

你好, 안녕하세요, こんにちは, Kia Ora!

With all the unpredictable changes this year, due to Covid-19, we have had to focus on student wellbeing more than ever before. We have supported our students, through increased pastoral care interviews and connected with parents regularly by checking in with phone calls and emails. We do hope that your loved ones, wherever they may be, are safe and well.

### Welcome to our new students:

Yuguo (Flora) Fu, Xinbao (James) Guan, Yeonsik (Eric) Choi, Jihwan Kim, Minkyung (Crystal) Park, Kaixin(Grace) Li, Hyeon (Lucy) Song, Jiahn Park

### Welcome back to our returning students:

Rei Shiho, Seonwoo (Lina) Kim, Sejin (Lora) Kim, Kyungjun (Aiden) Yoo

## Highlights of Term 1

### Kāhui Ako - Kiwiana Cooking Programme

We were aware that families were not able to return to their home countries during the Christmas holiday break so we offered an opportunity for international students and parents to meet with other members of our Kāhui Ako community for Kiwiana themed cooking classes.

Classes were held in the Food Technology room at Murrays Bay Intermediate School. Judith Sigglecow, our MBIS Food Technology teacher, taught these, along with Karen Cebalo, from Browns Bay School.

This was an enjoyable day for many and the tasty treats on offer were delicious. Thank you to those who attended. We hope you enjoyed the experience.





### **Orientation of New International Students**

All new Long Term International Students at MBIS participate in an orientation programme at the International House, where they are introduced to the International/ELIP support and teaching team. They learn about how the school operates and have first language support by our International Student leaders. The students received their welcome pack and stationery. We discussed safety issues such as road and water safety. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to meet one another and find out which staff can further support them on their learning journey at school.

### **ELIP/International Afternoon Tea**

On Wednesday 31 March, the MBIS staff and ELIP Leaders hosted an afternoon tea for parents and caregivers of International/ELIP students. Thank you to those who came along, it was lovely to meet so many of you. Please pass on any feedback you may have to us at [siobhan.wallace@mbi.school.nz](mailto:siobhan.wallace@mbi.school.nz) We posted the presentation on the Hero feed. [LINK](#) Please email Janene if you have any concerns regarding accessing Hero.

### **ELIP Classes**

All new students requiring extra English support have been assessed and placed into the correct ELIP class based on their results. The programme started in Week 5. All students now have correct logins and are using devices in their classrooms. Thank you for supporting students with their learning by providing a device for students, which will enhance their learning.

### **Student and Parent Support: Are you new to Auckland, New Zealand?**

#### **Helpful Tips**

A reminder that for an Emergency (Fire, Police or Ambulance) in New Zealand, you dial 111 from your phone.

If you are new to Auckland, there are some very helpful tips and suggestions on this website about living and working in Auckland. Many of your questions can be answered here. [Link](#)  
If you are a student in New Zealand, some material regarding student support is offered here. [Link](#)

### **Social Media**

A parents guide to Instagram - tips and advice from Netsafe

<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Parents-Guide-to-Instagram-NZ-FIN-AL.pdf>

### **Water and Beach Safety**

Please see the below links for videos about how to be safe in the water.

Water Safety - swim in between flags, make sure you can touch the bottom, swim with a friend, watch the current, swimming togs and rise one hand up if you need help! Remember to not wave :)

[Link](#)- Beach Safety - Chinese Subtitles. [Japanese](#) & [Korean](#)

[Link](#): Beach Currents

[Link](#): Korean.

[Link](#): Chinese

Beach Safety - sunscreen, sunhat, sun smart: slip, slop, slap and wrap!

Please remember that if you change contact details or have updated visas and/or insurance documents, please contact: [lynley.knight@mbi.school.nz](mailto:lynley.knight@mbi.school.nz) or if you have any concerns or require clarification regarding your child's pastoral care please contact: [janene.levett@mbi.school.nz](mailto:janene.levett@mbi.school.nz)

Over the holiday break, please utilise our 24 hour emergency contact, should you require support. Janene Levett, Assistant Principal and Director of International can be reached on **0211806216**.

Kind regards,

International/ELIP Team

Jung-Hee Kwon, Lynley Knight, Janene Levett

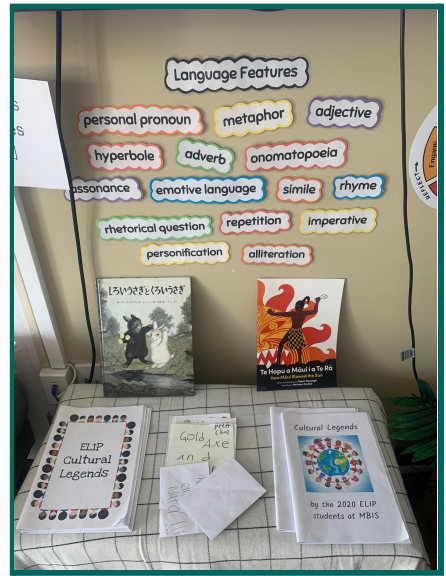
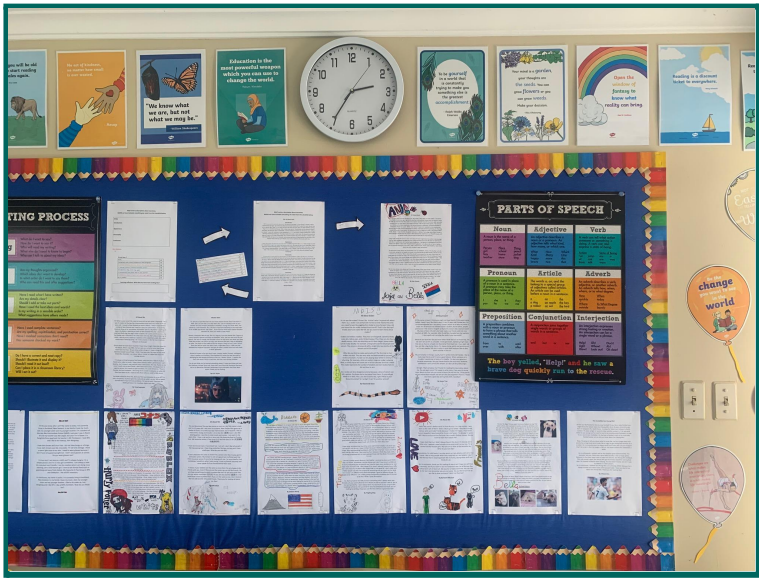
Siobhan Wallace (HOD ELIP) and Gloria Yeom (ELIP)

## Welcome to our student work area!

Students wrote descriptions about themselves. The first paragraph was an introduction. Students learnt how to use rhetorical questions to 'hook' the reader in. In the second and third paragraph students used language features such as similes and adjectives to describe their appearance and personality. In the fourth paragraph students summarised themselves and finished their conclusions in an interesting way. We are so proud of our students and what they have achieved!

The students then started writing their cultural narratives. Students were asked to think of a cultural story (legend, fable, fairytale) from either their home country or a different country and to rewrite it in their own words. They had to have four paragraphs: an introduction, conflict, main event and a resolution.





## All About Me!

Hi! My name is Grace and I'm from China (Shijiazhuang). Shijiazhuang is not a very popular place like Shanghai but Shijiazhuang is a place where most of the useful things are made. You may ask, does Shijiazhuang have homework in their schools? Well, I'm telling you that China gives out the hardest homework that you could ever think of. If you're going to China, please don't go there and study, the teachers give the hardest homework ever! Just saying. I'm now studying at Murrays Bay Intermediate but before intermediate school I went to primary school. My primary school was Mairangi Bay School. I like dancing, hip hop, and painting tiny shells on the beach and so on. It's fun to do when I'm alone. I think I might try something different this year. After all that I must lie on my comfy bed. Do you want to read more?

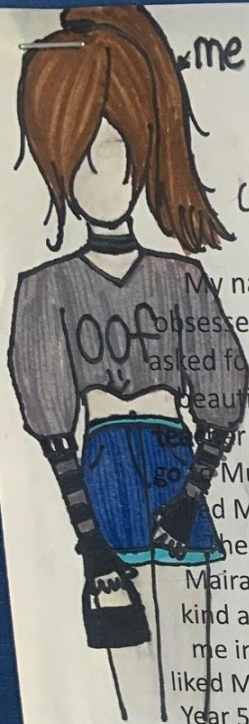
I've got brown coloured hair, it's also very short and also as curly as a worm's curly body. I cut it during the night while my mum was fast asleep in bed. No one noticed in my boring family, so I stayed this way for a long time. Though there's one thing that my hair is curly but my mum and dad's hair isn't. Whom I got this curly from, I have no idea!

You may say I'm graceful like a butterfly but I'm fiery inside. I like to do the things that boys always do, but my mum says that's not how a girl acts. I sometimes do things that a girl may not do, and that is who I am. I like music that is loud, not like a sweet, soft song that's for sleeping. But yes, I'm not always like this!

These are all the coolest things that I like to do most of the time. I'm not sure for next year though. Oh yes, I almost forgot, I also like to read as well! I love to read comics and fiction storybooks too! I sometimes love reading and learning about history because there are some interesting facts in those books. Did you learn anything about me? I hope that you learnt something new about this sleepy head. Yep, that's me, I'm always sleepy! Well, this is the end, time flies when something is interesting. I hope we can have a great year this year!

Thanks for reading this!

By Grace Li

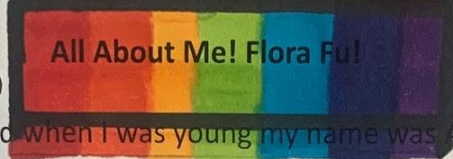


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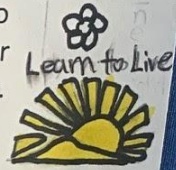
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My name is Flora and when I was young my name was Anna because I'm obsessed with Frozen! I told my mum to please give me an English name and I asked for the name Anna. I'm from China and my city is Tianjin, it's big and very beautiful. I am 12 years old. My school is Murrays Bay Intermediate and my teacher is called Miss Wells. She is very kind, but before intermediate, I used to go to Murrays Bay Primary School. I was in Room 20 with a kind and old teacher and Mr Semlle. He taught me in Year 4 but he teaches Year 4 and Year 5 now. When my family and I had to go back to China, so I transferred schools to Mairangi Bay Primary School when I returned. The teachers there were very kind and helpful! My favourite teacher there was Mr Patterson and he taught me in Year 6. He was kind and funny, and he taught Year 5 and Year 6. I also liked Ms Black, she was my first year teacher at Mairangi Bay School. She taught Year 5 and Year 6 too and she taught me from Year 5. I like to play video games and LEGO. My favourite video game is Roblox because it's very fun and it was FREE to download! I like drawing and I like the colour white too. I like Harry Potter too. Do you want to learn more about me?

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ROBLOX

HARRY POTTER

Do you know what I look like? Sounds like you would love too so here it is: My eyes are dark brown and my hair is short and curly. My hair colour is black and a little brown too. I'm VERY tall. I am so tall that I think I could be as tall as the sky! And my height is 1.67cm. My mum said that I am too tall and she said I have big eyes so I guess I have big eyes and a medium-sized mouth. What do you look like?

I'm kind because I like taking care of people. For example, I don't like it when people are sad. I am funny because I like telling jokes. I show resilience when other people might have a misunderstanding. I show respect when the teacher is talking and to others. What is your personality like?

In conclusion, I am a kind and funny person. I am funny because I like telling jokes and I am kind because I like to care about people so I am a caring person. I like to read Harry Potter but not too much but I do like to watch movies. I like to play sports too. I like to play tennis and I take tennis classes every Sunday. I love to listen to music because it's so fun and relaxing. I like New Zealand because it's very beautiful and clean. I like it here! Well, I hope you learned lots about me! Bye for now!



By Flora Fu Broh

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## All About Me

Hello! My name is James Guan and I'm from China. Do you like China? My city is Xi'an. I go to Murrays Bay Intermediate School. My classroom is Room 30. My hobbies are playing football, basketball and badminton. I like all sports.

I have black hair and brown eyes. I am not too tall. I don't wear glasses because my eyes are good. My arms are not too long, my legs are very long. I'm quite fat but I like to exercise. I'm quite strong but that is good. I was small before I came to New Zealand.

Every day I'm happy so I'm a talkative person. I'm also very good. I am very kind and will often help some people. Sometimes I unintentionally lose control of myself and do some bad things. But I will never fight because I want to be a happy and good man. Are you happy?

So, that is me. I live in New Zealand. I like my family. I'm cheerful in New Zealand. The weather in New Zealand is very good. Do you like New Zealand? Before, in China, the people were nice too. There are many children willing to play with you. You must do your homework in China though so I like New Zealand. Thank you for reading about me!

By James Guan

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All About Me



Hi! My name is Jihwan. I'm from South Korea and my first language is Korean. I go to Murrays Bay Intermediate School and we came to New Zealand one year ago. I went to Campbells Bay Primary school last year. I was nervous and worried when I first came to New Zealand, but some good friends like Cooper treated me well so I could adapt here really easily. I came to New Zealand with my mum and my younger sister who is Year 1 and ridiculous. I like to play football and I like to swim. I played football for Forest Hill AFC for a year. I swim for the North Shore Swimming Club. Let me tell you more about me!

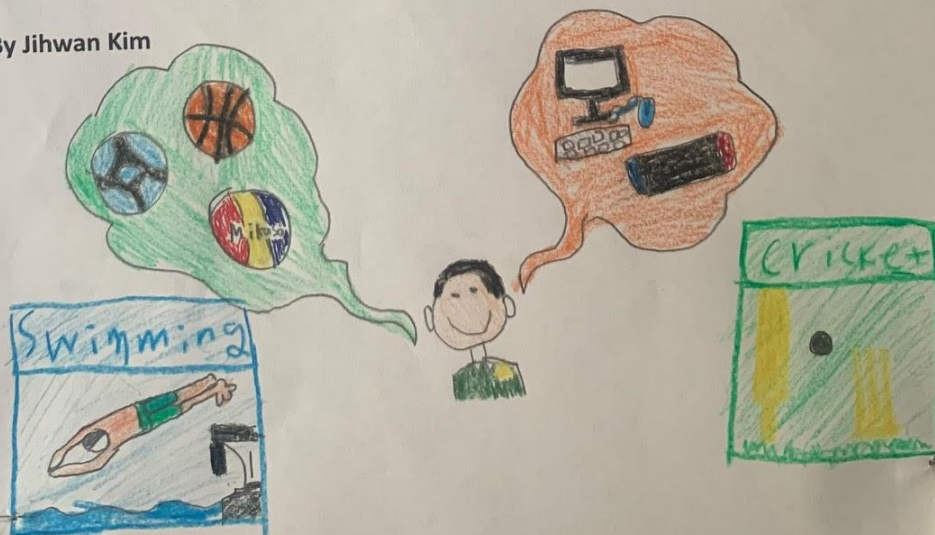
Now, I'm going to explain what I look like! I have black curly hair and I have got an oval head... well... my mum says that my head looks like an ostrich's egg, which is funny! I have got big ears like a monkey. That's why I'm good at hearing. I have dark brown eyes. I have high cheekbones and I like to smile like a smiley emoji.

I think my personality is kind, smart, and sporty. Why? Because I like to help people when they are having trouble doing something and I'm good at maths, and I have to try my best. I really like to play football, water polo, swimming and a whole lot of different sports so I am very sporty.

In conclusion, my class is Room 21 and I'm in Kawau mini school. I like my class because my teacher, Miss Robins, is really kind and enthusiastic. She never shouts at us. We also get to do P.E a lot. We participate in P.E at least 2 times a week. Do you like PE? I also like to play water polo. I used to play water polo for my primary school and I'm expecting to play water polo for the North Harbour Water Polo Team. I hope you learnt lots about me. Thank you for reading!



By Jihwan Kim





## All About Me!

Hi! My name is Lucy Song. I'm from Jeju Island in South Korea. I am Room 20. My teacher is Miss Wells. My family is Mum, Dad, brother, sister and me. My intermediate school is Murrays Bay. Do you want to read more?

I have blue and black glasses and my hair colour is dark brown. My eyes are dark brown. I am athletic because I like sport but I am not very good at it. My hair is short. I'm Asian.

Are you kind to people? I am kind if people are kind to me. I am friendly when others are friendly. I am not very funny to other people. I want to have a good personality but I am still shy. I'm a little bit bad if a person is bad or mean to me.

In conclusion, my name is Lucy and I am from South Korea. Do you like art or math? I like art but I don't like maths and homework. Come and say hello to me in my classroom. Thank you for reading my writing. Bye and have a great day!

By Lucy Song

