams from neighbouring schools. The Boys Team also performed exceptionally well, showing great improvement, teamwork, and determination in a highly competitive environment.

Our **Junior Netball** programme continues to advance, with two teams playing in the Tuesday night competition. Our **AIMS Netball** team is playing in the highest league in our school's history.

ICAS entries close on the first weekend of the holidays, so if you haven't entered yet, check your school email for registration details. Term 3 is shaping up to be our biggest competition season yet, with 13 academic competitions taking place. Be sure to keep an eye on your email so you're in the right place at the right time - ready to challenge yourself, showcase your talents, and achieve your personal best!

Digital World Tip - Rob Cope

Earlier this year, **Rob Cope** came and spoke with our community about ways to keep our children safe in this very digital world. He presented lots of tips. One he has shared is below via the Youtube link. His website is also linked below for more information.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ue87SeaQkUg>
<https://www.ourkidsonline.info/>

with seven teams taking part this term - six teams competing in the social grade here at school and one team representing MHJC in the A Grade competition at Pakuranga College. A special congratulations to the MHJC Jets, who were crowned champions of their module! Well done to all players for demonstrating teamwork, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm throughout the season.

The Underdog Basketball Module is a fantastic opportunity for students to stay active, develop their basketball skills, and enjoy playing with friends in a supportive environment. It has also provided a wonderful pathway for MHJC's senior basketballers, who have done an outstanding job learning to officiate games at the MHJC venue with many students progressing from the social grade into 'A' Grade basketball over recent years, demonstrating the growth and opportunities the programme provides.

Are you interested in joining a team for Term 3? Please sign up with Miss Kindley or Mrs Carter before the end of the term!

Senior Sport Codes

Basketball

We have three Junior Grade (Year 9 and 10) currently competing in the College Sport Counties Manukau Zone Basketball season. All teams have had success, with some great sportsmanship being shown. A huge congratulations to Shiv Patel & Aviraj Singh (Co-captains of our 1st V Boys Team) on their selection to the Counties Manukau Basketball Under 16 Whero team who will compete at the BBNZ Foot Locker Under 16 Nationals in Christchurch this July!

Netball

Our Premier Netball Team earned an incredible place in the A Grade competition. This success is a reflection of the students' commitment to training, willingness to learn, and determination to continually improve their skills. We look forward to watching their success as the season progressing into Term 3. The B Team secured a place in the D Grade competition this year. They continue to improve their netball skills and look forward to progressing further into the competition.

MHJC Cross Country

MHJC had our annual school-wide cross country event on Friday 26th June. Updates, including placings and more photos, to come via social media later this week.

Upcoming Sporting Events

SEZ Table Tennis Thursday 6th August

SEZ Netball Friday 7th August

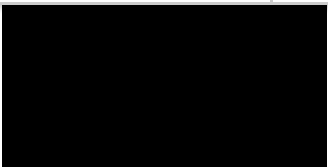
SEZ Cross Country Wednesday 12th August

AAIMS Netball Thursday 20th August

AAIMS Cross Country Friday 28th August

NZ AIMS Games Saturday 5th - Friday 11th September

SEZ Basketball Wednesday 23rd September



Term 2 ends on Friday 3rd July at 1pm.
We wish our community a wonderful break.