



# MASSEY HIGH SCHOOL

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# MONDAY NEWSLETTER



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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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## ENROLMENTS

### 2009

#### In-zone Enrolments for Year 9

*Please phone for an appointment*

*831-0500 ex 526*

### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Congratulations to Rez Ricardo (12PTR) who has been elected as student representative on the Board of Trustees for the next twelve months.



### SENIOR EXAMS

Last week, senior students were back in class after their exams. Teachers have returned the exam papers and have gone over them with students. This is an important step in the exam process. By analysing their exam performance, students can learn about the improvements they must make in both exam technique and in the content still to be mastered. This analysis must guide students' study in preparation for the external NCEA exams which start on Monday 17 November, only two weeks away. Students should be fully focused now on their exam study. The most effective study they can do is answer exam questions under exam conditions, i.e. with a time limit. Their teachers are very happy to mark their answers and give them feedback on their progress.

### JUNIOR EXAMS

Junior students are continuing with their learning in the classroom in preparation for their end-of-semester exams which will be held in the week beginning 17 November, only two weeks away. They should be spending homework time now on study for these. 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 2009.

### 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 11 from 9.15 – 10.40 am. Student attendance is compulsory. Students 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.

### S T U D E N T ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Emily Ang (13MMC) who has been selected to represent NZ at the 2008 Commonwealth Youth Games and the World Junior Championships in Pune, India.



Congratulations to Chloe Harding-Sheath (12MGS) who has been selected for the NZ U-19 Girls' Track Cycling Team to compete at the Oceania Competition in November.



Congratulations to Capper Alefaio (12MML) who won a Gold Medal in the U-16 Australian Weightlifting Competition. He also broke his NZ record with a lift of 210 kg and has qualified to compete in the NZ Open age and weight division. Capper is the current NZ U-18 Weightlifting Champion.



#### Cycling

The Senior Boys' A team secured third place in the series, our first podium place since 1997. However they couldn't reproduce the same result on the Auckland Championships finals day but still rode well to manage their fastest time of the series.

The B team had a mishap with equipment malfunction and while their time was still respectable they were one rider short so received no time. However they produced some very quick rides during the series.

Our Senior Girls' team pulled off a very solid ride despite losing a rider due to sickness. Their time was their second

fastest of the year. They finished twelfth in the series .  
The Junior Boys' team rode their fastest time of the year and



this was despite a rider crashing (but bravely remounting) before the finish.

### Curling

In the school holidays Massey High School's Boys' Curling Team, Keswick Pearson (13PEL), Willie Armitage (13AFR), Sam Brady (13KCY) and Brad Pearce (13KDW), successfully defended their position as North Island Secondary Schools' Curling Champions. The next week at Naseby, in the South Island, they competed in the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Curling Tournament. The Naseby rink is several metres longer and the ice is of a very different quality requiring a huge adjustment by Team Pearson. In Massey's first game, local team Maniototo Area School had to claw Massey back to gain a draw and force an extra end to win. Straight wins by Massey thereafter put them into the final, against Maniototo again. A hard fought game resulted in Massey placing an extremely creditable second in New Zealand and Keswick Pearson was named in the New Zealand Junior Development Squad. Keswick was also named Junior Curler of the Year in the Auckland Curling Club's Open competition.

### Basketball

Congratulations to the Massey Premier Girls' Basketball team who played in the National Championships in the holidays in Palmerston North. The girls played well and finished fifth in New Zealand.

### Badminton

Massey High School Premier Boys' Badminton Team finished one place below their fourth seeding at the recent New Zealand Secondary Schools' Badminton Championships held at Auckland Badminton Hall, Gillies Ave. An unfavourable draw saw them drop out of contention for first and second place after a narrow points loss to Mt Albert Grammar School. They then lost narrowly to eventual winners Westlake Boys. Massey were the only team to take games off Westlake. The team consisted of Luke Charlesworth (12PTR), Samuel Rimmer (11PTL), Elliot Revell-Nash (12MGS), Julian Beuning (12APR) and James Bryant (12KBY).

Over the holidays several current and ex Massey High School students were members of the Waitakere Badminton Team that won the New Zealand 18's Competition. Current students in the team are Luke Charlesworth and Emily Ang.

Emily Ang (paired with former student Kritteka Gregory) was runner up in the New Zealand Under-18 Girls' Doubles.

### Soccer

Congratulations to Caitlin Campbell (13MMO) and Leah Gallie (13MMO) who have been selected to play in the U-17 Junior World Soccer Cup being held in Auckland last week.



### Japanese Competition

Congratulations to the following Year 11 students who entered the JETAA Japanese High School DVD competition and won 1st prize.

Analise Autagavaia (11KRJ), Conin Bowker (11MDN), Jai Min Choi (11APA) Sunkyeong Han (11MDV), Li-an Huang (11ASW), Bo Yoon Anna Jang (11PTG), Caroline Kasmara (11APA), Nikita Madani (11TES), Cruz Simeki (11PTL)

### Trash to Fashion

Congratulations to Rose Craigie (11TES) who entered the schools' "Trash to Fashion" Awards and won the Earthsong section and was runner-up in the Overall Supreme Award.



## Shop at Noel Leeming and Help Raise Funds For Our School

Noel Leeming at Westgate is running a special offer for parents and students of the school. During the months of October and November you will have the opportunity to make purchases at very special prices and at the same time the school will receive a rebate. Details of this special offer are attached or visit our website, [www.masseyhigh.school.nz/newsletters](http://www.masseyhigh.school.nz/newsletters) for more information. Please take advantage of this exclusive offer to get great prices not normally available to the public and support Massey High School.

KEY DATES	
<b>November</b>	
11	School Science Fair
12	Senior Prize Giving - 7pm Hall
13	Year 11 Prize Giving 1.30pm
17	NCEA External Examinations
17	Junior Examination Week
27	Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm Library
<b>December</b>	
5	Year 10 Prize Giving 1.30pm
8-12	Wider-Living-Week - Year 10
12	Year 9 Prize Giving - 1.30pm