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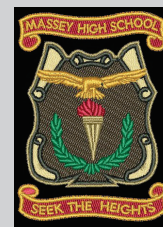
MASSEY HIGH SCHOOL

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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

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

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McKeown Cara	147
Roundtree, Friday	143

Congratulations to the following who are duly elected:

Barnes, Bruce
Garelja, John
Shanks, Cita
Jarrett, Kurt
Lavasii, Tafesilafai
Ewart, Trevor
Heke, Tania

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

Goddard, Karl 65
Smith, Sam 46

Congratulations to Karl Goddard who is duly elected.

WHEN DO YOU KEEP A CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

Parents please keep your child at home if they have nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea or a temperature above 37.5.

How do you know when your child is too ill to go to school or is just feeling like a day off? Should a child with a cold be sent to school?

Parents often face the dilemma of whether their child is sick enough to have to stay at home.

Sometimes children themselves can fake an illness to have a



day off or children keen on school activities refuse to stay home even when they need more time to recover.

Your decision will often be a judgement call but here are some tips. If your children are sicker than you thought, remember we can call you if they deteriorate during the day so you can come in and pick them up.

- Check if your child has a temperature. If it is above 37.7 the child may have an infection.
- Nausea and vomiting, diarrhoea, a sore throat, a rash or just general listlessness and misery are usually signs your child really does need a day in bed.
- Drum in the importance of regular hand washing especially after using the toilet and before eating. Teach them to keep their hands away from their face. During the colds and flu season, give them a bottle of hand sanitiser to use frequently during the school day. The child at the next table with the dripping nose may be less contagious than the microbes on door handles and desktops.
- Keep up immunisations.
- Children with viral infections can be infectious before they show symptoms, as well as after their symptoms clear up. On the other hand, some children can cough for weeks because the virus has affected the lining of their lungs. So you can have a well child who is shedding virus, a coughing child who is no longer shedding virus, and infection by viral particles that lurk on surfaces and objects. It's not practical to keep everybody home who's shedding virus so your main concern must be your own child's needs, not the risk to other children.
- Take complaints of illness seriously so children understand it is serious. If they are genuinely ill they can be confident you will look after them, consult the doctor, inform the school and keep them in bed until you are sure they are better.

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 student 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	- 1 1/2 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.

Sports Results

Netball

Premier	vs	Avondale College	Won	36-17
Development	vs	Green Bay High School	Won	28-18
Senior A	vs	Kelston Girls	Won	22-20

Rugby

1st XV	vs	Mahurangi College	Won	24-13
3rd Grade	vs	Westlake Boys	Lost	5-24
4th Grade	vs	Rangitoto College	Won	22-12
5th Grade 1	vs	Westlake Boys	Lost	0-32
6th Grade	vs	Rangitoto College	Lost	10-43

RAFFLE

The draw for the entertainment book was won by the Hackett family.

KEY DATES

May

27 Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm Library

June

4 Massey High School Day—No school

7 Queen’s Birthday—public holiday

28—2 July Musical “Cabaret”

July

5 School Ball
19 Term 3 Begins