



# Macandrew Bay School



*Simply the best for our children.*

8<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Kia ora koutou katoa,  
Greetings Parents and Caregivers

## **CROSS COUNTRY LAST FRIDAY**

We had an extremely hot day for our School Cross Country event last Friday but we were very impressed with the way the children coped with the heat and gave the race their very best effort. It was wonderful to have Will Levy's gazebo to sit under too. That's a great idea for next year if it is hot again.

We are very proud of all the children for being willing to give the Cross Country a good go. It is certainly a true cross country event and not the easiest course with hill climbs and real paddocks to run through. We love the children's persistence and determination and also the way children encourage others to do their best. Special congratulations to Taylor McLean who won the Girls' cup and to Hugh Jack who won the Boys' cup for the second year in a row. All the children who ran get a Cross country certificate and the children who came 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in their year groups get a special ribbon as well. We are very proud of all the children, no matter where they came in the race, for the way they gave it a really good go. Not everybody is a natural runner but it was brilliant to see the children participating anyway! Well done Mrs Cron too. You did lots of running as well!

Thank you also to all you wonderful parents who came along to encourage and support your children again this year. It makes a real difference to them. We appreciate the Campbell family letting us use their farm for the Cross Country. What stunning views we had from up there!













## YEAR 6 SCHOOL CAMP AT BERWICK

We have been hearing great reports back from School Camp this week. They have all been having a brilliant time out at Berwick. Christine Ward and Matt Direen have been running the camp activities and they will have been flat out all week with a full on and exciting programme for the children. It has been very hot out there too.

Thank you to all the parents who have been helping out with the camp with many parents coming to Berwick for the week. The children have had a brilliant time doing a huge range of activities including abseiling, rafting, kayaking, search and rescue activity with the police, confidence course, team building activities, Camp Concert, Wearable Art/ Project Runway, Quiz night etc etc etc!

Thank you to Mrs Ward for all the excellent work she has put into planning the camp programme and leading the Camp throughout the week, with Mr Direen doing a great job too. I think we will have some pretty exhausted children and adults heading back to school this afternoon. I know Camp is a time of special memories and a great culmination to the children's years at Macandrew Bay School.

















### **COMPULSORY SUNHATS TO BE WORN IN TERM 4 PLEASE**

Just a reminder that all children need to wear a sunhat at school in both Terms 1 and 4 to protect them from sunburn and sun damage to their skin. Can you please provide your child with a named sunhat to have here at school and to wear at playtime and lunchtimes. Thanks parents. We do have school sunhats with a good brim available for sale here at the school office for \$10 each.

### **JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH CERAMICS EXHIBITION: LAST FRIDAY**

This term we have been able to use some of our Art Auction money to bring local ceramic artist Zehavit Darlington into the school to work with every class in the school on a collaborative ceramic project. This has revolved around the Roald Dahl story of James and the Giant Peach and the children have created various characters from the story, sculpting in clay. In one lesson they created their artworks and in the second lesson they glazed them. Zehavit has been very busy getting all the artworks fired and she has been also busy working on her own artworks inspired by the same story.

All this creativity came together for a one night only exhibition at the Macandrew Bay Hall last Friday night. Our whole school community was invited and those that came enjoyed seeing all the work gathered together and displayed as one installation. The children were able to see their own artwork and all the others made by every child in the school, as well as Zehavit's beautiful pieces too. The massive Giant Peach has come to live in our School garden outside near our vegetable gardens so we feel very lucky to have an ongoing



reminder of this project.

The children's creations were all so characterful, colourful and unique and we were all most impressed with the work the children had been able to create through the process of working with Zehavit this term.







### **SCHOOL POOL SEASON 2017/ 2018**

This coming swimming season we are looking for a small group of people to step up and become a part of the Pool Custodians' team. We are hoping to have a group of people to share the jobs that are needed in the smooth of running the pool over the summer. We need help with roster, pool maintenance, chemical purchase, water quality and general smooth running of the pumps and filter systems. It has been great that five people have come forward in this past week or so and it looks like we now have the team we need to transition into taking over the role from Joni Simpson and Amanda Brown. The pool will now hopefully open around the 20<sup>th</sup> of December if we get enough pool testers and be



available for families to pay for a key and go swimming with their families over the summer holidays at the pool and into Term 1 while the pool is open.

If you might be interested in joining this group of volunteers and lending a hand with the pool custodian team please email [amanda@macandrewbay.school.nz](mailto:amanda@macandrewbay.school.nz). The more people for this team the better and the easier it will be to share the jobs. Someone might coordinate the water testing roster, another person might volunteer to pick up the buckets of chemicals from the shop in town and deliver them to school as needed etc. There is bound to be a job that you feel confident to do after you have been shown what it involves.

## **SWIMMING POOL: WATER TESTERS 2017-2018**

### **PARENT / POOL USERS ROSTER FOR WATER QUALITY TESTING**

Once again we need to organise a roster of pool users who are available to join the team of **water quality testers**. Water quality tests have to be completed routinely every three hours while the pool is open for use. It is a very simple process.

A roster of volunteers is developed to cover weekends and the weeks of the summer holidays and during term one 2018. The more volunteers, the fewer tests each are required to perform. So it is definitely a case of 'the more the merrier'!

This notice asks you to confirm your availability for this summer and to arrange the dates/times you will be available to take your turn as a **water quality tester**. New pool testers from junior school families are encouraged to help out. Please suggest any potential new testers as well.

**We actually only had half the usual number of pool roster testing volunteers half way through this week so had to put out an urgent call for extra helpers. I think we are still are very, very short so please get your sheet into Joni by Saturday as Joni will do a final count on Sunday and the team will make a plan from there. We can't open unless we have enough people on the roster.**

### **GETTING A SCHOOL POOL KEY**

We have been selling pool keys since Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November from the Office. We do need an adult in the family to sign the agreement that is part of getting a key so will hold them at the office till you are able to pop in and do that.

Pool keys will cost \$90.00 if you are not going on the Pool Testing Roster and \$60.00 if you are with \$10.00 of that amount a bond that will be returned at the end of March when you return your pool key. Cash or cheque as payment or an online payment (while you are in the school office) to pay for the key.

Please don't leave getting your key till the last day or two as Irene is flat out doing lots of last minute things then and after the school closes for the year it is a real hassle to get a key.

We hope to have the pool open about the 20<sup>th</sup> of December but it does all depend on the



pool roster and we won't start filling the pool till next week. Then it needs to come up to temperature and let the chemicals stabilize too.

### **NEW ENTRANT OPEN MORNING - TODAY**

We have held an open morning for children who will be starting school in early 2018. It was great to introduce some of the children who will be starting school in January or February to school and for them to come along, meet Mrs Wells and the other children who will be starting at the beginning of the school year.

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT SCHOOL**

Fiona and Neil Pickering, Paul Wheeler and possibly Rowena Bell have again kindly offered to come and play Christmas Songs and Christmas Carols for the school so we can all have a big sing along together. This will happen next week on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of December at 1.30pm here at school. If anyone prefers that their children don't participate we can give them an alternative activity.

### **FINAL ASSEMBLY**

Our final assembly of the year will be at school in Tutahi (our large Library space) on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of December starting at 1.15pm. This Assembly is a wonderful chance to farewell our Yr. 6 pupils. We will have a cup of tea afterwards in the Learning Street so it would be great if parents could bring a plate of food to share.

We will also be sad to farewell the lovely Charlotte Hutchison, Kakano Class teacher at the Assembly.

### **BOT MEETING**

The final BOT Meeting for 2017 will be held at school in the staffroom on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of December starting at 7.00pm. I would really like to thank the BOT for all the great work and effort that they have put into their governance role in 2017.

### **HEADLICE IN THE SCHOOL**

We seem to have head lice back in the school at present and so urge you to check your child or children's hair if they seem to be itchy. When children are in close proximity with each other as they are at school it is really easy for head lice to spread quickly so getting your child's hair treated as quickly as possible is really important. Thanks for your support with this everybody.

### **LEGO CLUB**

It's been a great year at Lego Club. We had our final Christmas breakup yesterday. Thanks to all the kids and parents for coming along each Thursday. Lego Club will continue next year with your new leader Craig McNaughton.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas & Happy Lego building New Year. Jacqui



## **FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL AND 2018 START DATE**

Our Final day of School will be Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of December with school finishing at 12.00pm on that day. The final morning is mainly just a clean up time so if it is easier to keep the children home in the morning feel free to do so.

The 2018 School year will start on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> of January, with Teacher Only Day on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

Term 1	30 January 2018	-	Friday 13 April 2018
Term 2	30 April 2018	-	Friday 6 July 2018
Term 3	23 July 2018	-	Friday 28 September 2018
Term 4	15 October 2018	-	Friday 14 December 2018 (approx.)

## **REPORTS AND PORTFOLIOS**

Teachers have been very busy over recent weeks doing their end of year reports on your child or children's progress and achievements over the course of the year. This is a summary of all their learning for 2017.

We had thought about sending home end of year reports this week but with two teachers away at Camp this week we will leave the end of year reports till Monday and send them home then.



The portfolios have been sent home only for a few days as they are a cumulative record and we used the same clear file over your child's time at Macandrew Bay and add samples of work to it each year. This is so you can see how your child is progressing over time. It is really important that these **all** come back to school on **Monday** the 11<sup>th</sup> of December. There is a sheet in the back of the clear files where the parents are invited to write some constructive and encouraging feedback to your child and return it with the clear file. The children really value it if you take the time to do this and look back on it from year to year.

### **NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK**

I will try and send a brief final newsletter home to finish the year up on Thursday next week. If anyone has any notices for this final newsletter they would need to be in by Wednesday morning with Irene or myself.

### **SPORTS**

#### **Futsal**

Well done on a great season and a big thanks to the parents and Mr Mitchell for their role in supporting so many Futsal teams to play this season. Exciting to see that one of our teams won the Year 1 and 2 trophy !

#### **Rippa Rugby**

A great season for these teams too. Thank you Mr D for all your work. Well done to the Mac Bay Makos team who made it through to the final. With so many players away at Camp it made the Final quite a challenge but thank you to our fill in players. In the end we came second after a good game.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

11 December Portfolios returned to school for all Yrs 1-5 children

13 December Final Assembly to farewell Year 6 children

15 December Last Day of Term 4, **finishing at 12 midday.**

**2018**

30 January Term 1 begins

**Bernadette Newlands**  
**PRINCIPAL**

### **NOTICES**

#### **LOST**

"Lost wooden balance bike. Probably left at the hall or the playground Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>. Has a black and orange decal and orange under the seat. Please call / text Kim on 0274944116 if you've seen it anywhere".

### **HOUSE TO RENT NEEDED IN 2018**

One of our overseas families is looking for a 2 or 3-bedroom house to rent in Macandrew Bay or Company Bay from the end of January 2018 onwards. Either furnished or unfurnished, though furnished would be ideal. If you have something that is available can you please contact Bernadette here at school on [principal@macandrewbay.school.nz](mailto:principal@macandrewbay.school.nz) or ring us on 03 4761004 and I will connect you with the family.

### **BABYSITTING**

Babysitter available over the summer break during the day or evenings, great with kids and has references if needed. Contact Georgia 0274510008

### **HOLIDAY CHILDCARE**

My name is Emma Henshaw and I am a 19 year old from the South of England, here travelling in New Zealand. I am currently staying with relatives in Macandrew Bay and am available to look after your children during the holiday season. I have experience with children of all ages. References are available upon request. Contact me on 476 1918 or 021301177



Slip



Slop



Slap



Wrap



Shade

### **POTENTIAL NEW ENTRANTS – ENROLMENTS 2018,2019 and BEYOND**

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Caregivers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_



## **Bookbuses have Summer Holidays too!**

After a hard year's work the two bookbuses are heading away for some loving maintenance over the holiday period. Gear boxes and hydraulics are oiled, tyres checked and leaks fixed; the lovely librarians head off to the beach, or just relax at home.

Remember to return your books before school finishes, and maybe ask your parent to help you sign up to the Summer Reading Programme – it starts 4 December.

Wednesday 20 December is the last bookbus visit to the Peninsula this year; the first visit in 2018 is Wednesday 17 January.

If you're around come and visit us on Wednesdays (17 or 24 January) before school starts up again! Remember, however, that the bookbus doesn't visit Portobello or Macandrew Bay Schools during school holidays.

**Portobello:** By the school 9.45am – 10.10am: Shopping Centre: 10.15am – 11am

**Broad Bay (Roebuck Rise):** 11.15am – 12 noon

**Macandrew Bay:** Community Centre: 1.15pm – 1.55pm: School carpark: 2pm – 2.30pm

There are six other libraries you can visit while we are off the road. Check out DPL holiday hours and all 49 bookbus stops at [www.dunedinlibraries.govt.nz](http://www.dunedinlibraries.govt.nz)







# A Mermaid's Tale

## ON ICE

**DRESS WARM!  
BRING A  
BLANKET**

**4 SHOWS**

**16 DECEMBER**

**11AM | 4PM**

**17 DECEMBER**

**10.30AM | 3.30PM**

**\$15 P/SEAT**

children u2 can share a seat with  
an adult for a gold coin donation

**Tickets available from**

Dunedin Ice Stadium | 101 Victoria Road

03 456 4556

or [dunediniceskatingclub.com](http://dunediniceskatingclub.com)







Back by popular demand!

For tennis players and aspiring tennis players aged 6-16

When: Dec 18-22, Jan 15-19, Jan 22-26

9am-1pm daily

Where: Logan Park Tennis Centre

Cost: \$60 per week or \$15 per day (sign up for as many days as you like)

Catering for all levels from beginners to more seasoned players

Limited spaces - sign up now to avoid disappointment!

Come and play tennis under the summer sun in a fun, supportive environment

Online sign-up only via the following link:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/69729>

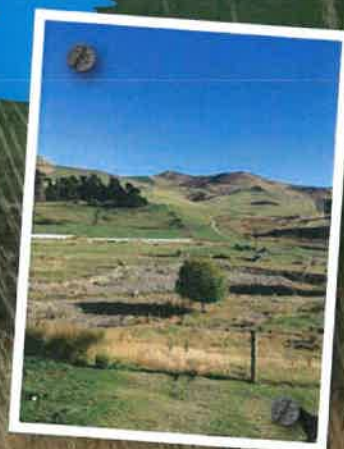


# SHINGLY CREEK

## TRAIL RUN/WALK AND SCAVENGER HUNT



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on Facebook



### SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2018

Action Packed adventure for all ages! Shingly Creek is a 2000 ha sheep and beef farm located 38km from both Palmerston and Ranfurly.

**10km Trail run/walk \$20pp**

A challenging course over some gnarly hills, farm tracks and tussock.

**3km & 6km Scavenger Hunt \$5pp**

This is essentially a non-competitive treasure hunt with lots of activities, rest stations and surprises along the way.

*Under 8 to be accompanied by an adult. Suitable for back pack, no buggies.*

**Hosted by Palmerston Home and School. Raising funds for Palmerston Primary School**

For entry forms or further information please email  
**[homeandschool@palmerston.school.nz](mailto:homeandschool@palmerston.school.nz)**



**rima:** five

Kua rere atu ngā manu e *rima*.

The *five* birds have flown away.

- this is an example of an [active sentence](#)

*Tokorima* ngā tauira e katakata ana ki a ia.

There are *five* students laughing at him.