

Mission Heights Primary School

JUNIOR LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS – Term 3, 2018

“Growing Excellence”

Important Dates:

15th August – School Closed due to Teacher Strike Action
17th August – JLC Recital Assembly
30th August – ESOL Open Morning
31st August – Boy's Afternoon Tea
4th September – Photo Day
12th September – Maori Hui
14th September – Muffi Day
19th September – JLC Talent Quest
28th September – ACE Assembly
28th September – School Closes at 1pm



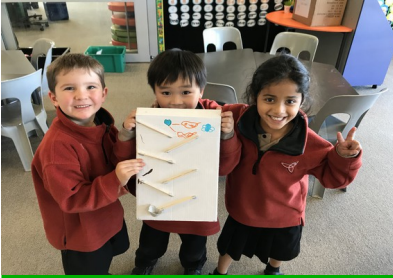
Welcome to yet another exciting Term in the Junior Learning Community. We have had such a wonderful first half of the school year and have enjoyed so many great learning moments. The students have grown into such amazing independent beings who are able to share their learning in so many ways. At this point in the year the students really begin to show their independence and are much more able to manage their own learning and understand their goals and areas for development. As always we have had such a busy Term 2 with so many wonderful activities and events taking place. We began early on in the Term with the Mamma Mia Girl's Pizza Party and ended with a great Pyjama Muffi Day and Science Fair.

Integrated Studies

This term the Fire, Air and Earth Studios will be challenged to think about the changes they can make now, to help protect and sustain their future environment. They have already identified that plastic is a big problem and that it is around for over 1000 years if not recycled correctly and not all plastic can be recycled. This term we will be learning how to recycle correctly and think about ways we can reduce our plastic and waste footprint to better our futures. The students will be taking action at home by helping their parents with the recycling at home and reminding them to take their re-useable bags to the shops. The students will also be challenged to take personal action by changing their own lunch boxes, they will think of ways to reduce wasteful packaging by using re-usable containers or packaging and try to have a zero waste lunch box.

The Forest and Water Studio are learning about being a responsible global citizen and creating a sustainable future for ourselves and others. We plan to take action by making good choices and using our resources wisely. Students will explore their potential to make a change, to accept and act on group decision. Students will be challenged to make compromises and develop a growing respect for difference and diversity in our community. They will gain a sense of importance that their values and beliefs have a huge impact on our environment. Students will also investigate different ways in which they we can give back to our society and discovering that they themselves can make a difference. Let's make this world a better place for all!

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School Uniform Reminders

With school photos fast approaching, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the school uniform at Mission Heights Primary. We would like students to wear **long sleeved school polo shirts** if they are cold, not short sleeved tops with underclothes showing. The MHP long sleeved polo shirt can be purchased from John Russel Schoolwear in Howick. If the students to wish to wear something under their school uniform this should not be visible at all. The start of a new term is also a good time to check that names are clearly written inside items of clothing (including PE kits) so that these can be returned to their owner should they be misplaced. Please ensure your child is wearing a well fitted school uniform and polar fleece to be smartly dressed for school.

Junior Learning Community Teachers

In the JLC our Junior numbers just keep growing and we will be welcoming two new teachers to our team this term. Ms Xin Lit will be starting in the New Entrant class in a few weeks time and Mrs Zelda Dammert towards the end of the term. We are also pleased to welcome back Mrs Paramjit Grover in LZ1.

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. Your child's class teacher is the first person you should correspond with about your child's academic performance and personal welfare. 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.

Carol Norton JLC Deputy Principal

Paramjit Grover Year 2 (LZ 1)

Renlen Bolland Year 2 and 3 (LZ 2)

Deborah Law Year 3 (LZ 3)

Janet Twentyman Year 1 (LZ 4)

Manjula Bhattacharya Year 1 (LZ 5)

Stephanie Thompson Year 1 (LZ 6)

Leigha Stroeven Year 1 (LZ 7)

Xin Lit New Entrant (LZ8)

Nadine Fiebiger New Entrants (LZ 9)

Sharon Garimella Year 1 (LZ 10)

Nicole Melchor Year 2 (LZ11)

Ruth Cooper Year 1 and 2 (LZ 12)

Emma Passmore Year 3 (LZ 28)

Claudia Chan Year 3 (LZ 29)

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**Nadine Fiebiger
JLC Leader of Learning**

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My background spans both Early Childhood Education and Primary School Education. I have been at MHP for the last 6 years and have taught across the junior school. I am passionate about the foundation years, helping students transition into school and develop the necessary skills they require to be successful learners.

As a teacher I am passionate about inspiring children in their learning, building on their curiosities and providing them authentic learning opportunities that help them to take responsibility for their learning and to become self-regulating learners. I encourage my students to strive for excellence in everything they do and I celebrate in their successes with them.

As a leader I am passionate about supporting my colleagues to be the best they can be so that we can ensure the best possible outcomes for the children that we teach. I strive to ensure that they have the very best opportunities afforded to them. I believe that it is important to have a good working partnership with the parents and am always happy to be available to the parents should they wish to discuss anything with me.

For any other issues regarding the Junior School please contact Miss Nadine Fiebiger nfiebiger@mhp.school.nz or Mrs Carol Norton cnorton@mhp.school.nz

Kind regards

Junior Learning Community Team

