Mission Heights Primary School JUNIOR LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS - Term 1 2019

"Growing Excellence"

Important Date: **Thursday 13th February** Meet the Teacher evening Friday 15th February Powhiri for new students 27th and 28th February Goal Setting meetings 26th and 27th February Kids Safe with Dog **Monday 11th March**

Dr Seuss Book Week Friday 15th March

Mufti Day – Dr Seuss Dress up Friday 22rd March

JLC Assembly Friday 5th April

10th Anniversary Celebration



Welcome to the Junior Learning Community. We are looking forward to a great year of learning experiences for our students and have already planned some exciting days and activities. Our focus on 'Change Happens' begins with the students really thinking about their needs and exploring their health. The strong focus on reading, writing and maths across the school will continue whilst also providing our students with a rich and varied curriculum across all subject areas.

We have an amazing team of teachers and I am confident our students have a great year ahead of them.

JLC Teachers

We have two new members of the Junior Learning Community this year. we welcome Clarissa Grootboom and Mikayla Taiapo to the JLC.

Below is a list of the current Junior Learning Community teachers and their contact e-mail addresses. Please contact your child's teacher in the first instance if you have any queries. E-mail is often the best method of communication with your child's teacher as they are often preparing for the day ahead in the mornings and attending meetings after school. Youz are also able to make an appointment for a longer meeting should you need one, using this method.

Clarissa Grootboom Year 1 (LZ 4) Zelda Dammert Year 1 (LZ 5) Janet Twentyman Year 1 (LZ 6) Manjula Bhattacharya Year 2 (LZ 7) mbhattacharya@mhp.school.nz Xin Lit Year 1 (LZ 8) Nadine Fiebiger Year 1 and 2 (LZ 9) Nicole Melchor Year 2 (LZ11) Sharon Garimella Year 2 (LZ 10) Ruth Cooper Year 2 (LZ 12) Mikayla Taiapo (LZ12)

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For any other issues regarding the Junior School please contact Miss Fiebiger nfiebiger@mhp.school.nz

If you have not yet had the chance to meet your child's new teacher we have the Junior Learning Community 'Meet and Greet the Teacher' evening on Wednesday 13th February. This is a great opportunity to both meet your child's new teacher and other parents in the community too.

Integrated Studies

In Term 1 the students will be learning more about their diet and how it helps them change and grow as they get older. They will learn more about the different food groups and how they benefit the body. Please support our students by talking to them at home about the different food groups when they are eating and why they are good for their body.



School Uniform

Please note that it is compulsory for all students to wear school uniform both to and from school. This means that the children should **not** be wearing their PE uniform to school but getting changed, by themselves, at school. We take immense pride in our children looking smart as they are representing our school in the wider community. Please make sure they are wearing the correct clothing at all times, this includes shoes and socks or sandals, and that **every** piece of uniform is named. We understand that some children may need a singlet underneath their school shirt but please ensure it is black in colour.

Lunch Boxes

During the school day we have three breaks, fruit break, morning tea and lunch time. For fruit break the students must have fruit or vegetables, they may not eat anything else during this time. Please ensure that the fruit is cut into manageable pieces that are easy to eat as the students only have then minutes. Please ensure that the students are being packed nutritious morning tea and lunch meals, it's okay for them to have a small treat but please try to avoid hard candy and chocolate. We encourage all the students to have a full bottle of **water** at school everyday as it keeps them hydrated and healthy. Please ensure that your child's lunchbox is labelled as some students have lunch boxes that look the same.

We thank you for your support and look forward to meeting you at some of the various school meetings and activities organised this term.

Thank you

Junior Learning Community Teachers