

MANGAWHAI BEACH SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



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# Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017

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## PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

### **Calendar Update:**

27<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 6 Camp  
29<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 5 Camp  
1<sup>st</sup> Dec – School Assembly @ 1:45pm – all welcome  
4<sup>th</sup> Dec – BOT meeting @ 6:30pm  
5<sup>th</sup> Dec – Hiwi the Kiwi show for all students \$3  
7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Speech Competition at MBS  
8<sup>th</sup> Dec – MBS Got Talent  
11<sup>th</sup> Dec – House Captain day out  
12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Rooms 16, 17, 18 Surf Beach Trip \$3  
13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Rm 4 Surf Beach Trip  
14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 8 Graduation Dinner  
14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Rm 3 Surf Beach Trip  
15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Final Assembly @ 11:00am – all welcome  
18<sup>th</sup> Dec – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – FUN DAY  
30<sup>th</sup> Jan – Revisioning of Mangawhai Beach School  
31<sup>st</sup> Jan – Teacher Only Day  
1<sup>st</sup> Feb – Parent/Teacher/Student interviews  
2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – First day of learning

### **School Break Times**

**8.55am Period 1**  
10:00am Brain Break (sml snack)  
11:00am Interval  
11:30am Period 2  
12:30pm - 1:00pm Lunch play  
1:00pm - 1:15pm eat Lunch  
1:15pm Period 3  
**2:45pm End of School**

### **Assembly days:**

Early lunch break  
1:45pm Assembly

### **MBS Term Dates:**

Term4 2017: 16<sup>th</sup> Oct – 18<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Term1 2018: 1<sup>st</sup> Feb - 13<sup>th</sup> Apr  
Term2 2018: 30<sup>th</sup> Apr – 6<sup>th</sup> Jul  
Term3 2018: 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr – 28<sup>th</sup> Sep  
Term4 2018: 15<sup>th</sup> Oct - TBC

Our Year 5/6 classes are off to camp this week. We wish the teachers, parents and students a great time. I am attending for a couple of days and am excited to get involved in all the amazing activities planned - especially the archery and songs by the campfire.

On Tuesday 30th January 2018, we are embarking on an exciting new adventure. It is over six years since I was appointed Principal and consulted with staff, students and community to define a new direction for the school. With an increasing roll, changing population, and developing initiatives in education, it is time to revisit the existing vision, values, and strategic direction to ensure that the school is meeting the needs of the community it serves. Sue Poynter, from School Solutions, has been contracted by the Board of Trustees to lead a values driven approach to define a long term vision and framework that will set the future direction for the school. Sue is an



independent educational consultant and has worked closely with Mangawhai Beach School on a number of projects including leadership training and performance review.



**We are inviting members of the community who would like to participate in this process to contact the school with an expression of interest. On Tuesday January 30th 2018, we will be spending the whole day in**

**consultation with staff and community to explore and shape the future education of your children. We would love you to come and join us! If you are interested in registering please contact the school office: [office@mangawhaibeach.school.nz](mailto:office@mangawhaibeach.school.nz).**

**CLASS LISTS 2018:** 2018 class lists will be published on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Please make note of your child/children's class for 2018 and purchase any stationery you may need during the holidays. You are also able to pay for the school donation, Maths and Reading programmes online through OfficeMax MySchool at [www.myschool.co.nz](http://www.myschool.co.nz) Search for *Mangawhai Beach School* to start placing your order. If you have any concerns regarding the class lists for 2018 please contact Emma on [egrieve@mangawhaibeach.school.nz](mailto:egrieve@mangawhaibeach.school.nz).



**FINAL ASSEMBLY:** Please note that the final assembly will start at 11:00am on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. We estimate the finish time to be approximately 1:30pm and you are welcome to take your child/children at the conclusion. Please inform the school office if you take your child so corrections can be made to afternoon rolls and bus lists. Childcare will be available in Room 6 for parents with pre-schoolers. School buses will run at the normal time of 2:45pm so please be aware of this on the last day. If children have already left school and the buses are half empty, they may be running ahead of schedule. Our last official day of school will be Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December which will be a fun day of tabloids and other activities.

**DAY ONE INTERVIEWS 2018:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February is parent/student/teacher interviews. We want to create a strong home-school partnership which will enhance students' learning outcomes. You will be able to meet the teacher and ask any questions about the learning taking place, homework expectations, behaviour expectations and anything else you think will help support your child's learning. Students will be expected to attend interviews in uniform with parents/caregivers. Once the 2018 class lists have been released you will be able to book your interview with the 2018 teacher online at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) using the code **rt7uh**. If you don't have a computer, please call the school office on 09-431-4385 to book an appointment time. Teaching will begin on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

## PLEASE CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND SCHOOL WEBSITE DURING THE HOLIDAYS FOR UPDATES.

The school office will be open for uniform sales between 12:00pm – 2:00pm on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2018. Please take this opportunity to come in and sort out new uniforms before school starts on Friday. Any new enrolments are welcome during these days as well so we can get children organised for the first day back.

*Aaron Kemp  
Principal*

### GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

**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 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. With over 300 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 **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.



**No  
unauthorised  
entry**

**Home-time Changes (green notes).** If an **EMERGENCY SITUATION** arises during the day and you need to get a message to your child to change after school arrangements, the office can send a green note with the afternoon messages to let the child know what the change of plan is.



**Recycle Mobile Phones.** It would be great if you could have one last rummage around in your drawers and toy boxes and bring in any unwanted mobile phones before the end of term. 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. Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have in the collection box in the office.

**IS YOUR CHILD MOVING SCHOOLS NEXT YEAR? DO YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS AROUND TRANSITION? IF SO, PLEASE CONTACT EMMA GRIEVE TO SEE WHAT SUPPORT WE CAN OFFER.** [egrieve@mangawhaibeach.school.nz](mailto:egrieve@mangawhaibeach.school.nz)

**A RANGE OF SUPPORT GROUPS AND COUNSELLING SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE. CONTACT EMMA GRIEVE IF YOU WOULD LIKE ANY INFORMATION.** [egrieve@mangawhaibeach.school.nz](mailto:egrieve@mangawhaibeach.school.nz)

## **NEWS FROM NORTHLAND DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD**

We have had a significant number of confirmed mumps within Northland recently in particular, the Kaipara area. Please read the signs and symptoms below and look out for these if your child becomes unwell.

### **What is Mumps?**

Mumps is a contagious viral illness. Mumps symptoms include swollen or painful glands under the ear or jaw, swollen or painful testicles, fever, tiredness and/or muscle aches. Many children do not have any symptoms.

### **How is Mumps spread?**

People with Mumps can spread the virus through the air by droplets made when they breathe, cough or sneeze. It can also be spread by saliva containing the virus (eg when sharing food, drink or kissing). The time from becoming infected with the virus to developing symptoms can be as long as 25 days, but is typically 16-18 days. People with Mumps are infectious 7 days before to 9 days after the onset of swollen glands.

**Even those without symptoms may be able to spread the virus.**

### **The MMR vaccine provides the best protection against Mumps**

Children usually receive the first Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR) at 15 months of age and the second dose at 4 years. If you are unsure of your child's vaccination status or if your child has not yet received the vaccine or has only received one dose consult your healthcare provider. While vaccination against Mumps is the best protection against Mumps infection vaccinated individuals may still become infected.

**If your child experiences Mumps symptoms please see your family doctor and keep your child away from school or public places for 5 days from the time swollen glands first appear.**

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Swimming Lessons @ MBS with Ross Millar Swim School

December 2017 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>

Instructor Jennimay

\$48.00 (= 4 days, Tuesday to Friday)

January 2018

**Week 1:** 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>,

**Week 2:** 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>,

**Week 3:** 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>

Instructor Jordan

\$60.00 per week (= 5 days, Mon to Fri)

**BOOK NOW – spaces limited**

**Phone: 431 4328**

**Email: [rossmillarswim@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rossmillarswim@xtra.co.nz)**

## Otamatea Repertory Theatre News

### The Frog Prince

This is a very funny show, written by Peter Flower. Fun-filled for the whole family! Starring many talented young people from our community. Runs from 24 Nov to 3 Dec.

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**Into the Woods** – by Stephen Sondheim is to be our major musical for 2018. We performed this very funny musical in 2008. Auditions are to be held on 16 and 17 December 2017. Peter Flower to direct. Show season – eight shows from 14 to 29 July 2018. This show has a small mainly adult cast and a high level of singing ability is preferred.

Phone or text Peter for an audition appointment 021 164 8318

### Youth Theatre 2018

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!**

What is Youth Theatre?? We take a group of youngsters together for one week and at the end of the week, we put on a show with singing, dancing, acting, costume, make-up, props, set - the whole works. It is a great way to experience the joy of theatre creativity without the long term commitment that is required for a major production.

**Dates are now confirmed**

Week One 15 to 19 January 2018,

Week Two 22 to 26 January 2018

9am to 3pm daily, show on Friday night @ 7pm

Price \$130 per child – includes ORT junior subs of \$20 and Friday night meal at the Country Club.

Please register your interest asap by emailing [maura.flower@gmail.com](mailto:maura.flower@gmail.com) with your child's details, or text 022 354 2670



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## Piano Lessons, 2018

Music teacher, with over 30 years experience teaching piano, both classical and modern, is offering tuition commencing 2018. Highly qualified in both performance and theory and interested in a wide range of musical styles. Adult learners welcome. School children's lessons can be arranged from 3.30pm. For further information contact Janeen Soderling - 021 034 3557.

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