



## Mission Heights Primary School

### SENIOR LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS - Term 4

#### **"Growing Excellence" Upcoming Events**

31st-2nd November Yr 5  
Camp

9<sup>th</sup> November Mufti Day

13<sup>th</sup> November Athletics Day

16<sup>th</sup> November Yr 6 at MHJC

26<sup>th</sup> November Teacher  
Only Half Day (school closes  
1pm)

28<sup>th</sup> November Performing  
Arts Showcase

30<sup>th</sup> November Parent  
'Thank You' Morning Tea

6<sup>th</sup> December Year 6  
Graduation Ceremony

7<sup>th</sup> December Service  
Awards Assembly

10<sup>th</sup> December End of Year  
Reports emailed

14<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of  
Term 4 (1.00pm finish)



Kia ora and a very warm welcome to the final term of the 2018 academic year. For the Year 6 students in the Senior Learning Community this will be their final term at Mission Heights Primary School and we would like to take this opportunity to wish them every success in their new schools. We hope they make the most of this last term at MHP and continue to be the great role models they have become.

As Term 4 begins it is a great opportunity to celebrate the many achievements and successes that we have just experienced in the previous term. There were many varied school events from a rafting challenge at the Wero Whitewater Park to an arts experience at Auckland Live (Vodafone Events Centre) to name but a few. We also had the Prepared Reading, Speech Competition & APPA Hindi Speech Finals, Boys New York style breakfast, Cross Country competition, not to mention all the exciting learning opportunities that took place in the Learning Zones as well.

Clara in LZ20 writes of her visit to Wero Whitewater Park....."I can't wait to get in the boat and fight against the current. I really grip onto the T grip and paddle. We approach the rapids and my heart is racing. The wetter I get the better, because it shows that I fell in a lot and had fun! The inflatable boat was crashing against the barriers and the rapids sent the boat all over the place. I had rope burns from gripping the rope so hard and my hands were numb.



In Integrated Studies this term, as part of their learning on 'The Future', many of the students have been investigating ways to reduce the use of plastic in our lives. The students have investigated alternatives to plastic and ways in which we could reduce the plastic that we use. Our Year 4 students were so enraged by the amount of plastic in the ocean that they sold cupcakes to raise money for the Sea Cleaners Organisation and asked our school caretaker, Mr Revell to put netting over our drains to ensure no rubbish could go down them. They have really made a difference through their learning!

**"Kia Hiranga Ake"**



## **Integrated Studies**

This Term in Integrated Studies the students will continue to explore our focus of 'The Future'. Most Learning Zones are coming to the end of their inquiries on the use of plastic and will begin to explore food, food packaging and what this tells us. Their learning will focus on what our bodies need to be healthy and what a healthy diet looks like.

## **School Uniform**

Hopefully Term 4 will see some brighter weather so it is essential that the students bring in their school hat to wear. This is a compulsory part of the school uniform in Terms 1 and 4 so it is important that your child brings their hat to school every day. The SLC students take part in many sporting activities in Term 4 and it is extremely important that they have a school hat to wear (plain black bucket style hat, not a cap) to protect them from the sun. Please make sure the hat has your child's name written inside as we get many hats left outside or dropped on the floor and without a name it is impossible to return to the rightful owner.

As the warmer weather arrives it becomes even more important that the students have the **correct school PE uniform with them everyday**. There is now a new PE top that can be purchased from John Russell Schoolwear if the students do not have one to wear. The students do fitness and a variety of sports and need their PE uniform as they get very hot and sweaty running about in these activities.

## **Communication**

As you are aware our school communication is via e-mail so it is therefore extremely important that we have an up to date e-mail address for you as well as a contact number should your child become unwell at school.

For any queries or issues regarding your child, please talk to your child's teacher in the first instance. Parents are welcome to come into school but emailing is a great way to contact your child's teacher when time is short. For longer discussions, we encourage you to make an appointment.

I would also like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome Mr Adam Tamariki who will be the new Leader of Learning in the SLC when he joins us in week 4. We also welcome Mr George Church who will be teaching in LZ 19 until Mr Tamariki arrives and to Miss Nicole Cairns to LZ 17.

Thank you again for your support and assistance with all school activities this year. The SLC students and teachers greatly appreciate all your help.

**Kind regards**

**Senior Learning Community Teachers.**