MANGAWHAI BEACH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

Staffing - Junior Syndicate 2016: Well it seems our numbers are expanding rapidly at our junior end. I can confirm that the Board have appointed Sue Spry to the junior team for 2016. So at present we will have new entrants - Sue Spry, Year one & two – Heather Lymburn, Year two Michelle Dempsey, and Year two Sonya Smith- syndicate leader. The Board will be discussing the funding of a fifth teacher in the junior syndicate; this will be so that our junior class numbers stay in the low 20's. The numbers are also looking like we will be starting another junior class in term 3 to take it to six. So yes we are going to be building or being creative with our spaces. I'll let you know what the plans are.

Registered Teacher Criteria: The third of the 12 registered teacher criteria:

3. Demonstrate commitment to bicultural partnership in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Key indicator: demonstrate respect for the heritages, languages and cultures of both partners to the Treaty of Waitangi



Our Board have been very supportive with this in employing Natalie Richards to assist teachers and students with their learning about our national heritages and languages. We also have a staff member who holds a management unit for supporting this learning throughout the school.

School Speech Competition: Well this was a fabulous event and what a great variety of speech topics. The students were all well prepared and obviously experts in the content of their speeches. Results were:

<u>Year 4</u>: First Hamish Strong with a speech about 'Healthy eating', second Rebecca Penjueli who spoke about 'Ice cream addiction' and the pros and cons of this and third Kayla Sharp with her speech on 'Get Lost' and being an actress.

<u>Year 5 & 6</u>: First Hannah Fisher with a speech on 'Fast Food', second was Eve Hampson and she spoke about 'Being a parent for a day' and third was Hannah Nolan with her speech on 'Animals in Captivity'.

Year 7 & 8: First was Mia Wilson with her speech on 'Cyber bullying', Polly Games came second with her speech on 'Popularity' and third was Althea Bright with her speech on 'Negative Thinking'.

We also had some great speeches from our junior school and an impromptu musical performance from some of the staff.

This week we have the inter school speech competition with Wellsford school. It will be held in the gym at 11.30am on Wednesday. The best speech from each of the Year groups 4-8 will compete. You are all welcome to come along and support our students as part of the audience.

Next Thursday 3rd December is school sprints day at the Mangawhai Domain from 9am - 2pm. All students will be attending and expected to take part in at least one race. I need some parent helpers to assist with timing of heats and finals. If you are able to assist, please phone the office, or email me at jbrowne@mangawhaibeach.school.nz.

Mufti day- SPCA- Tuesday is our day to support Xarie with her initiative of supporting the SPCA. On Tuesday this week students can wear mufti and can either bring a gold coin or a can of dog or cat food or a blanket or toy suitable for a dog or cat.



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BOARD MEETING TONIGHT – 6pm in the school staffroom. Please come along if you are interested in being on the board. We would love to see you and you will get a good idea of the types of decisions that get made at board level.

Fairy Terns - I had an email from Alice the warden and one of our Mangawhai fairy terns has hatched a chick — in the recent storm. Honestly these birds do not seem to have many brains. They don't make nests, just lay the egg on the sand. The egg looks like the sand so is easily walked upon and then they hatch in the storm! No wonder they are endangered. It will be a good challenge for our kids to try and work out a way to help these birds, they certainly need it.

Life Education - Chris from the Life Education trust has been taking all classes for lessons in the big trailer. This is a very valuable learning experience which supports the teaching of our health curriculum. The cost is \$5 per student so if you haven't paid this please send the money in to the office.

Classes for 2016 - Well I have nearly finalised these - except for the juniors so if you have any last requests please email me this week and I will see what I can do to accommodate them.

Senior Camp: Thank you to all parents who have supported our Yr 5 and 6 students to attend camp last week. Camps are a huge responsibility and involve an incredible amount of organisation. Thank you for supporting the teachers with this and thank you to Susan, Kirsten and Lance for your extra care of our kids while they were off site for their learning experiences.

pbygrave@mangawhaibeach.school.nz Paula Bygrave – Deputy Principal

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INFORMATION



Calendar Update:

23rd Nov – BOT Meeting

24th Nov - SPCA mufti day

25th Nov – Inter School Speech Competitions with

Wellsford @ MBS

27th Nov – Wellsford Sports Exchange

4th Dec – Assembly at 1:30pm

16th Dec – Graduation Dinner

17th Dec – Last day of term – Final Assembly starts

at 10:30am

2016 MBS TERM DATES

Term1: Tue 2 Feb – Fr 15 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

Visiting the School Grounds. If you are visiting the school you need to first sign in at the school office and obtain a visitors pass before you go to the classroom or collect your child early.

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 case of an accident or emergency. Please let the office know if your child in not on their normal bus in the afternoon.

AFTER3 *Fun Factory*. After school care will be provided from Jack Boyd Drive for 2016. Please see notices in this newsletter for more information and to enrol your child for 2016.



Beach FM 87.8 - The student led radio station is blasting tunes and news update every lunchtime. Please remember to tune in and listen to our students read stories, play music and practice their DJing skills.

ROSS MILLAR SWIM SCHOOL – LESSONS AT MANGAWHAI BEACH SCHOOL POOL

Lessons are \$55 per week, with beginner to advanced breather classes being 20 minutes, maximum of 4 students and higher level classes ½ hour to 6 students. The dates are as follows:

December 2015 with instructor Jennimay

Lessons from 3pm Monday 7th to Friday 11th December

Monday 14th - Friday 18th December

January 2016 with instructor Jordan

Lessons from 10am Tuesday 5th - Saturday 9th January

Monday 11th – Friday 15th January

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd January

Please contact us for further information if required. We are taking bookings now so do let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in attending lessons.... Class numbers are limited so please enrol early.

Books may be done by phone or email. Lessons will be held rain, hail or shine.

Ph: 09-624-1456, email: RossMillarSwim@xtra.co.nz

UPDATE ON HEADLICE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Headlice is a community issue and has been for many years. It is impossible to completely eradicate Headlice, but they can be controlled. They are prolific breeders and any delay in treatment can result in a heavy infestation. Each family is responsible for their own children to know the signs and respond immediately by treating to reduce further spread. Understanding the cycle of Headlice can help with successfully dealing with them.

Headlice can survive up to 24hrs off the head. As we all shed hair daily, a family that is experiencing an infestation can expect to have these tiny pests laying around their home waiting for their next host to pass by so they can take up residence on their head. Re-infestation often occurs at home.

Costly products come and go on the market but it is not always necessary to use these. Headlice are very crafty and learn quickly how to become resistant to chemicals. To treat a child with Headlice you can use Coconut oil and a good fine tooth nit comb. The nit comb is a one-off cost of around \$3 from a chemist and the coconut oil can be purchased for around \$5 from Pak'n'Save.

The Coconut oil is used to immobilise the Headlice whilst you are combing the hair. It does not kill the Headlice. Cheap conditioner can be used but doesn't immobilise them as well. NEVER fine-tooth comb dry hair as this is painful.

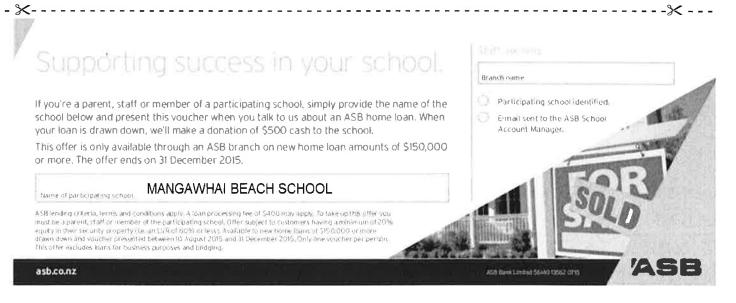
After applying coconut oil or conditioner, separate the hair into segments and begin combing out the live lice using a paper towel to clean off the comb after each stroke or you can dip it into a cup of water. The comb can often miss the white eggs as these stick to the hair follicle. You can pick these off with your fingers. The eggs found down the hair follicle are often already hatched as the live eggs are closer to the scalp for the newly hatched lice to feed off the scalp.

To successfully treat a person of Headlice this process needs to happen every day for 10days to break the cycle as it takes an egg this long to hatch. It is very hard to get all the lice and eggs in one day. This is why it needs doing every day for 10 days. Please note treatment shampoos rarely kill the eggs, so wet combing is still required. A one-off treatment will never treat a case of Headlice.

After the combing has been done the oil needs to be washed out daily and this process needs to be repeated for 10 days. Once you think your child is Headlice free, remain vigilant about checking your children's hair on a weekly basis as it's very easy to leave one little elusive egg behind... and this is all it takes to be re-infested! It is often a misconception that a one-off treatment with a chemical shampoo will treat Headlice completely and parents can become frustrated that they have treated only to discover they have been re-infested again only days later.... This is generally because the eggs that were not captured during the one-off treatment, have now hatched and gone on to lay their own eggs. This is why it is very important to continue wet-combing for 10 days.

Remember

- 1. Headlice is NOT a school issue, it's a community issue AND needs families working together to be successful
- 2. Treatment takes at least 10 DAYS.





Location: 5ta Jack Boyd Drive (Schoolbus 3)

Mangawhai Heads

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday afternoons

until 5.30pm

\$15 per session/permanent enrolment \$20 per session casual

Activities include art and craftsewing.woodwork indoor and outdoor games,movies,homework help and lots more surprises.

A super healthy, afternoon tea is provided. Yummy gluten free options available.

Thursday Lunch Options from Pit's Kitchen

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Mixed sushi (\$4 or \$6)

French hot dog - pork sausage, baguette, onion, cheese (\$4.50)

Preservative-free pies from baked@devonport mince + cheese (\$4.50)

Chicken Salad Sandwich & comes with a free re-usable sandwich wrap from MIKOO (check out MIKOO's Facebook public group page to purchase your own) We try to reduce the amount of packaging waste in kids lunches (\$4.50)

Nice Blocks - apple/mango, orange/tangelo, chocolate, lemonade, vanilla, raspberry, feijoa, cola (\$3) (flavors dependent)

Less sugar mini brownie (\$1.50 or \$3)

Lightly buttered popcorn (home-made) with no nasty additives just olive oil/butter and salt (\$2)

Home-made Natural energy bar no added sugar or preservative, contains rolled oats, seeds, dried fruits and coconut oil (\$3)

Free fruits from the fruit basket (any donations greatly appreciated)
We would also love some free-range eggs donation for our brownies.

2 x Helpers needed each week. Please let Pit know if you can help on Thursday (9-11.30 or 11.30-13.30)

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Note: Please place your order at the office by Thursday morning or with Pit (021 988715 or pchaisarn@gmail.com) Check lunch special announcement on www.facebook.com/pitskitchen or on school Facebook page

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