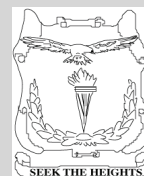




MASSEY HIGH SCHOOL

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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

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NEW STAFF

We extend a very warm welcome to all new families and new staff to our school. The new staff are:

Mr J Yuan	-	Maths
Mrs N Wade	-	Science
Mr H Ambler	-	Maori/English
Ms L Van Greuning	-	Maths
Mr D Osborne	-	Art/Graphics
Ms C Wickliffe	-	Art
Ms L Page	-	P.E/Health
Mr J Framheim	-	P.E/Health
Ms S Elphick	-	Science/Physics
Ms J Pulman	-	Maths/Japanese
Ms A Witten-Sage	-	English
Ms S Van der Kraaij	-	Geography/Tourism
Ms K Buchanan	-	Science
Ms C Rymer	-	Science
Mr T Powell	-	History
Mr G Coombe	-	History/Geography
Ms S Kuruvilla	-	Science
Mrs J Forrest	-	Asst. HOD Maths
Mrs J Tumaru	-	Fabric
Ms L McFarland	-	Science/Biology

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Last year the school trialled a Professional Learning Programme for teachers which involved students leaving school early. This programme was very effective and the Board of Trustees has approved the continuation of the programme in 2010.

This is to inform you that students will be released early at 2pm every Monday, starting on Monday 15 February.

We thank you for your co-operation and understanding for this very important aspect of enhancing teaching practice.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS - 2010

The election of parent representatives to the Board of Trustees of this school for their three-year term is to be held in May 2010. If you are interested in being a Trustee, nomination forms will be available in March. Visit our website for further information.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please advise the school office if your address or any other contact details have changed.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

<http://www.masseyhigh.school.nz>

NEWSLETTERS BY E-MAIL

You can subscribe via the website to have a link to the latest newsletter emailed to you each week.

The link is: <http://www.masseyhigh.school.nz/newsletters>

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Chemistry Olympiad Training Camp

Congratulations to Jai Min Choi and Luke Xu from 13APA who were selected to attend the chemistry olympiad training camp in Christchurch earlier this year. The exam that they sat is considered to be one level above the chemistry scholarship exam and Jai Min and Luke are two of the 35 students selected for the training camp. At the end, four students will be selected to compete with other olympians overseas. Good luck to them.

New Zealand Secondary Schools' Track, Field and Road Race Championships

Congratulations to the following students who competed at the NZSS Track, Field and Road Race Championships which were held in Timaru on 12 and 13 December last year.

We had four athletes represent our school. All athletes did extremely well and our athlete of the championships was Nicholas Gerrard who finished as a National Champion.

Their results were as follows:

Nicholas Gerrard 1st Senior Boys High Jump and 2nd Long Jump 6m 98cm. Nicholas jumped 2m 03cm, a personal best by 3cm, improving his performance at the Junior World Championships that were held in Italy last July.

Renee Wootton (10TBK) was placed 2nd in the Year 9 Girls' 3km Road Race.

Grace Fursdon finished 7th from 82 in the Senior Girls' 4km Road Race. (The first 7 runners went under the existing record for this race).

Laura Wootton (12TWN) finished 14th from 82 in the Senior Girls' 4km Road Race.

SCHOOL DONATIONS AND FEES

The General Purpose Donation is now payable. The Board has set the donation at \$120.00 per student, \$170.00 for two

students and \$210 for three or more students from the same family. A 20% discount is available if paid before 1 March 2010. Subject fees are also due and we would appreciate prompt payment so that materials can be purchased. Parents who require financial assistance should phone or write to Mrs Cranston. All requests for assistance will be treated in confidence.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is fundamental to student learning. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve educational success and increase their career and life options. Everybody benefits from regular student attendance. These benefits include greater student safety, community well-being and a sense of connectedness for all.

All students between the ages of 6 and 16 are required to be enrolled and attending a registered school.

Section 29 of the Education Act makes parents responsible for their child's regular attendance at school. Parent(s) whose child does not attend "commits an offence" under the terms of the Education Act and on "summary conviction" can be fined. So the onus is quite clearly on parents to ensure their children attend school.

The school would like to work in partnership with parents on attendance and this is why we have an attendance policy and procedures to monitor attendance:

1. All students must be at school and in form class or assembly by 8.40am.
2. If your son or daughter is late they should:
 - a) Report to the Attendance Administrator if they have a note.
 - b) Go directly to form class or the assembly late room (DR3) if they do not have a note.
 - c) If their bus is late, they will be issued with a Late Bus Pass.
3. If your son or daughter is sick, please phone the office and send a note when your son/daughter returns to school. We must have the note for filing, as this is a legal requirement.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of absence is usually granted on the grounds of illness, family bereavements and for medical and dental appointments. We require a note for all absences. If parents feel there is an exceptional reason for their son/daughter to be absent we require a note requesting leave before the event.

In all cases the note should contain the student's name, form class, dates of absence and the reason for the absence. Letters must be signed by a parent or guardian and addressed to the form teacher. Where students are absent without permission the matter will be treated as truancy. All students under the age of 16 must be enrolled in a school. All students, of any age, who are enrolled must attend every day except in the circumstances already mentioned.

PUNCTUALITY

As in the workplace, it is important that students learn to be punctual in getting to school. We will monitor lateness to school with Senior Managers at the front of the school from 8.35am onwards. Any unsatisfactory lateness will result in a detention. Please ensure your son or daughter gets to school on time. All students are expected to be at school ready to attend form class or assembly by 8.40am.

SIGNING OUT

If your son/daughter needs to leave school early, they must have a note signed by a parent/guardian. The student then gets this countersigned by a Dean or a member of the Senior Management team and takes it to the Attendance Administrator who issues an "Out-of-School" pass.

BUSES

There are 2 main bus systems at Massey High School, the shared Ministry buses and the chartered buses organised by Massey High School. The Ministry buses are funded for eligible students who comply with Ministry of Education criteria. We share buses with Waitakere College, Liston College and St Dominic's College.

All eligible students must have a Massey High School ID card with BUS printed on it to show the driver when boarding the bus. Students are able to use last year's ID cards until March and Y9 students will be issued with a temporary pass. If students are ineligible but still want to use these funded buses they can do so by buying a Ritchies Pass. Ritchies sell these at school on Wednesdays (1.30pm in the bus bay) and they cost \$22 for 10 rides. The Massey High School buses are: Bus 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 11 & 12. The students travelling on the Massey High School chartered buses buy their bus tickets at the Bursar's Office at school. These cost \$25 for 10 rides.

The Massey High School buses are: Bus 5A, 5B, 6, 8, 13, 14, 100 & 200. Buses 10A and 10B require the student to have a Ritchies Fast Pass. These reusable cards cost \$7 and then \$22 for 10 rides. Alternatively students can travel on these buses for \$2.50 per trip.

All students will need to have a bus card by Wednesday afternoon - 10 February.

KEY DATES

February

- 12 MHS Inter-school Athletics
- 15 Teacher Professional Development starts. **School ends at 2pm.**
- 24 Auckland Secondary Schools' Zone 3 Swimming Championships
- 26 MHS Athletic Championships
- 25 Board of Trustees' Meeting 7pm Library

March

- 1 Auckland Secondary Schools' Girls' Qualifying Day
- 2 Auckland Secondary Schools' Boys' Qualifying Day
- 8 Parent Consultation Evening
- 10 Auckland Champion of Champs - Athletics
- 12 MHS Swimming Sports
- 18-21 ASB Polyfest
- 25 Board of Trustees' Meeting 7pm Library

April

- 1 Term 1 Ends
- 19 Term 2 Begins
- 25 Anzac Day
- 29 Board of Trustee' Meeting 7pm Library