

MASSEY HIGH SCHOOL

TE KURA TUARUA O TIRIWA

TE PAANUI RAHINA

274 Don Buck Road

Massey Auckland 8

PRINCIPAL : B S RITCHIE

Dear Parents/Guardians

Greetings Kia Ora Talofa Guten Tag Bonjour Malo e le lei Dobro Dosli Kia Orana こんにちは
Fakalofa lahi atu Shalom Goeie Dag Sawadee Croeso Bula Fáilte

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MONDAY NEWSLETTER

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"WE ARE AN EXEMPLARY SCHOOL"

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Affordable Accessible Quality Lifelong Learning at Massey High School.

Classes starting in the the week of February 12th are:

MYOB, Photography, Classes, Small Business Management and Accounting, Pattern Making, Literacy and Numeracy catch-up, ESOL, Welding/Metal Work, Woodwork, Cake Decorating, Indian Cooking, French, German, Japanese, Spanish, Te Reo Maori, Tap Dancing, Spiritual Awareness, Success Coaching, Massage & Aromatherapy, Pilates, Stretch with Nat, Fit Box with Nat, Tai Chi , Yoga with Pat

Classes starting in the the week of February 19th are:

Watercolour Painting, Computer Basics, Excel, Microsoft Office, Graphic Design, Tivaevae (Cook Islands Quilting). Tarekareka (Cook Islands Dance and Music). Hairdressing , Baking Delights, Chinese Cooking, Vegetarian Cooking, Chinese Mandarin, Samoan, Music Appreciation, Ballroom Dancing, Latin American Dance, Rock'nRoll Jive, Counselling, Drug Awareness for Parents

Please enrol by: phone 833 9124

email: nlazzari@masseyhigh.school.nz

Post: Community Education Massey High School 274 Don Buck Rd Massey. Pay directly at the Bursars' office.

Enrolment forms are in the 2007 Community Education West Auckland Booklet that was sent to you

www.westaucklandcomed.co.nz

BURSARS' OFFICE HOURS

The Bursars' office will be open for payments from 8am - 2pm daily (We can not serve anybody after closing as the system has to be reconciled for the day).

Students may make payments before school, at interval and during lunchtime. Parents and caregivers wishing to make payments should avoid student break times. Please ensure you have completed your fee invoice forms before you get to the windows. Cash & Eftpos payments line up at the Bursars' office windows. Payments by cheque will be collected outside the Bursars' window and processed that day with receipts mailed home. It would be appreciated if both parents and students realise that the Bursar staff are using a new receipting program so delays may be unavoidable. We thank you for your patience.

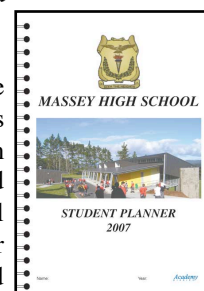
STUDENT PLANNER

All Massey High School students have been issued with a student planner. This must be brought to school each day as part of the student's essential materials for learning, along with exercise books/folders/paper and pens and other writing

equipment. All school equipment should be contained in a sturdy, good-sized bag. Hand bags and "Dickies" bags are not acceptable.

The student planner contains valuable information about the school's expectations of students, the organisation of Massey High School, school rules and uniform requirements, and some useful ideas for learning. By using the planner each day, students will be well organised for their learning and other school commitments. By the end of the year, it will provide a valuable record of the student's time at Massey High School in 2007.

Through the planner we are also communicating with parents. They should read the information so that they are aware of the school's organisation and expectations. The planner can also help them to become more involved in their child's education. At the end of each week there is a section where parents can add a note to communicate with teachers. We encourage both parents and students to make full use of this planner to assist our students in their achievement at Massey High School.



UNIFORM

Correct uniform must be worn. Students will be sent home if they are not wearing correct uniform.

Shoes: Black, standard, leather, lace-up, low heeled, school shoes, in clean and good condition. Shoes are plain black with no extra colour, decoration or labelling. **BOOTS, SPORTS SHOES, SANDALS AND JANDALS ARE NOT PERMITTED.**

Jewellery: The wearing of jewellery is not permitted, except for one plain gold or silver stud in each ear and a watch worn on the wrist.

Moustaches, beards or stubble are not permitted. Boys faces must be clean shaven. Sideburns below the level of the bottom of the ear are not permitted.

SCHOOL DONATIONS

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 2007. 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.

PAST STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Marina Duvnjak who has been selected for the NZ Women's Cycling team to compete in the World Championships in Australia. Marina was a Massey High School from 1994-1998.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Luke Charlesworth (11PTR), Emily Ang (13MMM), Krittika Gregory(13TAS) for winning gold at the Youth Olympic Festival in Sydney in Badminton. The NZ number 2 team beat their Australian equivalents in the final.



Congratulations to Shayne Taupo (11KVA) who competed in Melbourne in the Junior Open Karate Championships in December. Shayne won both Kata and Kumite, receiving 2 trophies and 3 medals. Shayne is the first New Zealander to win an open championship in Australasia.



PROJECT K

K stands for one of New Zealand's most important national symbols, the koru. Project K is a Foundation for Youth Development one-year programme that runs for Year 10 students across the country. Massey High School is proud to be one of the schools involved. The programme is designed to help students build self-efficacy and explore their potential through outdoor adventure, a community challenge and one-on-one mentoring.

A group of about twelve students and a second control group for research are carefully selected. The first group goes through the programme and is monitored, alongside the control group, until one year afterwards.

Project K is run by the Project K Trust, is funded and supported by over thirty businesses and individual donations nationwide, and relies on a huge network of volunteers, community and programme representatives and teachers. Project K is one of the most important programmes in New Zealand today, helping build strong communities by strengthening the individuals who belong to them.

Volunteers and donations are welcome. For more information go to: www.projectk.org.nz

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.

There are strict attendance requirements for NCEA candidates.

ATTENDANCE

The school is placing a high priority on attendance this year and we remind parents of the system we operate.

1. All students must be at school and in class by 8.35am.
2. If your son/daughter is late they should:
 - a) Go directly to class before 9am.
 - b) Report to the Attendance Administrator if their bus is late. They will be issued with a Late Bus Pass.
 - c) Report to the Attendance Administrator after 9am.
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.

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 Officer who issues an "Out-of-School" pass.

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 lunchtime detention. Please ensure your son or daughter gets to school on time.

FUNDRAISING

We are fundraising for our sports trip to America in 2008. If you require any labour, painting or anything which we could do to assist with our fundraising, please contact Mr Jones, Associate Principal ext. 502.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Elections for Board of Trustees will take place on 29 March. Nomination forms will be sent out to all parents in March. Please ensure that we have your correct address on our database.

KEY DATES

February

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| 20 | Kilikiti |
| 22 | MHS Athletics Championships
Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm Library |
| 28 | MHS Athletic Championships |

March

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| 1 | Swimming Zone Championships |
| 7 | Auckland Secondary School Girls' Athletics |
| 8 | Auckland Secondary School Boys' Athletics |
| 15 | Auckland Secondary School Volleyball Champs
North Island Secondary Schools'
Water Polo Champs |
| 21-24 | ASB Polyfest |
| 29 | Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm Library |
| 30 | Western Heights Tournament |