



## Mission Heights Primary School

### SENIOR LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS - Term 2 2018

#### **"Growing Excellence"**

##### Important Dates:

May 8 – Digital Technologies ICAS  
May 8 – HPPA Soccer Field Day  
May 11- Girls Afternoon Tea  
May 14 – Year 4 Birkenhead Trip  
May 15 – Year 4 Birkenhead Trip  
May 17 – Otago Maths Round 2  
May 18 – School Assembly  
May 18 – Friendship Day  
May 21 – Travelwise Bike Ambassadors Workshop  
May 22 - MHP House Sports  
May 24 – HPPA Chess Competition  
May 25 – School Disco  
May 29 – Science ICAS  
May 29 – HPPA Netball  
May 29 – HPPA Rugby 7's  
May 30 – Maths Open Morning  
June 1 – School Assembly  
June 4 – Queen's Birthday Holiday  
June 5 – Teacher Only Day  
June 8 – Market Day  
June 11 – Book Fair Begins  
June 12 – 3 Way Conferences Begin  
June 13 – Spelling ICAS  
June 14 – Writing ICAS  
June 14 – 3 Way Conferences Late  
Night, school closes at 1pm  
June 15 – School Assembly  
June 21 – Otago Maths Round 3  
June 22 – SLC Assembly  
June 26 – HPPA Hockey  
June 27 – HPPA Writers' Quiz  
June 27 – Somerville Festival Evening Performance  
June 28 – Somerville Festival Evening Performance  
June 29 – Mufti Day  
July 4 – Science and Technology Fair  
July 6 – End of Term 2, school closes at 1pm

Haere Mai to Term 2! We hope that you are all refreshed from the break and that you are looking forward to another exciting term.

#### **Communication:**

Firstly, reminders of our contact details and that your child's class teacher is the first person you should correspond with about your their academic performance and personal welfare.

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#### **Homework:**

Your child should be **reading** six times per week for at least 30 minutes, with the hope students can read ten books a term. Students are expected to choose and read their own books from our school library or from their own sources. Students are also able to read material on the Reading Eggs site.

**Mathletics** is an important part of your child's homework. The SLC has an expectation that students gain a minimum of 1000 points in Mathletics each week. This should take approximately 15 – 20 minutes a night.

In addition, students are expected to know their subtraction and addition facts to 20 and their multiplication facts to 10×10.

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Students **spelling** lists will be based on individual needs. The spelling list will be generated from words they have difficulty spelling in their writing as well as high frequency words they are not yet able to spell. These words will be written in their home-school partnership notebook each Monday and should be practiced daily.

Students may also be asked to complete additional tasks such as a weekly blog or complete tasks that have not been completed in class time.

Students are able to access the internet in their Learning Zones from 8am to catch up on home or school learning.

### **Topics covered this term:**

The overarching topic for 2018 across the school is 'The Future'. The SLC will begin Term 2 completing our studies on Forces from Term 1. We will integrate Social Sciences along with our Science studies by looking at how new technologies have changed the world and the advantages and disadvantages of this. We will then move into preparation for our Science and Technology Fair which will be held in Week 10.



In Strand **Maths** this term we will be looking at Statistics. We will also be looking at a variety of types of **writing** that fit with our Integrated Studies. This will include scientific reports, explanations and factual recounts. In **reading**, students will read at their own level while practicing specific reading strategies. We will be tying our reading in with our Integrated Studies and our writing topics. Towards the end of the Term we will begin our focus on speeches in preparation for the school speech finals which are held early in Term 3. For **PE and Health** we are continuing our sessions with external netball coaches and we will begin our cross country training later in the term.

### **School Uniform:**

- It is important that students wear their correct uniform to and from school each day.
- Students are no longer allowed to wear long sleeved black tops underneath their short sleeved shirts. They must wear the long sleeved school top.
- Students must wear the correct black school shoes and the correct length black socks. Students are not to wear ankle socks with their lace-up shoes.



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- Please ensure that your child has their PE gear at school every day. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. Senior students do some form of fitness or sport every day, as such, it is a good idea, if possible, for students to have an extra PE top.

### **Education Outside the Classroom**

Year 4 students will be attending a one day education outside the classroom experience this term at Birkenhead. The full day trip will enable students to take part in a range of outdoor experiences such as horse riding and small animals, flying fox, rope swing and water confidence course. More information about this trip will be sent home in a separate letter.

### **General Reminders**

Please take the time to ensure that the office has up-to-date email addresses and current phone numbers as it is vital from a health and safety point of view that we can contact you at any given time.

The school day begins at 8.30am, so please ensure your child is at school with sufficient time to get organised for the school day. This may include getting changed into fitness gear, finishing activities and completing their communications.

### **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.

Regards

The SLC Team

