

MANGAWHAI BEACH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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Monday 6th March 2017

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PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

Calendar Update:

7th Mar – Swim 4 Life (Jnr Syd)
8th Mar – Beach Trip Rm 3 & 4
9th Mar – Transition to school info evening 6pm-7pm
9th Mar – FOMBS Meeting 7:30pm staffroom
10th Mar – School Triathlon – early finish at 2:00pm
13th Mar – BOT Meeting @ 6:30pm
14th Mar – Swim 4 Life (Jnr Synd)
17th Mar – Kelly Tarltons Trip (Rms 8 & 9)

2017 MBS TERM DATES

Term1: 1st Feb – 13th Apr
Term2: 1st May – 7th Jul
Term3: 24th Jul – 29th Sep
Term4: 16th Oct – 15th 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

It was great to catch up with a number of parents at the Beach Family fun afternoon at the Heads beach on Friday. It was a beautiful afternoon of swimming, relaxing and playing a few games with the children in one of the best spots in New Zealand. The tug of war battles were hard fought challenges especially the one between the heads and the village. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Triathlon - we have our whole school triathlon on this Friday from 11:30am. The triathlon will start with the senior school and conclude with our junior school. School will be **finishing early on this day at 2pm**. Please be aware that buses will be running from 2pm.



WELCOME

We would like to welcome and congratulate Victoria Sweeney who will be starting with MBS in Term 2 in the Junior Syndicate.

A big THANK YOU to parents who are ensuring their children are in the correct uniform when they come to school.

A reminder to parents of students who catch the bus that we expect you to **supervise your child/children at the bus stop in the morning**. We also expect that you will meet the bus in the afternoons to make sure your child a) gets off at the right stop, and b) is not waiting or walking alone. An incident happened recently where one of our students was offered a ride to school by a stranger. The student was standing in the rain and thought they had missed the bus so accepted the ride. The student did arrive at school safely but.....this situation could have easily gone another way. **PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD/REN ARE SAFE BEFORE AND AFTER THE BUS RIDE.**

Payment for EOTC's (Education Outside the Classroom) is expected before the day of the trip. Please send the payment in a named envelope so your child can drop the envelope in the money box at the office. If you would like to set up an automatic payment and deposit funds each week to cover the cost of activities etc, please see the office staff for the appropriate form.

Aaron Kemp
Principal

FOMBS MEETING THURSDAY 9TH MARCH 7:30PM

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING THURSDAY 9TH MARCH 6:00PM – 7:00PM

Collect the Yummy cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual Yummy apple stickers for your school's share of the \$200,000 free DG Sport sports gear prize pool. Yummy apples are available from New World, Pak'n Save and participating Four Square stores. The more you collect, the more sports gear you get so get going and start collecting your Yummy cut-out labels and stickers now! **EXTRA FORMS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE.**



Well done to our Year 5/6 Rippa team who made it into the final in Whangarei.



Tug O War at Friday's beach day.

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 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 need to first sign in 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, the office can send a green note with the afternoon messages to let the child know what the change of plan is.

Lost Property. Check lost property on a regular basis for any missing items. At the end of the term any unclaimed items will be given to the St John's Op Shop or sold on the second hand uniform rack as a donation to the school.

Recycle Mobile Phones. There is a drop box in the school office for old mobile phones. Please put your old mobiles in here and not in the rubbish where they end up as land fill.



WHO IS A ROLE MODEL?

Role models are people who influence others by serving as examples. They are often admired by the people who emulate them. Through their perceived personal qualities, behaviours, or achievements, they can inspire others to strive and develop without providing any direct instruction.

For most children, the most important role models are their parents and caregivers, who have a regular presence in their lives.

As a parent, it is impossible to not model. Your children will see your example – positive or negative – as a pattern for the way life is to be lived. Therefore, depending on what you do or do not do, you can be either:

- *a very important protective factor (an environmental influence that protects against problem behaviour)*
- *or a very powerful risk factor (an environmental condition that is associated with an increase in problem behaviour).*

According to David Streight, executive director of the Council for Spiritual and Ethical Education and a nationally certified school psychologist, we know the following about good role models for children:

- *The way you act and the kind of model you offer your children constitutes one of the five well-researched practices proven to maximize the chances your kids will grow up with good consciences and well-developed moral reasoning skills.*
- *The right kind of modelling can influence how much empathy your child will end up feeling and showing in later life.*
- *The chances of your children growing up to be altruistic (to be willing to act for the benefit of others, even when there are no tangible rewards involved) are better depending on the kinds of role models children grow up with.*
- *Good role models can make lifelong impressions on children, regarding how to act in the difficult situations that they will inevitably face in life.*

Role modelling is one of the most powerful tools you have in your parenting tool belt to influence the direction of your children's character, whatever their age. When used to best advantage, you can pass on the values you want your children to adopt so that they become the adults you would like them to be.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

— Mangawhai Walking Weekend —

Troubadour Trail

Friday 24 March 2017

Kick off your Walking Weekend with this delightful community event alongside the estuary.

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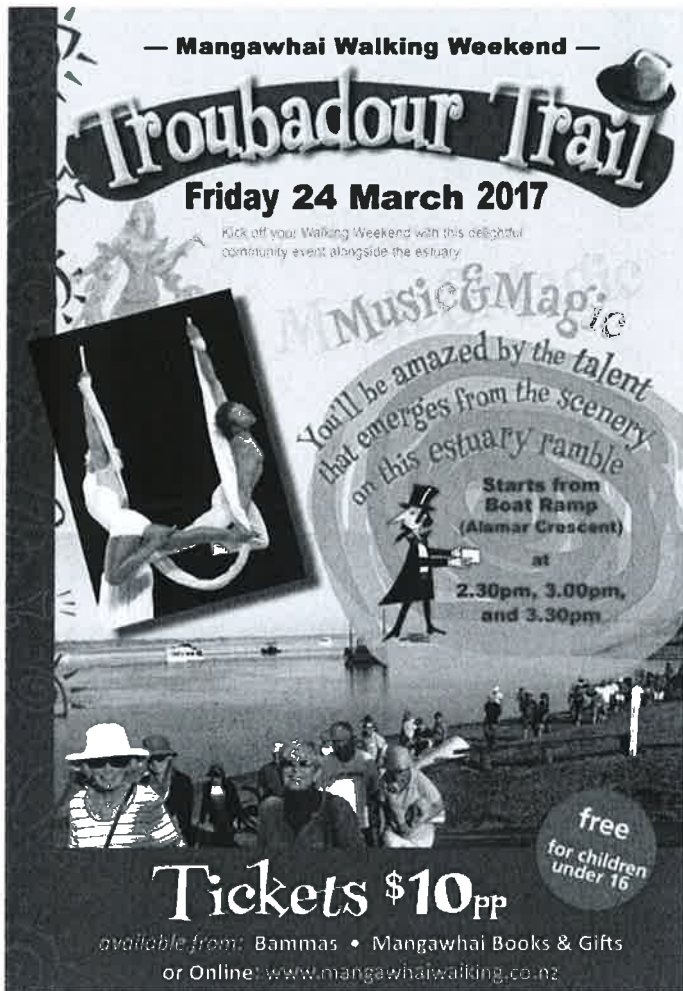
You'll be amazed by the talent that emerges from the scenery on this estuary ramble.

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