



MASSEY HIGH SCHOOL

TE KURA TUARUA O TIRIWA

MONDAY NEWSLETTER



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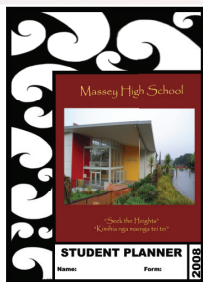
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Dear Parents/Guardians

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 Cia 銘謝指教 안녕하세요

STUDENT PLANNER



All Massey High School students have been issued with a STUDENT PLANNER. This must be brought to school each day as part of the student's essential materials for learning, along with exercise books/folders/paper and pens and other writing equipment. All should be contained in a sturdy, good-sized bag. Handbags and flimsy cloth bags are not acceptable.

The student planner contains valuable information about the school's expectations of students, the organisation of Massey High School, school rules and uniform requirements, and some useful ideas for learning. For students in NCEA subjects there is a useful section where they can see the requirements for achievement at each level. In the Credit Tracker students can keep a record of their internal NCEA credits gained each term.

The planner will help students to meet one of the New Curriculum's Key Competencies – Managing Self. By using the planner each day, students will be well organised for their learning and other school commitments. By the end of the year, it will provide a valuable record of the student's time at Massey High School in 2010.

Through the planner we are also communicating with parents. They should read the information so that they are aware of the school's organisation and expectations. The planner can also help them to become more involved in their child's education. At the end of each week there is a section where parents can add a note to communicate with teachers. We encourage both parents and students to make full use of this planner to assist our students in their achievement at Massey High School.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS - 2010

The election of parent representatives to the Board of Trustees of this school for their three-year term is to be held in May 2010. If you are interested in being a Trustee, nomination forms will be available in March. Visit our website for further information.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please advise the school office if your address or any other contact details have changed.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

<http://www.masseyhigh.school.nz>

NEWSLETTERS BY E-MAIL

You can 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>

NCEA RESULTS

We are very pleased with our Scholarships results. We have 32 Scholarships with six outstanding and one top of N.Z. in Accounting. We will report on these students individually in the next newsletter. Our results overall continue to improve and we are starting to see the benefits of the achievement programmes we have introduced in recent years. The following table shows our results over the last five years. Trends are important as one-off results can be misleading due to fluctuations in prior learning of particular cohorts.

When looking at individual students who were border line, there is a very strong correlation between attendance and success, especially at Years 12 and 13. As the work gets more difficult it is really important that students are in class and doing the work both at school and at home.

	2005	2007	2007	2008	2009
Level 1 %	55	57	64	67	64
Literacy %	74	71	84	85	88
Numeracy %	94	95	97	94	97
Level 2 %	54	56	58	59	66
Level 3 %	53	51	60	50	55
U.E. %	49	45	52	47	44

Many of our highest achieving students have done particularly well with 25 students gaining excellence endorsements overall and many more passing with merit endorsements. To gain these endorsements students must gain at least 50 credits of excellence (or merit for a merit endorsement). We

congratulate the following students who gained excellence endorsements.

Level 1

Timothy Poggenpoel, Patrick Free, Gunnika Gill, Ryan Lim-Yip, Brian Cham, Joshu Tagaloa, Betty Zam, Isabelle Kuan.

Level 2

Stephanie Leighton, Lujia Xu, Chloe Melles, Esther Smith, Jai Min Choi, Alisha Brunton, Meghan Ashford, Laura Gan, Caroline Kasmara, Su'ad Muse, Kanako Konishi.

Level 3

Benjamin Soole, Gene Beveridge, Joanna Kennerley, Matthew Ogden, Man Leung (Frankie) Tam, Dylan Webb

We're Having A



Fundraising Collection!

We're having a Bag it for School fundraising collection on Wednesday 24th February 2010

- Everybody is welcome to get involved
- Everybody gets a free collection bag
- The more quality items that we collect the more money we raise for our school

Please bag all good quality reusable:

- ADULTS' AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, SPORTS GEAR
- PAIRED SHOES, BELTS, HANDBAGS
- BEDDING AND CURTAINS
- HOUSEHOLD BRIC-A-BRAC
- SOFT TOYS, GAMES, BOOKS, DVDs & CDs

Please don't bag: damaged and unusable items, dirty or wet items as the Red Cross are unable to clean or repair. By participating in Bag it for School, we're also helping to support the vital humanitarian work of New Zealand Red Cross both here at home and overseas – what a great reason to clear out your wardrobes and cupboards! Any surplus saleable good quality items that you no longer need can be reused through the local Red Cross shops. Have a look at the Bag it for School website to find out more about how it works at www.bagitforschool.co.nz

COLLECTION DATE – 24TH FEBRUARY

PLEASE BRING YOUR FULL BAGS TO THE TRACTOR SHED BY P10 ON THE MORNING OF WEDNESDAY 24TH FEB TO BE COLLECTED BY NEW ZEALAND RED CROSS THANK YOU.



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SCHOOL DONATIONS AND FEES

The General Purpose Donation is now payable. The Board has set the donation at \$120.00 per student, \$170.00 for two students and \$210 for three or more students from the same family. A 20% discount is available if paid before 1 March 2010. Subject fees are also due and we would appreciate prompt payment so that materials can be purchased. Parents who require financial assistance should phone or write to Mrs

Cranston. All requests for assistance will be treated in confidence.

CELL PHONES

Advances in information and communication technology are increasing at an alarming rate. Gone are the days of carrier pigeons, semaphore, morse code, magneto telephones and party lines. As good as our modern communications developments are, there is a down-side to the possession and use of cell phones.

In a learning environment they are a complete distraction in class.

Furthermore they have become a target for criminals. Cell phones which are stolen or lost cause a huge amount of work and we cannot spend any more time following up missing cell phones.

Overseas experience tells us that with the development of PXT and video phones the emergence of objectionable material has become an issue. While we have not had any issues to date, to be forewarned is to be forearmed.

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR CELL PHONE AT HOME

Cell phones are not to be seen at school. We follow a “**no-show**” policy. If we see a cell phone at interval or lunchtime it will be confiscated and returned at a later date after the student has completed a detention. If a student is seen using one in class, it will be confiscated and a parent will be asked to come and collect it.

Students who bring a phone to school do so at their own risk. We will not be spending any more time chasing up lost or stolen cell phones. We ask parents to support us in this and ensure that cell phones are left at home.

EFTPOS

We are unable to give students cash from their Eftpos cards. Please ensure they have money for lunches, etc.

KEY DATES

February

- 15 Teacher Professional Development starts. **School ends at 2pm.**
- 24 Auckland Secondary Schools' Zone 3 Swimming Championships
- 26 MHS Athletic Championships
- 25 Board of Trustees' Meeting 7pm Library

March

- 1 Auckland Secondary Schools' Girls' Qualifying Day
- 2 Auckland Secondary Schools' Boys' Qualifying Day
- 8 Parent Consultation Evening
- 10 Auckland Champion of Champs - Athletics
- 12 MHS Swimming Sports
- 18-21 ASB Polyfest
- 25 Board of Trustees' Meeting 7pm Library

April

- 1 Term 1 Ends
- 19 Term 2 Begins
- 25 Anzac Day
- 29 Board of Trustees' Meeting 7pm Library