



Mission Heights Primary School

MIDDLE LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Term 2 2019

"Growing Excellence"

Important Dates:

**22nd May Curriculum Expo
Evening**

24th May Kelly Tarltons

**27th May (Ahi Studio) Howick
Historical Village
3rd June**

**Queen's Birthday
4th June**

**Teacher Only Day
School Closed**

**10th June (Forest Studio)
Howick Historical Village**

**21st June Muffi Day & MLC
Assembly**

**10th June Book Fair Week
begins**

11th June 3 Way Conferences

**13th MLC Royal Jelly
Performance**

5 July

Last Day of Term 2

Kia ora, Namaste, Bula Vinaka, and welcome back to Term 2 in the Middle School! A warm welcome to all our new students and their families, as well as Mrs Clarissa Grootboom who has joined us from JLC to teach in LZ28.

As we begin Term 2 at Mission Heights Primary it is a good time for us to look back on all the enjoyable learning moments we have had so far. We have shared so many learning opportunities in Term 1, both in and out of the Learning Zones/Studios such as the Dr. Seuss Book Week, ASB Getwise Programme, Kids Safe with Dogs and our 10th Year Anniversary Celebration.

This term is also going to be a very busy one filled with many exciting experiences for our students.

Integrated Studies

In MLC this term, we will continue with the theme 'Change'.

In Forest and Ahi Studio we are exploring migration and our changing lifestyle, personally as well as globally. Through inquiry learning we will investigate the 'push-me/pull-you' factors behind the momentous decision that families make when moving to another country. We will also study marine and land animals and the factors that contribute to their movement. To conclude our learning we will reflect on how certain external changes impact on ourselves, our communities and our environment.

In Ngahere Studio will be learning about NZ sea life and learning all about the marine animals native to our country. We will also look at the changes that happen in the ocean from human influence and how these affect the sea animals and the entire ecosystem. From identifying these problems, we will come up with possible solutions and explore ways we can help make a difference through our actions and awareness.

3 Way Conference

This term we have the 3 Way Conferences where you will get the opportunity with your child to share their progress and achievement in the year so far. Please ensure that the office has an up-to-date email address so that you are able to receive copies of newsletters and notices online. The learning zone teacher will contact you soon with a timetable so that you can make your child's appointment.

Uniform and Sickness

We have very high expectations of all our students when wearing the correct uniform at school. As the winter weather is approaching students have started wearing their school jumpers and jackets. Could we please ask



that all clothing items be named so it is easier to return lost property to students promptly. We also understand that some students may prefer to wear a singlet underneath their school shirt, please ensure it is black in colour. All hair accessories must be black as well.

If your child is unwell and off school with a cold, cough and sore throat etc, please remember to phone or email the office to let us know. It is also school procedure to keep your child away from school for 24 hours if he/she has vomited or has a stomach upset.

Independence

After one term at school, we expect students to both know classroom routines and to be able to organise themselves before and after school. Looking after their belongings, completing set tasks, bringing their book bag and PE gear to school are just a few independent activities we encourage the students to take responsibility for. Punctuality, regular bed times and having at least ten hours sleep each night will also encourage your child to thrive at school.

Homework:

A reminder that we are continuing to use our home-school partnership school diary that your child should bring home with them every night. Each week your child will record spelling words, reading and any other specific homework that they need to complete. Please do sign their school diary each night to verify that they have done their reading.

Everyday your child should be reading for at least 20 minutes. Students are encouraged to choose and read their own books from our school library or from their own sources. Students are also able to access texts on the Reading Eggs and Eggspress as well and complete the quiz questions.

Mathletics is an important part of your child's homework. The MLC has an expectation that students gain a minimum of 1000 points in mathletics each week. In addition to this, students are expected to know their subtraction and addition facts to 20 and their multiplication times table.

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 the spelling rules they are learning at school. These words will be written in their diary each Monday and should be practised daily.

MLC Teachers

These are the current teachers in the MLC and their email details should you wish to contact them.

Ahi Studio

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LZ23
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Ngahere Studio

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Forest Studio

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Renuka Lal Year 3 & 4

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For any other issues regarding the Middle School please contact Mrs Renuka Lal relal@mhp.school.nz

Thank you for your support.

Renuka Lal (Assistant Principal)

Middle Learning Community Teachers