

MASSEY HIGH SCHOOL

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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

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N Z Q A F E E S

NZQA fees of \$75 (or \$375 for international students) are now being collected. Fees statements will be mailed out within the next few weeks. Payment can either be made at the Bursars' Office (eftpos available), by mailing your cheque, or by direct credit, either in full or installments. If using this last option, please ensure that the student's name and class is given as a reference. The Massey High School Board of Trustees' bank account number is ASB Westgate 12-3085-0185051-00. Payment in full must be received by Friday September 7.

NB: During the week after September 7 fees will be sent by the school to NZQA in Wellington. Payments received after that will incur an additional LATE PAYMENT fee of \$50 that is set by NZQA.

(If you currently have an automatic payment operating any credit balance will be applied against your child's NZQA fees. If in doubt contact the Bursars' office on 831-0500 extension 547).

If you wish to apply for financial assistance for NZQA fees, application forms are available from the school office or via the NZQA website (www.nzqa.govt.nz).

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Amy Latu (13TPK) who has been selected for the U-21 Auckland-Waitakere Netball team and the NZ Pasifika Secondary Schools' Netball Team.

Congratulations to Rhiannon Devlin (13PTK) who has been selected for the NZ Pasifika Secondary Schools' Netball Team.

Congratulations to Meghan Ashford (10APA) who won the NZ Junior Sports Aerobics Championships and has been selected to go the World Championships in Belgrade, Serbia.

NZ JUNIOR HOSPITALITY CHALLENGE

On 14 May a team of 22 budding chefs from Massey High School competed in the New Zealand Junior Hospitality Challenge. They competed against many other Auckland schools in various categories from blueberry muffins through to salmon and lamb rack mains.



The food made and presented by our students showed the huge amount of exceptional talent that we have at Massey High School. All of the students should be proud of themselves for competing in what was, at times an extremely stressful and nerve racking experience.

We are proud to announce that the following students achieved medals:

| Student | Medal | Section |
|------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| Nicole Maguire (12PRH) | Bronze | Lamb Main Dish |
| Chris Meisner (12TWN) | Bronze | Team Challenge |
| Olivia Lambarth (12PRY) | Bronze | Team Challenge |
| Samantha Etherington (12MBW) | Bronze | Lamb Main Dish |
| Katrina McIver (12TWN) | Bronze | Blueberry Muffins |
| Rachel Kim (12TBK) | Bronze | Salmon Entrée |
| Nina Suliafu (12TCU) | Silver | Table Setting |
| Kimberley Denston (11KBY) | Silver | Quiche |
| Emily Mills (12TWN) | Silver | Novelty Table Setting |
| Garima Seth (12TWN) | Silver | Table Setting |
| Emma Robinson (12KCD) | Gold | Blueberry Muffins |

Overall the whole team achieved enough points to put us in second place, against all the other high schools in Auckland.

ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

The environmental group at Massey High School consists of Stacey McNaull (11MGS), Maxine Bruyns (11KVA), Kalanina Lee (11PTR), Michelle Park (12KDW), Lana Torenvlied-Whiting(11KVA), Ruzana Alam (11ASG), Lacey Stutt-Turner(11TCA), Suad Muse (10PTL), Jourdan Turner (10PTG), Francesca Lee (13 ACE), Nishhza Thiruselvam (13ACE) Cassidy Jensen (9MAL) Khrysstopha Tavita (9TBM), Kerryn Whittaker (11PRD) Kendall Waugh (13ACE) Bailey Ward (13 PJA), Jane Kasmara (11MGS), Caroline Kasmara (10APA), Sarah Murphy (13TLB), Arna Dobson (13TLB), Ashley Haigh (11KBY), Ashmin Ratnam (11KBY), Cinthiya Chandra (11KBY), Lani Alo (9MAL).

They are working on paper recycling and doing fundraising to make the paper recycling more effective here at Massey High School. The group have planted native trees around the school and are doing their best to encourage other students to keep the school nice and clean.

Currently they are helping out on Motuihe Island with the major restoration programme. It is similar to what we did

around our own school. The idea is to plant as many native trees in the area so that native birds and wildlife will return.



At the moment the group are running a competition where they take the names of students whom they see putting rubbish in the bin. Those students then go into the draw to win movie vouchers or Westfield shopping centre vouchers. The group also work off the school campus. They aim to get other forms of recycling into the school as well and are presently working on how to achieve this.

STAYING AT SCHOOL AND HELPING BOYS LEARN MORE



Why is it that some students leave school early despite the best efforts of their teachers, parents and even friends? Australian researchers say the key is a combination of self-reliance, self-concept and a sense of purpose.

The conclusions were drawn after studying schools in Sydney, chosen for their relatively high dropout rates. Most of the students were aged between 15 and 16, came from a variety of cultural backgrounds and were evenly divided between the sexes. They found that identifying the reasons for school leaving was difficult, and although there was a number of factors contributing towards school leaving, it did not mean those factors caused school leaving. Even within the same area, school, or class, for example, students leave school for different reasons.

Traditional studies have focused on sociological factors, such as ethnicity and class, to explain why some students fail to complete their school studies.

However in this study, Dr Dowson and Professor McInerney explored the psychological factors that differentiate school leavers and school stayers, surveying the level and quality of their academic motivation, sense of self, and their values and aspirations.

Their study found 30% of the participants left school early, and of this figure, most were boys.

Dr Dowson and Professor McInerney scrutinised the students' sense of purpose, self-concept and self-reliance, all psychological factors that have been shown previously to impact on learning, academic achievement and absenteeism.

They found that parents, peers and teachers all influenced these "three Ss". A positive academic self-concept affects a student's behaviour and achievement, thus encouraging them to continue with their studies.

A student's sense of purpose, whether aiming for a place at university, or establishing a career, also affected their decision to stay at school.

Finally, school-stayers were more likely to have great self-reliance than those who did not complete their studies.

We know early school-leavers, generally speaking, tend to take low paid jobs and experience many of the negative aspects of modern life like poorer health (both physical and mental), inadequate housing and crime. In contrast, students who complete high school and go on to further education and training generally lead happier lives in more satisfying careers earning higher incomes.

Acknowledgement: The Psychology of School Leaving by Dr Martin Dowson and Professor Dennis McInerney from the University of Western Sydney SELF Research Centre.

SPORTS RESULTS

Rugby

| | | | | |
|--------------|---|--------------------|------|-------|
| 1st XV | v | Westlake College | Lost | 6-13 |
| 2nd Grade | v | Rosmini College | Won | 11-9 |
| 3rd Grade | v | Kingsway College | Won | 17-10 |
| 4th Grade | v | Birkenhead College | Won | 42-10 |
| 5th Grade | v | Rosmini College | Lost | 7-35 |
| Girls 1st XV | | Rangitoto College | Won | 44-0 |

Soccer

Boys

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|---------------|---|-----------------------|------|-----|
| 1st XI | v | Onehunga College | Won | 4-2 |
| 2nd XI | v | Lynfield College | Won | 3-1 |
| Senior Social | | McLeans College | Drew | 2-2 |
| Year 11 | v | St Kentigerns College | Lost | 1-3 |
| Year 10 | v | Lynfield College | Lost | 1-5 |
| Year 9 | v | Kings College | Lost | 1-2 |

Girls 1st XI

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| | | Mt Albert Grammar | Lost | 0-2 |
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Netball

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| 9A | v | Rutherford College | Won | 22-18 |
| 9B | v | Lynfield College | Won | 13-12 |
| 9C | v | St Dominics College | Won | 41-3 |
| 10A | v | Kelston Girls | Lost | 13-40 |
| 10B | v | Lynfield College | Won | 26-14 |
| 10C | v | Kelston Girls | Lost | 5-23 |
| 10D | v | Kelston Girls | Lost | 5-12 |
| 10E | v | St Dominics College | Won | 15-10 |
| Premiers | v | Avondale College | Won | 48-36 |
| Development | | Western Springs | Won | 44-3 |
| Senior A | v | Green Bay College | Lost | 24-30 |
| Senior B | v | Waitakere College | Lost | 25-26 |
| Senior C | v | Avondale College | Lost | 12-15 |
| Senior D | v | Kelston Girls | Lost | 8-10 |
| Senior E | v | Avondale College | Won | 27-4 |
| Senior F | v | Avondale College | Won | 20-14 |

Hockey

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| Boys 1st XI | v | Kristin School | Won | 1-0 |
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Squash

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| Girls | v | Westlake Girls | Lost | 1-3 |
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KEY DATES

May

31 Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm Library

June

4 Queen's Birthday

28 Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm

29 **Term 2 Ends**

July

3 School Ball

16 **Term 3 Commences**