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Dear Parents/Guardians

Greetings Kia Ora Talofa Guten Tag Bonjour Malo e le lei Dobro Dosli Kia Orana こんにちは

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PAID UNION MEETING

This message is to inform parents that on 30 October 2007 there will be a paid union meeting for all members of the PPTA.

This means that school will finish at 12 noon and buses will run at this time. Please note that this is not a stop work meeting but is an entitlement under the Secondary Teachers' Collective Employment Agreement. The meeting is a regional meeting and will involve all schools in the western region of Auckland. We have no say over the timing of this meeting.

Any students who wish to remain at school will be supervised and they will be required to meet in the hall at 12.05pm with study materials. Thank you for your co-operation.

AUSTRALIAN ASSESSMENT OF LANGUAGE COMPETENCE CERTIFICATES 2007

High Distinction

French: Alannah Ashton-Schwab (10PTL), Alisha Brunton (10APA), Stephanie Leighton (10APA), Alison Craigie (12TSR).

German: Lujia Xu (10APA), Matthew Calvin (12AFR).

Japanese: Yoolyi Kang (11TCA), Choong Hwan Kim (11PRD), Lois Ryu (11TCA), Mi Jee Seo (11APR), Michelle Park (12KDW), Kurtis Tomkins (12AFR).

Distinction

French: Jette Charnley (10MDN), Cade Tariau (12PAO).

German: Priscilla Dujiardi (10APA), Saarah Kohler (12AYI), Lauren Grierson (13KBE)

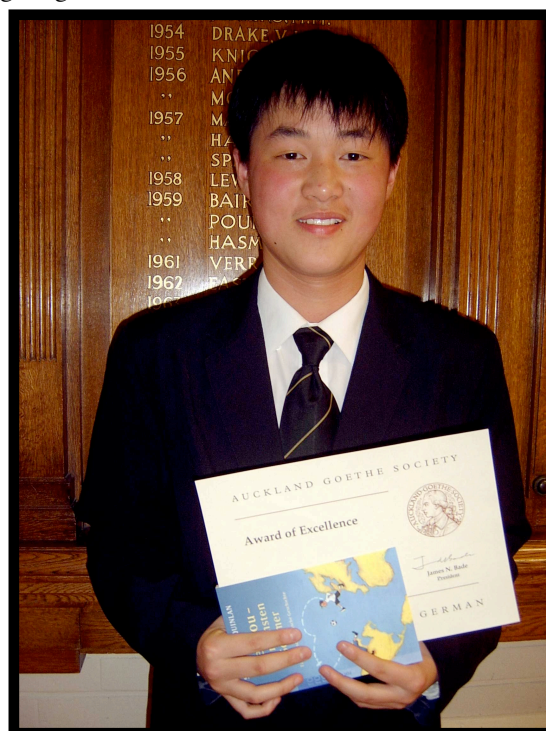
Japanese: Jennifer Byrne (11PTR), Yeon Soo Kim (11APR), Francesca Lee (13ACE), Yong Suk Lee (13PRN).

German Goethe Society Competition:

Award of Excellence: Lujia Xu (10APA).

Highly Commended: Priscilla Djiuadi (10APA), Aaron Match (10MGT), Caine Rotherham (10APA), Saskia Stachyshyn (10KWD), Samantha White (10KCR), Jade Kosterman (11PTR), Matthew Calvin (12AFR).

Lujia Xu receiving his Award of Excellence at the Goethe Prizegiving.



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 19 November, only three 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 19 November, only three 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 2008.

SPOTLIGHT ON BADMINTON



The Massey High School Premier Boys' Badminton Team competed at the New Zealand Secondary Schools' National Badminton Championships which were held in Wellington from 21 - 23 September. The team competed admirably and achieved fourth place in New Zealand. All members played well and were a credit to the school in their conduct both on and off the court. The team was Ashraf Dhoray (13MMT) (captain), Luke Charlesworth (11PTR), Samuel Rimmer (10PTL), Elliot Revell-Nash (11MGS), Julian Beuning (11APL) and Joshua Emmott (13MMT). This comes after their achievement of second place in the Auckland Premier Grade Badminton Competition.

During the holiday period Ashraf Dhoray achieved a noteworthy double by becoming both the New Zealand 18s Doubles and Mixed Doubles Champion at the National 18s tournament which was held in Wellington.

Luke Charlesworth's (current Under-21 Singles Champion) impressive year continued when he became the New Zealand 16s Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Champion at the NZ Age Group Championships. The final of the mixed doubles event was against a combination containing another Massey student, Samuel Rimmer.



Other notable results from the National Age Group Championships were:

Saskia Stachyshun (10KWC) – Winner 14s Girls' Doubles Plate

Samuel Rimmer – Runner-up Boys 16s Singles Plate

Megan Reyden (10TES) – Runner-up 16s Girls' Doubles Plate
Elliot Revell-Nash and Megan Reyden – Runners-up 16s Mixed Doubles Plate

Julian Beuning – Winner Boys' 16s Subsidiary Plate

Julian Beuning and Elliot Revell-Nash – Winner 16s Boys' Doubles Classic Plate

Georgina Sherman (10KWC) – Winner 16s Girls' Doubles Consolation Plate.

World Junior Championships

Four Massey High School Students have been selected to represent New Zealand in the forthcoming Junior World Championships at the Waitakere Trusts Stadium from 24 October - 4 November. Congratulations to Ashraf Dhoray, Luke Charlesworth, Kritteka Gregory (13TAS) and Emily Ang (12MMV).

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The Girls' Premier Basketball Team made the semi-finals for the ASB College Sport Secondary Schools' Competition. They lost to Auckland Girls' Grammar School and missed out on the final playoffs. However, after losing five senior premier players last year, this was a great achievement for a new young team. Nine of these players entered the Under-17 Western Zone Competition where they were undefeated and, by winning this tournament, were eligible to play in the Under-17 Greater Auckland Championship Tournament. Once again the team was undefeated and is now the Massey High School Under-17 Girls' Greater Auckland Championship Winners.

The Girls' Premier team played in the Greater North Island Premiership Tournament where they beat Northcote College who won last year's Secondary School National Competition and had, until this game, been undefeated for more than two years. The team only lost one game and ended up fifth but still qualified for Nationals. At the Secondary Schools' National Competition the girls played really hard and lost only two games. Nevertheless they placed tenth, a better effort than last year's fifteenth placing.

Curling

Auckland Boys' Competition.

The Frosties team was placed first and is now the Auckland Boys' Champion for 2007. Team members are Keswick Pearson (12PEL), William Armitage (12AFR), Samuel Brady (12KCY).

North Island Secondary Schools' Boys Competition.

The Frosties and Ramrod teams were placed first equal in the North Island Championships for 2007. Ramrod team members are Jordan Reid-Ward (13MMT), Samuel Henry (13MMT), Joshua Tabak (13KBE)

New Zealand Secondary Schools' Boys Competition.

The Ramrod team was placed third in the New Zealand Boys' Championship. Jesse Miller (13TAS) joined the team for this event.

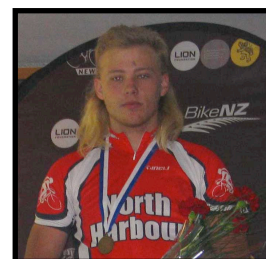
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Jessica Eden (12MFE) who was placed in the top 30 of the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Song Writing Competition.

Congratulations to Amy Latu (13TPK) who is a current member of the NZ Under-21 Netball Squad and will be taking part in preparation games for the 2007 World Championships.



Congratulations to Oliver Harding-Sheath (13KHA) who has won the Under-19 Boys' New Zealand Road Cycling Championships.



KEYDATES

October

30 Paid Union Meeting - students released at 12 noon

November

8 Sports Prize Giving
14 Senior Prize Giving 7pm
15 Year 11 Prize Giving
19 NCEA Examinations commence
19-23 Junior Exams
29 Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm Library

December

5 NCEA Examinations finish
7 Year 10 Prize Giving
10-14 Wider Living Week Year 10
14 Year 9 Prize Giving