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Principal's Message

As our winter season comes to a close, I would like to welcome you to the much warmer and final school term of the year. This term we also welcome our new students who have started their first year of schooling at Mission Heights Primary particularly the five year olds in Mrs Dammert's Learning Zone 24. This term we also welcome Mr Church and Mrs Cairns to the Senior Learning Community and Miss Miller to the Junior Learning Community. The Leader of Learning for the Senior Learning Community Mr Tamariki will join us on 5 November when his notice period in his current school comes to an end.



While most of our staff and students were having a well deserved break during the holidays, six of our teachers were away in the second week at the Ulearn conference in Auckland and three others attended IT workshops for two days furthering their PD with excellent facilitators. All these teachers have not only strengthened their own professional development but they also bring back new learning to the rest of our team and provide input to the 2019 curriculum development programmes. The newly appointed staff also attended a whole day of induction to get to know the way we do things here with the curriculum, IT and other aspects of MHP's collaborative culture.



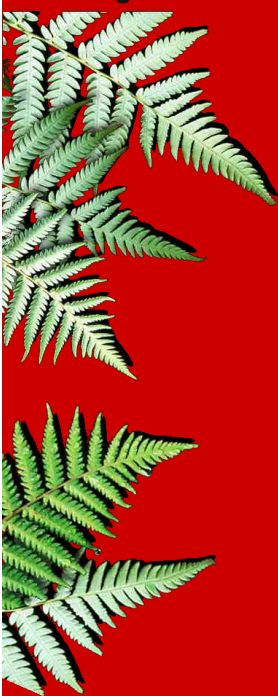
I am so very proud of my team that give up so much of their own time to instigate their self learning and development of skills that certainly benefit not just their professional expertise but also the future of our students and school.

If you thought the previous term was hectic, I must say that perhaps term four- a short term of nine weeks will probably be one of the busiest time of the year. This term we put a closure to the current year and plan ahead for the new academic year as we head towards summer and Christmas. Final assessments for report writing is to begin soon along with discussions about the Year 6 graduation, annual awards, House Captain elections for 2019 and the Performing Arts learning showcase along with several end-of-year events that staff and students are all excited about.

Our 2019 teaching team will also spend this term's teacher only half day coming up on 26 November to prepare for an exciting new academic year with events and curricular programmes that will reflect the changes coming in with the various initiatives, curriculum programmes.

Next year we will also celebrate our school's 10th anniversary with a special assembly on 5th April and events for our students and families during that week. It will be exciting to get some of our past families, students and staff and Board of Trustees join us for this happy event.

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I am looking forward to seeing many of you in the coming weeks at many of our special assemblies, morning teas and Graduation to celebrate 2018 as a significant year for our school where many milestones have been achieved be it in sports, academic, cultural or digital learning. I am very thankful to our parents and families who support our school, students and value education the way they do to make our learning partnerships between home and school grow stronger.

Kind regards
Veena Vohra (Mrs)
Principal

Book Launch



Mrs De Silva, our Assistant Librarian, would like to invite you to the launch of her latest book, 'When Gina Pressed Enter'. It's an action packed, time-travel adventure for young readers aged 8-12. There will be an author talk, prizes, activities and light refreshments. So please come to the Botany Library and enjoy a creative afternoon, supporting our amazing Mission Heights staff.

Date: Sat 20th October 2018
Time: 2pm-3pm
Venue: Botany Library, Showcase Room

Congratulations to...

Mrs McAra who welcomed baby Andie to her family. Mother and baby are doing well.



EPro8 Challenge



The EPro8 challenge was a hard fought technology challenge held at Baverstock Oaks School on Friday 21st September. The teams had different scenarios they could choose from ranging from magic tricks to alarm clocks. Our team of 4 undertook a technology challenge related to making a waterproof dog kennel. We were in first place until the last 5 minutes of the competition when another team took over with their alarm clock challenge. The boys fought back hard and in the last 2 minutes with some ingenious thinking scored more points to win the competition. Jack, Cullen, Ian and Ram were excellent competitors and even gained extra points by keeping their work space tidy!

CAS Exam Results

Congratulations to the following students for their wonderful results in the recent English and Mathematics exams;

English
High Distinction
Year 3 Mevuni Ariyasinghe



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Distinction

- Year 3 Tanvi Chatrathi, Chloe Liu, Tvisha Tvisha
- Year 4 Benjamin Miller, Nate Yoong
- Year 5 Savreet Kaur, Mysha Ong, Toesh Rawat
- Year 6 Na'imah Daud, Rayan Raza, Josiah Yoong,

Mathematics High Distinction

- Year 5 Phoebe Guo
- Year 6 Hadi Aziznishikaji



Distinction

- Year 3 Ryan Lee, Faazil Muhammed, Jaydon Zhang
- Year 4 Jay Govindji, Benjamin Miller, Mandy Ng, Emily Pan, Rick Zhao
- Year 5 Aanya Ashrita, Anu Gill
- Year 6 Taanmay Annappa, Cyril Chen, William Lee, Wendy Lin, Rayan Raza, Parth Setia



Money Maths @ Market Day

Team Enterprise is proud to host Money Maths @ Market Day on Friday 26th October. Your child will be able to purchase toys, stationery and several other surprise items. This is an opportunity for students to use their maths skills to calculate how much change they should receive when they make a purchase.

It would be appreciated if you could send coins for your child to spend on the day. This event will be in the morning in our Hall and is for students only. We look forward to seeing them there!

Pest Free Project

New Zealand has a dream - and that dream is to be predator free by the year 2050. This is what you can do to get involved in the movement that is sweeping our nation. The Festival will be held at Mission Heights Junior College and is a hands on workshop on the 24th of October from 7:30pm till 8:30pm. Each family will be given a trap to take home with clear instructions on how to use it and dispose of potential predators. Please register your interest by clicking on the link to the Form -

<https://goo.gl/forms/u4qTDzcZXaxpuKG12>

Together we can help New Zealand achieve it's dream. See you there!

Sun Smart

Students need to have their hats at school every day this term. We also suggest that students apply sunscreen before they come to school in the morning. Students are welcome to bring sunscreen to school and apply it before breaks if needed.

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Term 4 Events

October

19	School Assembly
22	Labour Day holiday
23	HPPA Touch Tournament – MHP Hosting
25	BoT Meeting
26	Market Day
29	Trip to Zoo - LZ 7, 8, 9, 24
30	Trip to Zoo – LZ 4, 5, 6, 28, 29, 30
31	Year 5 Camp

November

1	Year 5 Camp
2	Year 5 Camp – returns to school
	School Assembly
5	Trip to Zoo – LZ 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12
8	MHP Athletics Day
9	JLC Assembly
	Mufti Day – Wear your Cultural Colours
13	Year 3 scooter training
14	Kids for Kids Festival
16	School Assembly
	Year 6 students – whole day experience at MHJC
19	Photo catch up day
20	HPPA Athletics
23	SLC Assembly
26	Half Day Teacher Only Day
27	Rainbow's End for Road patrol students
28	Performing Arts Showcase
29	BoT Meeting
30	School Assembly
	Thank you morning tea for helpers

December

3	Library closes for the year – stocktake
4	Road Patrol training
6	Year 6 Dinner and Graduation
7	Service Awards Assembly – Years 4-6
	JLC End of Year celebration assembly
10	Students in 2019 LZ's for the day
11	Student Leadership day
12	Year 6 water event
14	Last day of the academic year
	School closes at 1.00pm

Please note that the calendar is subject to change. Please refer to the weekly updates and online calendar.

2019 Term Dates

Term 1

29 January – 12 April
Waitangi Day Holiday

Wednesday 6 February

Term 2

29 April - 5 July
Queen's Birthday Holiday
Teacher Only Day

Monday 3 June
Tuesday 4 June

Term 3

22 July - 27 September

Term 4

14 October - 13 December
Labour Day Holiday

Monday 28 October

2018 Term dates

Term 4

Monday 15 October –
Friday 14 December

Labour Day – Monday 22
October



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