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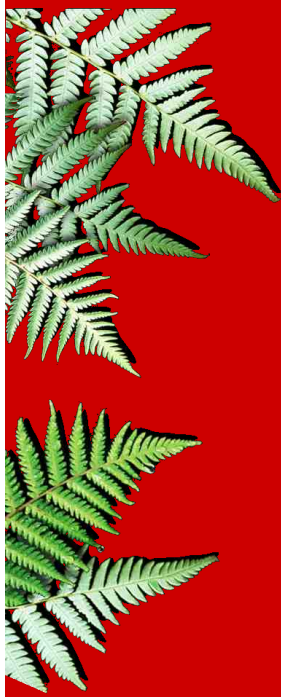
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Dear Parents and Caregivers



This is our last newsletter for 2019 and as our amazing year comes to an end there is much we can all be proud of with the strong foundations and systems that have been established for MHP's future generations of students. We have been fortunate with the countless effort, expertise and enthusiasm of our talented staff, students and our growing school community who have once again enabled us to end the year on a positively high note. Each one of us have much to celebrate with many happy memories and milestones to hold onto of our journey at Mission Heights Primary School.

A huge thanks to our senior leadership team, teachers and support staff over the past year. We are only as good as what is happening in our learning zones, team meetings, school administration offices and reception, and behind the scenes work. I would particularly like to acknowledge the personal time and professional commitment that each one of them has put into their work. They all deserve high praise. As a school we are fortunate to have such a dedicated and collaborative team on board who help to keep our school's reputation and our systems working smoothly to deliver our vision.

In looking back at the years gone by for Mission Heights Primary during my time, there is a satisfying feeling to see evidence of stability and sustainability, both in our academic and our administrative processes, be it curriculum, learning support, enrichment programs, staff development and more as I leave. The consolidation and timely evaluations and modifications that occurred during the years, continue to strengthen the delivery of MHP's core and extra curricular programmes including ACE, as we have continued to review, refresh and establish new ideas and make changes as and when needed from trial, error and feedback.

Our aim for improvement has always been strongly driven by the collective desire to embed the school's inspirational vision of 'Growing Excellence' by providing 'constantly evolving, innovative and personalising learning' to engage all learners. One thing I know for sure as I depart is that being a school that is globally connected, the way MHP's students will learn in the next decade of this century will continue to change and challenge the educational landscape not just in our school but also nationally with so much volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity in our world.

I wish to sincerely thank our Board of Trustees..... our parents, MHJC's senior management team, the IT leaders and our wider school community..... Individually they have all contributed to our school, the transition programmes and our students

learning by adding their energy and talents to the collective success of our school and continue to contribute towards the future of our students in so many positive ways.

I would also like to thank the many parents and ex students who have come to see me during my final few weeks to share their personal goodbyes, thanks and thoughts. It was such a humbling experience for me to meet with them as they shared their memories of their time at MHP with me.

Through the words of the famous Dr Seuss 'I am sad that my time has finally come to say good bye MHP but I smile with a thankful tear in my eye that I had the opportunity to experience the privilege of being here and watching our amazing school grow as the talents and skills of all our people unfolded through the years.'

'I'll miss all the students, I'll miss all the amazing teachers I worked with and my admin team and support staff. I'll miss the parents and grandparents who are with us now along with the pioneering team of people who were with me at the start and over the years. We've all grown up together through the challenges and excitement of learning and growing together in a pioneering environment at MHP.

What a phenomenal experience it has been for me to be able to be your Principal for 12 years." Thank you MHP as I truly join the ex MHP club now!! I wish you all the best for an exciting future with your new Principal.

Regards
Veena Vohra (Mrs)
Foundation Principal 2007-2019

1 0th Anniversary Photos

Photolife will be selling our anniversary photos taken last week as the finale of all the students and staff who were here in our 10th year as we end the 10 years anniversary celebrations and a mile stone journey of how much the school has grown since 2009. It is a beautiful photo taken in front of our school building and one well worth buying as a memento for those who were here in 2019. Please ensure you get a copy timely when the orders come out. They cost \$28 each.

G oodbye to our Graduating Year 6 students

On Thursday night we had a wonderful celebration for our graduating Year 6 students who have completed their primary schooling years and are ready to embark on the next stage of their schooling. As graduating students, they leave a legacy of growing excellence, achievement and a fine ethos and tradition for generations of Mission Heights Primary students to come. My final message to our Year 6 graduates is 'dream big for your future and when you step into the next phase of your learning make the most of the opportunities and choices that come your way to achieve and fulfill your dreams and destiny'

'Thank you for being the best you can be, for giving your talent and your dedication to your primary school and it's happy student community. Good Luck for your future each one of you. You will be remembered for being that special kind of student that brought a smile to our day and with whom we have enjoyed spending time with.

Y ear 6 Awards

All our Year 6 students received their graduating certificates on the night. School wide special awards for Year 6 students were also handed out which included excellence in academic, sporting and service to the school which are listed in the 2019 year book. Thank you for the wonderful legacy project you have left behind for all future students to see and learn from. Good Luck for your future.



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Congratulations to the following students for their wonderful achievements;

Excellence in Creative Arts	Hayley Nguyen
Excellence in Digital Technologies	Ian He
Academic Excellence in Mathematics	Phoebe Guo
Excellence in Public Speaking	Savir Selagan
Academic Excellence in English	Savir Selagan
Excellence in Sports	Ethan Monk
Sustaining the Treasures of our Cultures	Kharyce Laumea
Growing Excellence Award	Sophia Bassano
The Veena Vohra Leadership Award	Ian He

Year book 2019

The 2019 Year book will be given out to a family who paid their contributions this year. Any extra copies can be purchased at the school reception.



Congratulations to our 2020 House Leaders

After much campaigning over the last two weeks for the 2020 House Captains positions, voting was held for all positions. Members from each House had a chance to listen to what their candidates had to say about themselves and what they would do for their house in 2020. The campaign was very competitive and tough and the winning candidates won with very narrow margins. Congratulations to the following winners;

Batten House Captain and Deputy:	Elliza Zeyni & Ava Gooneratne
Blake House Captain and Deputy:	Rick Zhao & Vibhi Rawat
Hillary House Captain and Deputy:	Zahir Daud & Faizan Bari
Walker House Captain and deputy:	Lucas Zhong & Chloe Huang

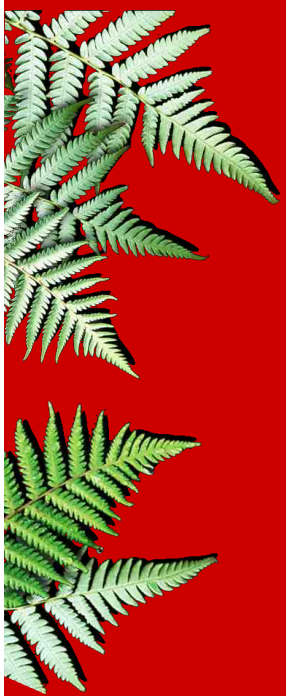


Road Patrollers Celebrate

Our Road Patrol Team spent a perfect day at Rainbow's End. They had a great time just being themselves and running from one ride to the next. They want to thank Mrs Vohra for making it happen. It was her special way of thanking them for their commitment to their duties in the face of uncertain weather throughout this year. Thank you also to the parents who helped with transport and the trip chaperoning our students through all the rides and the crowds at Rainbows End.



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Staff Matters

Staff Leaving

We wish to acknowledge the work and commitment of Mrs Gillanders, Mrs Wright, Miss Miller and Mr Tuhaka who will not be returning to MHP next year and wish them all the best for the future in their career. Mrs Gillanders is moving to Brisbane in Australia to take up a new position, while Mrs Wright is going to St. Kentigerns, Miss Miller will be teaching at Rowandale school closer to her home. Mr Tuhaka is looking at completing a teaching degree in the near future. All these staff members will be a great loss to MHP with the contributions that each one has made with their students and MHP. Another colleague to whom we say goodbye and congratulations to this week is Mrs Sabri who is relocating to Dubai. Mrs Mohammed and Mrs Grootboom have completed their fixed term year and move to other schools in 2020.

Good Luck to each one of MHP's departing staff as they move to new horizons. They will all be missed greatly.

Incoming staff

We welcome back Kelly Jarvis who worked at MHP a few years ago. She returns back from England to settle in Auckland with her two children and husband. Kelly will be in the Senior Learning Community. Another new staff member starting next year is Brittany Griffith who completed a very successful practicum at our school this year. She will be teaching in the Middle Learning Community

Time Capsule

After 10 years of the time capsule remaining in the foyer that was left by the foundation students in 2009, it was an absolute delight to open it in front of the whole school. Two year 10 students, Ricky Bassano & Hannah Grant who were present as 5 year olds in 2009, removed the contents and showed the whole school, then helped the year 1 students to place a variety of new items from this years selection, which will be opened in another 10 years. In 2029 we hope that some of the people who attended this special assembly will return to open the seal and then reseal it for the next ten years. Thank you Ricky Bassano & Hannah Grant for making the time to attend.

Important Dates in 2020

LZ Organisation 2020

Just as every year there will be some reshuffling of teachers to new year levels based on their personal requests and school requirements with students numbers. Some rooms will also change due to the restructuring of the inner spaces. To manage this restructure some teaching spaces will include the Meeting Place next to the library and the two TANE classrooms.

Thank you in advance for your support during this time. We are expecting the disruption to be temporary and staggered. Hopefully by the end of Term 3 all rooms and spaces will be restored and students will enjoy an exciting and innovative environment with some specialist spaces in Buildings 1 and 2 from Term 3 onwards.

10 Year Property Improvement works

Just a brief update from the latest information received from Waitakere Project managers this week is that the works to restructure some rooms in Buildings 1 and 2 will commence in April and hopefully completed by June. This means that the new year will start smoothly but term two will involve some movement of rooms to ensure the contractors can work without disruption and the students learning also goes on smoothly.

We are fortunate to receive additional funding for further property development with the funding announced by the Prime Minister for schools last week. This will give an added boost to do some of the works that we had to put off for 2025 such as hall improvement and works that the new Principal will see as fit to improve the school buildings.



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