



Mission Heights Primary School

SENIOR LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS - Term 3 2019

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Important Dates:

25 July- Year 6 visit to Mission Heights Junior College
29 July- Year 6 Transition and Parents evening at MHJC
29 July- Year 6 trip to MOTAT
30 July- Year 5 trip to MOTAT
31 July- Football Taster Day
2 August- Spell-a-thon Testing
5 August- HPPA Dance Festival 1
5 August- Year 5 Parents Camp Meeting Starts at 5.30pm
6 August- HPPA Dance Festival 1
6 August- MHP Cross Country Day
7 August- HPPA Dance Festival 2
7 August- Flat Bush 7 Student Day
8 August- HPPA Dance Festival 2
9 August- Spell-a-thon Champions
13 August- HPPA Cross Country
15/16 August- Vector EPro8 Challenge Somerville Intermediate School
15/16 August- Photolife Class/ Portrait Photos (TBC)
21 August- SLC Speech Finals (TBC)
22 August- HPPA Gymnastics Day
23 August- School Assembly- Spell-a-thon winners announced
2 Sept- Y4-6 Talent Quest Auditions
2 Sept- Hearing and Vision testing
3 Sept- ICAS Digital Technology
4 Sept- Reading Open Day- 9am-11am
5 Sept- ICAS Science
10 Sept- ICAS Writing
10 Sept- HPPA Speech Finals
11 Sept- Maths Open Day- 9am-11am
12 Sept- ICAS Spelling
13 Sept- Whole School Mufti Day
13 Sept- SLC Assembly
17 Sept- ICAS English
19 Sept- Y4-6 Talent Quest Finals
19 Sept- ICAS Mathematics
20 Sept- School Assembly- Sir Peter Blake award announced
24 Sept- HPPA Mathex
26 Sept- (Thursday) Last day of Term of Term 3- School closes at 1pm.
27 Sept- Teacher Only Day- School Closed to students

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. I do hope that you managed to have some time out with your children, as well as enjoying the last few days of good weather during the winter break. Thank you to all of our parents for sending your children to school with correct uniform and PE gear last term. Please continue to encourage your children to bring their PE gear every day as we are well and truly underway with our preparations for Cross Country. 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 3 is looking to be busy yet again with new topics, new creative ideas and new changes as we start the journey towards the warmer parts 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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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 3 with a focus on how communication and technology is changing, and how these changes will have an impact on our future. Our students will be given the opportunity to move through the technological process by creating a product in relation to the technology that they are learning about. In the second half of the term we will also be looking at the changes in migration, movement between countries, and the impact this will have on our students as they navigate their way around their world. We are very excited about the new term!

In **Maths** this term we will be looking at both statistical inquiry 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 touch rugby skills and Cross Country running, and we will be continuing our push 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.

Week 2- SLC Trips to MOTAT- Museum of Transport and Technology

Year 6- Monday 29 July and Year 5- Tuesday 30 July

In Week 2 of this term all SLC classes will be attending MOTAT as part of our Nature of Technology area of learning. Last term we sent a letter home to inform you of this trip. Please inform your child's teacher if you did not receive this information. The cost of this trip will be \$10 per student. We do need your help for these trips as well! If you are able to be a parent helper for either of these days, please do let your child's teacher know as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support!

Year 5 Camp- Parents Information Meeting- Monday 5th August- 5.30pm

In Week 3 we will be holding an information session about our Year 5 Camp that will be taking place in Week 4 of Term 4. This is an amazing opportunity

for our Year 5 students to take part in some outdoor experiences outside of the classroom. All of the information will be shared at this meeting, so we do encourage you to come along so you can ask any questions that you may have. Please be aware that this year we have decided to stay for only one night. The students will still have two full days of activities at the venue. The third day will be spent at school with an EOTC day planned for the Year 5 students only.

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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.

Staying Cybersafe on the Internet

A general concern that a few of our teachers have had at school recently are the personal games and websites that some of our students are talking about at school. Many of these games are not age appropriate for our students, and this can sometimes be preventing them from completing homework and other learning at home. Please consider the use of a filter or management system so that they can be monitored. A filter and blocking system is enforced at Mission Heights Primary for the safety of our students. Please feel free to come and talk to us if you have any concerns that we can help with.

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 SLC

