

MANGAWHAI BEACH SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



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# Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016

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## PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

Week 6 and another full on week of learning and experiences ahead of us. Aaron and I have been doing observations in classrooms and seen lots of focused learning and great class cultures being established. I would like to remind you that if you have any concerns around your child and their learning or behaviour please talk to your child's teacher. They are your first point of call and then if you need to you can speak to Aaron or myself. I would also like you to take special note of the section on 'After school' in this newsletter. We have 385 students now and we need to make sure they are all safe after school and get to the right places. They do not need extra distractions of parents in the playground calling out to their children. We need to streamline the end of day procedures and we do need you all to take note of this and help. This is especially important if we had to deal with an emergency at the end of the day.



**Reporting: Parent Information Evening:** This is a very important meeting and I hope you have all been keeping this date free so that you can attend. This Thursday at 7pm in the Library we are having a meeting to explain to you how we will be reporting to you on your child's progress this year. We are very excited about the tool we are using and I am sure you are all going to love it. I have had the privilege of already previewing some of your children's postings and videos and they are just awesome. It is all about you having access to your child's learning in real time. You can see their progress, talk to them about their learning and they can share it with you. I think it will be a very powerful learning tool as well as a great way for you to be kept informed of the work your child is doing. So please come along as this does affect everyone and we need you to be informed correctly.

**Board of Trustees:** May 18<sup>th</sup> is when the Board elections will take place. As far as I know there is only one current parent representative who will be standing for re-election. So here is some info for you on the role of a school board and the trustees.

*First and foremost a board is accountable for student progress and achievement to its parents, community and the Crown. The board has the overall responsibility and accountability for the school or kura. The legal responsibilities of boards of trustees are determined by the Education Act of 1989. Section 75 of the Act outlines the functions and powers of boards. Some specific things that boards do are:*

- 1. Set the strategic direction and long term plans for the school in consultation with the schools community.*
- 2. Monitor the boards progress against the charter goals and targets*
- 3. Monitor and evaluate student progress and achievement*
- 4. Oversee the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum, and administration.*
- 5. Ensure that government priorities are met*
- 6. Fulfil the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.*
- 7. Appoint and support the principal and assess their performance.*
- 8. Act as good employers to all staff at the school.*



**Gardens-** The students are preparing their gardens again and need some compost. If you are able to help with acquiring some compost for the children could you please contact the office, thank you.

**Illness:** It is vital that if your child is unwell you keep them at home. It is not fair on other children and teachers if you send your child to school when you know they are not well and they spread their bugs. I know parents don't like their child having relievers because of staff sickness so please be considerate. If all the adults in your house work then you do need to have a plan for when your child is sick so they can be looked after away from school.



**Registered Teacher Criteria:** The ninth registered teacher criteria is:

<p>9) respond effectively to the diverse language and cultural experiences, and the varied strengths, interests and needs of individuals and groups of ākonga</p>	<p>i. demonstrate knowledge and understanding of social and cultural influences on learning, by working effectively in the bicultural and multicultural contexts of learning in Aotearoa New Zealand</p> <p>ii. select teaching approaches, resources, technologies and learning and assessment activities that are inclusive and effective for diverse ākonga</p> <p>iii. modify teaching approaches to address the needs of individuals and groups of ākonga</p>
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**After school:** This needs some thought please. There are three places students go at the end of the day. Bus students are out the front of the school, Bus One, Two and Three children get onto their buses straight away and wait for the teacher to call their names. Bus Four and Five students wait on the deck outside the junior classrooms. Students who are walking or biking wait on the front court over by the break in the fence line and students who are being picked up go into the gym and wait for their adult. The car park is getting very congested and busy at the end of the day. We need your help with this please as safety is our priority. The 'drop off zone' for the morning is not a 'drive through' pick up zone in the afternoon. You need to park your car, **collect your children from inside the gym**, and supervise them back to your vehicle. Now it is lovely that you all catch up with each other and have chats but this can also be a hazard as children start to mingle around the doorway of the gym and out into the car park. **Once again - when the final bell for school goes please make your way into the gym to collect your child. Do not wait under the trees or mingle around the front court after the bell has gone to try and grab your child. This is for the safety of ALL children. This is an important school procedure which we need you to follow.**



**Bugs-** I saw on the TV that the weather has been great for bugs and head lice are no exception unfortunately so please start the weekly checking again of your children's hair. All long hair must be tied up - girls and boys please and if you are having trouble with head lice please let us know and we can direct you to some help. If live head lice and/or eggs are found on your child's head you will be asked to pick them up from school and treat them.

**Man's Best Friend:** Hi all you dog owners and yes I am one too. I know you all love your pooches but please do not bring them onto the school grounds. We have children who have allergies and none of us want our children standing in waste material created by our four legged friends. This is a health and safety issue for us so please leave them in your car or at home when you need to attend school.



**Triathlon:** This is happening tomorrow, starting at 1pm at school. It is all about fun and participation. We would love to see you all down here to support the kids. If your child does not have a bike then they just do a biathlon - swim and run. Ice blocks at the end are always a good incentive. If you are dropping their wheels off the junior bikes get placed on the front court by the concrete block wall. The Middle, Senior and Intermediate bikes get placed around by the music room and the start of the hard courts.



**Do you know what a Whio is?-** Well, it is the blue duck and it is rarer than the kiwi. March is Whio Awareness month. The Whio is the bird on the NZ \$10 note. To find out more about this bird you can visit the website [Whioforever.co.nz](http://Whioforever.co.nz)

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Paula Bygrave – Deputy Principal

### Ethan's Pop-up Cafe:

Ethan Gowland (Room 6) will be opening a pop up cafe on Wednesday 9th March. The money raised will go towards the Middle School Syndicate trip next week. Ethan is "road testing" his products as part of his plan to open a food stall at the Sunday Market. He will be selling Marshmallow Cheesecake, Russian Fudge, Chocolate Chip Cookies and Vanilla Cupcakes. The cafe will be open to middle school students only on a "first-in-first-served" basis (once the food is sold, that's it!). Items will be priced from \$1. Please bring coins only as there will not be a float to give change.

### Calendar Update:

8<sup>th</sup> Mar – School Triathlon starting at 1pm  
 10<sup>th</sup> Mar – Seesaw Parent Info Evening @ 7pm  
 16<sup>th</sup> Mar – FOMBS Meeting @ 7:30pm – staffroom  
 16<sup>th</sup> Mar – Mufti Day/Bake Sale (Jnr Synd)  
 17<sup>th</sup> Mar – Rippa Rugby Yr7-8  
 18<sup>th</sup> Mar – Assembly @ 1:45pm – all welcome  
 25<sup>th</sup> Mar – Good Friday – school closed  
 28<sup>th</sup> Mar – Easter Monday – school closed  
 29<sup>th</sup> Mar – Easter Tuesday – school closed

### 2016 MBS TERM DATES

Term1: Thu 4 Feb – Thu 14 Apr  
 Term2: Mon 2 May – Fri 8 Jul  
 Term3: Mon 25 Jul – Fri 23 Sep  
 Term4: Mon 10 Oct – Fri 16 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

## GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

**Hardship Grant:** If you are a family that is having trouble paying for your child's schooling i.e. Math Whizz, Reading Eggs and Camp, the school does have a hardship grant which you can apply for. Please also note that the school does take regular automatic payments so the cost of schooling can be spread over the year.

**MOVED HOUSE DURING THE HOLIDAYS?** Please advise the school office of your new contact details so we can get hold of you in an emergency situation.



**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.

**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 is happening.

**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.

**School Buses.** Buses are provided to take children to and from their home. It is imperative that the school keeps a 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.



**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.

### Thursday Lunch/Snack Tuck Shop Menu



Name: .....

Room: .....

#### Brain break/morning tea box (orders in by Wednesday)

Tick

- 1) Fruit, muffin, popcorn (muffins are home-made with no preservative and less sugar, popcorn is home-made with just olive oil and salt) \$3
- 2) Carrot sticks with hummus, muffin, popcorn (hummus is home-made with no preservative) \$3

#### Lunch Menu options (Orders in by Thursday)

Tick

- 1) Mixed sushi (sushi is made on the day with home-made sushi vinegar) \$4 or \$6
- 2) Preservative-free pies from (mince + cheese) \$4.50
- 3) Nice Blocks (apple/mango, orange/tangelo, chocolate, lemonade, vanilla, raspberry, feijoa, cola) \$3 (flavors dependent on availability) Nice blocks products are organic and dairy free with no refined sugar added
- 4) Less sugar mini brownie (\$1.50 or \$3)

**Note: Please place your order at the office by Wednesday for brain break/ morning tea box and by Thursday for lunch with Pit (021 988715 or pchatsam@gmail.com) Check lunch special announcement on [www.facebook.com/pitskitchen](http://www.facebook.com/pitskitchen) or on school Facebook page**

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## **MANGAWHAI AFTER 3**

*Fun Factory After School Care*

For enrolments and bookings contact:

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Jaki: 021-183-7898 ([jakidoll@hotmail.com](mailto:jakidoll@hotmail.com))



## **HOME WANTED**

These lovely two female tabbies are looking for a loving home – they would be perfect for someone who is a total cat lover – no dogs!

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09 4318318





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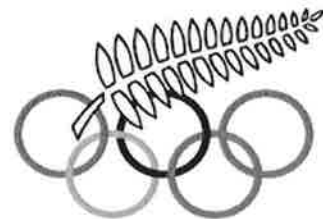
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For every home loan drawn down, the school can earn credits to spend on items from the ANZ Awards Centre, such as sports equipment or computers.

If you would like to support Mangawhai Beach School and take the opportunity to talk to a Home Loan Specialist about tailoring a home loan solution that's suited to your needs, and to help you achieve your future financial goals, please contact your Local Mangawhai Home Loan Specialist, Charlene Morrison, ANZ Warkworth North Branch, on 09 4250608.

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