

MANGAWHAI BEACH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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Calendar Update:

18th May - Bullying Free Week
22nd May - Pink Shirt Day
28th May - HPV & Boostrix for Yr 7 & 8
1st Jun - Queens Birthday - school closed
8th Jun - Life Education Week
8th Jun - Green Week
22nd Jun - Matariki Week
3rd Jul - Teacher Only Day - school closed

School Break Times

8.55am Period 1
10:00am Brain Break (sml snack)
11:00am Interval
11:30am Period 2
12:45pm - 1:20pm Lunch play
1:20pm - 1:30pm eat Lunch
1:30pm Period 3
2:45pm End of School

MBS Term Dates:

T2 2020: 28th Apr – 3rd Jul
T3 2020: 20th Jul – 25th Sep
T4: 2020: 12th Oct – 18th Dec

PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

Welcome back to schooling at Covid 19 Level 2. We hope you have all watched the video on Facebook about accessing school grounds for pick up and drop offs. Under the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health guidelines, we will be discouraging all non essential visitors to the school. In the interim, we are asking parents **not to** come onto the school grounds to walk children to classrooms and pick up students from class in the afternoon. The video on Facebook outlines the procedures we have put in place for the next few weeks while we are in Level 2. The exception to this is our new entrant students in room 5, 6 or 7. There will also be no parent helpers permitted in the classroom until further notice.



I would like to thank the staff of MBS for their commitment to our students. Many of them had not operated an online learning platform before, but took on the challenge and achieved some great results. Thank you parents for supporting your children with their online learning this helped make the transition for staff easier. I thoroughly enjoyed making the 'Adventures with Lucky' videos and supporting our staff with professional development during the lockdown. Let's all work together to ensure that we keep the virus out of Mangawhai and NZ to keep our economy humming.

The committee who runs the Saturday market at the village hall has requested use of the Mangawhai Recreation Centre for future markets. At this time we are working with the local market, the council and the Ministry to make this a reality. This will support the school in providing much needed rental income to maintain the condition of the facility. We will continue to work with the market operators to ensure that during level 2 all hygiene and Covid-19 contact tracing requirements are met. We are hopeful that the market will be able to operate once we are out of level 2.



These are difficult times and as a school we are doing our best to ensure that a consistent programme of learning is provided to all our students. Getting back to some sense of normality is paramount for our students. Due to the shorter term some of our operations have had to be postponed to provide staff with time to complete assessments and reports. We will have a scaled down student reporting system for the end of term two and will inform you of this once it is finalised. We thank you for your understanding.



Bullying Free Week - this week is bully free week and on Friday we have a 'wear something pink' day. So come in your favourite pink outfit.



While we have work going on in the school grounds, students will be asked to stay clear of any areas marked with danger tape during and after school hours.

Uniform sales: In order to reduce the number of people coming into the school office, uniforms purchases should be made through KINDO. Once staff receive payment, your order will be picked (and sized if necessary) and sent home with the child.

Aaron Kemp/Emma Grieve

TEACHER ONLY DAY - 3RD JULY - SCHOOL CLOSED

GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

KINDO is our preferred method of receiving payments from our families. If you haven't already registered please do so via the link of our website or our SchoolApp. Next time you need or order a uniform item or pay for tuckshop treats, it's easy to make the payment and you can see at a glance what you have already paid for. You can also upload payments to your Kindo account to pay off in installments.

Visiting the School Grounds. Visiting the school grounds during Covid Level 2 is being discouraged. If it is essential and you need to enter the school grounds, please sign in at the school office, adhere to physical distancing guidelines and sign the Contract Tracing Register – this is a health and safety requirement.

In case of emergency: If a situation arises during the day that will change your child's home time routine, we can send a 'green note' to the classroom to advise your child of this change. **Please note this is not for everyday reminders.** Reaffirm after school arrangements with your child in the morning so reminders are not necessary and keep school arrangements consistent so as not to confuse your child.

A green rectangular sticker with the words "GREEN NOTE" written in black capital letters.

GREEN
NOTE

School Uniforms: Uniform shop is open every **WEDNESDAY**. You are welcome to come and try on Wednesday if your child needs another size or just purchase outright anytime through our school shop and the item will be sent home.

School Buses. Buses are provided to take children to and from their home not to after school activities or friend's houses for play dates. Please let the office know if your child is not on their normal bus in the afternoon **before 2:00pm.**



Absences. Please advise the office before 9:30am if your child/children are not attending school on any given day. The Ministry of Education requires the reason for the absence. You can either send us a notification through our SchoolApp, leave a message on our answering service 09-431-4385 or text the school mobile 0223957708. **YOU MUST CONTACT THE SCHOOL EACH DAY YOUR CHILD IS AWAY.**

Recycle Mobile Phones. The school has a collection box for old mobile phones. Phones collected help our school gain valuable rewards and also the environment benefits by keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances. It is estimated that each year up to three million phones become obsolete and of those, only 2% are recycled. Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have in the collection box in the office.



Head Lice. We are expecting that you are checking your family regularly for head lice and treating if there is evidence of head lice. You will need to continue to treat for three weeks in order to completely break the life cycle. Please do not bring your nits to school.

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VOLUNTEER



Do we have any parent volunteers that would like to supervise walking school buses each morning from the Village Hall to school and back in the afternoon?

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