

MANGAWHAI BEACH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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ACTING PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

I hope you and all your families had a restful break and are ready for 2015. All the staff here at MBS are ready for another busy year and are excited for the return of our students. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome some new staff to the school. We welcome Michelle Dempsey who will be teaching our year 1 and 2 students in room 3. In the middle syndicate Ashlee Radovan will be teaching years 3 and 4 in room 7. Kirsten Burr is in room 11 and will be teaching year 5 and 6. If you have a child in their room please take the opportunities provided to meet them and discuss your child's education. We have also employed Rebecca Low who will be working throughout the school releasing teachers.

This year we also welcome three new Learning Support Teachers to the staff who will be supporting learners in syndicates. They are Mariska Glover, Katie Brooks and Gabbie Spiro. We have also employed Inez MacWhinnie to provide an enrichment programme for selected students in years 5-8. We look forward to their valuable contributions. Sports Development will continue this year under the guidance of Hira Wynyard for selected students from years 5-8. We also welcome back to the school Natalie Epsom, Rachel Heke and Honor Stratton who will be assisting with release throughout the year levels.

We started the year with interviews so you all had the chance to meet your child's teacher, set some academic goals and start building the home-school relationship from day one. Having positive, honest and open communication between home and school is one key factor to your child's successful education. If you were unable to make an interview please make contact with your child's teacher soon to set an interview time. As always, you are more than welcome to meet with teachers any time during the year.

The start of the year sees many students return to school with new uniforms, stationery and other items. Please name all the items as this often helps with speedy recovery when lost. Classes will be swimming this term so also remember to name togs and caps and all clothing.

Please remember to pay for Maths Whizz and Reading Eggs at the school office which are both valuable computer based programmes that are used extensively in the classroom. If you are in financial difficulty please do not hesitate to contact me and we will endeavour to help out best we can.

Leabourn's Bus service is once again providing transport for our students to and from school. All students riding buses attended a meeting where the expectations were explained for a safe journey. Any children not following the expectations will be removed from the bus service. Children are allowed to listen to iPods or use their devices as long as they are not taking photos of other students. The school does not accept any responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged devices.

Please keep an eye out for important dates and events coming up in the term and ensure your child is prepared for them. We have athletics, triathlon and swimming days coming up and all students require clothes and togs etc. If children forget items we are unable to let them phone home as our office staff are busy with administrative tasks and visitors. Students will only be allowed to phone home if it is an emergency.

Once again, welcome back to the school year and all the best for 2015.

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

FOMBs meeting on the 9th Feb at 3.00 in the Boardroom – any new volunteers are warmly invited to attend as fundraising is an important part of our school

GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

Visiting the School Grounds. If you are visiting the school for any reason you need to first sign in at the school office and obtain a visitors pass.

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 with our answering service or text the school mobile: 0223957708.

Early Arrivers 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 before this time.

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.

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.

If you have any questions regarding what is going on in the school please check our online calendar, website or facebook page before contacting the school office. We will endeavour to post updates as they happen to ensure immediate notification.

www.mangawhaibeach.school.nz

www.facebook.com/mangawhaibeach

Calendar Update:

6th Feb – Waitangi Day (school closed)
19th Feb – New Parent meeting 10am in the staffroom
20th Feb – Assembly at 1:30pm
23rd Feb – BOT Meeting
26th Feb – Swimming Sports

Term Dates 2015

February 4 – April 2
April 20 – July 3
July 20 – September 25
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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Junior Tennis Coaching will commence first Friday of Term One. Any enquiries please call Deanna on 4314-910

Kempo Classes

Wellsford on Tues (from Feb 3rd) Ages 5-9 yrs 3:15 pm
10-15 yrs 4:15 pm 16+ 5:30 pm

Kaiwaka on Wed (from Feb 4th) Ages 5-9 yrs 3:15 pm
10-15 yrs 4:15 pm 16+ 5:30 pm

Mangawhai on Sat (from Feb 7th) 12 & under: 9.30 am
Teens/adults 10.30 am

For staff and parents we also do regular adult Meditation and Tai Chi classes in Kaiwaka on Wednesday & Sunday mornings, and Waipu on a Wednesday morning - from \$5 per class. Email: otamateakempo@smiles.co.nz for more information



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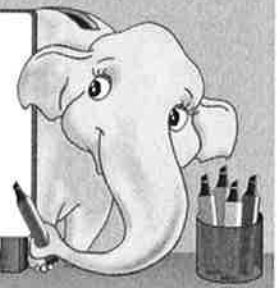
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ATTENTION: Hockey players Year 0-6

Funsticks Year 0-2, 8.30am sat - Funsticks is hockey with plastic sticks and the sessions are a mix of skills and a games.

Year 2-6, Games either in a junior or senior division. Contact Sandra at below contact for an information sheet and registration form. Games are played in school teams, so either starting a team from your school, or combining with another local school to form a team, or joining an established team with another school.

Games commence 2nd term, at the brand new hockey turf at the A&P showgrounds, on Saturday mornings.

**Hockey Committee Meeting
tuesday 24th February at the
Rugby Clubrooms A&P
showgrounds. Everyone
welcome.**

For further information contact the MJHC secretary
Sandra at sandratom@xtra.co.nz ph 4227519

MOUNTAIN BIKE MONDAY'S TERM 1

Starting 9th of Feb for the full term

3:15 - 4:15pm 5 - 7 year olds

4:15 - 5:15pm 8 - 13 year olds

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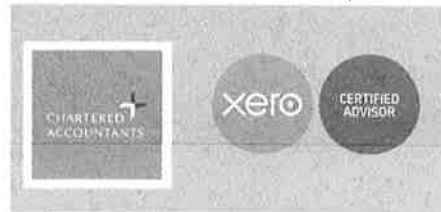
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