

MANGAWHAI BEACH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Soapbox

Welcome back to one of the best school's in Northland. We have once again started the year with a higher than expected roll of 316 children, which is both exciting and challenging, and have been working with the teaching staff to develop new and exciting programmes. We welcome back all our new and existing families and look forward to working with you on improving the education of your children. It is going to be an incredible year with new and exciting events and activities.

This year we will be offering a high achievers group on Friday middle block which will be selected via a set criteria. In term one this group will be focusing on computers and building QR coding stations around the school. Teachers will be selecting students from the intermediate and senior classes to attend. If you would like more information on this please contact me. We will also be offering a Sporting Academy taken by Mr Hira Wynyard on Friday afternoons. We are presently establishing the criteria for selection into this academy and students from Years 5-8 can be nominated by parents and teachers. More information in relation to this will be available next week. Our senior school are off on camp on Tuesday 12th February and we wish Lance, Andie and Susan all the best at Lonsdale Park.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS - Please ensure that all of your children's uniform is named. We will be talking to all the children in week two to confirm that every item is named. If it is not we will be naming the uniform for you. We are doing this because we had over 200 items left in our lost property box last year. We noticed last year that a number of shirts were marked, torn and unclean. For your child to feel good about their uniform it is important that their uniform is clean and tidy. Thank you for your attention to this. Please also be aware that we do have a second hand uniform shop at school.

NEW PARENTS MEETING - If you are new to our school we welcome you to an informal gathering on **Thursday 14th February at 10:00am** in the staffroom to meet the senior management and discuss any concerns or gather information that you may require. This is also a chance for our new parents to meet other new parents to the area.

MEET THE TEACHERS - Our Meet the Teachers evening is planned for **Tuesday 19th February at 6:00pm - 7:00pm**. All parents are welcome to attend this meeting and visit classrooms to hear of teacher programmes and expectations for the year. The day will be broken into two 20 minute sessions so that if you have children in other classes you will be able to attend both.

BOARD MEETING - Our first Board meeting for the year is on **Monday 25th February at 6:00pm**. If you are interested in running for the Board at election time, now would be a great time to come along and see what actually goes on behind the scenes of running a successful school.

There is also some very good information available on the NZSTA website about the role of a board member. *The board is entrusted to work on behalf of all stakeholders and is accountable for the school's performance. It emphasises strategic leadership, sets the vision for the school and ensures that it complies with legal and policy requirements. Policies are at a governance level and outline clear delegations to the Principal. The board and principal form the leadership team with the role of each documented and understood. The Principal reports to the board as a whole with committees used sparingly and only when a need is identified in order to contribute to board work. The board is proactive rather than reactive in its operations and decision making and does not involve itself in the administrative details of the day to day running of the school. Enhancing student achievement is its focus.*

ZERO WASTE POLICY - Please remember that our school is a zero waste school. All food and paper rubbish from morning tea and lunches will be sent home with the children.

BIKING TO SCHOOL - It has come to our attention that a number of children younger than Year 5 are biking to school. Please be aware that our school policy is that only children Year 5 and above are allowed to bike to school unaccompanied. If your child is younger than 10 years of age, and biking to school, then they need to be accompanied by an adult.

SCHOOL DONATIONS - Thank you to all our parents who have paid the school donation. This funding aids in assisting us to get the additional resources required to run our amazing school.

SUN SMART - As part of our sun smart policy all MBS students are required to wear a sun hat during term 1. If your child does have a hat or is wearing a non-uniform hat, they are to take their lunch and eat around by the juniors in the covered area for all of lunchtime. Please ensure your child has the correct MBS Sun hat for this term.

MATHS WHIZZ - We have recently completed a comparison of our school wide Mathematics data and the use of Whizz to determine if the programme is aiding in building better mathematicians. The data is conclusive that Maths Whizz, when used for 30-60 minutes per week, is improving the mathematical ability of students. We encourage all our families to take up the opportunity offered by investing in Maths Whizz for \$40 per year. We will be using Whizz as part of our maths rotation as we believe it to be extremely supportive in providing maintenance and revision of key concepts.

WHAT'S ON THIS FORTNIGHT - This week is a short week however an important reminder to all senior students of their camp to Lonsdale Campsite starting on Tuesday 12th February. All new parents to the school are invited to a meeting on Thursday 14th at 10:00am.

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE - Each term the children will be learning about two key virtues related to our BEACH aspirations. Our Virtue being taught for the first part of the term is "Caring". Caring is about giving love and attention to things that matter to you. When we care about people we help them. Linked closely to caring is the use of manners. We have spoken to the children about three main manners that we expect to be used at all times; they are "Please, Thank you and Excuse me". Please help us reinforce these values and manners by using them in your homes.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE - After School care is available at the school three days per week - Tuesday to Thursday. The cost to enrol for a session from 2:45pm - 5:30pm is \$15.00. Enrolment forms are available from the school office.

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

Aaron Kemp, Principal
principal@mangawhaibeach.school.nz

New Entrants/Junior Syndicate (Y0-2) Term 1 Total: \$0	Middle Syndicate (Y3-4) Term 1 Total: \$0
Senior Syndicate (Y5-6) Term 1 Camp to Matauri Bay Total: \$130	Intermediate Syndicate (Y7-8) Term 1 Yr 7 students \$25 for leisure based activity and day hike. Yr 8 students \$10 for the day hike. <i>Yr 8 students who paid for leisure based activities in 2012 don't have to pay this term.</i>



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Senior Syndicate Camp 2013 - If you have a child in Year 5 or 6 (Rooms 10, 11, 12) they will be going on a camp in WEEK TWO. The cost of the camp at \$130. Thank you to the parents who have already paid for the camp or started automatic payments. We require payment in full before your child leaves but if you are experiencing some financial hardship 50% of the cost (\$65) will be required before Tuesday with regular automatic payments towards your charge. Please contact the office immediately if you are having trouble paying but wish your child to attend. If you have any questions regarding camp please contact Lance Coker at school, otherwise we look forward to seeing all students at school before 8:45am on Tuesday morning. **PLEASE CLEARLY NAME ALL YOUR CAMP GEAR.**

Calendar Update

12th – 15th February – Senior Camp
14th February – New parent meeting 10am in the staffroom
19th February – Meet the teachers 6.00-7.00pm
22nd February – Assembly (Junior Performance)
25th February – BOT meeting
7th March – Swimming Sports
8th March – Assembly (Intermediate Performance)
15th March – Disco
19th March – Yr 7/8 Technology at Rodney College

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR SUNDAY MORNING

FOMBS is marshalling the Mangawhai Triathlon on Sunday the 24th of Feb, We need 23 helpers for between 8 and 11am, so if anyone is interested could they please leave there details at the office and we will be in contact. There will be a meeting Friday 22 Feb at 12.30 for those interested.

GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

Bus Changes – If you have shifted house over the holidays or require updates to be made to your child's permanent bus arrangements please contact the office. There are forms and a drop box available for parents to record any changes to bus travel. Office staff will clear the drop box on a daily basis.

MySchool Stationery Orders for 2013 – Class stationery packs are available to order online. Only top-up stationery will be available from the school office but not until the beginning of term two. For those families that do not have a computer, the office has one available for parents to place their stationery orders and pay their school consumables and donations online.

Children bringing money to school to pay for activity fees/camps or trips will be required to send payments to school in a sealed envelope/plastic bag with their name, room number and what the money is for. There is a drop box in the hall by lost property and children will put their money in this box for the office staff to clear on a daily basis.

Any parent wishing to sell their second hand uniform items at school should first label the garments with their name, phone number and price before leaving them at the office. Staff have other priorities and will no longer be doing this on behalf of parents.

Children will be encouraged to use the student entrance to gain access to the office. Students arriving at school that need to come to the office should drop their bags at their classrooms first and use the student entrance by the Junior Boys Toilets. The small counter outside the sickbay has been designed specially to service the students.

A huge thank you to parents who donated handy towels for the sick bay last year. We are always appreciate of this donation as it has cut down our costs and enabled us to buy more first aid necessities.

You will notice as you visit the school that the old dental clinic has been relocated. This has increased the visibility to the main road from the office block and also opened up the grass area for our junior students to play on. We would like to thank the moving company, board members and other helpers who have worked on this project over the holidays.

Parents, volunteers and visitors to the school between the hours of (8:55-2:45) are required to sign in at the office and obtain a VISITORS pass before proceeding into the school grounds. Please also report to the office to get a pink slip to remove children from class. No child will be allowed to leave the school grounds without this permission from the office.

With the children returning to school and sitting closely with other students, we are asking parents to be vigilant for head lice. Children are required to wear swimming caps in the pool and to tie back long hair in order to keep the spread of lice down.



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Friday Lunch Order Form

NAME: ROOM:

DRINKS	
Golden Circle Juice Box 250ml	\$1.50
Tropical Punch	
Golden Circle Juice Box 250ml	\$1.50
Golden Pash	
Ker. Juice Bottle 250ml Apple and Blackcurrant	\$2.70
Ker. Juice Bottle 250ml Tropical	\$2.70
FRUIT	
Apple	\$1.00
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TOASTED SANDWICHES:	
Cheese	\$2.00
Cheese and Tomato	\$2.00
Ham and Cheese	\$2.50
PIES:	
Steak	\$3.50
Steak and Cheese	\$3.50
MEALS:	
Crabstick and Chips	\$2.50
3 Fishbites and Chips	\$3.00
Hotdog and Chips	\$2.50
6 Chicken Nuggets and Chips	\$3.00
SANDWICHES:	
Ham and Salad	\$3.00
Cheese and Salad	\$3.00
TREATS:	
Deep Fried Doughnut	\$1.10

It would be helpful if your orders are completed at home. Enclose slip and money in an envelope ready to put in the box at school. Change will be given if required.



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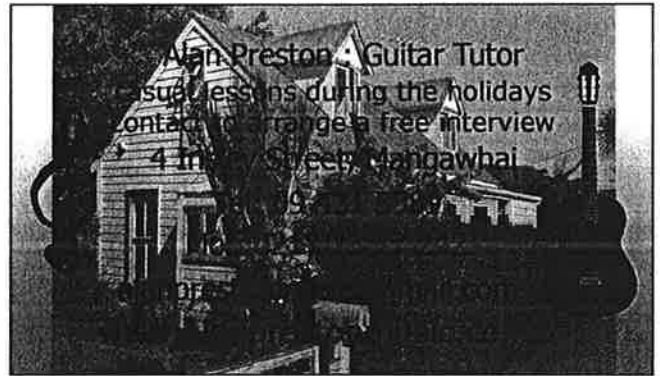
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