

MBS Update

19th November 2018

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF TERM CALENDAR ACTIVITIES BUT BE AWARE THAT THEY ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Keep checking our website, Facebook page and newsletters for updates and changes.

Calendar Update:

19th Nov – BOT Meeting @ 6:30pm staffroom
 19th/20th Nov – Middle School Surf Trip/Lessons \$20
 22nd Nov – Mufti Day Kiwi Fundraiser.
 23rd Nov – Junior Synd Assembly @ 1:45pm
 27th Nov – Junior Athletics
 27th Nov – Rm 17 SUP activity \$5
 29th Nov – Yr 6 Survival afternoon \$10
 30th Nov – Intermediate Synd Assembly @ 1:45pm
 3rd Dec – Year 8 Graduation Dinner
 5th Dec – Parent Helpers Morning Tea

2019

29th Jan 19 – Teacher Only Day
 30th Jan 19 – Day One Interviews
 31st Jan 19 – School starts

School Break Times

8.55am Period 1

10:00am Brain Break (sml snack)

11:00am Interval

11:30am Period 2

12:45pm - 1:20pm Lunch play

1:20pm - 1:30pm eat Lunch

1:30pm Period 3

2:45pm End of School

MBS Term Dates:

T4 2018: 15th Oct – 18th Dec

T1 2019: 31st Jan – 12th Apr

T2 2019: 29th Apr – 5th Jul

T3 2019: 22nd Jul – 27th Sep

T4 2019: 14th Oct – 17th Dec

It is interesting watching the media reports about the current issues in education. I am saddened to see broad statements from the media like, “teachers get so many holidays”; “teachers will receive a \$10,000 salary increase”; “they already get time off at work to plan, prepare and assess why do they need more time, get into the real world” are all very misleading statements. I think it is time to make you aware of what is actually going on with all this STRIKING!

The last time Primary School teachers took industrial action was over twenty years ago and was around pay parity with Secondary School teachers. Currently it is interesting to note that Secondary School teachers receive 10 days a term release. This enables them to plan, mark work, assess student learning and participate in professional development. Primary School teachers receive two days and in the latest offer were given 12 minutes more release time and now in the current offer, nothing. Staff at MBS work well beyond the hours of the job. This week we had a Science evening that three staff participated in until 7pm. Four teaching staff were on camp last week working late into the night ensuring that the children were safe and sleeping and then up again at 6:00am to get the day organised. We have staff working late into the night writing Health and Safety forms for school trips (that they don't have to organise but do it for the children they love to teach); completing sports and extra supervision duties during lunchtime (often missing out on a rest break to keep our children safe and well); marking and writing reports at home (because they have run out of time during the day due to answering parent emails, attending meetings or preparing for the next day).



The striking is not just about pay. It is about better working conditions, attracting the best staff into the profession and supporting our teachers to have the mind space to teach. They are paid to teach but are now often called to do social work, be nurses, cleaners, deal with a long list of special needs and behavioural issues that they are not trained for and support the rebuilding of children's lives when they fall apart. The difficult job of parenting is often placed on the shoulders of our educators and they desire a better deal. We do it because we love your children - don't you think your children deserve a better deal so that our teachers can do what they were trained to do and that is TEACH.

From the ACE team: Aaron Kemp, Cherylene Neels and Emma Grieve

Cohort Entry for five year old enrolments: Under new guidance from the Ministry of Education, Mangawhai Beach School will no longer be enrolling children under five. We will continue with cohort entry however your child must be five on enrolment date otherwise they will have start in the following term after their fifth birthday.

END OF YEAR PROCEDURES: End of year procedures will soon be underway and we asked that your school account be cleared of charges before the 1st of November. If you are yet to pay these, please do so immediately. If a donation is still on your account, please consider giving this voluntary payment to the school, even a small amount will be greatly received and go towards funding extra resources used in class and our valuable teacher assistants who support your child's learning.



Mufti Day Kiwi Fundraiser 22nd Oct

EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM: A friendly reminder that activity fees for trips outside the classroom are due well before the date of the event. Activities are NO PAY – NO GO unless an arrangement has been made with the school office.

FINAL ASSEMBLY: Please note that the final assembly will start at 11:00am on **Friday 14th December**. We estimate the finish time to be approximately 1:30pm and you are welcome to take your child at the conclusion. Please tell 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 that buses may be half empty and running ahead of schedule. Our last day of school will be Tuesday 18th December which will be a fun day of water fights and other activities.



DAY ONE INTERVIEWS 2019: Wednesday 30th January 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 2019 class lists have been released you will be able to book your interview with the 2019 teacher online at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using the code (TBA). 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 Thursday 31st January 2019.



SCHOOL OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM TUESDAY 29TH JANUARY FOR UNIFORM SALES. DUE TO THE VOLUME OF ENROLMENTS THAT NEED TO BE PROCESSED THERE WILL BE NO UNIFORM SALES DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL SO PLEASE GET IN BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS FOR UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS.

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