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Dear Parents and Caregivers

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We have just one more newsletter to go before this year comes to a closure for the summer vacation. While this has been a very busy year it has certainly been a very rewarding one for our students and staff with the many achievements and events that were held throughout each term.

Despite the end of year bustle around us, this is also a very busy time for the staff when thoughtful reviews and planning for 2020 has begun at all levels by both the Board and the staff with things such as Budgets, Strategic and Annual Plan reviews, targets and goals achieved in 2019, along with identifying new achievement targets for the coming year, finalising our staff organisation and curriculum programmes.

The school is now officially 11 years old and more with its buildings and physical infrastructure. Board planning has begun with the Ministry of Education, Waitakere Architects and Project managers and our property team to get the final plans in action for the improvement of our buildings. The works are expected to commence at the start of Term one. There will be some disruption to a few classes at a time, however we have planned for this to accommodate the LZs in rooms such as the Meeting place next to the library, Tane building and our hall. We are pleased that the work will happen in one area at a time and all the teaching and learning and extra curricular programmes will not be compromised. We will keep the community updated about the building improvements and how everything is progressing at each stage. A plan of the improvements will be displayed in the foyer for your perusal.

Besides the 10 year property improvement planning, other school events that kept us busy this year have included the HPPA sports and academic competitions, ICAS, School Camps, Discos, Charity Muftis, student leadership initiatives, intervention programmes, information events, anniversary celebrations and cultural and music performances in the wider Auckland region, Grandparents day, students fair and

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most importantly our the recent performance of our choir at the Kids for Kids concert where every student had a chance to perform on stage with several other schools. All these events are a fabulous example of how some of our students persist in achieving their personal and learning goals when overcoming fears to manage themselves in unknown situations and places by believing that 'I can get better with my learning and passions if I practice and try harder'.

What I really feel proud of is that through an education programme that continues to offer challenge, support and engaged learning within a safe and healthy environment, students at MHP are learning from a young age to have a go and try out things they have never done before and this momentum of their learning journey will continue in future years to enable them to cope within a complex, competitive and globally shrinking world.

However with just a couple of weeks to go there are still some very important end of year special assemblies still to come. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at these end of year assemblies to celebrate a most successful year for our students, staff and the community and thank you personally for your genuine support, commitment and time to our students and programmes.

Kind regards
Veena Vohra (Mrs)
Principal

Y ear 5 Camp

This term the Year 5 students took part in an amazing experience at Camp Adair in Hunua. Spirits were high and teachers were excited as they took the opportunity to get to know their students in a different environment. Some of the highlights included team building, the confidence course, the high ropes course, archery, the climbing wall, and of course, the much loved waterslide! Our students had so much fun getting to know



each other more, and I was so impressed at the way our students showed respect, responsibility and excellence while being away on camp. Our students are amazing, but one thing we really enjoy seeing as teachers is the way they overcome new challenges in a different environment. These are memories that will stay with them forever!

A huge thank you to Mrs Bornman and the Year 5 teachers for their excellent



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organisation. A very big thank you to all of our parent helpers also. We could not have made this camp happen without your continued support!

Kids for Kids Concert

Our school choir attended the annual Kids for Kids concert on Thursday 14th November at the Vodafone events Centre, Manukau. Auditions were held on Thursday morning for students from a number of Auckland schools for a solo spot in the evening concert. Several of our students auditioned and Kharyce Laumea was picked to be the 'star rapper' of the show.

Congratulations to Kharyce who gave an amazing performance and represented our school wonderfully on the night.

Thanks to Miss Hsu who, as always, worked so hard to prepare our choir for the concert and thank you to the staff and parents who supported the students on the night.



Year 3 and 4 students Sonshine Ranch Trip

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all the parents and caregivers for the support and effort you all have exerted to make this year such a success. The trips and excursions definitely add value to the learning that takes place at school. This year the students have enjoyed themselves and learnt a lot with Education Outside the Classroom programme in an adventurous yet safe new environment. This has only been possible due to your commitment and service to the school.



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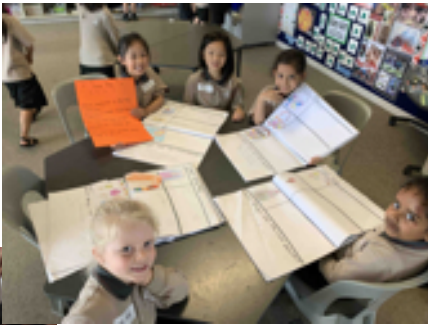


We really appreciate our partnership with all parents and the contribution you make to Mission Heights Primary.

JLC and MLC Product Fair

In Week 4 the JLC and MLC held their very first Product Fair. The Product Fair was an opportunity for the students to showcase their learning from Term 3 and 4. The students were able to talk about their learning and sell the products they had created to fundraise for resources they wanted as a learning community. The students were committed to creating a sustainable product based on our learning around Science and Technology.

The JLC were fundraising for digital resources and the MLC were fundraising for games for wet day play. The Product Fair was a great success thanks to the support of our parents and grandparents who came to share in our learning and support us. The students enjoyed sharing their learning with you in this authentic context and are very grateful for your support.



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