

MANGAWHAI BEACH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

Calendar Update:

20th Aug – BOT Meeting at 6:30pm
21st Aug – Yr 3/4 Ripa rugby training
22nd Aug – FOMBS Meeting
22nd Aug – Bream Bay Cross Country
27th Aug - Mid Term Break
30th Aug – Rm 3 & 12 to Sheep World
7th Sep – Rodney College Open Day (Year 8's)
7th Sep – Junior Assembly 1:45pm – all welcome
13th Sep – Enrolment interviews for Yr 8's attending Rodney College in 2019
14th Sep – Wellsford Sports Exchange

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:

Term2: 30th Apr – 6th Jul

Term3: 23rd Jul – 28th Sep

Term4: 15th Oct – 18th Dec

SCHOOL CLOSED MONDAY 27TH FOR MID TERM BREAK

What a great first few weeks we have had at school. Thank you to all our parents and staff for supporting our parent/teacher interviews, Book Week, character parade and cross country. All these events went extremely well. We wish our top cross country athletes success at the Lower North Cross Country competition at Bream Bay.

Mangawhai Beach School has a compulsory uniform. Information related to our uniform is available at <http://www.mangawhaibeach.school.nz/parent-information.html> If you send your children to school in the incorrect uniform they must have a note. A number of children are coming to school with incorrect footwear, jackets and pants. It is also important that the uniform is washed. A number of shirts are looking unkempt and unwashed. If you need support with purchasing another item of clothing please email the office as a hardship grant is available to our parents in need - thanks.



Attendance at school is a high indicator of performance at school. We had 13% of our students (64) away in the first four weeks of this term due to local and overseas holidays. We also had 83 students absent due to a variety of illnesses (17%). We strongly advise you to keep your children away from school until they have fully recovered from sickness. However, when they are well it is important that they are at school to keep the teaching and learning consistent. Holidays for our students are great experiences but we are seeing a large trend of holidays being taken out of holiday times and in school times. This makes it difficult for structured learning as children can miss out on sections of learning because of their absence. Please, if at all possible, structure your holidays to be taken out of term time to assist us to give your children the best education they need to succeed.

Nits are a common problem and brought to school by our families. It is very frustrating when you have treated your child and find they keep getting re-infested. Tell the school every time your child comes home with a fresh batch of lice – so that the whole school community can take responsibility for the problem. It's also common for children to re-infest themselves - it only takes a stray nit or lice to start the cycle again. Make sure you complete any treatment, keep checking, and follow the prevention tips. More information is available here: <https://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/wellbeing/head-lice/>

Intermediate School Camp: Parents of students in the Intermediate Syndicate would have heard whispers about the upcoming camp in November. While final arrangements are still to be made, our suggestion is that you start making regular automatic payments towards the cost now so you are not struggling to make the payment so close to Christmas. Approximate cost \$300.

Influenza – or the flu – is a virus that spreads quickly from person to person. Symptoms include fever, chills, aches, runny nose, a cough and stomach upset.

Signs and symptoms of influenza can include: fever (a temperature of 38°C or higher), cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, stomach upset, vomiting or diarrhoea.

It may take between 1–4 days to feel symptoms after you catch influenza. The worst symptoms usually last about 5 days, but coughing can last up to 2–3 weeks. If your child(ren) is/are unwell, keep them at home until they are better so they don't make other children or our teachers sick.



DENTAL CLINIC NEWS

Thank you to the families who have visited us at Mangawhai Dental Clinic.

We have lately had a large number of children who have not turned up for their appointments and we have had no contact from parents. This results in a lot of wasted times when we could be seeing other patients. We are only here for a short time and try really hard to see everyone.

We send text reminders the day before and realise other things come up which sometimes result in cancellations but if we know in advance, we can try and book in other patients.

Nga Mihi
Karen and Kelly



GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING



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.

School Uniforms: Uniform items are sold on WEDNESDAY. You are welcome to come and try on if your child needs a bigger size or just purchase outright. If you would prefer to order and pay online, please send an email to office@mangawhaibeach.school.nz detailing the size, items required and pay directly into the school account (12-3094-0106669-01) with your child's name and 'uniform' as a reference. Garments will be sent home with your child.



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 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.**

School Buses. Buses are provided to take children to and from their home not to after school sports/arts 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.**

Visiting the School Grounds. If you are visiting the school for any reason you **MUST** log in first at the school office and obtain a visitors pass – this is a health and safety requirement.



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For prospective students and parents. Starts 6pm in college hall. Sausage sizzle 5.30pm.

OPEN DAY

Year 8 students
Friday 7 Sept

RODNEY COLLEGE

OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 6 SEPT

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