



Macandrew Bay School



Simply the best for our children.

3 February 2017

Kia ora koutou Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to our 2017 School year. I hope you all had a really nice family time over Christmas and January and got to enjoy a good holiday break, despite the rather patchy summer weather. The teachers feel refreshed and ready for an exciting year ahead and it was great to see how happy the children seemed to be to get back to school and catch up with their friends again. It should be a great year!

CLASSES – TERM 1

Toroa	Year 6	33 children	Christine Ward and Judy Hawker
Korimako	Year 4/5	29 children	Andrew Mitchell
Kārearea	Year 4	29 children	Matt Direen
Tui	Year 3	26 children	Robyn Brooker
Rātā	Year 2/3	24 children	Nic Brown
Kōwhai	Year 1/2	13 children	Beth Wells and Shelley Dixon
Kākano	Year 1	6 children	Charlotte Hutchison

We are starting the year with 160 pupils and should end the year with approximately 180 children, New Entrant children will arrive throughout the year into Kakano class and as numbers build some children will move into Kowhai class.

We are welcoming Charlotte Hutchison as our new teacher in the Junior Block. Beth Wells is going to teach four days a week in Kowhai (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) and Shelley Dixon will teach each Wednesday in Kowhai also. Therese Sharma will be doing some part time teaching this year too, mostly in Tui and Rata.

TERM ONE

We have a longer eleven-week term that goes up until Thursday the 13th April. The school will be closed on Waitangi Day, Monday the 6th February as it is a Public Holiday and also on Monday 20 March for Otago Anniversary Day.

WAITANGI DAY CELEBRATIONS AT OTAKOU MARAE

This year Te Runanga o Otakou will be hosting the major southern commemoration of Waitangi Day at Otakou Marae this weekend on Monday February the 6th. There will be formal events such as the powhiri (welcome) at 10am, assemble at 9.45am at the gate and the poroporoaki (farewell) at 3pm with a guest speakers forum and a family festival happening during the day. There will be stalls and entertainment, food vendors, workshops and exhibitions and a chance to try waka ama (outrigger canoe) paddling. Families are

also welcome to bring picnics. Bring cash for food options if you wish to purchase food as no eftpos will be available. The wider community are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2017

Term 1: Tuesday 30 January – Thursday 13th April
Term 2: Monday 1 May – Friday 7 July
Term 3: Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September
Term 4: Monday 16 October – Friday 15 December

CLASSROOM INFORMATION MEETINGS

On the 15th and 16th of February we plan to run a brief 30-45 minute session in each classroom where teachers will explain their classroom routines, organisation and how learning programmes run. We have done this the last few of years and parents have found it very useful.

On Wednesday the 15th February – The majority of the Senior Classes (Rms Toroa, Tui and Karearea) will run their sessions and on Thursday 16th February Rooms Rātā, Kowhai, Kākano and Korimako will run their sessions.

The time slots are as follows:

Wednesday 15th February

5.30 – 6.15pm Y3 Tui - Robyn Brooker
6.15 – 7.00pm Y4/5 Karearea- Matt Direen
7.00 – 7.45pm Y5/6 Toroa – Christine Ward/Judy Hawker

Thursday 16th February

5.30 – 6.15pm Y1/2 Kowhai – Beth Wells
5.30–6.15pm Y3/4 Korimako- Andrew Mitchell
6.15 – 7.00pm Y1 Kākano – Charlotte Hutchison
7.00 – 7.45pm Y2/3 Rātā – Nic Brown

The sessions will all be run by the class teachers in their classrooms.

To follow up for those families who would like a 10-minute chat with their child's teacher we have available 10-minute slots from 3pm – 5.45pm set aside on Tuesday 7th March and Thursday 9th March. This would be for parents to share any information with class teachers they wanted to pass on and to set goals to focus on this year. Bookings can be made online for Parent Interviews at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and we will set up a code and put it in upcoming newsletters closer to the time.

Mid year written school reports will be going home in Term 2. We will aim to also run student lead conferences before the July holidays this year.

OTAGO MUSEUM TRIPS (20, 21, 22 February)

We would love to know if parents are able to join us for our February Otago Museum Trips. I know parents need notice to allow them to juggle things around to come with us so here are the days and times that each class will be going and we will include a tear off slip at the back of the newsletter. Parents are welcome to come on the bus with us or meet us in

at the Otago Museum. We don't have exact times yet but they will be in next week's newsletter.

Monday 20 February

Morning Y1/2 Kākano and Kowhai together- Mrs Wells and Miss Hutchison
Afternoon Y3/4 Kārearea- Mr Direen

Tuesday 21 February

Morning Y2/3 Tui- Mrs Brooker
Afternoon Y6 Toroa- Mrs Ward

Wednesday 22 February

Morning Y3 Rata- Miss Brown
Afternoon Y4/5 Korimako- Mr Mitchell

SWIMMING

Classes swim nearly every day and we should get at least 6-7 weeks of swimming in during February and March before the pool is closed for the season at Otago Anniversary Weekend. Please send your child along prepared to swim with their togs and a towel etc each day. If there is any problem about this please have a chat to your child's teacher.

INQUIRY THEMES – 2017

Our big overarching concept in 2017 is about Challenge and Survival.

In Term 1 our topic is 'Ancient Civilisations- their Rise and Fall' and we will be researching a number of civilisations and their history.

In Term 2 we will find out about the Animals and the challenges they face to survive – We will look into the concept of survival of the fittest and how it applies to the animal world.

In Term 3 we plan to look at Nature's Forces and how people deal with challenges when coping with Natural Disasters.

In Term 4 we will look into how people keep themselves safe. We will look into

These ideas and Inquiry topics have all come out of our consultation with the children at the end of last year when we brainstormed all the things they wanted to find out about and looked for themes that connected with these ideas.

We have an Otago Museum trip booked for in this term.

If we have any parents or contacts that people know of who have a passion for any of these topics we would love to hear from you and see if you might possibly share your interest and knowledge with the children. They love listening to adults talking about something that they are passionate about.

VISITING PERFORMER- MR YIPPADEE AT SCHOOL NEXT FRIDAY

On Friday morning next week we look forward to welcoming Deano O'Brien, Mr Yippadee to school. Deano is a children's author and musician and his albums have topped the UK children's charts on numerous occasions. He has performed in the children's programme at Glastonbury numerous times. He has two books published through Scholastic, 'Nee Naw the Fire Engine' and 'Jingle Bells, Rudolf Smells'. He has toured with Wonky Donkey's Craig Smith. Deano will run a creative writing workshop with Toroa class at 9.15 and then will do his whole school performance at 10.15 in Tutahi, our Library space. The performance will last for 45 minutes approximately. The cost is covered by the Activity donation.

LIFE EDUCATION MOBILE CLASSROOM VISIT- 13th-15th Feb

In Week 3 this term the new Life Education Trust Educator, Maria Sinclair, and Harold the Life Education giraffe will bring the Mobile Classroom to our school and will be teaching Health lessons to all the classes about self esteem and social relationships. This is a very useful focus for us at the start of the term. The cost of this programme is covered by the Activity donation.

Maria is happy to run a parent session for any parents who are keen to pop into the mobile classroom after school and find out more about Life Education programmes. The parent session is on Monday the 13th, between 3pm-3.40pm. Feel free just to pop in for 10 minutes or so in this time if you wish to.

PARENT TUTOR READING HELP – Year 3 – 6 children

If you are interested in being a Parent Tutor to support children with their reading for 1½ hours per week then please fill out the form below and return it to school. Adults sit with one child at a time and hear them read for 15 minutes or so. Over the 1½ hours the Parent Tutors work with 5 or 6 children. This makes a big difference to the children and really boosts their confidence. Usually Parent Tutors sign up for one regular morning each week. Hopefully some of our fantastic Parent Tutors from last year will be able to continue. Thank you to those people who have already signed up again. Mrs Brooker organises this programme.

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have changed any of your contact details such as emergency phone numbers and work numbers could you please fill out the form below and return to the Office. Often parents may change their cellphone numbers or email addresses and forget to let the School know but it is great to have accurate information in case we need to contact you quickly.

CONTACT WITH THE SCHOOL

The School Office hours are as follows: **Monday-Friday 8.30-3.30** and it would be appreciated if messages are usually phoned during these hours.

A reminder that the school has a Call Minder Service and calls are automatically put through if the line is engaged or no one is available. Please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. If you are leaving an urgent message about after school arrangements it is always wise to ring back though and try to speak to an actual person to be sure your message has been received.

I am available most times if parents need to talk to me about anything. I always try to be readily available but at times this isn't always possible. Parents can always make an appointment if needed.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

If you are new to the School and would like to receive your newsletter each Friday electronically please fill in the form and return it to Irene and she will add you to the list.

This seems to work well and saves us doing hard copies on the photocopier for people who prefer to read them electronically. We also keep newsletters on the School Website so you can go in there and have a look if you lose your copy.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL DONATIONS

Each year we ask for a Voluntary School Donation each term and this money is used to buy reading books, maths equipment, musical instruments, sports equipment, library books and help provide Teacher Aide Support for the children in the classes. Being a Decile 10 School means our operational funds are not all that generous. Our suggested School Donations this year will be the same amount as last year - \$25.00 per term or \$100.00 per child. You are more than welcome to pay these per term or for the whole year – whichever suits you. Some parents have set up regular small direct debit contributions and that is fine. It is worth parents knowing that the receipt you receive for any donations made to school can be used for an income tax credit from Inland Revenue. You can pay school donations by internet banking but it is great if you also email and let us know you have done that and then Irene can keep track of all these payments. You need to state clearly your child's name and what the money is for in the reference information.

VOLUNTARY ACTIVITY DONATION

The suggested Activity Donation again is \$10.00 per child per term, or you may wish to pay \$40.00 for the whole year. This money is used to help cover the costs of the children travelling to the Museum, Art Gallery, Sports Events and pays for visits to school by different performing groups etc. Please fill in the form below and return to the Office if you are able to contribute in this way.

SCHOOL POOL KEYS

Please DO NOT put plastic chairs in the school pool. We do not want to risk damage to the pool liner that has just been installed and fundraised for. The special needs hoist above the pool is not to be used or played with. Please respect our pool and use it sensibly.

POOL TESTING REMINDER

If you are on the roster to test it is really important that you carry out your test or else organize someone else to do your test. This helps ensure our water quality and means we have nice clean water in our pool.

SWIMMING

Please do not allow your child to swim if they have had diarrhea or vomiting for **2 weeks** after the last event. Swimmers who have had either condition in the past two weeks risk

contaminating pool water with germs. Swallowing just a small amount of water can then infect others.

VEGETABLE GARDENS AND STREAM PROJECT

We realize we really need some help from members of our School Community with our vegetable gardens and stream area to keep them thriving, productive and well cared for.

If you would be keen to help out with weeding and watering etc we would really appreciate your help. Could you please fill in the tear off slip if this is something you think might be up your alley.

LOST PROPERTY

Large boxes of really lovely clothes from last year are waiting to be claimed in Toroa classroom (Yr.6 children) and up in the Quiet room at the back of the junior classrooms.

We will keep the lost property for a couple of weeks and then give last year's clothes away to charity. If parents want to have any of the clothes before it goes to Charity that is fine too so in a couple of weeks time anything that hasn't been claimed we are happy to recycle. We did put these clothes out a number of times last year hoping to get them reunited with their owners. If it is possible to write your child's name on the clothes label we would be able to get belongings back to the right people so much more easily.

NOTICES FOR NEWSLETTER

Just a reminder that any notices for the newsletter must be in on Thursday afternoon please. It makes the compiling of the newsletter so much easier if they are in to the Office by then, either by email or by dropping a notice into school.

STATIONERY

Our new system of pre-packed class stationery boxes is working out extremely well. It has been so much easier to get children set up with their stationery. If children haven't purchased their books yet it would be great if they could be ready with books to get underway with work next week at the latest please. Parents are of course welcome to buy their own stationery in town if you prefer and you can get the full list from Irene. We get very good back to school deals that we pass onto our families so I'm sure our packs are as cheap as you will find in town anyway but you may have some unused books you want to use up.

SUMMER READING PACKS

Great to hear about all the summer reading that happened over the holidays and to get so many of the packs returned to school this week. Could the last few packs please come back on Tuesday and be put behind Gill's desk ready to have the books returned by our librarians. Thank you for your support with this wonderful initiative. I am sure it has been very useful for lots of our readers to keep on reading throughout the holiday period.

MAGIC KIDS AFTER SCHOOL CARE OPTION

We are very lucky to have Magic Kids providing after school care based at the Macandrew Bay School Library five days a week. To book your child in, even for the odd day ring Magic Kids at 453 3266 or visit their website. www.magickidsclub.co.nz.

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We will let you know soon when we plan to hold our first Home and School Committee meeting for the year. The meetings last an hour and start at 7pm.

Everybody is welcome to join the Home and School Committee and we would love to have some more members.

It is a great way to get involved with your child's School.

We are keen to coordinate a roster for the Home and School Sausage Sizzle that is organised as a lunchtime option once or twice a term. If you are able to do the BBQ with another parent, usually on a Friday, could you please email Liz on ecameron@xtra.co.nz. With enough volunteers we might just need you to volunteer once a year.

Information about our Home and School Committee

The Home & School Committee meets twice a term and is a less formally organised group than the Board of Trustees. They support the school in many matters outside the curriculum such as fundraising for special projects and holding events. It is a good opportunity for every new parent to meet other parents, make close contact with teachers and get a better understanding about the everyday life at school. All meetings are open to every parent and the committee always welcomes new members. How much work every member wants to contribute in the end is entirely up to them. The aim is no pressure but lots of fun. The meetings are announced in the weekly newsletters. We usually have a Fair every two years and in alternate years we hold an Art Auction to raise funds for Arts programmes in the school and to fund our 'Artist in School' programme. This year we are due to run the Art Auction as our major fundraiser for the year.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN TERM ONE

6 Feb	Waitangi Day Holiday
10 Feb	Mr Yippadee- Deano O'Brien performing and Workshop
13- 15 Feb	Life Education Mobile Classroom at school- Health Lessons
15 Feb	Senior Classroom Information Evenings
16 Feb	Junior Classroom Information Evenings and also Korimako
20 Feb	Otago Museum trips- Kakano, Kowhai and Karearea
21 Feb	Otago Museum trips- Tui and Toroa
22 Feb	Otago Museum Trips- Rata and Korimako
7 Mar	Parent / Teacher Meetings - 10 minutes each
9 Mar	Parent / Teacher Meetings - 10 minutes each
20 Mar	Otago Anniversary Day (School closed)
13 Apr	End of Term 1 on Thursday. Good Friday is the next day
Have a great Waitangi weekend. Fingers crossed for sunny weather!	

Bernadette Newlands
PRINCIPAL

Notices

SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC CLASSES For Primary School Children **(www.smmcotago.com)**

- A wide variety of instruments to choose from.
- Approx one hour lessons.
- Instruments available for affordable hire.
- Orchestras and ensemble groups for 2nd year players to advanced level.
- An introductory class especially designed for young children:
"Let's Make Music".

TEACHING CENTRES:

- George Street Normal School (Saturday morning).
- Bathgate Park School (Saturday morning).
- Elmgrove School (Mosgiel Wednesday after school)
- Mornington School (Tuesday after school. "Let's Make Music")
- Tainui School (Thursday after school. "Let's Make Music" and Guitar)

ENROLMENT DAY FOR 2017

Saturday 11th February 9:30-11:30am at George Street Normal School; or Bathgate Park School.

Wednesday 15th Feb, 3:30-4:30pm Elmgrove School, Mosgiel.

Late enrolments will be accepted throughout February.

Enquiries: see website www.smmcotago.com for contact details.

Rugby Coaching Opportunity at Macandrew Bay School

Following a hugely successful holiday camp over the break, we are looking to establish Otago's All Blacks Camp for Kids (ABC4KIDS) after-school programme which we believe might be of interest to some of you. The ABC4KIDS programme is the New Zealand Rugby Union's fundamental skills programme for primary school-aged children. The philosophy of the All Blacks Camp for Kids' "is to provide a fundamental skills environment with an emphasis on fun for all participants".

We have structured the camp so that it has three entry level sessions which are based around the needs of distinct age groups:

Children aged 5-6 years (Beginning).

Children aged 7-9 years (Learning).

Children aged 10-12 years (Playing).

Each camp lasts for 5 weeks and each session goes for approximately 60 minutes.

The cost of the five week camp is \$50 or \$70 with a T-shirt.

To register your interest, please contact Helen by email at

helen.martin@otago.ac.nz or 0211 294 206 Look forward to hearing from you

ABC4KIDS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME



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Children aged 10-12 years (Playing).



The



package includes:

- NZRU accredited instructors
- Coaching from Otago Rugby stars
- Free All Blacks Camp for Kids (ABC4KIDS) certificate and medallion
- Development of fundamental skills, running, ball handling, tackling, evasion, space awareness, kicking, nutrition, communication, team challenges and rugby education
- Special prizes awarded for performance, presentation, punctuality and discipline
- Opportunity to purchase ABC4KIDS merchandise including T shirt and rugby ball
- LOTS OF FUN

For more information contact the team at: helen.martin@otago.ac.nz or 0211 294 206.

The programme would be likely to start in Week 5 of Term 1, 2017 and would run after school at Macandrew Bay School.



ABC4KIDS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

CHILD'S NAME:	NAME OF PARENT / GUARDIAN:
DATE OF BIRTH (DD/MM/YYYY):	GENDER OF CHILD:
CONTACT NUMBER:	EMAIL:
ADDRESS:	
EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS (IF DIFFERENT TO CONTACT DETAILS):	
MEDICAL CONDITIONS:	
SIGNED:	DATE:

ABC4KIDS Merchandise

It's the ball everyone wants to take home. The soft outer skin and easy grip is a kids all time favourite at the ABC4KIDS camps!



Get noticed in these ALL BLACKS CAMP FOR KIDS tees or wear them along to the camps.



BALLS \$20.00
EACH
 ABC4KIDS
 BALL _____
 Quantity

T SHIRTS \$20.00
☐ Size U7 years _____
☐ Size U11 years _____
☐ Size U13 years _____
☐ _____



Hereweka Junior Football Club

Hereweka JFC is a football club based on the Otago Peninsula with the clubroom at Portobello Domain. It caters for boys and girls aged between 5 and 13 years. Registrations have now opened for the 2017 season and you can register online at www.herewekajfc.com. Our club is all about fair play and having fun as well as being competitive. See the poster in the back of the newsletter.

Macandrew Bay Lego Club

Once again I will be running the popular Lego Club at school this year. It will start up on Thursday February 16th at 3.15pm-4.15pm in MR Direen's classroom. Please contact me if you wish your child to attend this year. Jacqui Hay 022 4761735 or jacqui.images@me.com

Wanted to Rent:

A 2-3 bedroom family home in Broad Bay, Mac Bay or Portobello or surrounding areas. I am willing to pay up to \$350 per week.
Please phone : 0284050740

Thank you

Want to play Junior Football?

*Hereweka Junior Football Club
based on the Otago Peninsula,
provides junior football
for players aged from 5 years
to 13 years, boys and girls.*

Register now
to join Hereweka JFC for
the 2017 season!

Registration is now open for all children
aged 5 -13 years old. There are limited
spaces for some teams so get in quick !

For all the information about the 2017
season and to register online visit the
new website – www.herewekajfc.com

Some teams may need coaches...
Consider coaching your child's team



HEREWEKA
Junior Football Club

*All the information you need to
know can be found on the website:*

www.herewekajfc.com

Email: herewekajuniorfootballclub@gmail.com



VOLUNTARY SCHOOL DONATIONS

\$25.00 per term per child or \$100 for the 4 terms per child

Name of child/children _____ Rm _____

_____ Rm _____

Amount enclosed _____

Signed _____

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL ACTIVITY DONATION – This helps pay for school trips, performances and education outside the classroom.

\$10.00 per term per child or \$40.00 for the 4 terms per child

Name of child/children _____ Rm _____

_____ Rm _____

Amount enclosed _____

Signed _____

PARENT TUTOR READING HELP

I am interested if helping with Parent Tutor Reading.

The day, which suits me best, is a _____ (please indicate).

Name _____

CONTACT DETAILS (if you have moved or changed phone numbers or email)

Name _____

Our contact details are now: _____

Signed _____

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS ONLY

Your Name: _____

Childs Name: _____

Room: _____

Email address: _____

OTAGO MUSEUM TRIPS

I would like to come on the Otago Museum Trip with my child.

Childs Name: _____ Room: _____ Date: _____



I will be coming on the bus



I will be taking my car and meeting you there

VEGETABLE GARDEN AND STREAM PROJECT:

I would be keen to help out with weeding and watering etc

Name: _____

Phone: _____

SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER

I would be happy to work with another parent to cook the sausages for the Home and School sausage sizzle at school ready for a Friday lunchtime. This happens once or twice a term. I am prepared to help with..... sausage sizzle or sizzles.

This usually means getting to school at about 11.15 and finishing up at about 1pm.

Name.....

Phone.....

Email.....

KEY HOLDER INFORMATION

We can all help keep the pool a great place by doing the following:

- Keep the area around the pool clean and clear
- Having a shower before entering the pool to remove sand, sunblock and moisturiser etc.
- No food or glass around the pool
- Take your rubbish with you
- Families with younger children should try use the pool before 7pm
- Respect other pool users.

DON'T swim for at **least 2 weeks** if you have been vomiting or had diarrhoea.

CONDITIONS OF USE OF THE SWIMMING POOL

Hours of Use

8.00am to 8:00pm except when required by the school

Supervision

Children under 5 years old must be within arm's reach of their caregiver at all times. A child under 14 must be actively supervised by one of his/her parents or caregivers (16 years or older). The school (through its teachers or Board of Trustees) shall not be expected or required to arrange supervision of pool users.

Actively supervised means watching your child at all times and be able provide immediate assistance.

Keys

The school issues keys for one season as determined by the school. Keys remain the property of the school and must be returned to the secretary on request. A key is the responsibility of the person whom it is issued and is **only** by the key holder and his/her family. Keys must **not be** lent to anyone. Lost or stolen keys must be reported to the secretary.

Entry

Entry is to be gained only through the door nearest the school buildings. The last key holder to leave the pool is entirely responsible to lock all doors. Pool users must make sure the doors are always securely closed. (Sliding door can remain open while the pool is in use)

Young Children

When possible, families with younger children should use the pool before 7:00pm and older children later. This may make the pool more enjoyable for everyone.

Behaviour

Users of the pool shall not injure, deface, damage or interfere with the school grounds, buildings and facilities and shall be responsible for any injury, defacement, damage or inference caused by them. Pool users are to respect the right of other pool users to use and enjoy the pool. Objectionable behaviour or language will result in offenders to leave the pool and possibly confiscation of keys. No alcohol, drugs or cigarettes are to be taken onto or consumed in the school grounds or buildings or the pool. Please keep use of inflatable devices to quiet times only.

Risk

Key holders and their children and any visitors accompanying key holders use the pool entirely at their own risk. The school (through its teachers and Board of Trustees) shall not be liable or responsible for any death, accident, injury, loss or damage to property, which may arise out of or in connection with the use of the pool. Failure to adhere to the above conditions shall end the key holder's right to use the key, which shall be returned to the Secretary on request.

Bernadette Newlands

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