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## MHPS NEWS

# The Mission Heights Primary School Newsletter

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### Acting Principal's Message

It is my pleasure to write to all our families as Acting Principal of Mission Heights Primary School. I have taken the role of Acting Principal at an extremely busy time for our school and have thrived on the challenge of ensuring the school continues to run smoothly as we have prepared for our Tenth Anniversary.

Over the last few weeks I have taken every opportunity to visit the learning zones and students and talk to them about their learning. I see the teachers in their rooms and quietly observe their teaching. I have a small 'working group' of students from across the school, who talk to me about what is important to them at school. I have planned and schemed with the student council whilst they prepared for their first Muffi Day. I meet and greet parents and families outside the school at the start of the day, a simple 'good morning' helps me to connect with the wider community and start every day with a smile. Whatever I am doing, whoever I am with, I am always in the company of my fellow senior leaders who are also making those important connections with students, staff and families.



It is an absolute joy to be working with such a dedicated team of staff and I wish to acknowledge the support I have been given over the past few weeks; our community of students is amazing and we have a strong focus on the business of learning.

Our school is truly looking at its best and every corner, both inside and out has been readied for our birthday week. The installation of art panels in the courtyard has added colour to our environment and a group of students have worked tirelessly with Annie Au representing our studio names in these panels.

Unfortunately, the weather has not been in the same celebratory spirit as our Family Picnic had to be cancelled. We are hoping for a fine day this Friday for whole school photo.

Our Anniversary Assemblies were so successful that we will be repeating them this Friday at 11am - Everybody welcome!

The Easter break is fast approaching and both students and staff are looking forward to a well-earned break. Enjoy time with family and friends and try not to eat too much chocolate!

I look forward to seeing you all at the start of Term Two.

Carol Norton  
Acting Principal

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## **A** dmin Matters

### **Last day of Term 1**

School finishes for the end of Term 1 on Friday 12th April at 1.00pm. Please ensure that you collect your children promptly.

### **Library**

The School Library will be closed after school on the last day of Term 1.

### **First day of Term 2**

Students return to school on Monday 29th April.

### **Office Hours - School Holidays**

The school office will be closed for the first week of the school holidays (15-19 April). The office will reopen on Monday 22 April for limited hours. Please ensure that you call before coming in. The office will be closed on Thursday 25 April (ANZAC day holiday).

## **R** OAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

There have been improvements in road safety outside the Mission Heights Schools. A speed hump has been built at the pedestrian crossing to ensure the safety of our students. Thank you for your patience during the road works.

## **M** HP's 10 Year Anniversary Celebration

Mrs Vohra has popped in to the school for a visit during our anniversary celebrations

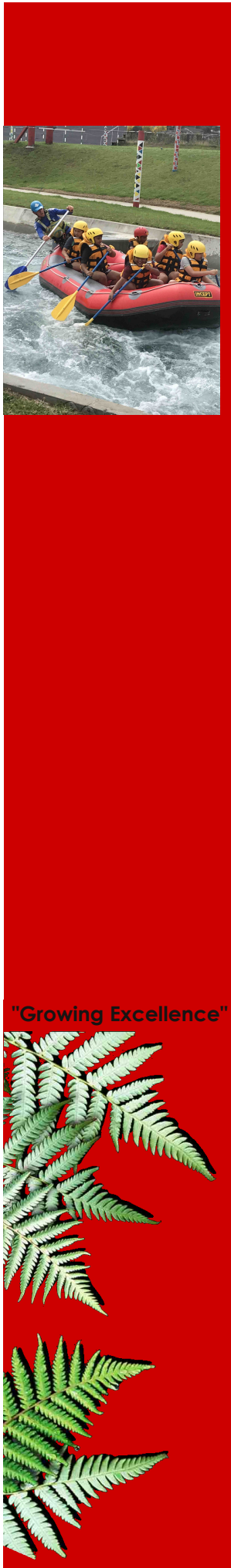
### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY MHP**



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## Year 6 Camp

In Week 8 our Year 6 students attended camp at Lakewood Lodge near Huntly. It was a very rewarding experience for our students, and many of them came away with memories that will stay with them for years to come. Our Year 6 camp is a great way for students to develop: resilience, confidence, independence, and build relationships outside their regular classroom environment. There were many activities that our students tried for the first time such as: kayaking, horse riding and the challenging climbing wall. A huge thank you to our parent helpers, our teachers and to our SLC parents for making this camp possible for our students.



## Dr Seuss Book Week

Week 7 was Dr Seuss Week. There were lots of fun activities in the library together with Dr Seuss book readings and competitions either drawing a picture, completing a story or writing a book review. Many children participated in these activities (you may have seen your child's bookmark) and the competition entries were fantastic! Friday assembly was dress up as a Dr Seuss character - there were some wonderful costumes from both students and teachers - thank you to everyone who helped their child with this. Displayed in the library is a photo board from the assembly and the competition winners so please come in and have a look.





## S PORTING EVENTS AND RESULTS

Term 1 saw the beginning of our sporting year. We have had the Swimming Carnival, HPPA Swimming and Boys and Girls Cricket. Congratulations to Lucas Zhong 1st place, Rick Zhou 3rd Place in their finals heat, Kellum Byers 3rd in his Finals Heat and Eliza Zeyni 2nd in her finals heat for Freestyle.

Boys cricket had a great two days of playing in the cricket tournament. They came 4th overall! The girls also had a good day with 3 wins, a tie and only 1 loss! Great work and thanks to Mr McCutcheon for coaching and supporting these teams.

As always, a big thank you to our parents who have helped to transport and supervise children to make these sporting events possible.



## B lack and White Muffi Day

Our first muffi day for 2019 was a great success. The studios enjoyed their pizza pies and Ice creams, we raised over \$2700 for the Muslim Community in Christchurch.



## S chool Uniform

Now that the winter months are approaching, we encourage parents to purchase the full sleeve polo option for the school uniform if your child requires to be warmly clothed. The use of long sleeved black t-shirts under the uniform is no longer an option for students. Any hair wear such as scarves are also to be plain black. Girls are not to wear footless leggings & socks to cover their legs, they must wear the black opaque tights and remove all nailish polish before the school week starts. Shoes without socks for girls, such as slip ons and ballet type slippers, are not appropriate uniform wear.

The school expectation is that students come to and from school in their school uniform and wear the correct school shoes.

We encourage all our students to take responsibility for their personal belongings at all times as part of managing themselves as responsible learners. Please note that the school does not store lost property and encourages all students to take care of their belongings hence they must all be named clearly.

### 2019 Term dates

#### Term 1

Tuesday 29 January –  
Friday 12 April

Easter Monday - 22 April  
Easter Tuesday - 23 April

#### Term 2

Monday 29 April –  
Friday 5 July

Queens Birthday – Mon 3  
June  
Teacher Only Day – Tues  
4 June

#### Term 3

Monday 22 July –  
Friday 27 September

#### Term 4

Monday 14 October –  
Friday 13 December

Labour Day – Monday  
28 October

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