



14<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Kia ora koutou katoa,  
Greetings Parents and Caregivers

## **FINAL ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK**

We enjoyed a lovely Final Assembly on Wednesday this week as we farewelled our Year 6 children and also some of their families, many of whom have had a very long-term association with Macandrew Bay School. We have really enjoyed having these fantastic children in our school over the past 6 or 7 years and wish them all the very best as they move on to their new schools next year. Thank you to all their Mums and Dads too for the way you have supported the school and worked in partnership with us to help your children grow, develop and learn over their years with us. Each year we think what a fine bunch of young people we are sending on to their next stage of life as they leave us and this year was absolutely no exception. We will miss you all but hope you will keep in touch so we can hear about all the cool things that are happening in your lives over the next few years and beyond.

We also farewelled Charlotte Hutchison who has done a lovely job with the New Entrants this year and wish her well with her move to Southland and Wyndham School. We will miss your big smile and great sense of humour Miss H. We also farewelled two of our wonderful Teacher Aides, who have done a great job at our school over the past two or three years. Penny Inglis and Bridget Carmody have both done so much to help, working with individual children and supporting them at school. Bridget also did some wonderful cooking with the children last year, helping them to learn how to cook healthy food using garden produce from our school gardens. Bridget has full time work at Arthur St School next year and Penny is considering some study and training options. Thank you Charlotte, Penny and Bridget. All the best!

## **ROBERT GEORGE CUP**

As a memorial to local resident Robert George who died at Christmas time 2015 his family have set up the Robert George Cup for service to the community that we will be delighted to award each year in memory of Robert.

Robert loved cleaning up Macandrew Bay and took a real pride in making sure litter was picked up and the Bay was looking at its beautiful best. Robert's Mum – Jessie Gascoigne George and Chris George came to Assembly to present the cup for the second time this year.

This year's winner of the cup was Year 6 pupil Emily Hewson. Emily is constantly doing things for others. She is Gill's right hand woman and has done a fabulous job as Head

Librarian this year. Emily was part of the Enviro-team that went through our recent reflection process. She is incredibly kind and helpful to everyone at our school and she has a real ethos of helping others and serving her school community



## **REPORTS AND PORTFOLIOS**

The children's reports were sent home on Monday this week and we hope you enjoyed reading about your child's learning this year and hearing about the broad range of learning they have been experiencing at school and also about their progress, effort and achievements this year. I always enjoy reading the reports and get a good sense of each child's strengths, interests and passions.

The portfolios were sent home last week with work samples in them. The Year 6 children obviously get to keep their portfolios but we do need all the other portfolios from the Year 1-5 children back at school this week so hopefully they have all been returned to your child's teacher earlier in the week. If the portfolio clearfile is still sitting at home could it please come back to school urgently before school breaks up for the year.

## **SUMMER READING AND WRITING**

It is great to see large numbers of children taking part in the summer reading programme that Gill, our librarian, has had operating in recent years. Over 60 children are taking home summer reading packs with large numbers of wonderful books from our school library for them to read and enjoy over the six weeks of the holidays. It is important that the books are looked after and come back to school at the start of 2018 as we don't want to lose our valuable library books. Gill had all sorts of goodies in the summer reading pack for the children to enjoy and they have a reading log and a list of the issued books in their bags.

It is vital that we keep the children reading and writing over the holidays so that they maintain the progress they have made with Literacy this year. There is lots of research that

clearly shows that children who don't read or do any writing over the weeks of summer experience a very real slump and slip back in their learning. This is particularly true for those children who find reading and writing hard and they can slip back from where they had got to at the end of the year, losing up to 6 months of their hard won progress.

Obviously the children need to have fun, relax, have lovely family time, swim, run around, play and do all the other wonderful things that a long summer holiday break gives them a chance to do but it would be wonderful if they could also do lots of reading, a bit of writing for real life reasons and use a bit of their Maths learning too on fun practical tasks at home. This way the children will come back to school in 2018 ready to hit the ground running with their learning!

Here is a photo of Karearea looking excited to get their summer reading packs.



All the summer reading books have been given out to pupils. Please track the reading minutes and enter them on the reading log. The reading log, books and book bag must all come back to school in the first week of next year. Please look after everything your child has taken out. Each bag has a list of all the items issued and I would like these all back in good condition. Have a very happy holiday. Regards Gill

### **NATIONAL STANDARDS DATA FOR 2017**

After one year at school, two years at school, three years at school or at the end of year 4,5 and 6 an overall teacher judgment is formed in the areas of Reading, Writing and Mathematics for each individual child. This overall teacher judgment decides whether each child is either above, at, below or well below an expected level at that stage based on a set of criteria and expectations for each stage of a child's primary school programme.



We analyse this data closely, compare it with previous years and use it to identify children who may need extra help, support and / or extension.

The 2017 data continues to show strong student achievement at Macandrew Bay School. The Staff and Board of Trustees analyse this data in depth, along with lots of other student achievement data but here is a summary of our National Standards results for 2017.

**Reading:**

<b><u>Total School</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>
Above	61.3%
At	21.9%
Below	14.4%
Well Below	2.5%
At or Above	83%
Below or Well Below	17%

**Writing:**

<b><u>Total School</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>
Above	38.1%
At	43.8 %
Below	15 %
Well Below	3.1%
At or Above	81.9%
Below or Well Below	18.1%

**Maths:**

<b><u>Total School</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>
Above	40.6%
At	47.5%
Below	10 %
Well Below	1.9 %
At or Above	88.1%
Below or Well Below	1.9%

**Summary:**

Reading and Maths are our strongest curriculum areas, with Maths making ongoing significant and consistent improvements over recent years. We have very high percentages of students reading well above their chronological age here at school, which is really pleasing to see. We have made good gains in Writing, but Writing still lags behind the other two learning areas and we will maintain our focus on improving our Writing achievement in 2018, particularly looking at how we can raise the achievement of the boys

and some of our Maori students. Very few students are well below the level in any of these core learning areas at Macandrew Bay School. For many children it can take two years or so to move to be at or above the level but we find that the vast majority of our children get there by Year 2 or 3 and go on to thrive in the Senior School. We are lucky that our children have a good work ethic, an enthusiasm for learning and passionate teachers who are keen to help them achieve their best.

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

It looks like we are all go for the pool this year with it being filled in these last few days of school and hopefully all go by the 20<sup>th</sup> of December. There will be a note on the door when the pool is ready to use.

Thank you to all the people who came forward to go on the roster. Joni said she had more than enough people by last Sunday so that is wonderful news. Thank you to all those volunteers. Usually we swim through till Otago Anniversary Day towards the end of March so we have a lovely long season.

The rules for using the pool will be published at the back of this newsletter so that all pool users are aware of what is expected.

### **DIARRHEA AND SWIMMING**

Diarrhea and swimming don't mix! Diarrhea is the most common recreational water illness (RWI). **Swimmers who have or have had diarrhea in the last two weeks do not swim as there is a risk of contaminating pool water with germs.** Certain germs that cause diarrhea can live from minutes to days in pools, even if the pool is well-maintained. Once the pool has been contaminated, all it takes is for someone to swallow a small amount of pool water to become infected.

### **SWIMMING POOL: WATER TESTING TRAINING 2017-2018**

Amanda Brown is kindly going to run two training sessions next week for pool testers so if you are new to being on the roster or feel you need a refresher session come along on either Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of December at 7.30pm or Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> of December at 7.30pm to the school pool to meet up with Amanda and go through what is required.

Joni Simpson will email out the roster to everyone who has volunteered so you can see when you are on. We would really appreciate everyone making a concerted effort to remember, marking it on your calendar or setting up an alert on your phone. If you have a problem at any stage you may need to swap times with a friend to ensure the testing gets done. It is vital if you have said you will do the testing that you have purchased a pool key so you have access to get in and do your testing

### **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 minute tomorrow 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.

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT SCHOOL**

Fiona and Neil Pickering, Paul Wheeler and Rowena Bell kindly played Christmas Songs and Christmas Carols for the school on Tuesday afternoon. The children all really enjoyed listening to the music and singing along with the songs they knew well. Thank you so much to these wonderful local musicians. We really appreciate you doing this for us at this busy time of year. It really gets us in the Christmas mood each year!

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

Our final day of School will be tomorrow, Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of December with school finishing at 12.00pm tomorrow. This 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.)

### **STATIONARY AT THE START OF 2018**

We will have stationary packs for each child available for purchase from us here at the school office at the start of Term 1. We get all the books and pencils etc at very cheap prices and it saves you battling the hordes in the shops at the start of the school year if you choose to buy your child's stationary requirements at school.

They will be available for purchase from Day 1 of term from Irene in the office.

### **WEAR A TIE WEDNESDAY**

Well done Mr Mitchell and Mr Direen for rising to the challenge and dressing so smartly on 'Wear a Tie Wednesday' this week. You both looked very smart! We might have to make this a weekly event next year!

Definitely more successful than "Tie Dye Tuesday" anyway.



## **FINALLY THANK YOU TO ALL**

What a busy and eventful year it has been as always.

Our Big Idea of the Challenge of Survival guided our Inquiry topics this year. In Term 1 we explored concepts about Ancient Civilisations and the challenges they faced to survive. Term 2's topic was all about the challenges that endangered animals are facing in our world. Term 3 was all about natural disasters and how we can prepare to face and be ready for any challenges that we might face if these occur. In Term 4 we explored how to Keep Ourselves Safe.

There have been many highlights this year including our trips, Stars on Stage performance, Polyfest performance, the School Hangi celebrating Matariki, trips to the Albatross Colony, an overnight stay for the Year 5 children at the Otago Museum, Ariki

Cup which we won for the first time ever, Visiting Speakers, School Assemblies, School Camp for Year 6 pupils at Berwick, Choir and musical performances and our wonderful Cross Country up in the paddocks above Macandrew Bay.

Macandrew Bay children are a delight to teach. They are keen to learn and full of curiosity and good humour. The teachers and I really love working with them and seeing them grow and develop as capable, well rounded young people who care for each other and care for their School. We love their friendliness and beautiful manners too.

A big thank you to all the wonderful parents who help make Macandrew Bay School a successful and happy school. We really appreciate the work of the Board of Trustees who work hard to ensure that our students get an excellent education. They do a great job of governing the school. Special thanks to Hannah Lawrence for all the successful grant applications and the new ICT equipment we have been able to purchase as a result.

Many thanks to the Home and School for all their fabulous efforts this year. They have done lots of different events including the School Disco, Quiz Night, Sausage Sizzles, Raffles and fundraisers. The Art Auction Committee did a great job, raising \$16,000.00 for the school. We have had enormous parent support with sports coaching with coaching with Netball, Hockey, Futsal & Rippa Rugby, Flippa-Ball etc. Whenever we have gone on trips and needed parent help you have all come and helped. It has been much appreciated and really makes a difference to the enriching curriculum we can provide for the children. We also appreciate the wonderful help we have had from our Reading Parent Tutors throughout the year.

A big thanks to the wonderful staff, Teachers, Teachers Aides and Support staff who work so hard for your children and are such an amazing team of people to work with. Most important of all thank you to our children who are a delightful bunch of young people and make coming to work everyday a joy. Happy holidays to every family in the school. I hope you have a wonderful family time together full of fun and relaxation.

Happy Christmas  
Bernadette

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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

**2018**

30 January Term 1 begins

**Bernadette Newlands**

**PRINCIPAL**



The winning futsal team Mac Bay Tigers for the Year 1 and 2 Division 2017.



### **NOTICES**

CHRISTMAS CROISSANTS ! CHRISTMAS COFFEE !

On CHRISTMAS morning at 9.30 (am)

Followed by our

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP CELEBRATION

All very Welcome !

In the school library- 2<sup>nd</sup> door past the car park.

### **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

## **LEARN TO SAIL**

This Sunday the 17th is the last Learn to Sail lesson for 2017.

We have been amazed at the turn out of the kids and parents of Mac Bay and beyond, and to celebrate the end of school and the Learn to Sail there is a fun day for kids and the oldies at the club starting at 2.30pm on Sunday. (There is no morning session).

It will be followed by a BBQ, so could you bring a plate to share, salad or dessert.

Parents can have a go in the Opties with their kids.

We will resume lessons in late Jan early Feb.

Hope to see you there! Lou.

## **OLD SCHOOL FUN AND GAMES**

Glenfalloch Gardens and Spin Events NZ have joined together to organise 'Old School fun and games'. It is an hour of fun games and activities that we used to enjoy as children. Activities like 3 leg races, sack races and egg and spoon races combine with obstacles that will challenge their coordination and determination. It is for primary aged children and there will be four one hour sessions on Jan 8, and then Jan 15,16,17. Children will have to be pre-registered online through a link that will be available shortly on both the OPT and Spin Events NZ websites.

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

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

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

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

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

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## CONDITIONS OF USE OF SWIMMING POOL

### 1. Hours of Use

8.00am to 8.00pm except when required by the School.

### 2. Supervision

Children under 5 years old must be within arms reach of their caregiver at all times. A child under 14 years must be **actively** supervised by one of his/her parents or caregivers (16 years old 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 to provide immediate assistance.

### 3. 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 to whom it is issued and is to be used **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.

### 4. 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 when the pool is in use)

### 5. Young Children

When possible, families with young children should use the pool before 7.00pm and older children later. This may make the pool more enjoyable for everyone.

### 6. 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 interference caused by them. Pool users are to respect the right of other pool users to use and enjoy the pool. Objectionable behaviour and/or language will result in offenders being requested 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.

### 7. 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.

### 8. 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  
PRINCIPAL



SANTA'S DONE A RUNNER...  
TO NEW ZEALAND!



# KIWI CHRISTMAS



IN CINEMAS NOVEMBER 30





## **Meri Kirihimete:** Merry Christmas

Nāku i tuhi ki tōku kaiako "*Meri Kirihimete* nā āu tauira."  
I wrote to my teacher "*Merry Christmas* from your students."

- this is an example of the [agent emphatic](#)