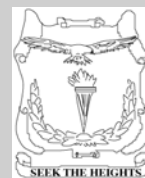




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Dear Parents/Guardians

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 Namaskaar

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ENROLMENTS 2010

In-Zone Enrolments for Year 9

phone 831-0500 ext 526
for an appointment

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NCEA EXTERNAL EXAMS

Students already know the results of their internal achievement and unit standards assessed during the year and have the results now from their recent practice exams. This knowledge should be what guides them now in their preparation for the external NCEA exams. In the two weeks left before NCEA starts on Monday 16 November and during their study leave, students should be putting in every effort to work towards gaining the credits still available to them. For many students this is half of the credits for each subject. We cannot emphasise enough how important the next few weeks will be for your child's achievement and we encourage you to make every effort you can to support your child's learning at this time

Some students who have the potential to achieve very well are not working hard enough to do themselves justice. Some students who already have enough credits for their level certificate think that they should not sit or study hard for their external exams. The external exams provide students with the opportunity to have their certificates endorsed with merit or excellence. In 2010, credits from some 2009 external standards will be prerequisites for some courses at school and at tertiary institutions. Sitting the external exams is part of completing the course for the year. All students must sit their external NCEA exams. They must work hard on study from now on to achieve their potential.

Your input as parents at home can have a huge effect on the academic success of your child. Please support your child's efforts to study and ensure that your child attends all of the NCEA exams. It is the aim of all of us to have our students achieve their potential and give their best performance in the coming exams.

JUNIOR EXAMS

Junior students are continuing with their learning in the classroom in preparation for their end-of-year assessments which will be held in the week beginning 16 November. They should be spending homework time now on study for these. Year 9 students will sit a two-hour exam for English and for Maths. Year 10 students will sit a two-hour exam for Social Studies and for Science. All other subjects will have hour-long assessments.

Students need to take these exams seriously and prepare well for them as they provide information that will go towards their end-of-year reports and also for certificates and prizes which are awarded at the end-of-year prize giving. Their performance in these exams may also determine which subjects or courses they may take in 2010.

YEAR 13 GRADUATION

Parents are invited to join staff and Year 13 students for the Graduation Ceremony to be held in the school hall on Tuesday, November 10 from 9.15 – 10.40 am. Those students who have qualified to graduate will be presented with a certificate acknowledging their completion of Year 13 and the ceremony will be followed by morning tea in the hall. You are most welcome to join us.

SENIOR STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL

This is a busy time of the year for our senior students who are preparing for the external NCEA exams. Many of them will also be spending their last weeks as students at Massey High School and will be leaving school to go on to tertiary education or employment. To meet the requirements of graduation and to be eligible for a leaving certificate, students will need to return school property, e.g. sports uniforms, text books, library books, and pay any fees still owing. They must attend to these matters before they leave for the NCEA examinations.

YEAR 12 PREFECTS

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as Prefects for 2010.

Boys

Marcin Buchajczyk (12PTL) Jai Min Choi (12APA) Tim Dangen (12APA) Jonathan Fox (12MMT) Wiremu Poa (12PNG) Dylan Strachan (12PTL)

Girls

Meghan Ashford (12APA) Harriet Draper (12KDG) Laura Hackett (12TES) Pauline Manu'atu (12KDG) Sophie Sills (12APA) Brittany Willemse (12MMT)

YEAR 10 END-OF-YEAR PROGRAMME

Year 10 Prize Giving takes place in the school hall at the end of Week 8 on Friday 4 December at 1.30pm. Parents are cordially invited to attend. Week 9 of this term is Wider Living Week. Students who are not going on trips during this week will be expected to attend school during this week and a programme of lessons and activities will be organised for them.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Phoenix Taku (10PKN), Dylan Tariou (12TFG), Logan Callesen (10TWY) and Louise Beer (12MMT) for winning the Auckland C Grade Badminton Competition at Gillies Avenue.



GERMAN GOETHE EXAMS

Congratulations to the following students who achieved the following awards in their year level for Auckland and Northland.

2nd Prize Lujia Xu (12APA)

Diploma Laura Newmann-Watt (10KHA)

Highly Commended Jayne Lee (12PGR)

David Ahn (10KHA), Daniel Gu (10KHA), Tiffany O'Brien (10TWY).

AUSTRALIAN LANGUAGES COMPETITION

Overall, Massey High School gained 15 High Distinctions, 15 Distinctions and 15 Credits.

Students gaining Distinctions and High Distinctions were:

French: Jette Charnley(12MSA), Teagan McArthur (11PMN), Kate Wightman (11PCO) German: David Ahn (10KHA), Steven Charlton (10KHA), Laura Newman-Watt (10KHA), Steven Williams (10MSN), Samuel Booty (11MGF), Jayne Lee (12PGR), Arron Matich (12MMT), Lujia Xu (12APA) Japanese: Nicole Johnson (11KDE), Isabelle Kwan (11PCO), Ryan Lim-Yip (11PCO), Betty Zam (11PCO), Anna Jang (12PTG), Choong Hwan Kim (13PTR), Marina Ohtsuka (13KVA).

350 DAY



The TravelWise 350 team has been planning the 350 Action Day since March this year. On 23 October it was the schools' day of action and 24 October was the global day of action. People in 181 countries came together for the most widespread environmental action in the planet's history. Over 5,200 events took place around the world and Massey High School whole heartedly participated. 350 is the level scientists have identified as the safe upper limit for CO₂ in our atmosphere. The reason for this action is that this December world leaders are meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark to create a new global climate treaty on cutting emissions. This will take the place of the Kyoto protocol.

2,000 students from our school contributed to the 350 Schools' Day of Action. The event was organised by the TravelWise 350 team which consists of Miss Bryson (TIC), Ms Hayward, Deb King (ARTA), Bindi Chouhan (ARTA), Carl Chenery (350 organisation), Amna Abu Laila (12TES), Brittany Willemse (12MMT), Rose Craigie (12TES), Corey McCallum (10ABH), Laura Clements (12MMT), Nicole Daw (12TFG), Daniel Cooke (12MSA), Sarah Tucker (12TFG) and Alisha Brunton (12APA). As part of the action the team planted 350 trees in the local area, held a 350 expo for students at lunchtime in the B-block area so students could find out more about 350, and gave out '350 badges' to students pledging to take personal action. The formation of MHS 350 was the first formation done on the morning of the action day and then the forming of the big '3' happened. This is to stand in partnership with a '5' from India and '0' from Denmark. The organisation was superb and all who participated are to be congratulated on their actions.

KEY DATES

November

- 10 Year 13 Graduation 9.15am
- 11 Senior Prize Giving - 7pm Hall
- 12 Year 11 Prize Giving - 1.30pm Hall
- 16 NCEA External Exams Begin
- 16-20 Junior Exams
- 26 Board Meeting - 7pm in Library

December

- 4 Year 10 Prize Giving - 1.30pm Hall
- 7 Year 10 Wider Living Week
- 10 Year 9 Prize Giving - 1.30pm Hall