

MBS Update

4th March 2019

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:

4th Mar – Seaweek
 5th Mar – FOMBS meeting 7:30pm
 5th Mar – Goat Island Jnr EOTC
 5th Mar – Swimming sports @ Rodney College
 6th Mar – Parent Information Meeting 3pm (wellbeing)
 6th Mar – Goat Island Jnr EOTC
 8th Mar – School Tryathlon
 8th Mar – Whole School assembly (1:45pm)
 11th Mar – P.A.T. Testing
 22nd Mar – Fundraising DISCO
 15th Mar – Jnr assembly (1:45pm)
 15th Mar – Sports Exchange with Wellsford Primary

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:

T1 2019: 31st Jan – 12th Apr

T2 2019: 29th Apr – 5th Jul

T3 2019: 22nd Jul – 27th Sep

T4 2019: 14th Oct – 17th Dec

INTERNET SAFETY

Online safety is becoming more important than ever as the increasing risks of online dangers are becoming more relevant. It is important to teach your children how to be safe when using the internet. Netsafe NZ have 10 key tips to support parents with monitoring their children while online. Information is available at www.netsafe.org.nz. In summary they include: setting internet expectations - time and content viewed; understanding what they are using the internet for - what is its purpose?; Learn together - explore the internet with your child; Set a good example - monitor your own use and content as children mirror what they see you do; Teach them the basics - passwords etc; Give them the tools they need to deal with online bullying - what is not acceptable offline is also not acceptable online; and knowing what to do when something bad does happen. Please check out Netsafe and help us, together, educate your child in online safety.

STOP WORK MEETING

The primary school teachers collective contract has still not been ratified by the Ministry of Education. This means that as of today the work and pay conditions have not come to a successful negotiation. The NZEI (teachers union) are calling all union members to a stop work meeting on Tuesday 19th March at 1:00pm. This means that we will have no staff at school. The school will remain officially open, and I would love to be able to supervise 470 students but am unable to do this due to Health and Safety regulations, so am asking that buses run early and parents collect their students at 1pm. If you are really stuck and need supervision of your children please notify the office asap so that we can assist. Thank you for all of your support of our teachers, let's hope that we can get our claims met so that we can all move forward.

SWIMMING

Swimming is a compulsory part of the curriculum. It is vital that your children take part in the lessons offered to them. We have a number of students opting out by conveniently "forgetting" their togs (especially in the Intermediate area of the school). Please ensure that your child brings their gear to school. If there is a valid reason for them not swimming then a note is expected.

We are looking at our report writing and would value your input into where we go with it this year, and in the future. Here is the link to our survey which takes 5 minutes to complete and will be an invaluable source of information for us. Thank you for your time and ideas, we look forward to reading your thoughts: <https://goo.gl/forms/Ts982g1FlmAQgpBG3>

STAFF CARPARK

We respectfully request that all children and parents stay clear of the staff carpark. There have been parents and students walking through this area to classrooms before and after school and we would like this area to remain free of pedestrian traffic for health & safety and security reasons. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

PARENT INFORMATION AFTERNOON 3PM WED 6TH MARCH

Come along and join Jane Valentine as she helps us navigate the quagmire of parenting in the 21st century.

Over the past 15 years Jane has worked with many hundreds of parents, both in seminars and in individual sessions, sharing with them the relational science of parenting. This information has been revealed to us through recent scientific research and brain imaging. We are the first generation to have access to all of this information: Information that forms an important part of a parent's tool box for raising children who will thrive in the world.

Childcare is available if required - please indicate if you require this in your RSVP

Please do join us - RSVPs via email are essential - egrieve@mangawhaibeach.school.nz

IT'S THIS WEEK! THE FUN BEGINS THIS WEEK!

Our Fun Run date is Tuesday 9th April. We hope to see you all there!

Remember our target is to raise \$50,000 for STEM Resources and many, many other essential items.

The sponsorship forms will be sent home with your child on Friday. If you want to learn more about the fun run come to our school assembly this week.

Remember there are just a couple of simple steps to get your child fundraising:

- The form will arrive home on Friday - jump online at schoolfundraising.co.nz and create a student profile page. If you require any assistance with this please email egrieve@mangawhaibeach.school.nz
- Start thinking about how to 'market'. Talk to your children about who they want to approach and how they do this showing the CREW value of Whakautē.

Remember - Students who raise \$10 or more will receive a reward, and the more money you raise the better the reward, and the more you help the school! Better than that.... They go into a prize draw to be PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY! And the winning class gets some treats as well!

If you have any questions about the Fun-Run please contact the School Fun-Run Office on 0800 377 170.

Thanks for supporting the school and we hope to see you at the event - especially joining in the fun and having a run yourselves! And don't forget if you wish to help as a volunteer or sponsor an 'obstacle' - please contact Hannah on hannahjford@yahoo.com

