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# NEWSLETTER



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# Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016

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## **PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX**

I'd like to start with a big congratulations and thank you to you all for the fabulous job you are doing in sending your children to school in correct uniform. My check last Monday found only six of our 385 students needing a reminder. We really appreciate your assistance with this and it is a requirement of attending our beautiful school. If you are unable to send your child in correct uniform please send a note with them.



The triathlon was a great success with super organisation from Mr Teck Wee and great support from the staff and all the parents who attended. It was great to see so many whanau there to support and cheer the kids on and lots of smiles at the end. I would also like to say how well-mannered the kids were with the majority using the magic words 'thank you' upon receipt of their ice block. It was a real pleasure and several people commented this to me.

**Reporting: Parent Information Evening:** Thank you to the 30 parents who attended the information evening on Seesaw, the new reporting system. A lot of great questions came up at the meeting which were discussed and some have been researched further for you. You should all have received a letter for each of your children with regards to giving permission to use Seesaw. Please return these tomorrow if you have not already done so as we want to get this up and running for you so you can access your child's learning now and the March reports need to be uploaded for the Yr 1-3 students. If you have any more questions please feel free to email them to Aaron or Jaimee Browne.

**Attendance at School:** Now most of you are top notch at getting your children organised and at school on time for learning. Poor attendance at school will affect your child's learning and their rate of progress. Also if your child is arriving late this will have a negative effect on their day and it can affect their focus for the day. It is also important that you are sending your children to school in a fit state to learn. e.g. having had a good night's sleep, going to bed at a sensible time, having had breakfast. If these things are not happening in your house then you really need to do something about it. Have a think about what messages you are sending to your child through your actions. If you need to talk through some strategies or systems please ask your child's teacher or you can have a chat with me.



**Board of Trustees:** May 18<sup>th</sup> is when the Board elections will take place. So what does the work of a board look like? The board of trustees' key areas of contribution are – representation, leadership, accountability, and the employer role.

Accountability: *Student progress and achievement, review, financial monitoring, resource management.*

Leadership: *Governance model, clear purpose, roles and responsibilities, effective meetings, relationships.*

Employer role: *Good employer, performance management systems, effective relationships, health and safety, recruitment.*

Representation: *Community consultation and engagement, board consultation, trust and relationships.*

## ELECTION AND VOTING DATES FOR 2016 BOARD NOMINEES

20<sup>th</sup> April 2016 – Close main roll at noon  
22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016 – Call for nominations for BOT positions  
4<sup>th</sup> May 2016 – Close supplementary roll at noon  
6<sup>th</sup> May 2016 – Nominations close at noon  
11<sup>th</sup> May 2016 – Voting papers sent  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016 – Election Day**  
20<sup>th</sup> May 2016 – Count votes  
25<sup>th</sup> May 2016 – New BOT members take office

### **DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS TO MAIL VOTING PAPERS???**

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

*10. work effectively within the bicultural context of Aotearoa New Zealand*

*i. practise and develop the relevant use of te reo Māori me ngā tikanga-a-iwi in context*  
*ii. specifically and effectively address the educational aspirations of ākonga Māori, displaying high expectations for their learning*

**Support for your kids:** At present there are 45 students on our school Special Needs register. Of these our school receives some funding for 4 of these. Yes that's right – only FOUR! The rest of the students are having their support funded out of our school operations grant. *The Operations Grant is funding we receive from the Ministry of Education for the day to day running of the school).* We are trying to think 'outside the box' of ways to cater for these students needs in a way that is best for their learning but also sustainable financially. If anyone has any thoughts on this I would love to hear from them.



**Juniors in the Playground:** Our Year 1 and 2's need some grass to kick their soccer balls on, which is not by a busy road. So we are going to trial letting them go around to the back field by the Kindy fence to play. This is only a change for our Juniors, the Yr 3 and up students will still not be allowed around the front so the Juniors still have a place to play where there are no 'big' kids.

**Homework:** Well there are many opinions on whether schools should give homework or not and quite frankly my personal opinion is that there is a place for it but it needs to be balanced. Balanced meaning that school is only one place your child learns, being an active member of a family, looking after pets, belonging to a sports team, learning to dance, sing, play an instrument etc after school and at weekends are all experiences that help your child grow. At MBS homework at the lower levels is based on reinforcing and practicing literacy and number skills. If you want to give your child the best start to their schooling then you need to be listening to them read every night. If they are tired because of soccer practice or dance lessons read the book to them, but they need to hear the language of books every night.



Math Whizz is the maths component of homework and if you do not have internet access at home your child can do this before school on a school computer. This is a fabulous resource for consolidating and reinforcing math skills taught in the classroom.

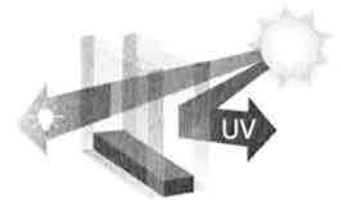


Spelling homework is given in relation to the national standard benchmarks and it is not rocket science to know that if you don't practice these you are not going to learn them- simple as that.

Some students need more practice than others and if your child is struggling to learn or retain their spelling words please talk to your child's teacher or you can come and see me and I can give you some techniques.

Up in the senior and intermediate areas homework becomes more of an independent activity and really as parents you should just have to assist your child to develop time management skills and routines so that they achieve the work in the space of the week for which it is set. This means your child needs to think about what nights they are busy with sports practices or other activities and when they are going to timetable their homework. If you want your child to manage high school and be successful with NCEA then this is a vital skill for them to gain and you want to teach it to them before they hit the 'grunt' mode - boys and the "I know everything and parents know nothing" – girl stages. So if you have any issues with homework please discuss them with your child's teacher.

**UV- Here's some great news:** Our science enrichment groups that work with John Dickie have been measuring the sun and its intensity around the school. They discovered that the clearlite veranda by the junior classrooms completely blocks out all UV rays and the shade sails over our playgrounds block out 80% of UV rays: The darker colours being slightly better than the lighter ones. So that is great to know that the shade sails do actually do what they say they will and are a great investment for our kids health and safety in the sunny months of the year.



**UV Protection**

**Community Trust:** The Mangawhai Community trust have asked me to write to you in relation to the community gym facility and the fitness centre. Due to the growing roll at MBS the school requires one of the fitness centre rooms to use as a classroom. The trust is looking for a building / shed to move the equipment and members into until they have built a new facility to house the fitness centre. If you know of anyone who has a spare building / shed suitable for this purpose either free or at a rental cost, please contact Tom Smith, secretary for the Mangawhai Community Trust at [me.th.smith@xtra.co.nz](mailto:me.th.smith@xtra.co.nz)

Paula Bygrave – Deputy Principal  
[pbygrave@mangawhaibeach.school.nz](mailto:pbygrave@mangawhaibeach.school.nz)

**Calendar Update:**

- 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
- 30<sup>th</sup> Mar – Technology @ Rodney College Yr 7/8
- 1<sup>st</sup> Apr – MBS Disco
- 6<sup>th</sup> Apr – Technology @ Rodney College Yr 7/8
- 8<sup>th</sup> Apr – Athletics Day

**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 Camps, 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.



## MANGAWHAI AFTER 3

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**For enrolments and bookings contact:**

**Jen: 09-431-5694 ([brucejenc@gmail.com](mailto:brucejenc@gmail.com))**

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



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Please check our website for training times.

<http://www.sportsground.co.nz/mangawhainetball>

Interested in playing Squash?  
Contact Wellsford Squash Club  
Our season begins next week but you  
can join anytime.



Primary Juniors - Mondays from 3.45pm  
College Juniors - Tuesdays from 3.45pm  
Ladies Night - Tuesdays from 5.30pm  
Mens Night - Wednesdays from 4.30pm

### Enquiries to:

Edwina Came ph 423-9266 email

[johncame@ubernet.co.nz](mailto:johncame@ubernet.co.nz)

Stuart Oldfield ph 423-8811 email

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## 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 [pchaisam@gmail.com](mailto:pchaisam@gmail.com)) Check lunch special announcement on [www.facebook.com/pitstitchen](http://www.facebook.com/pitstitchen) or on school Facebook page**



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