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As we come to the end of a successful and also a very hectic second term, I would like to thank and particularly acknowledge the time taken by many parents who attended the learning conference meetings, curriculum workshops and information events that were held this term. We are also appreciative of the parents who willingly provided supervision and transport for our students to enable them to participate in various co-curricular activities such as inter school sports competitions, hockey field day, the performing arts festival, market day, muffi day and the visit to Howick Village and the JLC food fair as and when required. These co-curricular programs offer challenges of a different kind to our students where they are encouraged to extend

themselves with new learning experiences beyond their LZs and the school as they take chances to explore new activities along with balancing academic efforts for their all round development.

Our students continue to articulate and express the values that are important and desirable for them at MHP now and as global citizens later in life. A child born today could live into the 22nd century. It's difficult to imagine all that could transpire between where we are now and and will be then. One thing does seem apparent though: we have to ensure that our students learn to adapt to a rapidly changing world. The 21st century mind will need to successfully manage the complexity of our world and how it shapes up in the future by becoming more flexible, more focused on reality, and radically more creative and innovative.

Not surprisingly therefore research suggests that all of our futures are increasingly linked to the challenges of the global community. The world's population is predicted to grow from our current 7.3 billion to 8.5 billion in 2030 and to nearly 10 billion by 2050. Such population growth will affect a host of global issues including pollution, disease management, and depletion of energy, food and water resources. Hence our students have to learn about what they will face in adulthood from a young age so that they can participate effectively in this changing world, and must understand it well through the school's authentic and relevant curriculum.

At the close of this term, I would particularly like to acknowledge the hard work that our staff have done through this busy term with their own and their students professional responsibilities and learning despite the large number of winter illnesses. I applaud them for their continued commitment and

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dedication to our students as they begin planning some exciting and productive new experiences and learning opportunities for term 3.

During the two week winter break do try to make sure that your child reads books during the next two weeks and practised their basic facts alongside doing a mini project of something that they are interested to research and share about when they return to school. These activities help them with developing creative thinking and inquiry skills with a growing love of reading, inquiring and a keen interest in numbers and or science that is life long and goes beyond school.

We are very pleased with what we have achieved with your support so far this year and look forward to the many events and learning opportunities we have yet to do over the rest of the year. Thank you for everything you do to support our students and school!. Have a restful and relaxed family break.

Kind regards
Veena Vohra
Principal

pen Days

After our very successful curriculum expo in Term 1, we will be holding two follow - up Open Mornings in Term 3. The dates are as follows: Wednesday 4th September for Reading and Wednesday 11th September for Maths. The JLC will run a session at 9 followed by the MLC at 9.40 and the SLC at 10.20. Please come along and see teaching and learning in action.

usic Festival

Last week, 92 MHP choir, orchestra, and dance students joined forces with the students at Point View School and Sancta Maria College to put on two splendid evening shows. Over 250 students from the three schools performed mass choir items accompanied by a large combined orchestra as well as individual dance items and musical offerings from each school. It was an immense success for this inaugural event of which we hope will eventually become an annual happening.



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Matariki Maori Week

"Haere i te ata tū, ka puta mai ngā whetū Matariki!"
The light comes, and the stars of Matariki

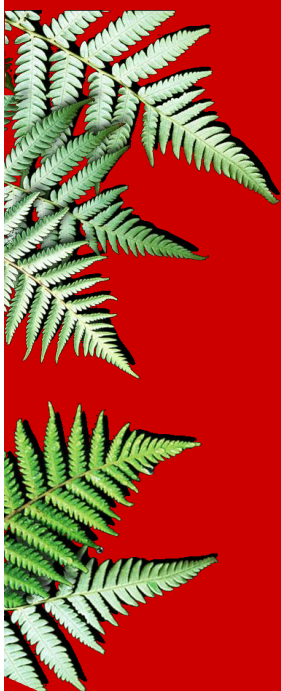
Matariki is one of the most important Māori celebrations - Matariki celebrates the Māori New Year. In my visits to all classrooms over the past three weeks, I have been very encouraged to see the amount of student work focussed on the celebration of Matariki. From artwork, to storytelling, to the writing of poems, to learning the Matariki Macarena, our staff and students have enjoyed learning about and celebrating Matariki. This week we finalise winners, from the SLC students, for the Matariki poster competition. A huge mihi to all staff who have embedded Matariki into your lessons - ngā mihi nui o Matariki!



Muffi Day – 'The Future- What I want to be when I grow up'

Thank you for supporting the student Council's muffi day event for a great cause! We had a great day celebrating our dreams and aspirations for our future careers. Everyone including the teachers were all dressed up and we looked amazing in our muffi costumes. The food including the potato fritters and the cookie time cookie were much much appreciated and the students all danced their cares away at our lunch time disco. Thank you to the student councillors for organising this successful fund raiser. Funds raised will be sent to the students of Umang Special School in Jaipur, India. The money will be used to buy new equipment, resources and physiotherapy and specialist care in the school. We are proud to reach out to Umang School and their staff with a helping hand once a year with the help of our school's generosity as we try to make a difference in the quality of lives of their mentally and physically disabled students each day.

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Hockey Field Day

On Tuesday 25th June, the year 5 and 6 hockey teams went to play against other schools at Llyod elsmore. We had practised all term and were excited and ready to play. Each team had 4 games to play. We ended the day winning all the games and having no goals scored against us. It was a great day enjoyed by all!



S kids Cooking Competition

Congratulations

Two of our students who participated in the Kids Can Cook competitions on Saturday have won the heats over the weekend. They competed against 35 other students. They have qualified to go onto the finals competition. We are very proud of our two students no doubt for such a fantastic achievement and being the finalists for the next stage of the competition.

Congratulations to both Aanya Ashrita and Hussain Loubscher. Hussain produced a Beef Burger with Kumara chips and Aanya created her signature prawn curry dish with rice and salad.

Our school has been running the 'Food storm' programme for several years during ACE where our students pursue their passions and interests to experience the joy of cooking. The food storm team work alongside us to expose our students to skills that not only enrich the curriculum but also a love for food and cooking well into their adult life and making choices about healthy foods.

We are also pleased for the opportunity that was made possible through the encouragement from the Food Storm experts who work alongside our students during ACE. During this programme students make simple dishes that they can make themselves at home and learn to make healthy food choices. Thank you to the many other MHP junior Chefs who prepared for this competition to show off their culinary skills with confidence and to Food Storm for working alongside us to expose our students to these real life opportunities.



2019 Term dates

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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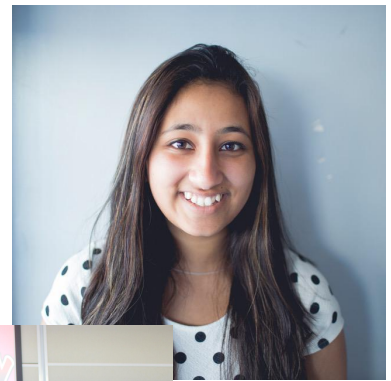
Talent Quest

The MHP Talent Quest auditions are coming up soon in Term 3. If you feel your child has a talent, the coming break is a good time for them to start practicing. The Years 1-3 auditions are in the week commencing 26th August, the Years 4-6 auditions are in the week commencing the 2nd September.

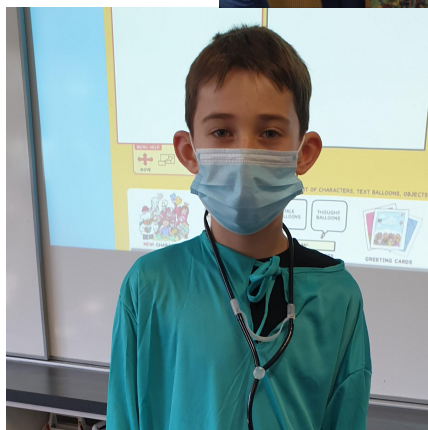
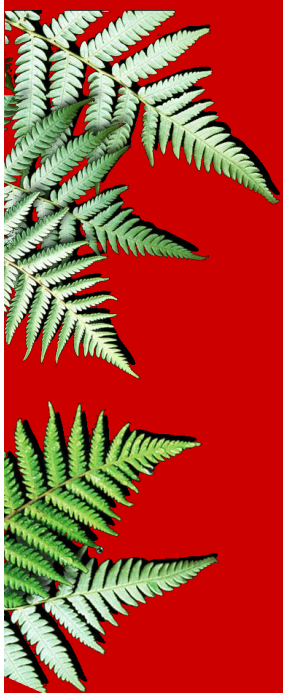
The Years 1-3 finals will be held on the 18th September and the Years 4-6 finals will be held on the 19th September.

New Staff at MHP

In 3 Term 3 we welcome Ms Montana Taogaga who is taking over from Mrs Marais in LZ26 and Ms Svetlana Banerjee who starting a new year one class LZ3.



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School Reopens

Have a relaxing and restful winter break. School reopens for Term 3 on Monday 22nd July.