

MANGAWHAI BEACH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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Monday 21st July 2014

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PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

Welcome back to the start of another very busy term and a special welcome to Chaehee Park, the new teacher in Room 4 and Ben Bradley, the new teacher in Room 15. We are excited to have two new young and energetic staff join our wonderful teaching team. We also welcome Sherrill Glen who will be teaching in Room 10 as Lance Coker is currently on Sabbatical for the term. Please ensure you read this newsletter as it has important information about up and coming events and dates for your calendar. We will continue to inform you through our newsletter, facebook account and website.

Thank you to the 65 families (28%) who completed our community survey. Information regarding the survey will be shared over the next few newsletters in the 'Educational Update' section of the newsletter. Overall we had an extremely positive response with the mean result for our performance ratings being 4/5 - fantastic! We are an amazing school, with great staff, tremendous community support and wonderful children.

Paula Bygrave, with the support of other teaching staff is running a school wide production called "**The Pirates of the Curry Bean**". Paula has already auditioned the main characters and will periodically be asking for support from our parents. If you are interested in assisting Paula contact her at pbygrave@mangawhaibeach.school.nz or contact the school office. Due to this production we will be limiting the number of assemblies this term. There will still be Syndicate assemblies and whole school singing assemblies to gather as a school and to share in our achievements and complete our famous "What's in the Bag" reward system.

Student Led Conferences will be held in Week 3, 5th August from 1pm - 6pm and 6th August from 3pm - 6pm. This is an opportunity for you to book a time to celebrate your child's learning. The survey information stated that many of you would prefer an interview time with your child's teacher and the child so we have organised this via a booking system on www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. Please book your time online with your teacher using this code: 8D2KQ or by phoning the office and making a booking. Room 10 and Room 15 will not be hosting parent teacher interviews. Instead Mr Bradley will meet with his parents in a meet the teacher afternoon on the 7th August 4pm - 5pm.

Educational Update

Survey Update - Information via the Survey showed some concerns around our reporting to parents of information. The majority of you preferred written reports and interviews with a strong preference for direct contact and emailing. Some of you believed that there was not enough reporting and that you were unsure of where your children were at in relation to their peers. We currently report twice yearly using written reports and Student Led Conferences in Term 3. We have changed the Student Led Conference to a more interview type situation to allow for a more personalised discussion with your teacher. We strongly believe in Student Led Conferences as this is a time for your child to share their personal successes and challenges. Please be aware that at any time you are able to make an appointment to see your teacher. **Let me reiterate that you can book a time to see your teacher about your child at anytime after school by appointment.** There should be no reason that you are not informed.

Aaron Kemp, Principal

principal@mangawhaibeach.school.nz

Calendar Update:

21 Jul - Maori Language week
22 Jul - Technology (Intermediate students need shoes)
1 Aug - Powhiri (New teachers, Herby and Northland Regional Council) at 11.30am
4 Aug - Maori Lessons for those booked start 7pm
4 Aug - Book Week
5 Aug – S.L.C. 1pm - 6pm (School closed early)
6 Aug - Student Led Conferences 3pm - 6pm
7 Aug - Ben Bradley meet the teacher (4pm -5pm)
8 Aug - Book Character Parade (9am)
11 Aug - Maths Week / Rodney College Visit (11.30-12.30)

Term Dates 2014:

TERM 3: July 21 – September 26
TERM 4: October 13 – December 19

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

Moved house? Changed your phone number? Please let the school office know of any changes of address or emergency contact phone numbers. We have had a number of student reports returned in the mail because the address is no longer current.

Please also advise the office if after school bus timetables have altered due to sports or after school activities. Remember that the bus service is provided to take children to and from their home to school and not to sports practice or friend's houses for play dates.

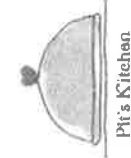
AFTER3 Fun Factory. After school care is available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:45pm – 5:30pm. Cost is \$15 per session and an OSCAR subsidy is available. Casual and permanent placing's are available. Please see the office to enrol.

Please check lost property regularly for unclaimed uniform items.

NEW MBS MOBILE NUMBER FOR TEXTING MESSAGES AND/OR ABSENCES IS: 0223957708.
Please update accordingly.

Head Lice – If you child is constantly scratching their head, the cause could be head lice. Please check your child's hair weekly for head lice and treat for a minimum of three weeks if lice are found. Please also advise the classroom teacher so letters can be sent home to other families to try and stop reinfestations. Students are required to tie back long hair.

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.



Friday Lunch Options for Jul/Aug 2014

Name:

Room:

Friday July 25th, 2014

Mixed Sushi (6 pieces = \$6), (8 pieces=\$8)
Lamb burger, yoghurt and mint sauce with
baked potato wedges (\$6)

Friday August 1st, 2014

Mixed sushi (6 pieces = \$6), (8 pieces=\$8)
Wholemeal pita bread with meatballs, shaved
Parmesan and quinoa salad

Friday August 8th, 2014

Mixed Sushi (6 pieces = \$6), (8 pieces=\$8)
Bacon, Free-range egg fried-rice (brown rice),
peas, carrots, spring onion (\$6)

Friday August 15th, 2014

Mixed Sushi (6 pieces = \$6), (8 pieces=\$8)
Steak and cheese pie with spelt pastry and
fresh salad (\$6)

Friday August 22nd, 2014 - No lunches provided this week

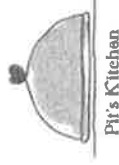
Friday August 29th, 2014

Mixed Sushi (6 pieces = \$6), (8 pieces=\$8)
Miso basted chicken soba noodles
(buckwheat noodles) with carrots. (\$6)

Note:

- You can choose to order for the whole term; pay weekly, fortnightly or monthly ((txipay pit to 5464) to pay or <https://www.txtpay.co.nz/VPoS/VPoS.aspx?merchant=Pit>)
- Gluten-free soy sauce for sushi is available on request.
- If ordering weekly, please place your order with the school by Thursday. (Late orders call 021 988715).
- List of ingredients is on Rainbow box in the office.

Due to health and safety regulations Lunches to be consumed no later than 2 pm. Please discard any leftover.



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After3 Fun Factory

Jen & Jaki run an awesome after school care programme. The program is available for both permanent bookings and casual bookings.

**Need to get your haircut and don't want to take the kids – After3!
Running late back from town and won't be home in time – After3!
A quiet afternoon coffee with friends – After3!**

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