



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

Fakalofa lahi atu Shalom Goeie Dag Sawadee Croeso Bula Fáilte Ciao Mabuhay Namaste

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USA AND CANADA SPORTS TOUR

Sixty-six of our students recently spent three weeks touring The United States of America and Canada. The purpose of the tour was sporting, educational, cultural and, also, an opportunity to make life long friends.

The teams which went were hockey boys and girls, badminton girls and boys, netball and rugby. They visited San Francisco, Vancouver, Toronto, New York, Miami, San Diego and Los Angeles with games every three days. There were opportunities to visit famous sites.



Alcatraz, Stanley Park, Niagara Falls, Florida Everglades, Manhattan Island, San Diego Sea World, Disneyland and Universal Studios proved to be the most memorable.



The students were outstanding ambassadors for their families, Massey High School and New Zealand with many billets, parents and institutes continually providing affirmation of the team.



The following e-mail was received from the Head Flight Attendant for the flight home to Auckland.

Kia Ora, This is just a quick note to inform you of the flight I had with your travelling students recently.

The reasons for writing this is to restate for you what I had already verbally communicated during the referenced flight. Namely, that my Crew and I were rather impressed with the way your students behaved on our trip to Auckland.

I travel regularly with schools from around the globe as you are probably aware & in all my years and the thousands of miles I have rarely come across a group such as yours.

Your staff made sure that one and all displayed the highest degree of professionalism and courtesy going way beyond what I have become accustomed to in my travels.

I would appreciate if you could do me the favour and see to it that this commendation finds its way to the respective people.

Kindest regards,

Mark Bell
Flight Service Manager

The results were equally impressive and are summarised below:

- Netball 13 wins; 1 loss
- Rugby 6 wins; 0 loss
- Girls' Hockey 6 wins; 1 loss; 1 draw
- Boys' Hockey 4 wins; 4 losses
- Badminton 5 wins; 1 loss

A number of parents were also part of the touring party. We thank them for their assistance and participation. Staff who accompanied the students were Mr Jones, Mrs Cranston, Mr Riseborough, Mrs Wilson, Miss Van Waaijenburg, Miss Clasper and Mr Cullen. Thanks must go to Mr Riseborough for the huge amount of work he did on organising the itinerary. Mr Jones must also be thanked for his leadership of the trip and for the tremendous effort he gave in driving the fundraising to ensure the trip's financial viability.

This is the third trip that our sports teams have made over the past five years. We would like to thank the parents, students, teachers and numerous sponsors who made this trip possible. Many people were most generous in their contribution of funds, products and time.

The touring students inform us that it was the greatest experience of their lives. This affirms the school's belief that a good school makes a difference while a great school changes your life.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Hyun-Min Jun (13AFR) has gained admission to Round One of the Kerikeri National Piano Competition. This is New Zealand's oldest and most prestigious piano competition. It offers aspiring concert pianists a chance to showcase and test their

performance skills over three days of extremely rigorous live performances. Admission to Round One of the competition was limited to a maximum of eighteen contestants who are aged under thirty. The competition is open to international pianists and therefore the competition is extremely competitive. We wish Hyun-Min all the best for the competition over the three days of July 4, 5 and 6.

Congratulations to Joon Lee (9MSN) who was awarded the highest mark in New Zealand for Grade Seven Piano by the Trinity Guildhall Examinations Board. Trinity Guildhall offers a range of grade examinations for all instruments and voice across nine levels from Initial to Grade 8. These examinations assess performance and technical skills from beginner to accomplished performer. We are very proud of Joon's achievement.

Congratulations to Nicholas Gerrard (12ASG) who has been selected for the Under-18 N.Z. team for the Oceania Games in Saipan in June for Athletics in high jump and long jump.



New Zealand Blood Service
The gift of life

Assembly Hall
Tuesday 3 June,
9.00am – 2.00pm

Please remember to bring your donor Card or photo ID (school ID, Driving Licence or similar).

Information for Parents, Guardians and Whanau

The Guardianship Act 1968 allows people 16 years and over to make their own decisions about whether they wish to give blood or not. Students may choose to donate blood at this session.

The NZBS recommends you discuss blood donation within your family. If you have any particular objection to the student choosing to make a blood donation then please make those issues known to the student and to the school before the collection date stated above. More information about blood donation will be available on the day of collection. If you need more information now please call 0800GIVEBLOOD or look at www.nzblood.co.nz

It is important that we encourage students into a lifetime habit of donating blood and making a worthwhile contribution to their community.

Becoming a Blood Donor...

Age: First Time Donors Existing Donors
16 to 60 years of age. Up to 71 years of age.

Weight: You must be 50 kg or over.

Health:

You must be in good health.

You can not donate if you have a cold, flu, sore throat, cold sore, stomach bug or any other infection. If you have recently had a tattoo or body piercing you cannot donate for 6 months from the date of the procedure. If you have visited the dentist for a minor procedure you must wait 24 hours before donating; for major work wait a month.

Travel: You must not have lived in the United Kingdom, France or the Republic of Ireland between 1980 and 1996 for 6 months or more.

Food:

You must have eaten some food during the four hours prior to donation

Important Facts On Blood

There is no substitute for human blood—healthy donors are the only source of supply.

Only 4% of New Zealand's population currently donate blood—yet over 80% of us will need a blood product in our lifetime.

A blood donation is separated into different components, each of which is used to treat different patients—accident trauma, patients undergoing surgery, people with leukaemia, transplant patients and many others. Blood products are also used for immunisation to help prevent diseases such as hepatitis A and B, tetanus and chicken pox.

Each donation is able to help up to 3 people—blood donors are literally lifesavers.

Parents are welcome to come to the school to donate blood at this collection.

UNITEC CERTIFICATE IN COMMUNITY SKILLS AT MASSEY HIGH SCHOOL

Thanks to all the keen parents and caregivers who enquired about the Certificate in Community Skills last week at the parent/school meetings. We will be holding an **Information Session for interested people on Thursday 5 June, 6.30pm at Massey High School.**

This session will provide you with more information about the Certificate in Community Skills, Enrolment and Unitec Student Support Services. You will meet staff and students from the programme.

If you know of anyone who may be interested, please encourage them to come along and remember, **there are no course fees for this course (normally valued at \$550).**

If you have any enquiries, please contact Linda Davies on 815 4321 ext 5073.

AFS INTERCULTURAL PROGRAMMES

Are there any families who are able to host two AFS exchange students who are due to arrive in New Zealand at the beginning of July? One is a boy from Costa Rica and the other a girl from Iceland. They will study in New Zealand for a year. This is a wonderful opportunity for your son or daughter to experience someone from another country living with them and sharing cultural differences and similarities. Please contact Brenda Skinner 818-5520.

KEY DATES

May
29 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7pm Library

June
2 Queen's Birthday
16-20 Exam week for all students
26 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7pm Library
30 Musical week