

MANGAWHAI BEACH SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



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## **PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX**

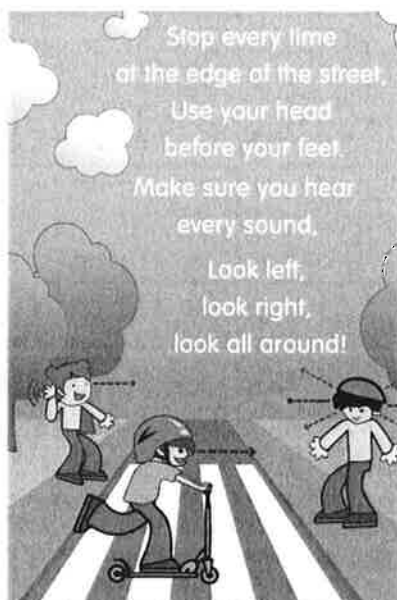
I would like to start this newsletter off with big CONGRATULATIONS to you all as parents. We do have fabulous kids and they are like this because of the great job you are all doing at home and the great partnerships you are all developing with their teachers. We have had many visitors lately to the school and they have commented on how friendly and welcoming our students are, how polite and helpful they are, and how engaged they are with their learning. We have also had some important people from the Ministry in classrooms recently and they have commented on how learning focused our students are and how professional our staff are. So I would just like to acknowledge you all for the fabulous job you are doing.



I know I have put some thought provoking comments in the past few newsletters and it has been great to have some of you come in and share your thoughts and perspectives on the subjects. I don't mean to offend or upset people, rather it is about raising awareness, opening up conversation topics and communicating with our parent body on things which may or may not relate to your situations. As our school grows and our community expands it brings new challenges. On top of this we have the latest Ministry initiatives to get our heads around. Aaron and I are attending a meeting in Whangarei today about the funding changes they are proposing for NZ schools.

Hopefully, if you have dropped your children off, you will have noticed our new Hug, Drop and Drive sign on the netting fence. Our House Captains had input into this, a great show of student leadership.

A big thank you to all of you who are sending your children to school in correct uniform: They look very smart. Remember if you are concerned about them not being warm enough they can wear a long sleeved black shirt under their school shirt and black leggings under their skort or culottes. In addition to this, we have bootleg pants for girls and long cargo pants for boys. We also have school beanies for sale at the office if you feel your child would benefit from wearing a woollen hat. If you are unable to send your child to school in correct uniform please just send a note to school with them on the days when they are not in correct uniform.



**Safety of kids to and from school:** Lately we have had several calls from people in the community who have had to brake suddenly as children unexpectedly run across the road in front of their vehicle. We have also had children who are walking to school get into cars with other people; luckily these people have delivered them safely to school.

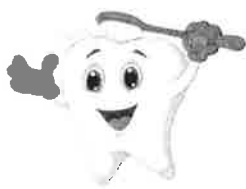
We would suggest that if your child walks by themselves to school, they are at least in the Senior syndicate. We would also suggest that they not be given the responsibility of getting their younger siblings to school safely. It would be a good time to have a chat to your children about being safe while walking to school. If your child has to cross a road, model it for them so they know where to stand, how many times to look and the importance of 'listening' for vehicles as well.

**Orange Cones:** During winter months our grass areas can quickly get muddy. Geoff Finlay, our caretaker, does a great job of keeping our school grounds in great condition. We have a cone system at school so that if an orange cone is placed on the grass it means that we need to keep off the grass. It would be fabulous if you could also follow and model this for us. If you see an orange cone on the grass area please use the concrete pathways around the school. If you are using the school facilities after school we would ask that you also take note of the cones.

**Police Vetting:** If you would like to be a person we call upon to help with class/syndicate trips, coaching and camps please call into the office to collect a Police Vetting form to fill in. Once you have filled this in and have the necessary ID you can bring it into the school office and we can begin the Police Vetting process. Police vets are valid for three years so we will keep your name on a register at school so we can call upon you when we need assistance.

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

**Introducing Karen vanWerkum Dental Therapist and Kelly Jonas Dental Assistant who will be starting at Mangawhai Dental, 30 Moir Street, Mangawhai Village on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June. We will be phoning parents and caregivers to make appointments or posting appointments for dental check ups. Please let us know if you cannot keep an appointment as we will keep a waiting list of children to be seen. We look forward to meeting you and your families. Phone 088 698 3384. Phone 0800 MY TEETH 08006983384 or Mangawhai Dental 021450062**



<p><b><u>Calendar Update:</u></b> 28<sup>th</sup> Jun – Yr 7/8 Vaccinations 28<sup>th</sup> Jun – Yr 5/6 Enviro/Science group to EcoCare 1<sup>st</sup> Jul – Assembly @ 1:45pm – all welcome 2<sup>nd</sup> Jul – Hypnotist event with Dave Upfold @ 7:00pm 6<sup>th</sup> Jul – Yr 7/8 Technology @ Rodney College 8<sup>th</sup> Jul – End of term two 8<sup>th</sup> Jul – Assembly @ 1:45pm – all welcome 8<sup>th</sup> Jul – MOVIE NIGHT 6:00PM</p> <p><b><u>2016 MBS TERM DATES</u></b> Term2: Mon 2 May – Fri 8 Jul Term3: Mon 25 Jul – Fri 23 Sep Term4: Mon 10 Oct – Fri 16 Dec</p>	<p><b><u>School Break Times</u></b> <b>8.55am Period 1</b> 10:00am Brain Break (sml snack) 11:00am Interval 11:30am Period 2 1:00pm Lunch 1:40pm Period 3 <b>2:45pm End of School</b></p> <p><b><u>Assembly days:</u></b> 12:45pm Lunch 1:30pm Assembly</p>
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## GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

**Spare Uniform.** With the wet weather setting in, parents are encouraged to leave a change of uniform in their child's bag just in case they get wet on the way to school. The office no longer has spares available to lend so if a child is wet from the rain, and there is no change of clothes provided, parents will be rung to bring a dry set to school.

**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 – this is a health and safety requirement.

**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. With 287 students to organise on buses in the afternoon, it is imperative that the office keeps an accurate 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 is blasting every lunchtime. Please remember to tune in and listen to our students read stories, play music and practice their DJing skills.

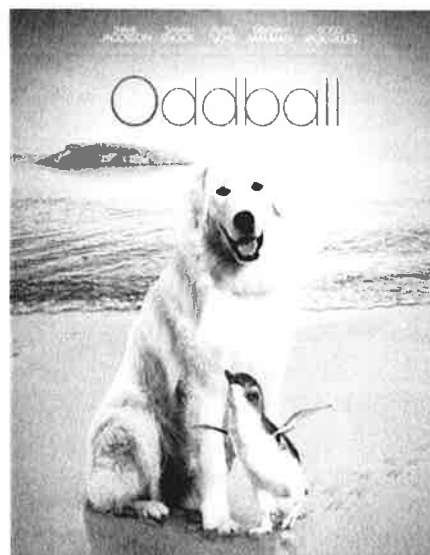
## MANGAWHAI BEACH SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Movie Night

6:00pm in the Gym – bring your chairs, mattresses, beanbags, sleeping bags etc.

Refreshments available to purchase

On Middle Island off the coast of Warrnambool, little penguins have made their home, but foxes have found the island and have reduced the population of penguins. An eccentric chicken farmer named Swampy teams up with his granddaughter to train their mischievous dog, Oddball, to protect the penguins from these predators in an attempt to reunite his family and save their seaside town. *Based on a true story.*



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Tickets available from the school or fundraising members  
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