

MANGAWHAI BEACH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

<p><u>Calendar Update:</u> 21st Feb – Swim 4 Life (Jnr) 21st Feb – Mystic's Practice 11:30-3:30 28th Feb – Swim 4 Life (Jnr) 28th Feb – Yr 5-6 Rippa Rugby 3rd Mar – Rm 5 & 7 Goat Island Trip 3rd Mar – Family Beach Day 4-6pm 3rd Mar – Whole School Assembly 1:45pm 8th Mar – Rm 3 & 4 Beach trip 9th Mar – FOMBS Meeting 7:30pm 10th Mar – Triathlon – early school finish @ 2:00pm <u>2017 MBS TERM DATES</u> Term1: 1st Feb – 13th Apr Term2: 1st May – 7th Jul Term3: 24th Jul – 29th Sep Term4: 16th Oct – 15th Dec</p>	<p><u>School Break Times</u> 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</p> <p><u>Assembly days:</u> 12:45pm Lunch 1:30pm Assembly</p> <p>** POPCORN & ICEBLOCKS FOR SALE FRIDAY LUNCHTIME \$2 **</p>
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Wasn't it wonderful to have the rain last week. The school tanks are full, the pool is full and we are all ready for the house water fight on Friday. The water fight will take place at around 2pm and we are asking that students bring their water bottles and water guns filled with water. They will have access to a supply of water during the activity, but it will be limited. We had a very successful middle/senior swimming sports. A big THANKS to everyone who supported us on the day. Certificates will be presented at our whole school assembly on the 3rd March.

Keeping Ourselves Safe - Please do not pick up other parents' children without prior arrangement with the parent. This is either before school or after school. We have had a number of incidents of children missing the bus in the morning and then being picked up by parents. Please make sure you have talked to your child about what they are supposed to do if the bus does not come. Your child is your responsibility until they are on the bus.

Family Beach Day – 3rd March – 4:00pm – 6:00pm. Come and join the staff and house captains at the Mangawhai Surf Beach for a family fun afternoon. There will be sandcastle / sculpture competitions, mermaid/merman competitions, treasure hunt, soccer and cricket on the beach and the famous house tug of war competition. Bring along a packed snack/dinner, your togs and a great attitude for the MBS family fun day. The staff and house captains will organise the events. **This is not a drop off event**, it is a family friendly event. It will also be weather and safe surf dependent.

MBS Triathlon - Friday March 10th. This is a fun event and we encourage all students to participate. Bring bikes to school first thing in the morning and place them in the cordoned off areas along the fence line of the hard courts. Junior students are to place their wheels on the grass area/bike rack near front courts. Start time is 11:30am, senior students will go first finishing with the junior students. We are encouraging parents to come and support the students but remind everybody for health and safety reasons, to keep the course area clear of prams and toddlers for the participants. **School will finish at 2:00pm** this day for a staff team building session.

Aaron Kemp
Principal

School Vegetable Garden: We are fortunate to have the Mangawhai Community Garden Club help us in 2017 with the running of our school garden. To help our children with the upkeep of the vegetable garden, we are looking for some vegetable gardening parents or grandparents prepared to volunteer their time on a regular basis. This will be once a week (likely a Friday) during our lunchtime break. If you are interested please email me at jfanning@mangawhaibeach.school.nz. We are also after some organic compost as well as some Blood and Bone mix - please.

Jackie Fanning

(New Entrants Teacher and Environment Management Unit Facilitator)

Celebrate Seaweed: Kaupapa Moana 2017 from Saturday 25 February to Sunday 5 March. The theme is "Toiora te Moana - Toiora te Tangata - Healthy Seas, Healthy People".

Individual classes at Mangawhai Beach School are celebrating this week in their unique ways and we will set up a school display in our reception area. FYI - The following link is to community events advertised on the Seaweed website. Events include guided snorkelling trips, kayak days and open days (Auckland, Kaipara and Whangarei). This link also includes booking and contact details for each individual community event. <http://seaweed.org.nz/events/>

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 287 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.

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 is happening.



Beach FM 87.8 - The student led radio station is blasting every lunchtime. Please remember to tune in and listen to our students read stories, play music and practice their DJing skills.

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Happy New Year from Otamatea Martial Arts



Our Kempo classes for juniors and teens start up again in the week commencing Feb 6th. Pupils from your school may already be enjoying our classes, but we always welcome new members, and classes start from a very reasonable \$50 a term.

We would really appreciate a mention in your newsletters etc. regarding the recommencement of our classes.

Kempo classes are held in:

Wellsford on Tues (from Feb 7th) Ages 5-9 yrs 3:15 pm. 10-15 yrs 4:15 pm. 16+ 5:30 pm
Wellsford Primary School, School Road.

Kaiwaka on Wed (from Feb 8th) Ages 5-9 yrs 3:15 pm. 10-15 yrs 4:15 pm. 16+ 5:30 pm
Kaiwaka Sports Assoc., Gibbons Road.

Mangawhai on Sat (from Feb 11th) 12 & under: 9.30 am. Teens/adults 10.30 am
Mangawhai Recreation Centre, Insley Road.

For staff and parents we also do regular adult Meditation and Tai Chi classes in Kaiwaka on Wednesday & Sunday mornings, from around \$5 per class.

(In time we hope to bring this program Wellsford and Mangawhai also.)

Following our very successful self defence classes for women and girls last year, we are planning to repeat them later in the year. We will advise dates for these in due course, and would appreciate it if you could display a flyer on your notice board or in your newsletter, closer to the commencement date.



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“Friends of the Brigade” is a group of supporters of the Mangawhai Volunteer Fire Brigade who have got together to work and fundraise towards a much needed new Fire Station in Mangawhai.

By donating \$20 for a Car Bumper Sticker, or \$5 for a Car Window Sticker, students and/or parents will help get our local community one step closer to achieving this project. Please would you kindly advertise this fundraising initiative within the School, to Students and into your School Newsletter.

The whole of the Community stands to benefit from a new fully operational Fire Station - and the sooner the better. Many thanks for your assistance with working towards this goal. Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the writer or email : friendsofthebrigade@gmail.com

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