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PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

Calendar Update:

24th Jul – Powhiri at 9:15am – all welcome
25th Jul – Footsteps starts \$12.50
25th Jul – Manual @ Rodney College for Yr 7/8's
26th Jul – Jnr Synd Cardio Drumming
1st Aug – Footsteps sessions
2nd Aug - Manual @ Rodney College for Yr 7/8's
3rd Aug – Room 7 to Butterfly Creek (\$30)
6th Aug – Book week starts
6th Aug – Parent Interviews 3-6pm
7th Aug – Parent Interviews 1-6pm
8th Aug – Footsteps session
8th Aug - Manual @ Rodney College for Yr 7/8's
9th Aug – BOOK CHARACTER PARADE
27th Aug - Mid Term Break

School Break Times

8.55am Period 1

10:00am Brain Break (sml snack)

11:00am Interval

11:30am Period 2

12:45pm - 1:20pm Lunch play

1:20pm - 1:30pm eat Lunch

1:30pm Period 3

2:45pm End of School

MBS Term Dates:

Term2: 30th Apr – 6th Jul

Term3: 23rd Jul – 28th Sep

Term4: 15th Oct – 18th Dec

**TUESDAY MORNING IS THE LAST DAY FOR FOOTSTEPS
PAYMENTS \$12:50 – deposit into acct 12-3094-0106669-01**

Welcome back everyone to another exciting term. I hope you all enjoyed your holiday break with your children and they are refreshed and ready for the new term. The teachers have some wonderful new learning for inquiry and I am sure a number of exciting trips planned. We have a Powhiri on Tuesday at 9:15am to welcome in all the new students to our school. All new parents to the school are welcome to attend. We will also hold a new parent meeting on Thursday 2nd August at 10:00am. If you are a new parent to MBS and have questions or would like to meet other new parents and the Deputy Principals of the school - please book at the office and we will see you there for an informal get together.

Our value of **Excellence** is one that does not just mean doing well in spelling tests or getting 10/10 in a times table test. It means being your best, looking your best and doing your best in all areas of school - reading, writing, art, sports and most of all in behaviour. Everyone's best is different. Our Excellence values rhyme says - *"Good, better, best; never let it rest; until your good is better and your better is your best."* It is important to recognise and celebrate every achievement that your child makes, be it the slightest little step or a huge leap. That way your child will be encouraged to try again to take another step towards their level of excellence. Never compare your child's progress against another - excellence is personal and done in different ways and rates of progress.



Gaming and the Impact on Students:

Pastoral care in our school is a growing need. We have many students who are coming to us with such a wide variety of concerns around their own wellbeing and that of their friends. We hold an open door policy and Senior Management and staff are always available to the students to talk to. When the need arises we refer them to agencies who can better support them and their families when dealing with anxiety and situations out of our school expertise.

One of the greatest causes of anxiety that we are currently encountering is caused by the game 'Fortnite'. This game is designed for aged 8-18 children and unfortunately we are seeing younger children 'playing' this game in the playgrounds and discussing how many others they have 'killed' after jumping out of the plane (one game scenario).

The impact on the older students is more concerning. The division between those that play and those that don't, the anxiety as students are ganging up (in the game) and targeting the same child over and over again. The tiredness of students as they 'game' until the early hours of the morning - unbeknownst to their parents much of the time.



On a positive note, unlike games similar to 'Call of Duty' which we know some of our students play, even though they are well underage, Fortnite has a lack of blood and gore and has a simpler cartoon quality. However the killing of one's friends at such a young age should be brought to question.

To see the game for myself I have been playing these holidays. As I signed up I noted that not once was I asked for my age. As a gamer for many years (I am that geek!) I tried to put myself in the shoes of a young child. Yes, I enjoyed the lower level graphics, they were so inviting, and for the first day I actually only encountered three other characters, however I soon found myself wondering as I axed someone to death and watched them simply disappear what impact that would have on them; have they lost yet again? As I shot someone with bullets, how many hours have they spent trying to get that far into the game? I have also found the 'chat' side very questionable - you may definitely wish to monitor this area of the game!

How often is your child playing the game? For how long? Have you played it yet to see what it is all about? (Emma Grieve - Deputy Principal)

Footsteps: We have the footsteps dance studio teaching dance in the school from weeks 1-5. This is an optional dance programme for our students and consists of five forty minute sessions at a cost of only \$12.50 per student. It is wonderful to be able to offer this programme at a small cost. If you would like your child to attend but are finding it difficult to fund please contact the school as we do have funds to support those in hardship.

Cardio drumming: Cardio drumming is on offer for all our junior students this term and also starts in week one. This is a fun fitness and drumming programme that helps with coordination and timing.

Mangrove removal: Depending on the weather, selected intermediate students will be supporting the removal of mangroves on the eastern side of the causeway at low tide. This is supporting our local community and the Harbour Restoration Society with the maintenance of mangrove growth on the causeway.

Book Week: Week 3, 6th -10th August is Book Week. This is a great week at MBS to celebrate literature. We have Mark Sommerset, author of 'Baa Baa Smart Sheep' and 'I Love Lemonade', coming in to discuss being an author with the students. Mark is a full time children's author and publisher who writes stories that make you laugh, think or dream. It is great to have an accomplished author at our school. Also during book week we have our scholastic book fair that you can view during parent interview times. These times are on Monday 6th August 3-6pm and Tuesday 7th August 1-6pm. School will finish early on Tuesday at 12:30pm with buses running from then. If you are unable to collect your child at this time please inform the office so that we can arrange some supervision. Our book character parade will be on Thursday 9th August at 9:00am in the Hall. Please dress up your child as their favourite book character - there will be prizes and certificates for the best dressed children.

Interviews: Interview dates are Monday 6th August 3pm - 6pm and Tuesday 7th August 1pm - 6pm. Please book online at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz with the code: **(r3xnt)**. Please note school will **close early on Tuesday at 12:30pm** with buses running then. If you are unable to support the school and collect your child please inform the office so that supervision can be arranged.

School Cross Country: Week three is a very full week and concludes with the school cross country at the domain on Friday 10th. More information will be available to parents shortly regarding the course and general running times. Please keep an eye on Seesaw and Facebook for more details.

From the ACE team: Aaron Kemp, Cherylene Neels and Emma Grieve

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF STUDENTS BEING DROPPED OFF AT SCHOOL TOO EARLY. PLEASE PARENTS – FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY REASONS CHILDREN ARE NOT TO BE DROPPED OFF BEFORE 8:00AM AS THEY CAN NOT BE SUPERVISED BEFORE THIS TIME.

Te Whai Trust - Parent Education Evenings

RAISING GREAT KIDS

A practical programme for parents of school age children / 6 sessions (1 per week) starting

Wednesday 1 August, 7 – 9pm

Cost: a koha would be appreciated - Bookings are essential as places are limited

Venue: St Johns Training Room, Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai

Facilitator: Celia Thompson - *School teacher, ex Life Education Trust, facilitator ACC's Mates & Dates programme*

Over 6 weekly sessions, this workshop will cover - Internet safety & awareness / Food & nutrition – with Lizzy of Oasis / Dealing with puberty / Helping kids study / Managing behaviours – with Parent to Parent organisation / Alcohol and drugs

Register by emailing Liz at tewhaitrust@gmail.com or text 021714543

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT – SUICIDE IN AOTEAROA

Why? Who? What can we do to prevent it? - An opportunity to start a discussion in our community

Thursday 9th August, 5.30pm – 7pm

Venue: St Johns Training Room, Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai

Cost: *Health Practitioners:* \$20 and certificate for Continuing Education credits

General public: A gold coin donation would be appreciated for the Te Waka Youth Services.

Facilitator: Melanie Torkington, BSW Hons, EMDR Therapist

Mel is a young local woman who has fought for some time to build up resources in the area to fill the gap for at risk youth. She is currently Founder and Manager of Te Waka Youth with a mission to remove situational barriers in achieving goals. Her specialisations include adolescent mental health and suicide prevention

Register by emailing name & contact details to Liz at tewhaitrust@gmail.com or text 021714543

GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING



In case of emergency: If a situation arises during the day that will change your child's home time routine, we can send a 'green note' to the classroom to advise your child of this change. **Please note this is not for everyday reminders.** Reaffirm after school arrangements with your child in the morning so reminders are not necessary and keep school arrangements consistent so as not to confuse your child.

School Uniforms: Uniform items are sold every Wednesday. You are welcome to come and try on if your child needs a bigger size or just purchase outright. If you would prefer to order and pay online, please send an email to office@mangawhaibeach.school.nz detailing the size, items required and pay directly into the school account (12-3094-0106669-01) with your child's name and 'uniform' as a reference. Garments will be sent home with your child.



Absences. Please advise the office before 9:30am if your child/children are not attending school on any given day. The Ministry of Education requires the reason for the absence. You can either leave a message on our answering service 09-431-4385 or text the school mobile 0223957708. ***YOU MUST CONTACT THE SCHOOL EACH DAY YOUR CHILD IS AWAY.***

School Buses. Buses are provided to take children to and from their home not to after school sports/arts or friend's houses for play dates. With more than 300 students to organise on buses in the afternoon, it is important that the office keeps an accurate check list of children riding the bus home in case of an accident or emergency. Please let the office know if your child is not on their normal bus in the afternoon **before 2:00pm.**

Visiting the School Grounds. If you are visiting the school for any reason you **MUST** log in first at the school office and obtain a visitors pass – this is a health and safety requirement.



No access for unauthorised persons



Recycle Mobile Phones. The school has a collection box for old mobile phones. Phones collected help our school gain valuable rewards and also the environment benefits by keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances. Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have in the collection box in the office.

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Yummy sticker sheets are available from the school office. Please call in and pick some up and get sticking!

MBS Ag day—Labour weekend 2018



Expressions of interest for Goat kids

Last year we introduced kids to our annual Ag day event and we are now looking for expressions of interest for goat kids for this year.

As there are a number of associated costs involved from our end with judging/ribbons etc we do require definite confirmation of numbers to proceed with showing kids this year. Pending numbers if we have enough we will then go ahead with showing kids again this year.

Goats are amazing loyal pets not to mention cute and easy to train. So if you or someone you know from MBS are interested in raising a kid for Ag day this year please let us know asap.

Please note you are responsible to source your kids.

Please email expressions of interest to Abby at the following: aganimals@mangawhaibeach.school.nz



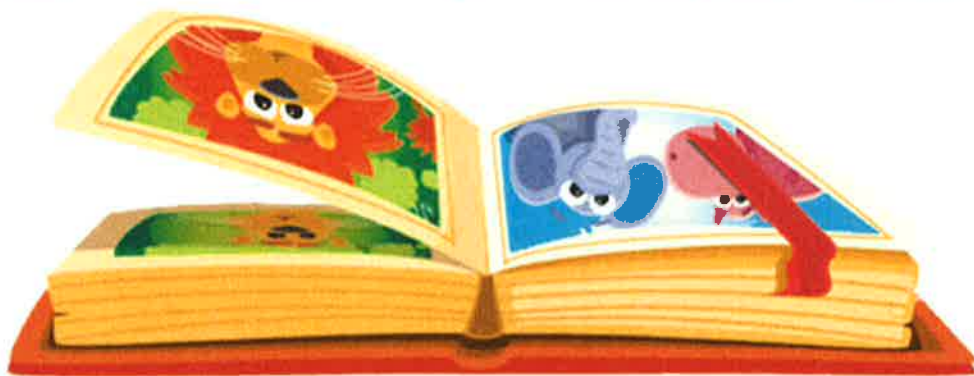
Frankie from Footsteps

Celebrate Children's
BOOK WEEK



STARTING MONDAY 6TH AUGUST

**BOOK CHARACTER
PARADE**



THURSDAY 9th AUGUST AT 9:00AM

COMMUNITY NOTICES



WINTER SERIES

1.30-3.30pm

For Mums and Others!

Be Creative or just ENJOY!

22ND JULY DEMO DAY

Ikebana demonstration
with Barbara Hockenhill

29TH JULY CRAFT DAY

Plaster Hearts: Make & Decorate
with Chrissy Wilson

5TH AUGUST DEMO DAY

Image Coach –Clothes and makeover!
With Jan Fisher

12 AUGUST CRAFT DAY

Floral Tussie Mussie-Make your own!
With Mary Anne Boyd

19TH AUGUST: CRAFT DAY

Charcoal and pastel drawing
with Wendy Clifford.

26TH AUGUST CRAFT DAY

Card making with Marion Naish

\$25 per session with afternoon tea

Bookings online or at the museum

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