



# MASSEY HIGH SCHOOL

TE KURA TUARUA O TIRIWA

## TE PAANUI RAHINA

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PRINCIPAL : B S RITCHIE

Dear Parents/Guardians

Greetings Kia Ora Talofa Guten Tag Bonjour Malo e le lei Dobro Dosli Kia Orana こんにちは  
Fakalofa lahi atu Shalom Goeie Dag Sawadee Croeso Bula Fáilte

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## MONDAY NEWSLETTER

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**“WE ARE AN EXEMPLARY SCHOOL”**

Enclosed with this Newsletter is some information about the changes that have been announced by the Government to the NCEA as well as NZQA invoices where applicable.

In my view these changes are positive as they will give greater recognition to those students achieving merit and excellence. This will also motivate students to strive for excellence rather than just the minimum number of credits required to gain a certificate.

The introduction of merit and excellence awards in individual subjects from 2008 similarly is a positive move.

The increase in the percentage of samples a school must submit for moderation of internal assessment from 3% to 10% plus the random sampling of internal assessments should give students and parents more confidence in the marking of internal assessment.

Please read these papers so that you can obtain a greater understanding of the improvements.

**Bruce Ritchie**  
Principal

## ASSESSMENT WEEK

Next week, 11 – 15 June, is Assessment Week for all students at Massey High School. It is vital that students are at school every day next week and that they are on time to begin period 1 at 8.35am. As well as carrying out the assessments, teachers will continue to deliver their usual classroom programmes.

For senior students, some of the assessment time is being used to assess internal NCEA achievement or unit standards. Students need to prepare well to achieve their credits in these. They may also have a practice assessment for an external NCEA achievement standard in some subjects. This is an important learning experience as students can gain an idea of their progress towards their achievement of the external credits. Junior students will have end-of-semester assessments in their subjects.

A special timetable has been arranged for Assessment Week. Periods 1 and 2 each day will continue as they are now. Students will then have a double period between 11.00am and 1.05pm for the subject they would normally have in period 3 each day.

At its meeting on Thursday 31 May, the Board of Trustees approved the closing of the school at the end of period 4 each day during Assessment Week. Students will be released then and buses have been ordered for that time.

For teachers, the early close will allow them time to mark assessments and to start writing the mid-year reports. For the students, the purpose of the early closing each day is to allow them to go home and have some study time. This is their only study leave during the assessment week.

For each subject, students need to know

- WHEN their assessment is
- HOW they are being assessed
- WHAT they are being assessed on.

They also need to find out what they need to bring so that they equip themselves each day with the appropriate materials for their assessments. A refill pad and a black or blue pen is the minimum requirement. This week they should be asking their teachers for the above information.

To study effectively, students should do active revision. When they learn their notes, they need to write as well as read, and say things aloud (**READ, WRITE, RECITE**). An effective study strategy is to write practice assessment answers and to do this within the suggested time allocation.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

### DUATHLON

Auckland Secondary Schools' Duathlon was held at Maraetia Beach on Friday 25 May with the following results:

Emily Ingoe (10TES) and Daniel Furminger (10APA) - 1st Intermediate Mixed Team Event.

Jordan Hague (10TES) and Steven Furminger (10APA) - 1st Intermediate Boys' Team Event.

Meghan Ashford (10APA) and Esther Smith (10APA) - 3rd Intermediate Girls' Team Event and Jamie Johns (10ASG) and Chloe Harding-Sheath (11MGS) were 4th.

Matthew Fraser (9KDE) and Michael Ferkins (9MAL) - 2nd Junior Boys' team event.

Shane Hazelden (13MGN) and Oliver Harding-Sheath 1st - Senior Boys' team event. Shane was the runner and Oliver was the cyclist in the team. This was a notable achievement as the two boys beat the team in second place by over four minutes.

### MATHS OLYMPIAD

The following Massey High School students recently made it to the finals of the Auckland Regional Mathematical Olympiad Competition and were selected to compete with the top 120 students from the region at the annual event held at the University of Auckland on Sunday 27 May: Reezan Yousuf (11PTR), Johnathan Clapson (11MGS), Matthew

Ogden (11MGS), Whitney Whitford (12TSR), Wayd Barton-Redgrave (13KBE), Xun Cui (12PRH), Harry Aitken (13KBE) and Chase Vesey (12TSR).

Although they were not placed, it is a great achievement for these students to make the finals of this prestigious and challenging competition.

#### SATD CLASSIC DANCESPORT

Congratulations to Daniel Walden (10KJM) who is the New Zealand SATD Classic Dancesport Junior C Grade 15 Years and under Champion. Daniel has won this title now for the last three years.

#### BRASS BAND

Congratulations to Haley Littlewood (12KCY) and Edmund Whittaker (9ASJ) who are New Zealand National Brass Band Champions. Hayley won the Restricted Over 16 section and Edmund won the Restricted Under 16 section.

## SCHOOL BALL

The Massey High School Ball will be held this year at the Ellerslie Convention Centre on Tuesday 3 July. This event has always been a highly successful one and every year we are complimented on the behaviour of our students.

The Ball starts at 7.30pm and students will not be admitted after 8pm. The Ball finishes at 12 midnight and students are expected to remain at the Ball until that time unless prior arrangements have been made with the school. Students must dress formally.

Massey High School has **NOT** arranged any pre-ball or post-ball functions and takes no responsibility for any that may have been arranged.

School rules apply with regard to behaviour, alcohol and smoking and the venue security has the right to refuse entry and search patrons if this is deemed necessary. Outside partners are expected to comply with Massey High School rules and are the responsibility of their Massey partner. With everyone's co-operation we are sure to have an enjoyable evening consistent with the intention and spirit of the School Ball.



# ENROLMENTS

## 2008

### In-zone Enrolments for Year 9

*Monday 30 July 7pm-9pm*

*Tuesday 31 July, Wednesday 1 August and*

*Thursday 2 August*

*4pm-7pm*

### Out-of-zone Enrolments

*Enrolment packs available from school office -  
phone 831-0500 ext. 526*

*Applications close Friday*

*7 September 2007*

*Ballot date - Tuesday*

*18 September 2007*

## Doctor, Dentist, Student Appointments etc

The office is unable to deliver messages to students regarding Doctor or Dentist appointments etc. This is due to the large number of parents ringing in. Please make sure that your child knows of his or her appointment before they leave home.

## WAITAKERE TAG OUT TRUST

When you see graffiti vandalism on your own or public property, and phone the exact location in to the Call Centre, don't forget to tell them that you are a Graffiti Ranger Family and if relevant, the school that your child attends. Schools are rewarded whenever a student or a family member rings in to the Call Centre.

We always like to hear from you and share ideas to improve our programmes. Email us at: [stellann@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stellann@xtra.co.nz)

Best wishes  
Fred & Stella Coombes

## OPEN NIGHT

*Monday 23 July*

*Two Sessions*

*3.30-5.30pm and 6.30-8.30pm*

*Principal's address in the Hall followed by a tour for each session.*

**ALL WELCOME**  
especially Year 7 and Year 8 students  
and their parents.



- Δ Tour the School with the Prefects
- Δ Meet the Teachers
- Δ Enjoy Interactive Displays
- Δ Experience the Technology

## KEY DATES

### June

- 11-15 Assessment Week
- 28 Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
- 29 **Term 2 Ends**

### July

- 3 School Ball
- 16 **Term 3 Commences**