

# Mission Heights Primary School

## MIDDLE LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS - Term 1 2019

### Growing Excellence"

#### Important Dates:

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>  
February  
Kids Safe with Dogs MLC

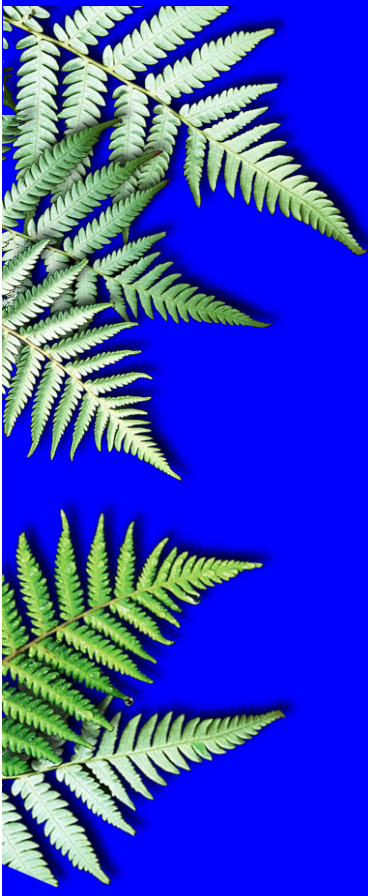
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
Meet and Greet the Teacher  
Evening

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
School Assembly -Powhiri

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>  
February  
Goal Setting Meetings

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
School Assembly

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
MLC Assembly



Welcome to the Middle Learning Community. A special welcome to all our new families and students who have joined us this year. We hope that you have a fantastic time learning with us in 2019.

As a new team we are excited to be back and are ready for the year ahead. The teachers have undertaken some excellent Professional Development at the start of this year and are keen to start working alongside the students again.

### MLC Teachers

We have an amazing team of teachers and I am confident our students have a great year ahead of them. We have one new staff member joining the Middle Learning Community this year, we welcome Mrs Rifat Mohammed to Missions Heights Primary.

Below is a list of the current Middle 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. You are also able to make an appointment for a longer meeting should you need one, using this method.

#### Ahi Studio

Renlen Bolland Year 3 LZ22

Rifat Mohammed Year 3 LZ23

Emma Passmore Year 3 LZ24

#### Ngahere Studio

Richard Compbell Year 4 LZ25

Lauren Marais Year 4 LZ26

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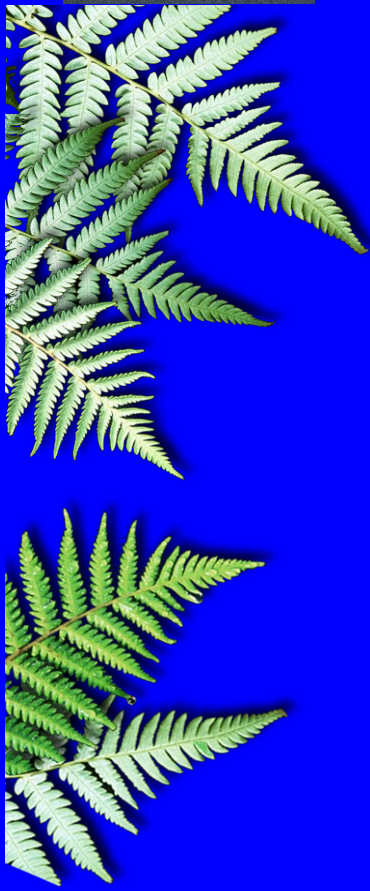
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For any other issues regarding the Middle School please contact Mrs Renuka Lal [relal@mhp.school.nz](mailto:relal@mhp.school.nz)

### Meet the Teacher Evening

If you have not yet had the chance to meet your child's new teacher we have our 'Meet and Greet the Teacher' evening on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 6.25pm. This is a great opportunity to both meet your child's new teacher and other parents in the community too.

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We have spent the first few days of school getting to know each other and establishing Learning Zone rituals and routines. Students are also exploring the School Values and what Respect, Responsibility, Inquiry and Excellence actually mean to them and how they can show them.

### **Integrated Studies**

In MLC this term our theme is 'Accepting Change'. We will be investigating how our needs change with our growing body such as our appearance, our likes, dislikes, our diet, experiences, relationships etc. We will learn to make good food choices and take responsibility of keeping our mind and body healthy. We will be studying the food pyramid and learn about the different nutrients that our growing body need. We will also be learning about our major internal and external body organ and how their functions. We will reflect why all these changes are important and we must accept them as part of growing up.

### **Homework**

Students in the Middle School Learning Community have reading, spelling and mathematics homework each week. Students will bring a reading book home to read to their parents/caregivers, each day. Please check that your child is doing this, as whilst teachers do their best to ensure this is happening, MLC students are encouraged to do this independently Please ensure your child is bringing his or her book bag and diary to school every day. The school day begins at 8.40am, 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**

Please note that it is compulsory for all students to wear school uniform both to and from school. We take immense pride in our students looking smart as they are representing our school in the wider community. Please ensure they are wearing the correct clothing at all times, including shoes and socks or sandals, and that every piece of uniform is named. All hair accessories must be black as well. Please note that the wearing of a school hat is compulsory in Terms 1 and 4. If your child gets cold we encourage you to buy a full sleeve top.

### **Lunch Boxes**

During the school day we have three breaks, fruit break, morning tea and lunch time. During fruit break the students must have pieces of fruit or vegetables to eat. Please ensure that the students are being packed nutritious morning tea and lunch meals. With the

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high temperatures forecasted for Auckland this summer, we encourage all children to bring a bottle of cold water to school everyday to keep them hydrated Please ensure that your child's lunchbox and other belongings are correctly labelled with his or her name and LZ.

With only a few weeks into our first term we all have been very busy! We look forward to many fun-filled, exciting learning weeks ahead.

Thank you for your support.

**Renuka Lal (Assistant Principal)**

**Middle Learning Community Teachers**

