

## Term 4, Week 8, 2021 End of Term Update

9 December 2021

Dear MCS Families,

As the year draws to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, for your continued faith in what we do at MCS and for giving us the opportunity to minister to your child. It has been delightful to have students back on site, and we commend students for continuing to work hard and doing their best. Despite the uncertainties and the challenges, it is always good to intentionally be thankful. We are thankful for the continued learning that occurs, for the health and safety of our students, families and staff and that our Lord is in control and nothing is a surprise to Him.

### Congratulations!



Congratulations are due to Tanaka Manhondo who has been awarded a Vice-Chancellor's scholarship from the University of Otago to the value of \$10,000. Tanaka is one of our International Students who has been enrolled at MCS for the past five years. Tanaka is planning on studying for a Bachelor of Health Science specialising in Biomedical science. Well done, Tanaka! May our Lord be with you and guide you in all you do.

### High School Awards

Although we are unable to have any prizegiving ceremonies for parents to attend, we can still celebrate student achievements. A picnic bbq dinner for Year 12 and 13 students was recently held to mark their hard work and application during this challenging year.

#### First in subject certificates:

SUBJECT	RECIPIENT
A Maths	Amrit Singh
A English	Grace Levae
A Biology	Tanaka Manhondo
A Psychology	Grace Levae
A Chemistry	Tanaka Manhondo
A Physics	Amrit Singh
A History	Grace Levae
A Geography	Harsukh Kaur
Years 12-13 Bible	Tiaria Wilson
AS History	Samantha Whyte
AS Chemistry	Kenneth Pan
AS Biology	Kanak Ahuja
AS English	Samantha Whyte
AS Mathematics	Kenneth Pan
AS Physics	Tanaka Manhondo
AS Psychology	Samantha Whyte
AS Geography	Tsidkenu Levae



**Top in Year 12 and 13:**

Year 12: Samantha Whyte (right)

Year 13: Tanaka Manhondo (left)



**Right:** Year 12 and 13 students and their teachers



**Year 11** students held their prizegiving off-site last Wednesday – congratulations to all the prize-winners below.

Year 11 Bible	Haoming Chen
Year 11 English	Haoming Chen
Year 11 History	Sanya Uppal
Year 11 Mathematics	Nasia Ng
Year 11 Science	Haoming Chen
Year 11 Geography	Sanya Uppal

**Top Overall Year 11 student:**  
Haoming Chen

Students who passed with **Excellence:**

Riana Brown  
Haoming Chen  
Sanya Uppal

Students who passed with **Merit**

Preston Gillett  
Harmandeep Kaur  
Ruth Madoka  
Nasia Ng  
Thomas Phillips-Ogle  
Luke Shallard

Year 9 and 10 students enjoyed a sunny prize-giving at school last week. Parents may view the event via [this](#) link.

Congratulations to all prize winners.

## Year 10

### Excellence

Thomas Fryer  
Jessica Goodwin  
Matthew Shallard

### Merit

Caleb Harvey  
Vinayak Sharma  
Mia Wang

Year 10 History	Matthew Shallard
Year 10 Bible	Jessica Goodwin
Year 10 English	Matthew Shallard
Year 10 Mathematics	Matthew Shallard
Year 10 Science	Matthew Shallard
Year 10 Economics	Matthew Shallard

**TOP OVERALL:** Matthew Shallard

## Year 9

### Excellence

Opal Ahuja  
Sahil Sandhu

### Merit

Samar Brar  
Ruby Carter  
Armann Garcha  
Oswald Kuik  
Elijah Paddison  
Samardeep Singh  
Serena Wang  
Karise Wong



Year 9 Bible	Karise Wong
Year 9 Economics	Opal Ahuja
Year 9 English	Ruby Carter
Year 9 Geography	Samar Brar
Year 9 History	Samar Brar
Year 9 Mathematics	Oswald Kuik
Year 9 Science	Serena Wang

**TOP OVERALL:** Samar Brar



## Staffing 2022

The vaccination mandate has created significant challenges for schools across the country, but we are happy to report that both our high school and primary school are fully staffed as we head into 2022.

From the beginning of 2022 both Mr Kennedy and Mr Aloiai will be beaming in live to their classes via an interactive Zoom link. This means they will be able to teach their classes, demonstrate ideas on a screen, lead discussions, answer questions, call students out when they lose focus and do most other things a teacher does except play handball at lunchtime. This will be the next best thing to having them onsite, and will be way, way better than losing them from MCS. Mr Kennedy and Mr Aloiai will collect work to mark, have one-on-one Zoom sessions with students and will continue to play an active and vital role in the functioning of the high school.

All primary classes will have onsite teachers but there are still some details being worked out. Parents will be notified once this is the case. Our commitment is always to provide quality education for all students.

Mrs du Plessis left us a couple of years ago to have a baby, but we summoned her back to MCS to teach English as a second language. However, sadly, she is leaving us again and this time she is moving to Tauranga with her husband, Corné and her son, Kayden. We would love her to stay, but her husband has already moved to Tauranga, so her decision is settled. We wish the du Plessis family every blessing as they set up home in Tauranga.

Mrs Maria Shallard and Mrs Sarah Bryant will not be working onsite next year but will continue to use their skills with project-based work from home.

## Class Activities – Bike Ready Year 6

How exciting to have lessons outdoors on a bike! Students in Year 6 enjoyed all aspects of riding a bike. Instructors teach students how to balance on a bike, start, pedal along and stop. They also teach them how to ride on the road, looking at everything from hand signals to their position in relation to vehicles.

Emma said that the most important thing she learnt was how to wear her helmet safely and ensuring her bike is safe to ride with the M-check. The M-check is a basic safety check of all the main working parts of a bike, moving from the front hub backward in the shape of the letter M.



## Run4Bibles

Despite lockdown difficulties, students have savoured time to run outside for this worthy cause. Thank you for your sponsorship. Donations are still coming in, so at this time we cannot give you a grand total.

Our top fundraisers are:

Oriana Kuik	Y5	\$460
Victor Lee	Y4	\$370
Priscilla John	Y8	\$300 Thank you!



## Trustboard

Our chairman, Mr Rod Peek, who has served the school for well over 20 years, has decided to step down from the school Trust Board. Mr Peek is a faithful servant of the Lord, with a solid set of biblical convictions and a heart of gold. He will be missed for his wisdom, his commanding presence and for his propensity to laugh heartily at his own dad-jokes. We wish Rod well as he eases out of trust board responsibilities. Congratulations to Mrs Janet Simons who has been elected as board chairperson. We also farewell Mr Richard Flinn from the Trust Board. Richard contributed much wisdom and insight in his time on the board. He also will be sadly missed.

## House Points

And the winning house is...Wilberforce! Congratulations!

Wilberforce Yellow	Calvin Green	Te Wiremu Blue	Tarore Red
<b>1116</b>	<b>1066</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>1094</b>

Wilberforce students enjoyed a pizza prize at lunchtime on Monday, with careful hygiene protocols being observed, of course.

## Primary School Prize-giving

We celebrated student achievement in Years 5 to 8 on Tuesday morning. You may view the event via [this](#) link. This morning we celebrated the efforts of students in Years 1 to 4. All students worked hard throughout this challenging year and we are thankful that we can share their success. Well done everyone.



### Top Achievement Awards Years 1 to 4:



### Principal Awards:





**Praise and Prayer**

The following passage from Hebrews 12:1-3 was shared with the Year 5 to 8 classes this morning during their awards presentations.

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

We must remember to give thanks for the blessings, commit to him the various needs and in all things to fix our eyes not on the problems but on Jesus. Running the race of life with perseverance is only possible when we lift our gaze above the troubles of this world to the Lord himself.

Give thanks for	Please pray for
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freedom to share the gospel at MCS.</li> <li>• The Incarnation – God becoming flesh and dwelling among us.</li> <li>• Good health within the school.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stressed, tired staff who need a holiday.</li> <li>• Wisdom as we plan how to do 2022 well.</li> <li>• Faithfulness to Christ in challenging times – keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.</li> </ul>

**Farewell for 2021**

This has been a most unusual year. It is sad that parents have not been able to join in on school activities such as bike day (Year 6), Run4Bibles (primary school), or the various Thanksgiving awards ceremonies. But we can be grateful for many things. Students have finished the year onsite at school with their friends and with the bulk of their teachers.

We wish you a blessed, happy God-filled Christmas and a positive start to 2022. We look forward to what the new year will bring, with its challenges and its opportunities.

In Christ,  
 Pete Slaney  
**Principal**