



MASSEY HIGH SCHOOL

TE KURA TUARUA O TIRIWA

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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This is the last Newsletter this term and we would like to thank parents for their support throughout the term and wish you well for the holidays. Term 2 commences on Monday 5 May.

PARENT - SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Last year we introduced a new programme to raise academic achievement called Academic Counselling. We were very pleased with our results in 2007 and attribute much of this success to our new programme. Thus we are continuing with Academic Counselling this year and have reached the stage where we want the parents to be involved in the academic plans and progress of their child. Our plans for achieving this were outlined to parents in a letter which was posted home on Friday 4 April.

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. Just as parents accompany their children to see a doctor or specialist about their physical well-being, we feel they should also accompany their son or daughter to gain information about their academic progress. From this parents can become much more involved in their child's education.

Therefore, we request that you respond to the letter by returning the tear-off slip, or by emailing your child's form teacher, or by contacting the school by phone on 831 0500. Please contact the school if you did not receive a letter. Already we have had a pleasing response and we encourage those who have not responded yet to confirm this appointment so that we can make final arrangements.

PAST STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Harry Aitken who has won a NZ Education and Scholarship Trust (NZEST) Scholarship for his success in last year's NCEA examinations.



Only nine scholarships were awarded throughout New Zealand so this is another great achievement for our 2007 Head Boy and Dux. This is a very prestigious and highly competitive award and Harry has done well to be recognised by the NZEST.

STAFF BEREAVEMENT

It is with sadness that we inform our community that one of our support staff died last week after suffering from a long illness. Felecia Nemaia was employed as an administrator and receptionist in the careers department in 2006 and then moved into the GATEWAY Programme as a assistant co-ordinator in 2007.



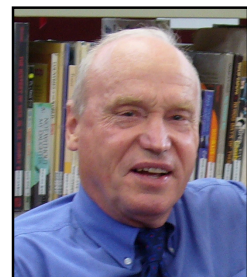
Felecia was a gracious, humble and fun-loving person who was generous with her time and showed empathy towards other people.

She is survived by her husband Ernest and children Anton, Natalya and Gabriella. Anton and Natalya are students at Massey High School and Gabriella is at Massey Primary School.

A number of staff and students attended Felecia's funeral last week. Parents of the students can be proud of their respectful and courteous behaviour on this occasion. They were a credit to you and to our school.

STAFF RETIREMENT

This week we will be farewelling Mr Clark who is retiring after sixteen years as Business Manager. This is a very responsible position whereby he oversees all the financial and property matters of our school. He has done a great job over the years and has added considerable value to our school which is quite noticeable.



We thank Mr Clark for his loyalty and great services and wish him and his wife Joy all the best for a long and happy retirement.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Wheriko Tawhiri (9MSF) who represented the Northern Region as a member of the U-15 boys' touch team for the Northern Pirates Franchise. This team won the tournament which was held in Wellington on 5 and 6 April.



THE AMERICAS TRIP

On Saturday 12 April a group of Massey High School students, teachers and parents left New Zealand for the three-week Americas trip. This venture carries on a tradition set in 2004 with the rugby tour of the Six Nations (United Kingdom and Europe) and continued in 2006 with the rugby and netball tour to South Africa. The codes included to tour this year to Canada and the United States of America are rugby, netball, girls' and boys' badminton and girls' and boys' hockey.

This trip will provide for the students not only the chance to pit themselves against overseas competition in their sports but also some wonderful opportunities to experience new cultures, places and people. Their minds should well be broadened by the travel.

Our sincere thanks go to all staff, parents and students who have worked so hard to make this trip a reality. Mr Jones, Associate Principal, has been the motivational fundraiser whose drive has gone a long way towards making this venture a reality. Planning started over 18 months ago and since then the community of home and school working hard in the interests of the students has shown what can be achieved.

We are extremely grateful to the many sponsors and parents who have supported this venture and to our courageous Board of Trustees who have given their support morally and financially.

H O S P I T A L I T Y COMPETITION

It is with great pleasure that we announce the following results for the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Culinary Competition held on 8 May 2008. Our students won a total of 29 medals, two highly commended places, ten bronze medals, twelve silver medals, seven gold medals and two became NZ Representatives.

Highly Commended

Dean Hutchinson (13AHK), Jacob Ryan (11PTG)

Bronze

Kimberly Denston (12KBY), Julia Macedo (13AFW), Louise Reid (12KBN), Alister Taylor (12KBY), Jade Stanaway (12KPC), Megan Dolan (12KPC), Emma Robinson (13KSH), Sarah Ramsey (12KPC), Chloe Davis (13KCY)

Silver

Chloe Davis (13KCY), Olivia Lambarth (13PRY), Shannon Fayers (13PRY), Stefanie Martin (13KCY), Robert Noknok (12ASG), Alyce Hazelwood (12TEH), Justin Hunt (12TEH), Nicole Maguire (13PRH) and Top Score – Representative for NZ, Haley Sykes (12KBN), Shannon Stewart (13PRY)

Gold

Haley Sykes (12KBN), Shannon Stewart (13PRY), Christy Chang (13AFW), Brek Piling (12PJA), Nina Suliafu (13TCU) and Overall Winner & NZ Representative

CHILD, YOUTH AND FAMILY

Child, Youth and Family are currently seeking role models to become caregivers for children and young people in care, aged 0-12 or 12-17, for a short to medium period.

Can you offer:

- a safe environment,
- support,
- encouragement,
- and guidance?

Rewarding Benefits

- Turn a life around
- Build a confident young person
- Offer others a chance

If you are interested, please attend the no obligation information evening.

New Lynn Community Hall
54 Totara Ave,
Tuesday 13 May 08, 7-8pm

Royal Oak Salvation Army
691 Mt Albert Road
Thursday 15 May 08, 7-8pm
Ph: Marie (09) 914 6233

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

If you need confidential information or advice on almost anything, help is available. You can visit the Massey Citizens' Advice Bureau in their premises in the Massey Library building on the corner of Don Buck Road and Westgate Drive. We have Cantonese, Mandarin, Farsi and Korean speakers, JP's 1pm -3pm Monday to Friday, free legal service by appointment, and budgeting by arrangement. We also have a Settlement Support service for people new to New Zealand. We look forward to seeing you or you can phone us on 833-5775 (Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm).

For more information telling young people about their rights www.cab.org.nz/lowdown or e-mail cab.massey@xtra.co.nz

JACKETS and RAINCOATS

As winter approaches, students need to ensure that they are dressed warmly and that they keep dry. The uniform options for students are the school sweatshirt, the black school jacket and the official school sports jacket.



When it is raining, students may wear a raincoat, either knee or hip length, to and from school and when they are in the grounds but not when they are in class. The coat must be waterproof and must be in a conservative colour, for example black, dark blue or navy. Items like a pink bomber jacket with a fluffy collar do not count as an acceptable jacket or raincoat.

The way our students behave and the way they wear the uniform are the two biggest factors beside academic achievement that the community uses to judge our school. We cannot emphasise enough how important this is.

We ask for the support of parents in making sure that your son or daughter is correctly dressed for school. Thank you for your co-operation.

KEY DATES

April

18 Term 1 ends

May

5 Term 2 begins

15-16 Parent/School Partnership - by appointment

29 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7pm Library