

# MASSEY HIGH SCHOOL

TE KURA TUARUA O TIRIWA

## TE PAANUI RAHINA

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PRINCIPAL : B S RITCHIE

Dear Parents/Guardians

Greetings Kia Ora Talofa Guten Tag Bonjour Malo e le lei Dobro Dosli Kia Orana こんにちは  
Fakalofa lahi atu Shalom Goeie Dag Sawadee Croeso Bula Fáilte

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## MONDAY NEWSLETTER

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**"WE ARE AN EXEMPLARY SCHOOL"**

Welcome back to Term Two. We hope that parents and students enjoyed some quality time together and are refreshed and ready for the challenges of the term. We have a busy ten-week term ahead with a variety of activities occurring. The winter sports season gets under way this week with our students being involved in a great range of sporting codes. Other extra-curricular activities continue, such as the musical rehearsals in preparation for the presentation early in Term 3.

Although sports and extra-curricular activities play important part in our school and in our students' lives, the number one priority is academic work. For senior students there will be a number of opportunities this term for them to gain credits in their internal achievement and unit standards. Alongside this, many will be continuing their learning in their achievement standards which will be assessed in the external NCEA examinations in November. Most Year 9 students will complete their first half-semester at the end of this week and will have a new option subject at the start of Week 2. Year 10 students continue studying their same subjects as last term.

### PARENT-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

In Term 1 we introduced a new programme to the school called Academic Counselling. Each student completed a long term and medium term Personal Education Plan where they outlined their course plans, their academic targets and their goals. The next step in this Academic Counselling programme is for the parents to be involved in the academic plans and progress of the students. Our plans for achieving this were outlined to parents in a letter which was posted home in the last week of Term One.

We want to strengthen the relationship and communication between the school, the student and the family so that we are all working together to achieve our students' academic success. Just as parents accompany their children to see a doctor or specialist about their physical well-being, we feel they should also accompany their son or daughter to gain information about their academic progress. From this parents can become much more involved in their child's education.

Therefore, we request that you respond to the letter by returning the tear-off slip, or by emailing your child's form teacher, or by contacting the school by phone on 831 0500. Please contact the school if you did not receive a letter.

Already we have had a pleasing response and we encourage those who have not responded yet to confirm this appointment so that we can make final arrangements.

## STAFF CHANGES

Last term we farewelled the following staff:

Ms Paepke	Health
Mrs Hokai	Technology
Ms Chernosky	English

We welcome the following new staff to our school:

Ms Anderson	Health
Ms Merritt	Tuckshop Manager
Ms Wiggins	Art Co-Ordinator
Ms Wylie	Data Entry

## JACKETS and RAINCOATS

As winter approaches, students need to ensure that they are dressed warmly and that they keep dry. The uniform options for students are the school sweatshirt, the black school jacket and the official school sports jacket.

When it is raining, students may wear a raincoat, either knee or hip length, to and from school and when they are in the grounds but not when they are in class. The coat must be waterproof and must be in a conservative colour, for example black, dark blue or navy. Items like a pink bomber jacket with a fluffy collar do not count as an acceptable jacket or raincoat.

The way our students behave and the way they wear the uniform are the two biggest factors beside academic achievement that the community uses to judge our school. We cannot emphasise enough how important this is.

We ask for the support of parents in making sure that your son or daughter is correctly dressed for school. Thank you for your co-operation.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION RESULTS

The results from the elections are as follows:

Bruce Barnes, Tony Forlong, Shane Keohane, Tafesilafai Lavasii, Cita Shanks, Gilli Sinclair, Spencer Webster

Congratulations go to these trustees.



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations go to Antoniya Noble (10KWD) who competed at the Special Olympics Secondary Schools' Championships at Ericsson Stadium on 2 6 March with the following results:

1st - 100m  
- 400m  
4th - Long Jump



Well done Antoniya.

Congratulations to Alison Craigie (12TSR) who won a Silver Medal at the NZ Surf Lifesaving Championships in the U16 Beach Flags in March.

# ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day falls this Wednesday so we offer the following information for all of us to reflect on this important occasion.

We will remember. On the morning of 25 April 1915, Australian and New Zealand troops landed under fire at Gallipoli and it was then and in the battles which followed that the ANZAC tradition was formed.



On this day, above all days, we remember all those who served our nation in times of war.

We remember with pride their courage, their compassion and their comradeship. We remember what they accomplished for Australia and New Zealand, and indeed for the freedom of all people.

We honour those who died or were disabled in the tragedy of war. They adorn our national history.

We remember those who fell amidst the valleys and ridges of Gallipoli, in France and Belgium, on the sands of the North African desert, amidst the mountains and olive groves of Greece and Crete, in the skies over Europe, in Singapore, in the jungles of Malaysia, in the Pacific Islands, in Korea and Vietnam, in the skies and seas in many parts of the world.

We remember those who suffered as prisoners of war and those who died in captivity.

We remember staunch friends and allies, especially those who fought alongside us on that first ANZAC day in 1915. Our servicemen and servicewomen have left us a splendid heritage. May we and our successors prove worthy of their sacrifice. (*From Anzac Requiem by Dr Charles Bean*).

# TRIBUTE

Those heroes who shed their blood  
And lost their lives:

You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country,  
Therefore rest in peace.

There is no difference between the Johnnies  
And the Mehmetts to us where they lie side by side,  
Here in this country of ours.

You, the mothers,  
Who sent your sons to faraway countries,  
Wipe away your tears.

Your sons are now lying in our bosom  
And are now at peace.  
After having lost their lives on this land they have  
Become our sons as well.

(*Inscription on the memorial to allied soldiers at Anzac Cove, erected by the Turkish Government in 1938, words written by Kemal Attaturk, commander of the Turkish Forces defending the Gallipoli peninsula in 1915 and founder of modern Turkey*).



# ODE

They shall not grow old, as we are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.  
We will remember them.

# KEY DATES

## April

25 ANZAC Day  
26 Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm Library

## May

3-4 Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews. Students released at 1.05pm. No classes Thursday afternoon. No classes Friday.  
8 Australian Science Competition  
23 Australian Maths Competition  
31 Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm Library

## June

4 Queen's Birthday