

MANGAWHAI BEACH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

Calendar Update:

2nd May – Powhiri at 9:15am
3rd May – Technology for Yr 7/8 at Rodney College
5th May – Young Ocean Explorers visit – gold coin donation
10th May – Yr 7/8 Ripa Rugby
10th May – Technology for Yr 7/8 at Rodney College
11th May – FOMBS AGM
11th May – Rms 1 & 2 Goat Island trip
12th May – Middle Syndicate Assembly
15th May – BOT Meeting @ 6:30pm
16th May – Noho Marae
17th May – New Entrant Field Trip to worm farm
19th May – Junior Syndicate Assembly

2017 MBS TERM DATES

Term2: 1st May – 7th Jul
Term3: 24th Jul – 29th Sep
Term4: 16th Oct – 15th Dec

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

Welcome back to Term 2. We have another exciting term planned for our students and parent community so please keep your calendars updated with the information enclosed. Please remember that all of the information you require is on our Facebook page and in our newsletters. If you are still unsure contact us directly via email (office@mangawhaibeach.school.nz), through Seesaw with your teacher, or speak to the office or teaching staff directly. We have twenty one new students enrolling today within all areas of the school. We will welcome all of our new teachers and students at a **Powhiri** tomorrow at **9:15am**. New parents, you are welcome to be a part of the Powhiri, along with your children. We will finish this cultural celebration with a short morning tea in the school staffroom.

ANZAC Day - A big THANK YOU to all the staff and students who attended the ANZAC day parade at Hakaru on the 25th April. Our student leaders Mackenzie Glover and Abbie Tornquist had the privilege of laying the school wreath. It was great to see so many leaders and students present.

Health and Wellbeing Survey - On our Facebook and website we have placed a link to the school Health and Wellbeing Survey which we would like our parents to complete. This is a short survey that gives us information on what areas you think are important for us, as a school community, to focus on.

Whanau Lunches - At a recent FOMBS meeting I was asked about whanau lunches. As I was explaining what whanau lunches were I thought that there may be a number of our parents who don't know what they are about, so I have added some information here. Whanau lunches are a time for our students to sit with other students at differing age levels in their school house groups and have lunch together. The teachers also join their respective houses and eat with the children. It is a way of displaying tuakana teina (relationships) across our school learning levels.

Teacher Professional Development - Our teachers had professional development over the holidays in literacy, particularly aimed at our students with learning difficulties, including dyslexia. Key implications for teaching emphasised the need to have our students practice and develop word analysis strategies through speed reading exercises, sight vocabulary, and targeted reading practice geared at developing reading fluency.

An interesting factor that was shared by Ros Lugg (Learning Staircase) was that an 'average' student can see a word 4-10 times and remember it. The same word may take a struggling learner up to 500 - 1300 times before they remember it. Learners that are struggling require repetition to assist with long term memory. This can be achieved through focused learning strategies, learning games, computer programmes and regular revision and support from home. This is why reading at home and talking with your children about the meaning of words is extremely important. I am glad to report that all of the techniques that were presented to the staff are already well catered for in our school.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO REGAN AT ORANG OTANG TREE TRIMMERS FOR DONATING ALL THE MULCH FOR OUR GARDEN – AWESOME!!



Aaron Kemp
Principal

**Have you looked at our EVENTS tab on Facebook?
Check in for upcoming events!**

The Incredible Years® is a highly successful parent programme provided to families around New Zealand. This programme involves parents attending fun interactive weekly group sessions. We know parenting can be challenging at times and some support can make a big difference! The



sessions are run over a few weeks and involve plenty of time to discuss and practice new ways to manage children's challenging behaviour, get ideas for growing positive social skills in children, and find ways to enhance relationships in families.

Eileen Turner from the Ministry will be coming to Mangawhai Beach School in July. ***The course is open to the whole community and surrounding area.*** If you are keen to participate please register your interest with Emma Grieve at Mangawhai Beach School egrieve@mangawhaibeach.school.nz

GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

Absences. Children not attending school must be reported to the school office before **9.30am with 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. With over 300 students to organise on buses in the afternoon, it is imperative that the office keeps an accurate check list of children riding the bus home in the afternoon 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 need to first log in at the school office and obtain a visitors pass – this is a health and safety requirement.



**No
unauthorised
entry**

Home-time Changes (green notes). If an **EMERGENCY SITUATION** arises during the day and you need to get a message to your child, the office can send a green note with the afternoon messages to let the child know what the change of plan is.

Lost Property. Check lost property on a regular basis for any missing items. At the end of the term any unclaimed items will be given to the St John's Op Shop or sold on the second hand uniform rack as a donation to the school.

Recycle Mobile Phones. There is a drop box in the school office for old mobile phones. Please put your old mobiles in here and not in the rubbish where they end up as land fill.

Mangawhai Beach Primary is having a photography competition to celebrate World Environment Day (5th June). The international theme of this day and of our school photography competition is 'Connecting People to Nature' - or in kids speak "I'm with nature".

This theme invites our children to think about how we are part of nature and how intimately we depend on it. It challenges us to find fun and exciting ways to experience and cherish this vital relationship and express their love of nature.

The MBS competition will be divided into junior, middle and senior school categories and will be judged on the 1st of June.

It is ok if students use filters or Photoshop their original (taken by them) photos, however, this does not mean they will be in a better position in the competition.

We are very lucky to have Jonny Davis (a local photographer) judge our competition - ionnydavis.com

Happy clicking...

On the 1st of June our school is going to celebrate World Environment Day (5th June) by having a mufti day (no cost) where children are encouraged to wear clothes from 2nd hand shops or hand-me-downs or clothing that they have upcycled (breathing new life into unwanted clothes).

This theme is to highlight the impact of 'throwaway threads' or 'fast fashion'. This also fits in with the Waste / Globalisation that some of you are doing as your Inquiry.



Some quick facts (also linked below):

- Clothes are the second largest source of pollution after oil
- Ministry for the Environment figures show 100 million kilos of textile waste is thrown into the country's rubbish dumps yearly. That's the equivalent of every person in New Zealand chucking about 145 medium-sized men's T-shirts a year.
- Microfibres are responsible for 85% of global shoreline pollution

Textile Rubbish:

<https://www.facebook.com/opposingviews/videos/vb.34226391050/10154239561061051/?type=2&theater>

Throwaway Threads:

<http://thewireless.co.nz/themes/impact/the-impact-of-throwaway-threads>

The problem with microfibres:

<https://www.facebook.com/1MillionWomen/videos/vb.211657000392/10158821680790393/?type=2&theater>

NZ Statistics - Waste:

http://www.stats.govt.nz/browse_for_stats/snapshots-of-nz/Measuring-NZ-progress-sustainable-dev-%20approach/sustainable-development/waste.aspx

Do your kids want to learn how to code?

I'm setting up a FREE coding club for year 5, 6, 7 & 8 kids and I'm calling for registrations now.

Club Code will meet every week during term on Wednesday, 5.30 to 7pm at Mangawhai Beach School, commencing 31st May 2017.

The kids will follow a curriculum that caters to their individual coding level. Each week they will be given a new assignment which will build on different programming skills, such as sequencing and repetition, variables, selection, boolean operators and finally data structures and functions. Pat Bray is our expert code tutor, along with Hamish Judson, club mentor.



However, Club code isn't simply about learning programming skills. We're going to incorporate group projects into the curriculum, where kids will develop competencies that are vital in today's business environment; such as problem solving, computational thinking, planning, designing and collaboration skills. Our two competency tutors, Honor Stratton and Jo Lee, will design and facilitate especially themed group modules, in conjunction with the coding tutors.

Because Mangawhai Club Code is 100% run by volunteers, we need the parents/caregivers of kid coders to get involved in roles such as organising, scheduling, internal communications, photocopying tutorials, keeping records, management of resources, advertising, security, logistics etc. I want spread the workload thin and wide, so the club is sustainable in the long term. If you have coding skills (any level) and are interested in being a tutor (or support tutor), please email me Corinne@cxco.co.nz

If your kid/s want to join Club Code, please email clubcodenz@gmail.com and we'll send you a registration form. Club numbers are limited.

F O M B S
Friends of Mangawhai Beach School
Annual General Meeting
Thurs 11th May 2017 @ 7.30pm
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8 - 12 years at 4pm

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