



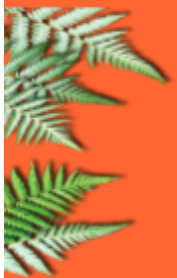
## Mission Heights Primary School

### SENIOR LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS - Term 4 2019

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##### Important Dates:

17 October- Shake Out Drill  
18 October- School Assembly  
22 October- HPPA Touch being hosted at Mission Heights Primary  
28 October- Labour Day Holiday- School Closed  
30 October- Whole School Photo- Please wear correct uniform!  
31 October- MHP Athletics Day  
1 November- Mufti Day and Market Day  
4 November- Year 5 Camp begins  
5 November- Year 5 Camp ends  
6 November- House Captain nominations begin  
8 November- Grandparents Assembly- 11.45-12.30pm  
12 November- Road Patrol training day for 2020  
15 November- MHJC Whole Day Experience for Year 6  
19 November- HPPA Athletics Day 1  
20 November- HPPA Athletics Day 2  
21 November- ACE finishes for 2019  
26 November- House Captain speeches  
26 November- Orchestra performance at Vodafone Events Centre  
27 November- Road Patrol monitors at Rainbows End  
29 November- School Assembly- Thank you morning tea for parent helpers  
5 December- Year 6 Graduation  
6 December- Year 5 and 6 Service Awards Assembly- 9am  
11 December- Year 6 Shared lunch and water event on the field  
13 December- Whole School Christmas Assembly- 11.00-11.40am  
13 December- Last day of the academic year- School finishes for students at 12.30pm



Kia Ora and Welcome back to yet another awesome term here at Mission Heights Primary. I hope that you had a restful holiday break with your families. It has been very enjoyable seeing our students come back refreshed and ready to get back into another term of learning and inquiry. This term has started off in full swing with the Year 5 teachers busy preparing for our Year 5 Camp in Week 4, and our senior leadership team preparing already for what 2020 will bring. We are also getting ready to farewell our Year 6 students at the end of this term as they start their new journey next year! Thank you very much for all of your support in 2019. It has been a very successful year of learning and achievements. I want to personally thank our amazing SLC teachers for the hard work that they have all put in to planning great learning experiences for our students. Thank you also to our parents and caregivers who have given their time to support us with camps and education outside the classroom. We couldn't do any of what we do without your continued support!

##### 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.

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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 4 with a focus on change through migration, and how people move from place to place. We have started discussing the impact migration has in different parts of the world, as well as connecting our students with reasons as to why they may have migrated to New Zealand, and the impact that has had on their families. We will also begin a small unit later in the term about coping with change. This will be very beneficial for our students as they embark on a new journey in both Year 6 and Year 7. Some of the main themes we would like to cover in this term are taking risks, overcoming challenges and being resilient.

In **Maths** this term we will be looking at position and orientation which will involve looking deeper into how to work with angles, shapes, transformation and tessellation. We will also be looking at a variety of types of **writing** that fit with our Integrated Studies. This will include personal experiences, explanations and factual recounts. For **PE and health** the main focus for this term will be on preparing for our MHP Athletics day in week 4. Thank you to Mr McCutcheon and Mrs Wright for their amazing organisation in preparing our students. We appreciate your support to ensure your children come to school with PE gear every day.



### 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.

### Year 5 Camp- Monday 4th- Tuesday 5th November- Week 4

A reminder that our Year 5 Camp will take place in week 4. This has come around very quickly. Thank you to all of our parents for your support to ensure payment and the required paperwork has been returned timely to your child's teacher. We are really looking forward to seeing our Year 5 students in a different environment, and I'm sure they will be faced with many new challenges that they will be encouraged to overcome. A huge thank you to Mrs Bornman, Mr McCutcheon and the Year 5 teachers for your amazing support in taking the lead with the organisation of this camp. We really appreciate what you have done to ensure our students are provided with great learning experiences outside of the classroom!

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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.

### End of year reminders:

A reminder that our academic year for all students comes to a close on Friday 13 December at 12.30pm. If you wish to go on holiday before this date your child's teacher cannot give you permission for this. We do encourage you to make contact with our school office to discuss. The office will then inform you to arrange a time with Mrs Vohra to discuss these options.

### Calendar Art for sale:

During term 3 our students have been busy designing art work for 'Calendar Art'. Each student has created a picture that has been individually printed onto various items. These items will be for sale as:

#### **Calendars**

#### **Greeting cards**

#### **Diaries**

#### **Mouse mats**

#### **Sketch Pads**



They will be on sale from **Monday 21st October until Monday 4th November @ 9am.**

Your child will bring home a letter on Friday 18th October outlining where and how to purchase the items. The items make excellent Christmas presents for family and friends so please ensure your orders are completed by **4th November.**

### 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.



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Thank you once again to all of our parents, caregivers and community friends for your amazing support this year. Thank you also to my amazing team of teachers who have worked tirelessly this year to ensure our students have the best experiences planned while they are at school. We look forward to seeing you at many of our end of year celebrations as we head towards the end of yet another successful year at Mission Heights Primary.



**Regards**  
**Adam Tamariki**  
**Assistant Principal SLC**