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Principal's Message

We are now at the end of Term 1 and things have been hectic with both curriculum, social, EOTC and information events for our students and our school community. Some of our successful events this term have included the Literacy workshop, 3-way goal setting meetings, senior school camp, the Junior School breakfast and field trips to MOTAT. The social events for our community with School and LC assemblies, picnic day, Grandparents Day and the crazy colour Muffi day have excited our students and the families that joined us for these events. Despite the long term the school term is certainly ending on a high note and once again I marvel at how quickly the weeks have passed by and soon we will be in the second quarter of the year.

Each school day through our role as teachers and parents, we are afforded an opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of our students. This support enables our students to be the best they can be, regardless of the challenges that they face each day both, at home and school. To see our students learn and feel excited about their schooling and the events and opportunities they experience at MHP is certainly very rewarding for all the adults in their lives.

Studies have shown that in today's digital age, the influence of the rapid technology revolution is tremendous both in the school context and in the home life of our students. There is no clear framework with guidelines and boundaries of using technology due to the fast paced progress of technology in our lives. However whether we loathe it or love to use it, we have to leverage the available technology to best support our children with boundaries and limits for on screen time and off screen time

particularly during weekends and holidays. Therefore I urge you to plan some creative hands on transition activities such as jumping on the trampoline, helping in the garden, going for a walk or playing in the park just so that you can move your children from screen time for some healthy physical activity particularly during the term holidays coming up soon.



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On this note, I would like to wish you all a safe and happy family time reading and relaxing over the next two weeks of the Term 1 break. We look forward to seeing you and your children back for a productive and exciting Term 2.

Kind regards
Veena Vohra
Principal

A dmin Matters

Last day of Term 1

School finishes for the end of Term 1 on Friday 13th April at 1.00pm. Please ensure that you collect your child/ren promptly.

Library

The School Library will be closed after school on the last day of Term 1.

First day of Term 2

Students return to school on Monday 30th April.

Office Hours - School Holidays

The school office will be closed for the first week of the school holidays (16-20 April). The office will reopen on Monday 23 April for limited hours. Please ensure that you call before coming in. The office will be closed on Wednesday 25 April (ANZAC day holiday). Tickets for the Girl's Event will be on sale during this time.

Crazy Colours Muffi Day

A great day was had by all at the recent crazy colours muffi day. Students & staff wore their craziest colours to school in support of the Starship Cancer Foundation. Thank you to all the families who supported this great cause.



Girl's Event - Friday 11 May

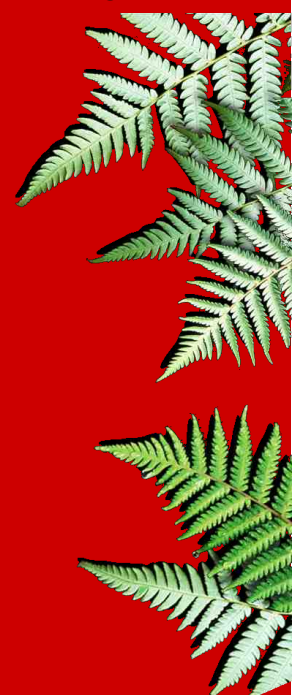


The annual MHP girls event this year will be a "Mama Mia" afternoon tea from 3:30 to 5pm. The girls and their female family members will be treated to pizza, and all manner of Italian games and fun. A pamphlet has been sent home with all the information on it.

Tickets (\$10) are now on sale and can be bought at reception up to Wednesday 9th May. One ticket is required for each person attending and attendees will receive pizza, a drink, and a dessert. Girls may wear their Italian-styled outfit throughout the day.



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Grandparents Day



For the second year in a row we managed to have a glorious day for Grandparents Day. As usual, the assembly was a highlight with wonderful performances from the Orchestra with their fabulous drums, the Bollywood and Kapa Haka groups, and some lovely sharing of writing about grandparents by our aspiring authors.



The picnic in the courtyard afterwards was the biggest we've ever had. It was inspiring to see the MHP community attending in such large numbers, having picnics with the children.

School Uniform



Now that the winter months are approaching, we encourage parents to purchase the full sleeve polo option for the school uniform if your child requires to be warmly clothed. The use of long sleeved black t-shirts under the uniform is no longer an option for students. Any hair wear such as scarves are also to be plain black. Girls are not to wear footless leggings & socks to cover their legs, they must wear the black opaque tights and remove all nailish polish before the school week starts. Shoes without socks for girls, such as slip ons and ballet type slippers, are not appropriate uniform wear.



The school expectation is that students come to and from school in their school uniform and wear the correct school shoes.

We encourage all our students to take responsibility for their personal belongings at all times as part of managing themselves as responsible learners. Please note that the school does not store lost property and encourages all students to take care of their belongings hence they must all be named clearly.

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Year 6 Camp



Alpaca.....was a strange yet frequent word heard around the Year 6 camp this year. Alpacas were just one of the many animals on site which the children got to see and learn about. As well as feeding some of the animals the students enjoyed brushing and riding the horses, with many students overcoming their fears to sit on a horse backwards without holding on! As well as increasing their bravery with the horses they climbed to the top of rock walls, went on a flying fox across a lake and kayaked in the river. It was wonderful to see the students grow so much over such a short time. They also had to light their own fire to cook on and prepare their evening meal on Survivor Night. Everyone enjoyed toasting marshmallows on the fire and telling spooky stories before bed. These experiences are so important for our students as they encourage so much independence and give the students opportunities to shine in so many ways that we do not often see in the learning zone environment.

2018 Term dates

Term 1
Tuesday 30 January –
Friday 13 April

Good Friday - 30 March
Easter Monday - 2 April
Easter Tuesday - 3 April

Term 2
Monday 30 April –
Friday 6 July

Queens Birthday – Mon 4 June
Teacher Only Day – Tues 5 June

Term 3
Monday 23 July –
Friday 28 September

Term 4
Monday 15 October –
Friday 14 December
Labour Day – Monday 22 October



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