



## Mission Heights Primary School

### SENIOR LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS - Term 3

#### **“Growing Excellence”**

##### **Important Dates:**

School Powhiri: 13<sup>th</sup> August  
HPPA Cross Country: 14<sup>th</sup> August  
MHJC Matthex Competition: 16<sup>th</sup> August  
Year 5 Camp Meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> August  
SLC Speech Finals: 22<sup>nd</sup> August  
HPPA Gymnastics: 22<sup>nd</sup> August  
Otago Maths: 23<sup>rd</sup> August  
Year 5 Auckland Live Trip: 28<sup>th</sup> August  
Boys Event: 31<sup>st</sup> August  
Koanga Festival: 31<sup>st</sup> August  
Talent Quest Auditions: 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
School Photos: 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September  
Muffi: Crazy Hair/Hats/Clothes: 14<sup>th</sup>  
September  
SLC Talent Quest: 20<sup>th</sup> September  
Last day of Term: 28<sup>th</sup> September



Kia ora tatou, tena koutou katoa and a warm welcome back to yet another exciting term at Mission Heights Primary School.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new students and teachers that joined us this term. They will be officially welcomed with a Powhiri on 13<sup>th</sup> August, at 1.45pm, in the school hall. The new teachers in Year 6 are Mrs Alyssa Kenny - LZ 20 and Mrs Shareen Gounder - LZ 21. Mrs Lauren Marias is the new Year 4 teacher in LZ 26.

#### **Communication**

The e-mail contact details for our the new teachers, Leader of Learning and the Deputy Principal of the Senior Learning Community are as follows:

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#### **Homework**

As this is the third term, the students should be aware of their goals and parents should have information from conferences on how best to support their child at home.

Please ensure that the following homework activities are being done:

#### **Reading:**

The students should be bringing home a book each week which their teacher has helped them select, so that they can read daily for 20 to 30 minutes. The benefits of regular reading gives them an opportunity to be engaged with quality texts and improve their fluency and vocabulary. The value of this habit is crucial for their comprehension development.

#### **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. Helping the children learn their multiplication basic facts will also have huge advantages for them.

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### Spelling:

Lists will be based on individual needs. The spelling words will be generated from words your child has difficulty spelling in their writing as well as words they are not yet able to spell or spelling rules. These words will be written in their home-school partnership notebook each Monday and should be practised daily.

### Topics to be covered this term

In Term 2 we focused on Science. Our learning culminated in a very successful Science Fair. This term we will be continuing our focus on the 'Future' looking at 'Plastic' and its impact on Earth. We want our students to understand the impact that their actions can have on the future.

**Maths** will focus on problem solving skills and helping students achieve their goals to reach their full potential. **Reading** and **Writing** will involve improving our digital and research skills as we prepare for our speeches. We look forward to our students developing their confidence and public speaking skills. In **PE and Health** the main focuses for this term will be on Cross Country and Basketball.

### Some exciting events to take special note of this term

**Talent Quest:** The Annual Talent Quest auditions for the Senior Learning Community will take place from 3<sup>rd</sup> September. It will be a great idea to start preparing your child to show a talent that they may have.

**Annual Boy's Event:** This event will take place on 31<sup>st</sup> August and we encourage as many male role models as possible to make themselves available for the boys on this day. Tickets will be on sale at Reception prior to the event.

**Year 5 Camp:** Year 5 Camp notices have been sent outlining the important information for parents. We will need parent helpers for this 3 day experience. Please note that there will be a Camp Information Evening for parents on 20<sup>th</sup> August at 5:30pm in the Meeting Place. Camp will be in Term 4 from the 31<sup>st</sup> October to the 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

**School Photos:** Please make certain the students come prepared for photos on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September.

### White Water Rafting

The Year 6 students were fortunate to participate in a new sporting challenge this term when they went white water rafting at Wero Water Park. They experienced the thrill of water rafting and working together on the boat to steer themselves in the right direction. Learning to work as a team and synchronising the rowing was the key to successfully completing the adventure.

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### **HPPA Dancers**

Two dance groups coached by Miss Ashlee Morse and Miss Deborah Law showcased outstanding performances at Elm Park School. They made MHP proud with their beautiful costumes and dedication towards excellence.

### **What is 'Auckland Live' about?**

The Year 5's are fortunate to be making a trip into the city this term to experience some of Auckland's Arts and Culture. A Day At Auckland Live is a free programme for Auckland primary and intermediate school children. The programme is for a full day and students get the opportunity to watch inspirational performances and participate in workshops led by talented artists.

### **General Reminders**

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.

### **School Uniform**

It is important that students wear their correct uniform to and from school each day.

PLEASE LABEL ALL JUMPERS, this makes it easy for you to find when they are misplaced.

Students must wear the correct plain black school shoes and the correct length black socks. Students are not to wear ankle socks with their lace-up shoes. 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 nearly every day.

### **Expectations**

The third term is a crucial time for our students to work hard and strive towards their goals. We would really appreciate your assistance by giving them additional support and encouragement at home. Enquiring about their homework and taking the time to help them with concepts they struggle with will help them develop positive attitudes. Even just talking to them about managing themselves related to behaviour and forming good habits will be beneficial. The success of our children is assured, if we all work together as a team.

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**Ashika Devanath  
SLC Leader of Learning**

### **Leader of Learning**

It is with great pride that I step into my new role as Leader of Learning in the Senior Learning Community this term.

I have been fortunate enough to be a part of the foundation staff at Mission Heights Primary School.

My experience in the Senior Learning Community spans over all the year levels from 4 to 6. I have thoroughly enjoyed refining my skills related to lifting student achievement and creating cutting edge learning experiences for our learners.

I aspire to continue our learning journey with positive energy and want to make certain that all our students value and understand personally our motto of "Growing Excellence - Kia Hiranga Ake."

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss anything school-related to do with your child's learning needs.

**Kind regards**

**Senior Learning Community Team**

