

MANGAWHAI BEACH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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Monday 10th November 2014

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PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

This week is testing week at MBS for our Year 3-8 students. Today students completed the Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) in Reading Comprehension. On **Wednesday** students will be completing Mathematics and on **Friday** STAR (another comparative reading and writing assessment). Results will be shared with the children and overall results with the community later in the month. This gives us an opportunity to compare our results with November 2013 to see how we are progressing and put in place improvements for 2015. Speaking of 2015, the Board of Trustees have granted me a leave of absence to complete my thesis and Masters in Education and Leadership. I successfully received a study award to do this in 2015. Martin Hett will be acting principal in my stead with the support of Paula Bygrave and other syndicate leaders. We have a confirmed ERO visit in Term 2 on the 11th May for which I will be present. I wish to acknowledge the Board for their support.

We are currently making up classes for 2015 and these will be displayed online shortly. We have a number of new staff employed and this newsletter details some of the current goings on staffing wise. As many of you will be aware Miss Hannah Whittington and Mrs Melanie Bell have resigned their positions at MBS; one to travel overseas and the other to take up residence in Auckland. We are going to miss both of them who have offered outstanding service to our school.

We have employed Miss Kirsten Burr, who will be teaching in Room 11, Year 5/6 and have recently employed Mrs Ashlee Radovan an experienced teacher from Helensville who will be teaching in Year 3/4 and Miss Rebecca Low an experienced teacher from Hamilton who will be doing a full time position of release. Due to roll growth we are also looking for another Year One teacher who should be employed within the week. We are very fortunate to have an amazing location that is attracting effective teachers. This is an exciting time for us as our roll continues to grow and our numbers creep past the 350 mark.

Our school has recently had a fibre and wireless upgrade. This enables superfast broadband internet access across the entire school. As two of our Intermediate classes will be digital this will support our student's ability to work seamlessly with the internet and their learning. Parents who registered their interest in the digital class will have information sent out this week confirming their child's placement, who their teacher will be and what is required for 2015.

Toilets - We have been having issues with the toilets. Children are toileting inappropriately. Please discuss with your child the importance of toileting hygiene and the need to ensure that they use the toilet facilities correctly. If they come across an unclean toilet they need to inform a staff member.

Bus behaviour - Thank you to the students who travel on the buses each day and display the school's values. The school appreciates your maturity and thoughtfulness for other passengers and the driver. This is a reminder that on the bus there is no eating, standing, swearing or arguing. Any students who cannot follow the school's expectations will have to find alternative transport for a set period of time. Any queries please contact Mr Hett.

Early Arrivers - We have a number of children arriving at school before 8am. Please be aware that the school is not officially open until 8am. Teachers do not arrive until 8am and we do not want your children to be left unsupervised.

Parents please remember you can book a time to see your teacher about your child at any time after school by appointment. There should be no reason that you are not informed about your child's learning progress and achievement.

Educational Update

With the introduction of digital classes, Bring Your Own Devices and our recent fibre internet upgrade I thought it would be timely to share with you the Ministry of Education's new report called 'Future-focused Learning in Connected Communities'. This report details the priorities and recommendations to create confident, connected and lifelong learners in the 21st Century. There are going to be some profound challenges and opportunities for the education system over the next few years. Our young people need to be digitally competent, so they can participate successfully in a modern economy and society, support their families, and contribute to the wider community. Digital competencies are now a universal requirement. There is a growing body of research that shows that collaborating in regional networks in partnership with our communities produces better outcomes for students. With the access to the internet students are able to learn at their pace, in their time with greater access to knowledge than ever before. They are always connected be it by phone, tablet, or computer to a wealth of content and interactive tools. Over the next few newsletters I will discuss the impact this has on education, the pedagogical (teaching and learning) changes and how we can prepare ourselves for this fast moving, roller coaster ride.

Aaron Kemp, Principal

principal@mangawhaibeach.school.nz

Calendar Update:

11th Nov – Yr 7/8 technology at Rodney College
13th Nov – Speech Competitions @ 11.30am
18th Nov – Yr 7/8 technology at Rodney College
27th Nov – Mari Consultation Hui @ 4:00pm
1st Dec – BOT meeting @ 6:00pm
2nd Dec – Parent Helpers Morning Tea

Term Dates 2014:

TERM 4: October 13 – December 19
TERM 1 2015: February 3 – April 2
TERM 2 2015: April 20 – July 3
TERM 3 2015: July 20 – September 25
TERM 4 2015: October 12 – December 18

School Break Times

8.55am Period 1

10:00am Brain Break (sml snack)

11:00am Interval

11:30am Period 2

1:00pm Lunch

1:40pm Period 3

2:45pm End of School

Assembly days:

12:45pm Lunch

1:30pm Assembly

SCHOOL UNIFORM LOST AT HALLOWEEN PARTY – IF YOU HAVE, OR KNOW WHERE MADDISON JAMES'S UNIFORM MIGHT BE, PLEASE EITHER CONTACT THE SCHOOL OR DROP IT INTO LOST PROPERTY

Thursday 27th November @ 4pm

Maori Consultation Hui

To discuss issues regarding our Maori students and their achievements



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GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

AFTER3 Fun Factory. After school care is available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:45pm – 5:30pm. Cost is \$15 per session and an OSCAR subsidy is available. Casual and permanent placing's are available. Please see the office to enrol.

NEW MBS MOBILE NUMBER FOR TEXTING MESSAGES AND/OR ABSENCES IS: 0223957708. Please update accordingly.

Head Lice – If your child is constantly scratching their head, the cause could be head lice. Please check your child's hair weekly for head lice and treat for a minimum of three weeks if lice are found. Please also advise the classroom teacher so letters can be sent home to other families to try and stop reinfestations. Students are required to tie back long hair.

Beach FM 87.8 - The student led radio station will be blasting every lunchtime. Please remember to tune in and listen to our students read stories, play music and practice their DJing skills.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SWIMMING LESSONS

Mangawhai Beach School available again this year with the Ross Millar Swim School

Dec: 8th – 15th , 15th – 19th from 3pm
Jan: 5th – 9th , 12th – 16th , 19th – 23rd from 10am

\$55.00 (GST incl) per child, per 5 days
Please contact our office on 431-4328,
email rossmillarswim@xtra.co.nz or fill in the form on www.rmss.co.nz



Rodney College Yr8 Uniform Try-on Dates

Wednesday 29th October 3-6pm
Thursday 30th October 3-6pm
Saturday 1st November 9-12 noon

Cash, cheques or eftpos available

Pay half the total amount on the try on day with final payment due on collection dates 28th & 29th of January 2015 from 9-12 noon.

MANGAWHAI GOLF CLUB- JUNIOR GOLF

Looking for a summer sport?

Our Junior Program runs each Tuesday afternoon from 3.15 to 5.30pm during Term 4 and Term 1 of the school year beginning on the 21st October 2014.



NEW PLAYERS WELCOME.

BOYS AND GIRLS - 8 years and up (younger if accompanied by an adult)

Clubs provided. Mix of on course play and coaching.



Annual Membership, including coaching:

Kiwi Golf : \$60 - Tuesdays plus play anytime after 3pm
Full Junior subscription: \$95.00

To register or for more information go to our website <http://www.sportsground.co.nz/mangawhaigolf> or call Denise Stuart on 431 4023.



Otamatea Martial Arts KEMPO CLASSES

Mangawhai Recreation Centre
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Rodney College Netball Dates for 2015

- 3 Feb - Rodney College Netball AGM - 6pm (RC Staffroom) - *All new members are most welcome.*
- 14 Feb - Netball Trials 1 - Centennial Park - time TBC
- 22 Feb - Netball Trials 2 - Centennial Park - time TBC
- 24 Feb - Rodney College Netball Meeting - 6pm (RC Staffroom)
- 27 March/April - Friday night netball begins - TBC at Rodney Centre AGM

Remember to keep FITNESS levels up during the holidays and shooters, practice, practice, practice - as your shooting % at trials will strongly determine these positions

GET READY FOR SUMMER AND LEARN TO SWIM BLOCK COURSE

December 8th to December 12th
IN A HEATED INDOOR POOL IN TE HANA

AGES 4 AND OVER

PHONE INGRID 09 431 4303/021 111 9181

OR DELL 09 431 5591/ 021 0373 932

Otamatea Repertory Theatre Inc.
presents

The Wind in the Willows

by
Kenneth Grahame



Adaptation by Mike Carter
Produced with the permission of Maverick Musicals and Plays

Show Dates

Nov 21 and 28 @ 7.30pm
Nov 22, 23, 29 and 30 @ 2pm
At the theatre, Maungaturoto

Adults \$20

Gold card and group bookings \$18

School students \$5

Bookings at Tony's Lotto Shop, Maungaturoto or online at www.ort.org.nz



Commando Training Course for MBS Challenge

What have you got? **Ideas?**

Designs?

An action plan?

**We need you and your
Ideas**



**Help design (and later build) stations for a fitness trail around the MBS field.
Stations should suit ages 7 to Adult for fitness circuit training and fun.**

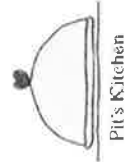
**The Challenge: To create 1, 2 or more designs with size,
costs and materials needed.**

Designs need to be safe and be user friendly

**\$50 prize to be won for the best action plan and
design**



See Mr Coker or phone MBS 431 4385 for more details



Friday Lunch Options from Pit's Kitchen

Name:

Room:

Qty

Friday November 7th, 2014

- Mixed Sushi (6 pieces = \$6), (8 pieces=\$8), (4 pieces =\$4)
- Pizza (Ham and cheese) per slice (\$3)
- Pizza (Teriyaki chicken) per slice (\$3)
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- Raspberry Chocolate Brownies (\$3)

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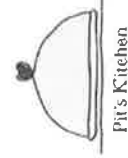
Friday November 28th, 2014

- Mixed Sushi (6 pieces = \$6), (8 pieces=\$8), (4 pieces =\$4)
- Pizza (Ham and cheese) per slice (\$3)
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Note:

- You can choose to order for the whole term; pay weekly, fortnightly or monthly ((txtpay pit to 5464) to pay or <https://www.txtpay.co.nz/VPos/VPos.aspx?merchant=Pit>)
- Gluten-free soy sauce for sushi is available on request.
- If ordering weekly, please place your order with the school by Thursday noon.
- List of ingredients is on Rainbow box in the office.

Due to health and safety regulations Lunches to be consumed no later than 2 pm. Please discard any leftover.



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