

MANGAWHAI BEACH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

The Mangawhai sports teams had a fantastic time at Wellsford competing in a range of sporting events from Cricket to Dodge Ball. A big THANKS to Lance and his supporting team with the organisation and coaching. We are not having the best year competing against Wellsford and now the tally stands at 1 - 1 as Wellsford took the summer sports competition. The children had a great time and we were proud of their behaviour and efforts.



We are currently organising the strategic direction for the school, budgets, staffing and child placements for 2014. To find out more about these and other events for 2014, MBS will be holding a parent information evening on Wednesday 11th December at 7pm to inform you. Class lists for 2014 will be out on or around this date.

We are pleased to announce the employment of Anna Stockman to the Year 7/8 Syndicate Leader position for 2014. Anna is currently a Year 8 teacher at Mount Maunganui Intermediate. She will add to the already fabulous staff at Mangawhai Beach. Anna is skilled at supporting the emerging adolescent having worked with Year 8 students for more than six years. She is skilled in Sport and Maori and is an effective classroom teacher. The Board of Trustees would also like to congratulate the following fixed term staff who have acquired a permanent position at MBS. Congratulations to Jaimee Fletcher, Susan Butler, Mel Bell and Sonya Smith. We are also very fortunate to retain the teaching services of Hannah Whittington for 2014.

The school is growing and we are now at our highest roll ever. I seem to say this every year but it is important that you let us know if you will not be returning in 2014 so that we can make up our classes accurately. Also if you have not yet enrolled your new entrant for 2014 it is important that you inform the office of your intention to do so.

A reminder that this week's cakes and goodies are to be provided by the Junior School for Wednesday's Bake and Mufti Day. Thank you to all our Junior parents for your support of our fundraising ventures.



Educational Update.

I attended a very interesting meeting on Friday in Kerikeri about the introduction of a Ministry of Education tool to assist with the making of overall teacher judgements (OTJ's). These are the judgements about whether your children are well below, below, at or above the National Standards. The tool is called PACT which stands for Progress and Consistency Tool. The PaCT provides teachers with a framework that they can use to scaffold their judgment making process. Once the judgments are made, PaCT will provide clear and robust reports about the progress and achievement of one student or a group of students. From this definition it makes good sense to add this to our already extensive range of assessment tools however as the meeting progressed there were some growing issues surrounding this tool. I listened to the Ministry present how this tool would add to our ability to make clearer more concise judgements and then to Professor Lester Flockton who argued that the tool would just add to a teacher's already over assessed judgements. Over the next few newsletters I will raise some of these issues and hope to give you an educational perspective on the PACT tools purpose.



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For those parents that have made regular payments towards their school accounts - a big THANK YOU for paying these off (or nearly) by the 1st of November. For the rest of the families, your combined debt still owed is \$8,900. If you can't pay your donation, that is fine, it is a voluntary contribution, however consumables is not a donation and we take this to help cover the cost of colour printing, photocopying and additional arts and crafts for the classrooms. Our fee and donation structure is more than reasonable compared with other schools. Please pay any outstanding debt at the office immediately.



Aaron Kemp, Principal
principal@mangawhaibeach.school.nz

Calendar Update	School Break Times
25 Nov - Let's Cook	8:55am School begins
27 Nov - Bake Sale / Mufti Day \$2	10:00am Brain break (snack time)
29 Nov - Junior Assembly (1.40pm)	11:00am Morning break
4 Dec - Athletics	11:30am Morning break ends
11 Dec - Parent Information Evening 7pm (2014)	12:45pm Lunch break
18 Dec - Year 8 Graduation Dinner	1:30pm Lunch end
19 Dec - Last Day of School Assembly (11:00am)	2:45pm School ends

GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

MySchool Stationery Orders for 2014 - Online ordering of class stationery for 2014 will be available from 11th of December. For new families to the school, you have the choice of printing the class stationery list off and purchasing yourself or ordering from OfficeMax and having your order delivered before school starts. If you don't have a computer at home, one will be made available for you to use here at school – just bring your credit card. Thank you to the families that take advantage of this service, as the school receives a rebate which we use for classroom resources.

THERE WILL BE NO STATIONERY OR UNIFORM SALES FROM MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER SO WE CAN PERFORM OUR END OF YEAR STOCKTAKES.

It is important when parents/caregivers are leaving a message with the school about an absence that a REASON is given for the absence. If the office receives a message that a child is "away today" and no reason is offered, the office has to mark that child down as truant as no valid reason was given. We are required to assign a code to an absence from school so please be aware of this when you leave your message and state a REASON for the absence so the correct code can be assigned when your child is away from school.

Any Year 8 students leaving MBS and not handing their uniform down to younger siblings, should consider selling their uniform as second hand. If you are interested, please label the garment with the price and contact phone number and leave at the school office.

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Beach FM 87.8 - The student lead radio station has been blasting every lunchtime over the last four weeks. Please remember to tune in and listen to our students read stories, play music and practice their DJing skills.

MBS has a cell phone available for you to text in your children's notices or absences. The number is 0220146932

After School Care (After3) - is available at the school three days per week - Tuesday to Thursday. The cost for a session from 2:45pm - 5:30pm is \$15.00. Enrolment forms are available from the school office.

UNNAMED, UNCLAIMED, BOOK ORDER: We are currently holding a book club order which has no name and hasn't been claimed. The order was paid for by cash plus tokens. If you think this order belongs to you, please come to the office to identify the item.

Anybody interested in a casual cleaning job at the school should apply in writing to our Principal, Aaron Kemp. This position will be on an 'as required basis' to fill in for staff sickness or annual leave.

Summer FUN



Please register your interest for a proposed "Summer Fun" MBS Holiday programme to be held on week 4 and/or week 5 (20-31 January) between 9:00am-5:00pm. OSCAR funding is available and applications need to be in before the programme commences. Please pick up forms for this service from Jaki or Jen at After3 (room 9).

FOMBS

Friends of Mangawhai Beach School

Bake Sale

The Junior Syndicate Bake Sale will be on 27th November. Bring \$2 for some yummy baking and mufti day.



Next FOMBS meeting to be held in the Mangawhai Beach School Boardroom

Thursday 12th December. All welcome to come along.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Starting in November - the first Tuesday of each month - at Sail Rock Cafe - come along and sing or play an instrument - join with others - listen and support - good times - great food! Only \$2 entry on the door.

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December: Tue 10th - Fri 13th and Tues 17th - Fri 20th. (8 days) \$88.00. Lessons from 3.10pm

January: Mon 6th - Fri 10th. Mon 13th - Fri 17th. Mon 20th - Fri 24th. Costs: 1 week (5 days) \$55.00, 2 weeks (10 days) \$110.00, 3 weeks (15 days) \$165.00 Lessons from 10am.

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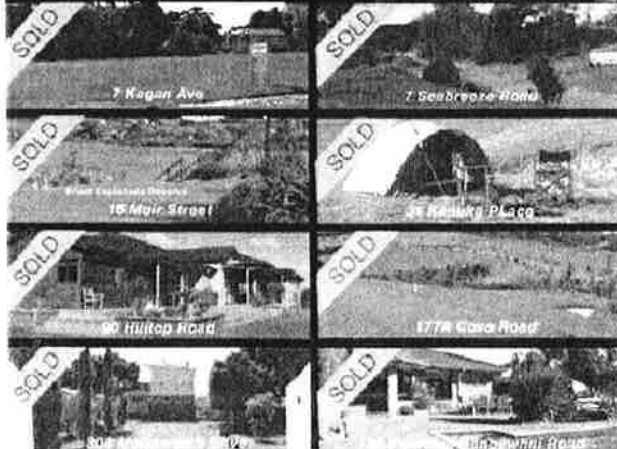
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