



# Mission Heights Primary School

## SENIOR LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS - Term 1 2019

### “Growing Excellence”

#### Important Dates:

Feb 4 - Swimming begins weekly on a Monday for all SLC students  
Feb 4/ 5- Kids Safe with Dogs Sessions  
Feb 6- Waitangi Day Holiday  
Feb 13- Meet and Greet the teacher  
Feb 15 - Powhiri for new staff and students  
Feb 18 - Year 6 Camp parents meeting  
Feb 20 - ACE begins  
Feb 21- MHP Swimming Carnival  
Feb 22- SLC Assembly  
Feb 26- HPPA Cricket Field Day  
Feb 27 - Goal setting meetings, 3-5pm  
Feb 28 - Goal setting meetings, 1.15-8pm, students to finish at 1pm  
March 5- HPPA Softball Field Day  
March 14- HPPA Swimming Day  
March 15- School Assembly- Dress up day for Book Week  
March 19-22 - Year 6 Camp  
March 26 - Girls Cricket Field Day  
March 29- Mufti Day  
April 1- 10 year Celebration Week  
April 5- 10 year Celebration special assembly and picnic in the courtyard  
April 10- Getwise Programme Year 5  
April 11- Getwise Programme Year 6  
April 12- ACE Assembly, 11.30am, school closes 1pm



Kia Ora, Talofa Lava, Namaste and greetings to you all. Welcome to yet another exciting and action packed year here at Mission Heights Primary School. For those who may not know me yet, my name is Adam Tamariki, I am the Assistant Principal leading the SLC this year. It was very exciting to start with MHP at the end of 2018, and I am looking forward to working with your students this year as they continue to work towards their goals and aspirations. This year we welcome Mr Kiran Solanki who is the new teacher in LZ21, and we welcome back Miss Nicole Dennis who will be teaching in LZ20. We are pumped and ready to go for yet another amazing year at MHP!

#### **Communication:**

Firstly, reminders of our contact details and that your child's class teacher is the first person you should correspond with about their academic performance and personal welfare.

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#### **Homework:**

Your child should be **reading** six times per week for at least 30 minutes, with the hope students can read ten books a term. Students are expected to choose and read their own books from our school library or from their own sources. Students are also able to read material on the Reading Eggs site.

**Mathletics** is an important part of your child's homework. The SLC has an expectation that students gain a minimum of 1000 points in Mathletics each week. This should take approximately 15 – 20 minutes a night. In addition, students are expected to know their subtraction and addition facts to 20 and their multiplication facts to 10×10.

Students **spelling** lists will be based on individual needs. The spelling list will be generated from words they have difficulty spelling in their writing as well as high frequency words they are not yet able to spell. These words will be written in their home-school partnership notebook each Monday and should be practised daily.

Remember that the school library is open until 3.30pm in the afternoon to allow for those families who don't have access to broadband internet connection. Students are also able to access the internet in their Learning Zones from 8am to catch up on home or school learning.

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### **Context for Learning in 2019**

The overarching topic for 2019 across the school is 'Change Happens'. The SLC will begin this study in Term 1 with a focus on how our brain works, and the changes that take place during the different stages of brain development. We will also be spending a large part of Term 1 preparing for our 10 year celebration festivities which will take place in Week 10. Some of the exciting activities will be preparing to unpack the time capsule that was placed down when MHP opened 10 years ago. The SLC have been given the job of preparing the next time capsule which will be placed down and opened in 10 years time. We will be having a look at the history of Mission Heights, and the journey our school has been on in the last 10 years. It is a very special and exciting time for our students this year. We look forward to having you be a part of our celebrations this term.

In **Maths** this term we will be looking at both measurement and statistical inquiry. We will also be looking at a variety of types of **writing** that fit with our Integrated Studies. This will include scientific reports, explanations and factual recounts. In **reading**, students will read at their own level while practicing specific reading strategies. We will be tying our reading in with our Integrated Studies and our writing topics. There will be a major emphasis on students enjoying reading and reading books that will challenge their thinking. For **PE and health** the main focus for this term will be on swimming, and we will be pushing for all learning zones to be promoting exercise and well-being with all students through a range of different physical activity.

### **Swimming**

The swimming programme will commence every Monday for 9 weeks this term for all students in the SLC. Please ensure your child has a waterproof bag with togs, towel and goggles (where possible) every week on their swimming day. If your child cannot swim for any reason on a particular day please ensure you send a note or email to their class teacher. Students who are not swimming will remain at school in another class.

### **School Uniform:**

- It is important that students wear their correct uniform to and from school each day.
- Students are no longer allowed to wear long sleeved black tops underneath their short sleeved shirts. They must wear the long sleeved school top.
- Students must wear the correct black school shoes and the correct length black socks. Students are not to wear ankle socks with their lace-up shoes.
- Please ensure that your child has their PE gear at school every day. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. Senior students do some form of fitness or sport every day, as such, it is a good idea, if possible, for students to have an extra PE top.
- Hats are a part of the school uniform during Term One. We also recommend students wear sunscreen for break time and sports sessions at this time.



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### **Education Outside the Classroom**

The Year 6s will be attending camp at Lakewood Lodge during Week 8 (Tuesday 19 to Friday 22 March). We would like all Year 6 students to attend. Camp is a rewarding, challenging, and valuable experience. It enables students to develop confidence, independence, self management and responsibility. You will by now have received information notices, payment details and permission slips. Please endeavour to complete the forms as soon as possible. There will be an information night regarding camp on Monday 18th February at 6pm in The Meeting Place.

Year 5 students will be attending a two night camp in Term 4. Year 5 parents will receive further information about this camp later in the year.

### **General Reminders**

As we move into the new school year please take the time to ensure that the office has up-to-date email addresses and current phone numbers as it is vital from a health and safety point of view that we can contact you at any given time.

The school day begins at 8.30am, 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.

### **Expectations**

Mission Heights Primary School is a school that prides itself on “Growing Excellence/Kia Hiranga Ake”. We have high expectations of all our students, no matter what their age. This refers to their academic achievement, the presentation of learning and their behaviour in and out of school. Respect, politeness, kindness and personal responsibility are all highly valued by all the MHP school community and enhance our wonderful, caring environment where every individual is valued.

We are looking forward to an amazing year in the SLC. Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all a great start to 2019

Regards

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Senior Learning Community