



Mission Heights Primary School

SENIOR LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS - Term 2 2019

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Important Dates:

14 May- HPPA Soccer Field Day
22 May- Curriculum Expo Evening- In the School Hall- 5.30pm start
27 May- Mrs Vohra returns
29 May- HPPA Netball Fun Day
29 May- HPPA Rugby Field Day
30 May- Choir Festival Rehearsal- Sancta Maria College
31 May- Whole School Assembly
3 June- Queens Birthday Holiday
4 June- Teacher Only Day- School Closed for students on this day
6 June- New Parents Meeting
7 June- SLC Assembly- 8.40am
10 June- Whole School photo
10 June- Book Fair Week
11 June- 3 Way Conferences begin
13 June- 3 Way Conferences- Late night
14 June- Whole School Assembly
18 June- 3 Way Conferences completed
21 June- Mufti Day
21 June- Choir Festival Rehearsal- Point View School
25 June- HPPA Hockey Field Day
26 June- Choir Festival Rehearsal- Point View School
27 June- Choir Festival Performance- Point View School
28 June- Whole School Assembly
28 June- HPPA Writer's Quiz
5 July- ACE Assembly
5 July- Last day of Term of Term 2- School finishes at 1pm.



Kia Ora, Talofa Lava, Namaste, Kia Orana and greetings to you all. Welcome to yet another exciting and action packed term of learning here at Mission Heights Primary School. In the SLC we have been busy getting straight back into our learning, and I know our students have been looking forward to getting back into their learning zones. Thank you to all of our parents for sending your children to school with correct uniform and PE gear. We really appreciate you pushing the message at home, and we do appreciate you purchasing the correct uniform if items need to be replaced. Term 2 is looking to be busy yet again with new topics, new creative ideas and new changes as we head into the colder months of the year!

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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LZ 21: Mr Kiran Solanki ksolanki@mhp.school.nz

Homework:

Your child should be **reading** six times per week for at least 30 minutes, with the hope that 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 have started our study in Term 2 with a focus on how our environment is changing, and how these changes will have an impact on the world that we live in. Our students will be learning about cause and effect, and how extreme weather and natural disasters will have a huge impact on our ever-changing world, and what we can do about climate change and global warming. All of our students in the SLC will get the opportunity to move around to different teachers at some point to learn about a range of different 'case studies' where they will gain a different perspective on our changing environment.

In **Maths** this term we will be looking at both measurement and fractions, decimals and percentages. 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 ball skills and a range of movement, 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.

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.

Curriculum Expo Evening- Week 4- Wednesday 22 May- 5.30pm start:

In Week 4 our senior leadership team and teachers will be holding a curriculum expo evening to allow parents to see how Mission Heights Primary is delivering the learning to your students in all the different learning areas that are represented in the New Zealand Curriculum. This evening will be run as a 'science fair' style where each learning area will have an allocated area in the school hall. This will be a great opportunity for you to come along and learn about the different learning areas, as well as ask any questions you may have about what our school provides for your children.

3 Way Conferences- Begin in Week 7- Tuesday 11th, Thursday 13th and Tuesday 18th June:

Beginning in Week 7 we will be having our 3 way conferences. The purpose of these sessions are to revisit that goals that were set in Term 1, and to talk about your child's progress towards these goals at the halfway point of the year. This will be an opportunity for you as the parents to be a part of setting goals for your child as we head into the second half of the academic learning year. More information will be shared closer to the time.

General Reminders:

As a reminder, 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 term in the SLC. Thank you for your continued support so far this year. We look forward to seeing you all in the coming weeks at some of our school events.

Regards

Adam Tamariki
Assistant Principal
Senior Learning Community



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