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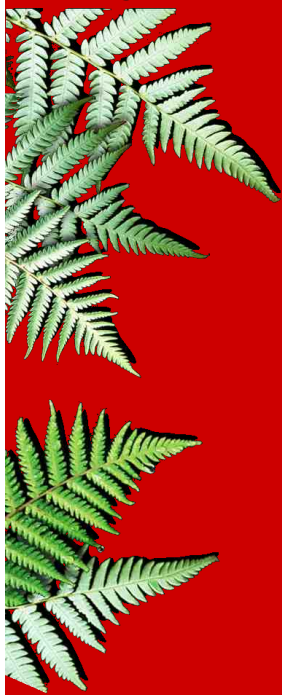
I would like to welcome you to a very busy and exciting third term of the year that is packed with many exciting events that include the Boys event, Talent Quest, the Koanga Festival, Inter school speech competitions in English and Mandarin, Gymnastics Championship, Mufti day, ESOL open day and field trips. All these events and the academic competitions our students undertake are integrated within a relevant, authentic and engaging school curriculum that sits under the big umbrella of this year's annual theme of 'The Future'.

We believe that at MHP we have a high performing school that provides many opportunities for our students to develop their all round skills in a truly collaborative and personalised learning environment. Through our school values we encourage our students to develop respectful and responsible relations in the pursuit of their personal curiosities and inquiry. We try through the many programmes we run at school to recognise the many accomplishments of our students across all year levels in their early schooling life.

Through our personalised ACE programme we support the development of life long capabilities and competencies of our students. These capabilities are highlighted in the National New Zealand Curriculum and include managing self, taking responsibility for one's own learning and actions, working in groups and collaborating with others and using language and symbols to communicate. ACE is where we have community input to deliver the options to our students that they are passionate about learning to enrich their schooling experiences. I firmly believe that where community and school come together to support our students learning at critical points in their education journey, we certainly improve the capacity of our students to improve their achievement, creativity, passions and well being.

Another aspect of our school that offers a wonderful window on our school's culture of 'Growing Excellence' are our school assemblies and special events. At these events, I'm often struck by the warmth of our students' support for one another whether its the Year 1s managing the assembly or the Year 6 students. They cheer each other's successes; they support one another's learning zone events and share their own and our school's special learning milestones. Assemblies at MHP are run, by students, from all year levels who recognize each other by name. These events offer our students a chance to show-case their skills, but even more importantly, they give them a chance to collaborate, to work together in presenting a product whose success depends on their own effort and commitment to learn and celebrate with others. And what makes our assemblies even more interesting is when so

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many of our families and grand parents attend them too. When adults attend our school assembly events it brings our young students so much pride!

Hopefully the glimpses of students learning you get through your own child's and other students' experiences at our school events and assemblies offer you a window into our learning world at MHP.

Thank you in advance for your support to our students and our school for a great second half of Term 3!

Kind regards
Veena Vohra (Mrs)
Principal

A CE Knitting

Mrs Diwan, a grandparent of our school, has been taking ACE classes for several years at MHP. This year one of the classes was teaching students to knit. The photo shows what they accomplished, Woollen scarves to keep warm. Well done!

B oy's Event Reminder

The Boy's afternoon event is this Friday, 31st August, from 3.30pm – 5.00pm. Come along dressed 'Street Style'. We look forward to seeing our boys with a male role model such as dad, grandpa, big brother or uncle or if they can't make it, we would love to see their mum's! Tickets are on sale at reception for \$10 per person.

C ongratulations to.....



Royall Lau from LZ26 represented New Zealand at the RoboCom International Open in Wuhan, China. He went there with 11 other NZ representatives to compete with 5000 contestants from around the world. Royall competed in the Junior Robotics Competition in a pair event with his modified MakeBlock robot, the 3 day event had his partner and him making alterations to their robot and debugging code in different robotic challenges, they made it through to the finals and were excited to come second! Well done Royall! We are proud of your efforts and look forward to seeing you compete again in December.



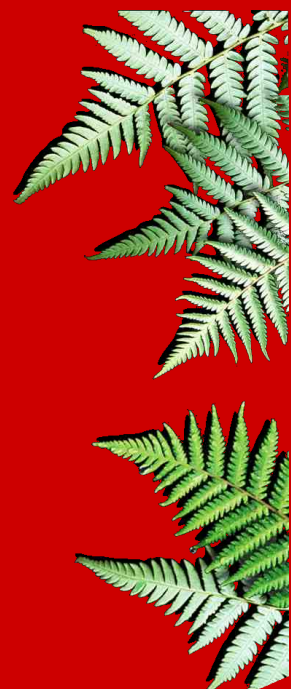
Miss Dennis, who brought her gorgeous baby boy Aston in to meet the staff and students of LZ21. We look forward to her returning at the start of next year!

C ross Country

On Tuesday the 7th August, we held our annual School Cross Country day. We couldn't have ordered a better day for it - the sun was shining. It was great to see all the students dressed in the house colours and ready to earn points for their House. The turn out of running students was exceptional and the effort put in by all is to be commended.



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A big thank you to the parents who came to help with marshaling, this always helps make the day successful!

Congratulations to the following students who placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The students received their certificates at assembly on Friday 24th August.

Year 1 Boys

- 1st Andy Zhao
- 2nd Ayaan Manocha
- 3rd Harris Yao

Year 1 Girls

- 1st Faith Yoong
- 2nd Isabelle Chen
- 3rd Aniya Mani

Year 2 Boys

- 1st Alex Soryath
- 2nd Nathan Fung
- 3rd Kashif Bhatti

2nd

Year 2 Girls

- 1st Pearleen Kumar
- 2nd Janelle Luong
- 3rd Javeria Bari

Year 3 Boys

- 1st Faizan Bari
- 2nd Donovan Nghe
- 3rd Raymond Cai

3rd

Year 3 Girls

- 1st Ishani Tuteja
- 2nd Tvisha
- 3rd Ruby Zeng

Year 4 Boys

- 1st Rohan Rama
- 2nd Kevin Luo
- 3rd Amar Singh Dhaliwal

1st

Year 4 Girls

- 1st Anika Naidu
- 2nd Paris Wheeler
- 3rd Elliza Zeyni

3rd

Year 5 Boys

- 1st Toesh Rawat
- 2nd Ethan Monk
- 3rd Rayaan Kapadia

Year 5 Girls

- 1st Betty Ngo
- 2nd Anmoldeep Kaur
- 3rd Tina Chen

Year 6 Boys

- 1st Josiah Yoong
- 2nd Tanmaay Annappa
- 3rd Leon Milne

1st

Year 6 Girls

- 1st Clara Suckling
- 2nd Sophia
- 3rd Leilani Smith

The top 8 students in Year 4, 5 and 6 (boys and girls) represented MHP at the HPPA interschool cross country on Thursday 16th August.

We had some great runners which meant we got some good results. We had an individual 3rd Place amongst the year 5 girls, well done Tina Chen! The Year 5 girls team came 2nd, the Year 5 boys team came 3rd and the Year 6 girls team came 3rd. Mission Heights came 3rd overall on the day! We are exceptionally proud of the way the students continue to represent our school with such pride. A bit thanks to the parents who helped us to make attending this event possible.

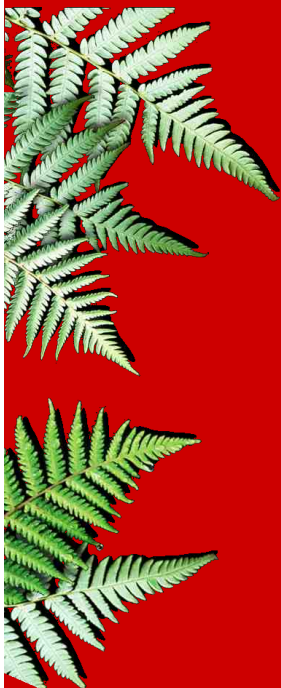


H PPA Gymnastics

The gymnastics team competed in the HPPA Gymnastics competition on the 22nd August.

Although the competition was harder this year and the group arrangements were new, the team performed well.

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Sarah Grant came 2nd overall in Year 5 girls. Betty Ngo, Sarah Grant, Ashlyn Chancellor and Amanda Brak Yon placed 2nd overall in groups. They will be attending the HPPA Champions of Champions on 13th September.

Congratulations to all the team!



2018 Term dates

Term 3
Monday 23 July –
Friday 28 September

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

CAS Exams

Congratulations to the following students for their wonderful results in the recent Spelling & Writing exams.

Spelling Distinction

- Year 4 Zahir Daud, Tanvi Lad, Nate Yoong
- Year 5 Aashi Golchha
- Year 6 Joy Luo

Writing

- Year 5 Aanya Ashrita



Mission Heights Reserve

An aquatic expert from NIWA (National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research) advised the school and homeowners of the Mission Heights Reserve area that the Water Hyacinth plant, which is an aggressive weed, in the reserve waterway was to be sprayed this week.

The spray company undertaking the work are registered aquatic applicators and perform best practice methods. The site will also be taped off for 7 days with signage out detailing what events are occurring. The chemical used is inert after 24 hours in the aquatic environment.

Please ensure your child stays away from the waterways and surrounding areas whilst this process is being done.

School Photos

School photos will be taken next week. Please ensure that all students are in their correct, clean & tidy school uniform. Information regarding the photos will be sent home this week. Please note that student individual and sibling photos will only be taken if they are pre-paid.

- Monday 3rd September – SLC
- Tuesday 4th September – JLC
- Wednesday 5th September – Groups/Teams and Siblings

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School Powhiri

We had a wonderful welcome powhiri for our new students and staff on Monday 13th August. It was great to see some of our families join in and the excitement of the new students.

Sea Cleaners

In line with our Integrated Studies focus this term, Year four students are being visited by The Sea Cleaners on 29th August to look at the impact plastics and rubbish have on the marine environment. The Sea Cleaners are a not for profit organisation that have numerous teams in boats out on the water collecting rubbish from our oceans and waterways. One part of their role is education teaching the next generation about stopping the rubbish before it gets to the water in the first place.



On Friday 24th August, the Year four students held a cupcake sale to help raise funds for this wonderful organisation to keep our waterways and beaches clean. They did an awesome job and managed to raise a whopping amount of \$ 1,113. Thank you to all the year four students and parents that made this happen. We couldn't have done this without your support.

Thank you letter from Umang School



The school has received a letter from Umang School thanking the school, students and community for supporting them through our fundraising efforts in Term 2.

The Director and Principal, Deepak Kalra said the following in her letter;



'On behalf of all of us at Umang, I wish to convey a big "THANK YOU" to the students and community of Mission Heights Primary School for consistently supporting Umang'.

'Please accept our gratitude for all that you have done for the education of physically and mentally challenged students of Umang'.

Walking School Bus

The students who walk with our Walking School Bus enjoyed a Winter Treat on a cold, wet and windy morning.



Zara the Zebra visited us one afternoon after school to highlight the importance of using the Zebra crossing at Jeffs Road. Here is the Travelwise team with Zara and their zebra signs.



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