

MANGAWHAI BEACH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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Monday 29th July 2013

Life Long Learners making a positive difference

PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

Welcome back to what is going to be an exciting Term 3. We welcome many new students to MBS this term and also a new teacher Hannah Whittington who will be teaching in Room 5 at the start of Week 4. Hannah is from West Auckland and has been teaching at Takanini Primary for the last two years. She is in her second year of teaching and is looking forward to working at the best school in Northland. Paula Bygrave will be teaching in Room 5 until Hannah arrives.

We are also planning a Variety Show in the last few days of Term 3, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th September. This will be a whole school showcase of the children's talent. Each Syndicate is taking on a theme and will be presenting a show stopping spectacular. This will be a great event to take your whole family to so make sure you get your tickets when they become available later in the term.

Mr Ron Graham has advised us that he has decided to retire and enjoy a more relaxed lifestyle. The Board of Trustees has accepted his resignation and we are sure that you join us in thanking him for his contribution to our school and wish him well for the future.

Midyear reports for Years 4-8 will be sent home on Friday 9th August. Please take time to read and discuss the report with your child. This term we will be having student lead conferences which will be a time to discuss and reflect upon the reports and goals set for the year.

We have introduced a Bystanders Code of Conduct this term which students are being made aware of. The school has a zero tolerance to any form of physical violence against another student. If this happens, the student inflicting the violence will be sent home. When students walk into a scene where our school values are being broken, they will have two options: they too can break the school values or they can do something to support the school values. If students come across conflict or are unhappy with something they see they are being asked to:

DO

- Listen to those they trust and make good decisions
- If it is a conflict situation do try to calm it down
- Say "stop it I don't like it"
- Gap it and tell a teacher
- Help the student afterwards i.e. take them to their room or a duty teacher

DONT

- Ignore the situation
- Add negatively to the situation
- Hang around in groups

Disco - This terms Disco is planned for Friday 30th August. We have decided to combine both the junior and senior discos together and make it go for a little longer. More details to follow on the theme and structure later.

Bake Sale / Mufti Fundraiser - Our termly Bake Sale and Mufti day will be on the 18th September.

If anyone is able to help Geoff move the bark in the playground – please come down to the school at 9:00am tomorrow (Tuesday 30th July) with a shovel and/or wheelbarrows. Your help would be much appreciated.

Educational Update.

So what is this term we so often hear about - Lifelong learning? At one end of a continuum we can see a learner who is completely disenfranchised from learning and at the other a learner who has complete ownership of the learning. These positions are not absolute and, obviously, learners find themselves at different points along the continuum at different times, and often with different subjects. However, the making of a lifelong learner requires our students to experience an ever-increasing control over their own learning and developing and maintaining an intrinsic mastery of the learning. Lifelong learners seek patterns across their learning experiences, making connections to theories, ideas and understandings that they already have. Learning is not confined to the classroom. It takes place throughout life in a range of situations. Our goal as educators is to instil a 'love of learning' which helps to improve the life chances of all our students. Learning is lifelong and our responsibility as educators is to ensure that learning is fun, enjoyable and celebrated as part of life.

Activity Fee - Please ensure you have paid your term two activity fees otherwise your child will miss out on upcoming term three activities - thank you.

Automatic Payments – For those families with automatic payments, please be aware that there are 14 weeks left before our 1st of November payment deadline. Please phone the office if you need an updated balance of your account or would like us to recalculate your payments.

On the subject of A/P's, parents who have a child that will be attending Yr 7/8 camp in 2014 may like to think about starting up an automatic payment now to help make paying the camp a little easier on the household budget. Camp will be term two in 2014. See the office for a/p forms and bank account details.

MBS has a cell phone available for you to text in your children's notices or absences. The number is 0220146932

Aaron Kemp, Principal
principal@mangawhaibeach.school.nz

Calendar Update

30 Jul - Year 7/8 Technology
2 Aug - Midyear reports home (Year 4-8)
5 Aug – BOT meeting 6:00pm
6 Aug - Year 7/8 Technology
9 Aug – Kidz Can national Mufti & Whacky Hair Day
14 Aug – Character Parade
15 Aug- Rodney Enrolment Visit
16 Aug – Otamatea Open Day

School Break Times

8:55am School begins
10:00am Brain break (snack time)
11:00am Morning break
11:30am Morning break ends
12:45pm Lunch break
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School Class and Individual Photos – 23rd and 24th October. Please mark this date on your calendar. When the order forms go home you will have six weeks to order. **THE OFFICE WILL NOT TAKE ANY ORDERS FOR PHOTOS 1 WEEK PRIOR TO PHOTOS - NO EXCEPTIONS** – SO PLEASE ORDER PROMPTLY WHEN THE ORDER FORMS ARE SENT HOME.

After School Care (After3) - is available at the school three days per week - Tuesday to Thursday. The cost for a session from 2:45pm - 5:30pm is \$15.00. Enrolment forms are available from the school office.

After School Activities – If your child attends an after school activity that will affect bus arrangements, please remember to leave a message at the office before 2pm if you wish to take your child off the bus for the day.

Parents and students are reminded that any money being brought to school for activities should be in a named envelope and left in the banking box in the hallway outside the office door (via the student entrance).

FOMBS.

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Thanks

Thanks to all those that supported Joseph and Manaia and their sausage sizzle.



Mufl Day / Whacky Hair Day—9th August

Please join us in supporting Kids Can National Mufl day on Friday 9th August. Cost \$2 per student.

CALF OR LAMBS FOR AG DAY 2013

Calf and Lamb Registration Forms at school office, please ring Sandra Brunt if you have any queries 4315571. Please hand any trophies back to the office.

You can help raise a calf at Bruce Nelder's farm this year *please phone Bruce* on 4314545. Lots of fun for the kids.



Please save up your plastic jars and bring to the office for the lollie game for Ag Day.

FOMBS next meeting to be held in the Mangawhai Beach School boardroom on 8th August 2013 at 12.30. Everyone is welcome to attend.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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OPEN DAY
 Friday 16th August

Our fully interactive tour starts at 9.45am.
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