



Mission Heights Primary School

JUNIOR LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS - Term 1 2018

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Important Date:

Tuesday 13th February

Meet the Teacher evening

Friday 23rd February

Family Picnic

Wednesday 7th March

Literacy Open Morning

Wednesday 14th March

Year 1 Breakfast

Thursday 15th March

Year 2 Breakfast

Friday 16th March

Mufti Day

Friday 23rd March

JLC Assembly

Wednesday 28th and 1st March

Goal Setting Meetings

Welcome to the Junior Learning Community. We are looking forward to a great year of learning experiences for our students and have already planned some exciting days and activities. Our focus on 'The Future' begins with the students involved in plenty of hands-on science and technology activities. The strong focus on reading, writing and maths across the school will continue whilst also providing our students with a rich and varied curriculum across all subject areas.

We have an amazing team of teachers and I am confident our students have a great year ahead of them.

JLC Teachers

We have two new members of the Junior Learning Community this year, we welcome Nicole Melchor and Claudia Chan to the JLC.

Below is a list of the current Junior Learning Community teachers and their contact e-mail addresses. Please contact your child's teacher in the first instance if you have any queries. E-mail is often the best method of communication with your child's teacher as they are often preparing for the day ahead in the mornings and attending meetings after school. You are also able to make an appointment for a longer meeting should you need one, using this method.

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For any other issues regarding the Junior Learning Community, please contact the JLC Deputy Principal, Mrs Carol Norton
cnorton@mhp.school.nz



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If you have not yet had the chance to meet your child's new teacher, we have the 'Meet the Teacher' evening on Tuesday 13th February. This is a great opportunity to both meet your child's new teacher and other parents in the community too.

Integrated Studies

In Term 1 the students will be investigating different science and technology concepts depending on their Learning Studio. The Forest and Water Studios will be exploring the concept of forces such as gravity, push/pull, magnetism, and acceleration to make movement. It is an opportunity for students to develop their scientific skills and knowledge. Students will use this knowledge to construct a simple machine or combine various simple mechanisms in order to make a compound or complex machine. The creation will be used during wet lunchtimes for enjoyment. During the inquiry process we will also be visiting the Museum of Science and Technology where students will investigate simple mechanisms at work and how they make our lives easier. The students in the Earth, Fire and Air studio will be exploring the concept of floating and sinking. They will be doing lots of experiments exploring what makes objects float and sink. At home, it will be good if the students could continue their exploration by being provided with opportunities to explore floating and sinking possibly during bath time or even playing in the splash pool. At the end of the term the students will use their knowledge to make an object that floats and can hold a small family of plastic bears which the school will provide.

School Uniform

Please note that it is compulsory for all students to wear school uniform both to and from school. This means that the students should **not** be wearing their PE uniform to school but getting changed, by themselves, at school. We take immense pride in our students looking smart as they are representing our school in the wider community. Please make sure they are wearing the correct clothing at all times, this includes shoes and socks or sandals, and that **every** piece of uniform is named. We understand that some students may need a singlet underneath their school shirt but please ensure it is black in colour.

Lunch Boxes

During the school day we have three breaks, fruit break, morning tea and lunch time. For fruit break the students must have some fruit or vegetables, they may not eat anything else during this time. Please ensure that the fruit is cut into manageable pieces that are easy to eat as the students only have then minutes. Please ensure that the students are being packed nutritious morning tea and lunch meals, it's okay for them to have a small treat but please try to avoid hard candy and chocolate. We encourage the children all to have a full bottle of **water** at school everyday as it keeps them hydrated

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2018 Term dates

Term 1

Tuesday 30 Jan – Friday 13 April

Waitangi Day – Tuesday 6 Feb
Good Friday - Friday 30 March
Easter Monday - Monday 2 April
Easter Tuesday - Tuesday 3 April

Term 2

Monday 30 April – Friday 6 July

Queens Birthday – Monday 4
June
Teacher Only Day – Tuesday 5
June

Term 3

Monday 23 July – Friday 28
September

Term 4

Monday 16 October – Friday 15
December

Labour Day – Monday 22
October



and healthy. Please ensure that your child's lunchbox is labelled as some students have lunch boxes that look the same.

We thank you for your support and look forward to meeting you at some of the various school meetings and activities organised this term.

Expectations

Mission Heights Primary School is a school that prides itself on "Growing Excellence/Kia Hiranga Ake". We have high expectations of all our students, no matter what their age. This refers to their academic achievement, the presentation of learning and their behaviour in and out of school. Respect, politeness, kindness and personal responsibility are all highly valued by all the MHP school community and enhance our wonderful, caring environment where every individual is valued.

English Language Lessons

English Language lessons continue for adults in the meeting place on Thursday 9.15am – 11.15am. All welcome!

Thank you

Junior Learning Community Teachers