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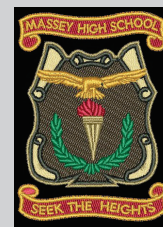
# MASSEY HIGH SCHOOL

TE KURA TUARUA O TIRIWA

## MONDAY NEWSLETTER

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**"WE ARE AN EXEMPLARY 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 Fáiite Ciao Mabuhay Namaskaar

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

Voting forms have been posted out and need to be returned in the envelope provided before noon on 7 May 2010. Don't forget to vote. We have nine nominations.

### PARENT-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

REMINDER

**Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews,  
6 & 7 May**

Since the start of the term we have been busy preparing for the parent-student-teacher interviews which are taking place this week on Thursday 6 and Friday 7 May. Form teachers are looking forward to meeting with the parents of their students, and with the students, to look at progress so far this year, to discuss the Term 1 Report, to find solutions to any problems or areas of concern and to discuss goals, course plans and academic targets for the year and beyond.

This is a great opportunity for parents to be partners in their children's learning, to understand how their children are progressing and to be involved in planning their children's future education. Through the understanding gained we hope that parents can better support their children's learning at home.

Past experience over the three years when we have conducted these interviews has shown that many parents have become more informed about their child's learning and have gained more understanding of what the teachers and the school are trying to achieve. Students also have found it a positive experience to be involved in the discussion about their progress, achievement and future.

We want to raise the academic achievement of our students and hope that by means of the interview, all parties will gain the understanding of how to work towards that goal. It is important that the parents are involved in the academic plans and progress of their child. It is vital also that the student is present at the interview so that your son or daughter can

participate in the discussion. 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.

Many elements combine to enable children to gain a quality education that provides them with a platform for their future lives, not the least of which is the opportunity to experience their schooling with the full support of their teachers and parents. We cannot emphasise enough how important this interview will be for your child's education and we ask that you make every effort you can to make the appointment.

We have had a pleasing response from parents and we look forward to welcoming you to our school. Form teachers are in the process now of contacting parents to remind you of the interview time.

When you come to school for the interview, your child can take you straight to the form teacher. If you are not sure, prefects at the Hall will direct you.

**On Thursday 6 May students will be released from school at 12.25pm. Buses have been ordered for that time. There are no classes that afternoon or on Friday 7 May.**

## SENIOR SCHOOL PRIVILEGE – Students out at lunchtime.

As part of the process of restructuring our Year 12 and 13 classes into a senior school with an environment with some similarities to that of a university or polytechnic, one measure we have introduced already is to allow senior students the privilege of not being required to attend form period on some days of the week.

From Tuesday 4 May we are introducing for seniors the privilege of leaving the school at lunchtime. We want seniors to be aware of the following:

- Students may leave at the start of lunchtime.
- Students must return to school before the bell for the start of period 5.
- Students must be wearing the correct school

uniform.

- ID cards must be carried at all times.
- Students must comply with the traffic rules pertaining to their driver's licence.

This privilege is dependent on the student complying with all school rules, including arriving at school and at class on time and wearing the uniform correctly. If a student has been non-compliant then the privilege is withdrawn.

Students who do not have the privilege of leaving the school at lunchtime must check in with their dean each day at their school's lunchtime detention room.

In most cases these students will have the opportunity to have the privileges reinstated by addressing their non-compliance issues. The privileges will be awarded at the discretion of the Dean of School after the student has attended for ten days without any non-compliance.

We hope that senior students will show maturity, responsibility and good self-management so that they can make a success of this new practice.

## PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

Planning for the new performing arts centre is progressing well and we would like to invite you to a meeting in the hall on Monday 10 May at 6pm to view the concept drawings and the proposed site for the new centre. With 1,100 students studying music, drama and dance the new facility will be a huge asset to the school.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

### Multisport

Congratulations to Steven Furminger (13APA), Stephen Butt (12PCO) and Laura Wootton (12TWN) who recently won the Schools' Team Trophy at the Superdune Multisport Event at Te Henga. This is the fourth year in a row that Massey High School has won this race.

### International Brain Bee Competition

Congratulations to Anna Zam (11KHA), Niclas Von Ahsen (11KHA), Fardowsa Mohamed (11KHA) and In Sung Hwang (11KHA) who have recently qualified for the second round of the International Brain Bee Competition. To qualify they needed to be placed in the top 2% of the North Island entrants. Round two is in July.

### Writing Programme

Congratulations to Su'Ad Muse (13PTL). Last year Su'Ad was selected to join JUST WRITE, a writing programme co-ordinated by Globe Focus Aotearoa and supported by Save the Children NZ. The focus is on global issues such as poverty, human rights and sustainability. Ten students have been chosen to be hosted at an event at Parliament by the Hon. Tariana Turia and Su'Ad is one of these ten. Well done Su'Ad and best wishes with your writing and your determination to make our world a better place.

## Waterpolo

The Massey High School Waterpolo Girls' team was fifth at the national competition that was held from 7-11 April 2010. There were four girls named as NZSS Trialists: Katherine Tutini (13ASW), Emily Ingoe (13TES), Nikki Johns (13MMT), Ashley-Rose Chibnall (13KGO).

## NZ Junior Black Sox Softball

The following boys have been named in the 2010 NZ Junior Black Sox Softball Squad. The team will play in the Sydney-based Friendship Series in July followed by a seven-match test series against Australia.



Campbell Enoka  
(13AVE)



Mark Sorenson  
(12PRN)



Matthew Oxley  
(12PRN)

## ANZAC DAY



Stephanie Leighton, Academic Leader, and Megan Ashford, Head Girl, of (13APA) laid a wreath at the Swanson RSA Anzac Day Memorial Service.

## KEY DATES

May	
6-7	Parent-Teacher-Student interviews
6	School finishes at 12.25pm
7	Voting closes for Board of Trustees Parent and Staff Representative
14	New Board of Trustees takes office
	Blood day
27	Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm Library