

# MASSEY HIGH SCHOOL

TE KURA TUARUA O TIRIWA

## TE PAANUI RAHINA

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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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## INFORMATION EVENING

We will be holding an Information Evening for parents **tonight at 6.30pm** in the School Hall.

This evening is to welcome new parents to our school but is open to all parents who wish to come.

We will outline some of the key features of our school, our achievements, our goals for 2007 and beyond and our new programme 'Academic Counselling'. There will also be a presentation on NCEA.

We look forward to meeting you tonight.

## S T U D E N T ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Lance Beddoes (10KWD) who has been selected to represent Auckland in a Triangular Squash Tournament against Waikato and Bay of Plenty in Tauranga He has also been selected as a member of the NZ Squash World Junior Elite Squad.



## F I A F I A N I G H T

Thursday 15 March  
6pm

Jack Adam  
Gymnasium

Come and see fabulous performances by the Massey High School cultural groups who are preparing for the ASB Polyfest

Kapa Haka, Samoan, Tongan, Cook Island, Niuean, Tuvaluan and Indian groups will be performing.



**TICKETS \$5** - on sale from Bursar from Monday 12th March.

**No door sales. All tickets pre-sold.**

Limited seating so buy your tickets now to avoid missing out. Family pass discount available.

## UNWELL STUDENTS

If your child is unwell please do not send them to school. If they have vomiting or diarrhoea keep them at home.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES' ELECTION

Elections for the Board of Trustees will take place on 29 March. Nomination forms have been sent out to all parents.

## SPORTS RESULTS

### Equestrian Team

Two teams of students competed at the Regional Equestrian Trials - One-Day Event at Wainui Pony Club on Wednesday 28 February.

Massey High School Team 1 was placed 2nd in the dressage. The students in this team were: Bronwyn Mackie (13AFW), Kelly Jamieson (11MGS), Zoe Spychala-Pollard (12KCY) and Teresa Adam (13MGN). Massey Team 2 was placed mid-field.

I was impressed with the professionalism, turnout and sportsmanship of the girls and would like to thank the group of parents who accompanied us. Well done Massey Equestrian.

**Mrs Bear, Teacher-in-charge of Equestrian**

### Mixed Hockey Team

Congratulations to the Mixed Hockey Team who won their 7-a-side Summer League at North Harbour Hockey. They played in the Senior 1A league, winning all but two games in the tournament. All other teams consisted of adult players, which highlights just what an achievement this is. Congratulations to:

Joshua Miles (12PEL), Thomas Greetham (12KCP), Jordan Thomas (12TSR), Ryan Harlick (13AFW), Emily Meredith (12MMM), Kathryn Henry (12KCY), Lauren Grierson (13KBE), Grace Fursdon (11PTR), Rebecca Phelps (11PTR), Sarah Jones (12KVA).

**Miss Clasper, Teacher-in-charge of Hockey**

### Premier Girls' Water Polo Team

Congratulations to the Premier Girls' Water Polo Team who won their game last Sunday against last year's National Champions and previously unbeaten Diocesan. The girls are currently ranked second and look forward to meeting the number one team in their coming game.

Congratulations to:

Teresa Adam (13MGN), Kate Herring (13TAS), Alanna

Francois (12KDW), Hannah Gibson (13KBE), Jamie Johns (11ASG), Holly Mohan-Druce (12PAO), Ashleigh-Rose Chibnall (10KWD), Niki Hayes (10TPF), Adrienne Humphries (10AKI), Emily Ingoe (10TES), Nikki Johns (10MGT), Rachel Pauling (10PRF), Katherine Tutini (10AHU).

Ms Skoggard, Teacher-in-charge of Water Polo

## ‘GETTING BOYS TO EXCEL AT SCHOOL’ SEMINAR

with Ian Grant

Thursday 22 March 2007, 7.30pm,

Oratia School Hall

\$10

Register at Otaria District School, Shaw Road, Waitakere.

## HOMWORK POLICY

From time to time we report on various school policies and practices. This time it is homework.

Massey High School strongly supports the homework policy and this year the Board of Trustees has provided free for each student a homework diary called the Student Planner. All students must bring this to school each day as part of their essential school equipment so that they can note homework and other school commitments.

Homework can be nothing more than a tedious chore but, used properly, it is time well spent.

Research overseas has shown there has been a resurgence in the importance of homework. The research shows “that homework is important in its own right and can encourage skills and attitudes hard to foster within the school walls and significantly improve educational performance”. (Times Educational Supplement). Professor John MacBeath of the University of Strathclyde (Scotland) says, “Ideally school and home work should be a seamless cloth. It should be an enrichment and extension of what is going on in school. Or it can be the other way around; school work can just as easily draw on what has been done at home. What it shouldn’t be is work for the sake of it. “.....The most effective way is to have homework diaries.....”. Interest, support and some monitoring (using the diaries) are what students need most from parents. Parents can help most by listening rather than telling. Instead of saying, “This is how we did long division” parents should listen and try to understand. The child then begins to learn.



The research lists 14 reasons for homework. It can:

1. Allow practice and consolidation of work done in class.
2. Allow preparation for future class work.
3. Offer access to resources not in school.
4. Develop skills in using library and other learning resources.
5. Provide opportunities for individual work.
6. Allow assessment of students’ progress and mastery of work.
7. Provide evidence for evaluation of teaching.
8. Provide training in planning and organising time.
9. Develop good habits and self-discipline.

10. Encourage ownership and responsibility for learning.
11. Provide information for parents.
12. Provide opportunities for parental co-operation and support.
13. Create channels for home-school dialogue. There is space for this in the School Planner at the end of each week.
14. Fulfil the expectations of parents, students, teachers and public.

At Massey High School we encourage homework and require students to use their Student Planner every day. As a rough guide, your son or daughter should be doing homework according to these guidelines:

Year 9	- 1 hour per night
Year 10	- 1½ hours per night
Year 11	- 2 hours per night
Year 12 & 13	- 3 hours per night

There is no excuse for any student saying they have nothing to do.

Some of the more regular homework activities include:

- Completing work sheets.
  - Finishing off the writing of experiments, reports or assignments.
  - Researching information from books, magazines or newspapers.
  - Drawing maps, diagrams, sketches.
  - Completing exercises, for example in Mathematics, Languages, Economics, etc.
  - Writing paragraphs or essays.
  - Constructing models, sets, Science Fair projects, woodwork projects, English projects.
  - Completing journals, creative writing, poetry tasks.
  - Surveying people’s views or attitudes.
  - Photography or art work.
  - Using the computer for assignments or processing.
  - Finding out how an appliance works.
  - Continuing with practical work including Art work.
  - Practising a musical instrument or training in a physical activity.
  - Reading novels, plays, non-fiction, poetry.
- Reading is a priority in students’ language growth. Students are expected to read every night. English teachers will ensure that your child has adequate reading material. The best help you can give your child in this essential activity is to provide an appropriate model by **READING YOURSELF WITH YOUR CHILDREN.**
- Watching a particular TV programme of an educational nature e.g. on science, history, technology.
  - Revision for standard tests.

Remember - Our Library is open from 8am – 4pm every day.

## KEY DATES

### March

12	Information Evening for Parents - 6.30pm Hall
15	Fiafia Night - 6pm Jack Adam Gymnasium
	Auckland Secondary School Volleyball Champs
	North Island Secondary Schools’ Water Polo Championships
	Nominations close for Board of Trustees Election
20	Voting papers posted for Board of Trustees’ Election
21-24	ASB Polyfest
29	Board of Trustees’ Meeting 7pm Library
	Closing of Voting for Board of Trustees Election
30	Western Heights Tournament