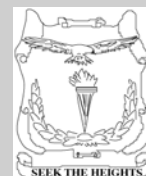




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MONDAY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents/Guardians

Greetings Kia Ora Talofa Guten Tag Bonjour Malo e le lei Dobar Dan Kia Orana こんにちは

Fakalofa lahi atu Shalom Goeie Dag Sawadee Croeso Bula Fáilte Ciao Mabuhay Namaskaar

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ENROLMENTS 2010

In-Zone Enrolments for Year 9

**Monday 21 September 4-8 pm
in Library or
phone 831-0500 ext 526
for an appointment**

ASSESSMENT WEEK

This week is Assessment Week for all students at Massey High School. It is vital that students are at school every day 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 assessments in some of their subjects.

SENIOR EXAMS

As we near the end of Term 3, students should be focused on the exams they will sit in Term 4. It is important that NCEA students take the internal exams seriously. They provide practice for the external exams in both exam technique and in answering questions and they will indicate areas for improvement. Results from the internal exams provide information for the end-of-year reports and also for certificates and prizes which are awarded at the end-of-year prize giving. If a student is unable to sit the NCEA exams for some reason e.g. sickness, injury, bereavement, the internal exams provide information for compassionate consideration. Many applications for courses for 2010 which require evidence of achievement use the end-of-year school exam results.

Senior exams begin on Tuesday 13 October, during the first week of Term 4. This leaves only two weeks left before the

end of Term 3 and the two-week holiday. It is really important that students are focused and working hard on their academic studies now and that they are at school, in class, on time, completing work and assessments, doing homework and beginning their exam study.

How can students help themselves to prepare for the exams?

1. Go to the homework centres in the library after school.
2. Attend extra classes available in some subjects.
3. Go to exam preparation classes during the holidays.
4. Find out how the exam paper in each subject is organised.
5. Find out what content the exams will assess.
6. Ensure folders and notes are in order and complete.
7. Organise a study plan.
8. Study by practising answers to previous exam questions.
9. Answer exam questions in exam conditions e.g. with a time limit.
10. Learn through active revision: **READ, WRITE and RECITE.**

NEWSLETTERS BY E-MAIL

You can now subscribe via the website to have a link to the latest newsletter emailed to you each week.

The link is: <http://www.masseyhigh.school.nz/newsletters>

SCHOOL FEES

School fees can now be paid by credit card from the school website. The link is <http://www.masseyhigh.school.nz/fees>

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

NZ Secondary Schools' Cycling Championships



Congratulations to Dion Smith (12MMT) who won a Silver medal in the U-17 Criterium and Jenna Smith (11MAL) who won a Bronze medal in U-16 Time Trial.

Science Holiday Programmes

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for Science Programmes:

Lujia Xu (12APA) has been selected for sponsorship by the West Harbour Rotary Club and Massey High School to attend the Rotary Science Forum in January in 2010.

Pauline Manu'atu (12KDG) and Lily Mose Polusi (12KCR) have been selected for sponsorship by Unitec to attend the West Science Programme in the next holiday.

Su'ad Muse (12PTL) and Stephanie Leighton (12APA) have been selected by the school to apply for sponsorship by the Zonta organisation to attend the Otago Hand on Science course in January 2010.

Surfing

Congratulations to Suban Linklater (12TFG) who came third in the U-18 NZ Secondary Schools' Scholastic Surfing Championships held in Raglan.

Athletics

Congratulations to Grace Fursdon (13PTR) who came second in the Women's U-19 Grade at Athletics Auckland Road Championships held at Unitec Mt Albert. Congratulations to Mr Smith (P.E. teacher) who came fourth in the Senior Men's section.

Congratulations to Grace Fursdon who was second in the Senior Girls' section at the Auckland Secondary Schools' Road Running Championships.

Congratulations to Laura Wootton (11TWN) who was a member of the Auckland team who came second in Hamilton at the NZ Interprovincial Cross Country Relay Championships.

Badminton

Congratulations to Luke Charlesworth (13PTR), James Bryant (13KBY), Sam Rimmer (12PTL), Evgeni Yaroshenko Hayes (13PTR) and Julian Beuning (13APR) who competed at the NZ Police National Secondary Schools' Badminton Championships which were held in Wellington. They came second. After a slow start to the tournament the boys put in a fantastic performance in the semi-final against MacLeans College and lost narrowly in the final to Westlake Boys High School.

P A S T S T U D E N T ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to past student Danielle Barry who was a member of the NZ Badminton team that won the ITL Whyte Trophy against Australia in Invercargill. With one match left to decide the series it was all up to Danielle Barry and her partner who won the match in three games 18-21, 21-16, 21-18 to give New Zealand both the tie and the series. This is the seventh consecutive time this has been won by New Zealand.



Last week we were delighted to welcome Karen Willcox to our school to speak to our top academic students. A local Massey girl, Karen attended Lincoln Heights Primary School, she won a scholarship to St Cuthbert's College and then, after attending the University of Auckland, she went on to complete a PhD at MIT in the USA where she is currently an Associate Professor of Aeronautical Engineering. Karen has been selected to be part of the NASA space programme and is enthusiastic about the opportunity she may have to become an astronaut. She outlined to students how their science and maths knowledge and skills can be used in practical ways in their future studies and careers. The students were impressed with Karen's account of her academic pathway and the interesting research she has been involved in. She was a fine example to them of a local person who is passionate about her academic learning, who set her sights high and who worked hard to achieve her goals.

KEY DATES

September

- 14 Assessment Week - school ends each day at 3.10pm
- 14-18 Student Rep on Board of Trustees voting Out-of-Zone enrolment ballot
- 21 Cultural Week
- In-zone Enrolments - 4pm to 8pm
- 24 Board Meeting - 7pm in Library
- 25 **Term 3 Ends**

October

- 12 **Term 4 Begins**
- 13-21 Senior Exams
- 26 Labour Day
- 29 Board Meeting - 7pm in Library