

MANGAWHAI BEACH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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Monday 24th November 2014

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

The last couple of weeks have been busy for both teachers and students as testing took place. Students in Years 3 - 8 have now completed all their standardised testing and formative testing with their teachers. The results from these tests are now being analysed and will be reported in your child's end of year report which will go out on the 12th of December. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher if you need any clarification around end of year reporting.

This week we have five students representing MBS at the Mangawhai-Wellsford Speech Competition which takes place on Wednesday 26 November, 10am at Wellsford. Hannah Nolan, Georgia Penjueli, Dylan Gayford, Emma Marwick and Brooklyn Wilson will travel to the competition and hopefully return with the speech trophy that Wellsford currently holds. These five students displayed fantastic oral language talent to win our school competition and we now wish them all the best at Wellsford. Feel free to come along and support them on the day.



On Thursday 27 November we have our Maori Consultation Hui at 4pm in the school staff room. Everyone is welcome to attend and bring their ideas on how the school can best continue to support Maori learners and Tikanga in our school. This year has seen MBS power ahead in terms of enhancing our practices around Te Reo teaching in classrooms, Maori protocol at our Powhiri's and the school Kapa Haka group's amazing performances. This has been made possible by the continued support of families and we are looking to continue this into 2015. If you are available please come along to the Hui and offer your ideas and support.



School photos will be happening this Thursday and Friday. Please check your child/s uniforms are clean and tidy. I also encourage you to name all items your children bring to school. Items and clothing can be misplaced and having a name on it does help items be returned to the right owner. If your child brings anything of value to the school it is best that they tell their teacher so it can be kept in a safe place.

Educational Update

As mentioned earlier we are having our Maori Consultation Hui on Thursday at 4pm. During the year we have many opportunities for all families to engage with the school and learn how the school operates and for us to gain feedback on what we are doing well and what we can improve on. We do this through surveys, information nights, parent workshops and student led conferences. Research shows that the more engagement school and home have, the better the educational outcomes for the student. Please take up any opportunity to talk with teachers if you need anything in regards to your child/s learning and wellbeing. At MBS we strive to meet all the needs of the children and with parent help we can continue to do this. The upcoming Maori Consultation is one of these opportunities so please take advantage of it.

Classes for 2015 – If your family is moving from the area next year and you know your children will not be attending MBS, please advise the school office so we can adjust the class lists accordingly.

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. **Leabourn Passenger Service are also looking into installing cameras on their buses – we will advise all bus travellers when this is to be implemented.**

Martin Hett, Deputy Principal
mhett@mangawhaibeach.school.nz



A student's new black shoes (VANS) went missing on Friday from around the area of room 12. If you have any information that will help return the shoes, please contact the school office.

GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

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.

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.

Toilets - We have been having issues with the toilets whereby 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.

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 you 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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS CLOSE 25TH NOVEMBER

B.Y.O.D 2015. Children who are bringing their own device to work on during school in 2015 should be aware that the device is for school learning only and the school's ICT agreement will be enforced. Your child is responsible for looking after the device and it should be covered under your contents insurance policy. The school will take no responsibility for any damage to any device.

Pirates of the Curry Bean

I have some great photos from the musical both group photos and on stage photos, thanks to Hira Wynyard and Anna Stockman. If you would like copies please email me and I will send you copies of photos with your child in them. pbygrave@mangawhaibeach.school.nz



Calendar Update:

26th Nov – Wellsford Speech Competition @ Wellsford 10am
27th Nov – Maori Consultation Hui @ 4.00pm
27th Nov – School Photos
28th Nov – School Photos
1st Dec – BOT Meeting @ 6.00pm
2nd Dec – Parent Helpers Morning Tea @ 10.30am
5th Dec – Wellsford Sports Exchange
10th Dec – Mufti/Bake Sale (Jnr Synd)

Term Dates:

TERM 4 2014: 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

Thursday 27th November @ 4pm

Maori Consultation Hui

To discuss issues regarding our Maori students and their achievements

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Thursday 30th October 3-6pm

Saturday 1st November 9-12 noon

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