



MASSEY HIGH SCHOOL

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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

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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. We will be posting out nominations forms shortly.

PARENTS' EVENING - MONDAY 8 MARCH

There will be an information and consultation evening for parents on Monday 8 March at 6.30pm in the school hall. This evening is to inform parents about some key features of Massey High School. We will take the opportunity to explain some innovations for 2010 and the future such as Year 11 Graduation and our new senior school structure. There will also be a presentation on NCEA and our students' achievements.

This evening is for parents of students at all levels and we particularly welcome the new parents to our school.

UNIFORM - SHOES

At its meeting on Thursday 25 February, the Board of Trustees reviewed the description of acceptable school shoes in the current uniform regulations. They emphasised that a high standard of uniform shoes must be maintained and that safety within laboratory and workshop situations must be guaranteed.

All shoes must be plain black with no extra colour, decoration or labelling.

BOYS must wear black, standard, leather, lace-up school shoes or, if they are wearing trousers, black slip-on, leather dress shoes.

GIRLS must wear black, standard, leather, lace-up school shoes or black, slip-on, leather shoes with one band over the top. The recommended shoes have the brand name Cassini and style name "Isolate". They can only be purchased from Bromleywear or Te Atatu Menswear. Any shoe similar from

another outlet is acceptable only if it meets the same standard, that is, plain black leather with one band over the top.

Not acceptable for both boys and girls are sandals, jandals, slippers, ballet-type shoes, sports shoes, boots and any shoes made of a canvas, suede or other soft material. The overall guideline is that the shoes should be able to be polished.

Students are expected to take pride in their appearance and to present themselves well, both in and out of school, whatever garments or shoes they are wearing. They need to follow the rules regarding uniform, shoes and the wearing of jewellery. These rules are clearly outlined in their Student Planner.

LATENESS TO SCHOOL

As in the workplace it is important that students learn to be punctual in getting to school. We are monitoring lateness to school with senior managers at the front of the school from 8.35am onwards. Since the start of the year we have noticed a decrease in the number of students coming late which is pleasing. However, we are still concerned at the number of students arriving late, especially those who are dropped off late by parents who drive their children to school. Students need to be at school in plenty of time to be at their form class or assembly which start at 8.40am.

If students arrive late without a note, they receive a Dean's Detention which must be done that day at lunchtime. This rule also applies to those students who are at school but who do not arrive at form period or assembly in time.

TATOOS AND TA MOKO

The school policy regarding tattoos and Ta Moko was reviewed at the meeting of the Board of Trustees on Thursday 25 February and it was resolved that the existing rule still stands. The school rule regarding tattoos and Ta Moko is that they must not be visible, that is, students must keep them covered when they are wearing their uniform. The exception is when students are dressing differently for their extra-curricular activities.

The rule for tattoos and Ta Moko follows the rule for the wearing of items of cultural significance – they must not be seen.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS TRIATHLON

Congratulations to the following students Nikki Johns (13MMT), Nivana Johnson (12MAL) and Steven Furfinger (13APA) who competed in the Auckland Secondary School's' Team Tag Mixed Triathlon held on Friday 19 February and

who won the Senior Mixed Tag Triathlon with a time of 62.25, beating runners up Howick College by 0.17 of a sec.

PREMIER BOYS' SOFTBALL

Well done to the Massey High School Premier Boys' Softball Team who defeated Avondale College 1-0 to win the Premier Division tournament held at Rosedale Park, Albany. Winning this One-Day Tournament they qualified for the national competition in Hastings on 22-26 March.

Team: Mason Bishop (12TWN), Campbell Enoka (12PRN), Taylor Hick (11AKU), Brodyn Knuckey (11KHA), Tamihana Nau (12KML), Taylor Nau (10ACH), Matthew Oxley (13AVE), Cameron Peden (11PYU), Connor Reid (12MAL), Mark Sorenson (12PRN), Sione Tugaga (12APR)

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

Congratulations to past students Gene Beveridge and Matthew Ogden who have been selected in the NZ Junior World Orienteering Championship team that will compete in Denmark this July.

RUGBY WEIGH IN

Open to all students boys and girls who are interested in playing rugby in 2010.

Monday 15 March - Juniors
Tuesday 16 March - Seniors

Please have your Rugby Fees paid before you weigh in. Fees are \$45 to be paid to the Bursar's office.

WINTER SPORTS TRIALS (All levels)

Badminton, Soccer, Rugby, Netball, Hockey, Waterpolo and Basketball. Trials for winter codes for all levels will begin on 22 March. If you wish to play sports this year you **must have your fees paid before you trial**. All fees are to be paid to the Bursar's Office. The Sports Office can help by you collecting a box of chocolates to sell to cover your fees. Start TODAY! Visit us in the Sports Office to get a head start in covering all your sports' fees. Dates of when and where these trials will be held will be published in the Daily Notices.

TIPS TO HELP CHILDREN SUCCEED



1. Talk with your children. Talk early and often. Provide them with information, feedback, a sympathetic ear, good advice based on family values, support rather than criticism. They will come to you throughout their lives for guidance if their early experiences are positive.
2. Set high but realistic expectations. No-one knows better than you your children's true abilities. Note their strengths and talents and gently encourage them. Identify where they need assistance and find help for them. Assist them in setting realistic self-expectations.
3. Build your children's sense of self-worth. As children grow and make choices they will make mistakes. Knowing they have your unconditional love and support whatever happens will help them pick

themselves up and start again when things do go wrong.

4. Keep your children healthy. Children who do well at school come to class rested, well-fed and emotionally prepared. Children who are well-nourished in every respect have the foundation for success.
5. Support learning at home. Involvement in your child's learning starts at home. Create the conditions for good learning – books, computer, quiet study area, library membership, time set aside for homework, interest in progress and reports.
6. Communicate with school. Teachers who never hear from parents often assume they are not interested. Attend meetings. Read notices and newsletters. Offer help. Send polite notes to your children's teachers. Communicate with teachers through the Student Planner.
7. Encourage a spirit of inquiry. Show your children what a wonderful place the world is. Visit parks, museums, art galleries. There's plenty of free entertainment and exploration available. Curiosity about the world around them is the first step to children's thirst for knowledge.
8. Build friendships. Children want to fit in and feel they belong. Welcome their friends to your home. Show your children how to be good friends. Teach them the difference between true friendship and popularity.
9. Keep your children safe. Identify risks and hazards and show your children how to avoid them. Children develop a sense of security when they are taught what to do if they are in danger.
10. Speak well of teachers and schools. Children learn their attitudes from you and will like and respect their teachers if they see you do the same.

Getting involved in school – some ideas

- Meet the teacher
- Visit the school
- Go to parent-teacher interviews
- Read the school website
- Get to know the principal
- Read the school rules and policies
- Support the school rules and policies
- Volunteer your time and talents
- Attend school events
- Have fun

KEY DATES

March

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| 1 | Auckland Secondary Schools' Girls' Qualifying Day |
| 2 | Auckland Secondary Schools' Boys' Qualifying Day |
| 8 | Parent Consultation Evening |
| 10 | Auckland Champion of Champs - Athletics |
| 15-17 | Rugby Weigh-in - Sports Office. |
| 16 | MHS Swimming Sports |
| 18-21 | ASB Polyfest |
| 25 | Board of Trustees' Meeting 7pm Library |

April

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| 1 | Term 1 Ends |
| 19 | Term 2 Begins |
| 29 | Board of Trustees' Meeting 7pm Library |