



MASSEY HIGH SCHOOL

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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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EXAM WEEK

Next week, 16 - 20 June, is Exam Week for all students at Massey High School. It is vital that students are at school every day next week and that they are on time to begin period 1 at 8.35am. As well as carrying out the exams and assessments, teachers will continue to deliver their usual classroom programmes.

For senior students, some of the exam time is being used to assess internal NCEA achievement or unit standards. Students need to prepare well to achieve their credits in these. They may also have a practice exam for an external NCEA achievement standard in some subjects. This is an important learning experience as students can gain an idea of their progress towards their achievement of the external credits. Junior students will have end-of-semester assessments in their subjects.

A special timetable has been arranged for Exam Week. Periods 1 and 2 each day will continue as they are now. Students will then have a double period between 11.00am and 1.05pm for the subject they would normally have in period 3 each day.

The Board of Trustees has approved the closing of the school at the end of period 4 each day during Exam Week. Students will be released then and buses will be ordered for that time.

For teachers, the early close will allow them time to mark assessments and exam papers and to start writing the mid-year reports. For the students, the purpose of the early closing each day is to allow them to go home and have some study time. This is their only study leave during Exam Week.

For each subject, students need to know

- WHEN their assessment is
- HOW they are being assessed
- WHAT they are being assessed on.

They also need to find out what they need to bring so that they equip themselves each day with the appropriate materials for their assessments. A refill pad and a black or blue pen is the minimum requirement. This week they should be asking their teachers for the above information.

To study effectively, students should do active revision. When they learn their notes, they need to write as well as read, and say things aloud (**READ, WRITE, RECITE**). An effective study strategy is to write practice assessment or exam answers and to do this within the suggested time allocation.

PAST STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Harry Aitken who has received a New Zealand Education and Scholarship Trust Scholarship. There were only nine scholarships awarded throughout N.Z. Harry was Dux and Head Boy of Massey High School in 2007.



Mr Rapson who is a Trustee of the NZEST presented Harry's award at assembly last week. The Scholarship gives Harry financial assistance for his university studies. He is currently studying medicinal chemistry at the University of Auckland.

Congratulations to Anthony Tuitavake who has been selected for the 2008 All Blacks. Anthony is the fourth Massey High School All Black joining Kurt Sherlock (1985), Troy Flavell (2000-2007) and Ron Cribb (2000-2001).



We extend our best wishes to Anthony for his debut against Ireland and for a long and illustrious career as an All Black.

Anthony is joined by several other past student/staff rugby players who made national teams this year, including his younger brother Nafi.

NZ Sevens - World Series Winners

Nafi Tuitavake, Solomon King, Chad Tuoro (staff)

NZ Maori: Chris Smylie.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Daniel Walden (11KJM) who competed in the SADT New Zealand Dancesport Championships, held in Auckland. He won the New Zealand Junior A Grade competition in Classical Sequence, ballroom dancing.



Daniel and his partner are now NZ's highest ranked Junior Couple (U-15) in in Classical Sequence. They also were placed 2nd in the Junior Open A grade Latin, 3rd in C Grade Latin, and 3rd in New Vogue. Since 2003, Daniel has won six New Zealand Classical Sequence titles, two New Zealand Latin titles, one New Zealand Ballroom title, two New Zealand New Vogue titles, and in 2004 was the New Zealand Juvenile A Grade four dance champion.

Congratulations to Dylan Webb (12PJA) who won four cups at the Auckland Brass Band Championships.

- 1st in The Slow Melody (U-16)
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- Sullivan Cup for highest points in U-16 age group.
- A cup for an ensemble of five people. Haley Littlewood (13KCY) was part of this ensemble.

Congratulations to the band "*Sugar the Mofo*" who performed extremely well at the Auckland Central Heats of Smokefree Rockquest and have been successful at getting through to the Auckland Central Final. The musicians involved are Chase Vesey (13TSR), Charles Mafileo (13PEL), Anthony Browne (13KCY) and Paora Bailey (13PEL).

The Auckland Central Final takes place Saturday 14 June at 8pm. Tickets can be bought from Karangahape Road Rockshop. Please come along and support *Sugar the Mofo*.

Trans-Tasman secondary schools netball tournament held in Australia last week.

There were eight teams in this tournament. Amy Latu (13TCL) captained the NZSS Maori team and Armel Chou-Lee (13MMO) captained the NZSS Pasifika team. The results were:

- 1st NZSS team
- 2nd NZSS Maori
- 3rd Australia
- 4th NZSS Pasifika

It was great that two New Zealand teams beat Australia. Melissa Walker, coach of the NZSS Maori team, said that the competition was extremely tough and that both our girls played very well and were proud to represent Massey High School.

OPEN NIGHT

Monday 28 July

Two Sessions

3.30-5.30pm and 6.30-8.30pm

Principal's address in the Hall followed by a tour for each session.

**ALL WELCOME
especially Year 7 and Year 8 students
and their parents.**



- ▲ **Tour the School with the Prefects**
- ▲ **Meet the Teachers**
- ▲ **Enjoy Interactive Displays**
- ▲ **Experience the Technology**

YOUNG ENTERPRISE SCHEME

Over 80 of our Massey High School young entrepreneurs competed recently in the Young Enterprise Scheme - West Auckland Oral Presentations Competition. This involved over 30 teams of 5-8 students from seven West Auckland Secondary Schools. Our students gained some very pleasing results and congratulations go to all of them who competed.

Our YES company called "Ace of Spades" competed extremely well with an outstanding 98/100 final result. This placed them first overall. The students involved were: Arron Lay (13TCL), Brooke Schumann (13PRY), Daniel Berger (13AYI), Kristov Leutenegger (13MMC), Kyun Won Kim (13TBK) and Sam Brady (13KCY) who was the Managing Director.

Another YES company called "Eye-block" also competed strongly and were placed third equal in the competition with a final mark of 88/100.

These two YES companies, based on their oral presentation results, have been invited to the Waitakere Enterprise "Dragons Den" which will allow the students to pitch their products and give them the opportunity to seek investment from local business leaders. "The Busy Bee", an extra-curricular group, has also been selected to participate in this event. They were chosen based on their innovative product idea of an indoor buzzer signalling that mail has arrived.

We wish these groups well and hope they gain some well deserved additional funding.

KEY DATES

June

- 16-20 Exam week for all students
- 26 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7pm Library
- 30 Musical week

July

- 4 Term 2 ends
- 7 School Ball
- 21 Term 3 commences
- 26 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7pm Library
- 28 Open Evening 3.30-5.30pm and 6pm-8.30pm
- 29 Year 9 2009 Enrolments start