



Macandrew Bay School

Macandrew Bay School Newsletter - 31 March 2022

Kia ora koutou,

It is not long now until Easter and the School holidays. Week 9 has been another exciting week full of activities and fun learning! Next week our Year 6 tamariki head off to school camp, Camp Columba at Pukerau near Gore. Thank you to our whānau that are heading down to support this camp- without you we couldn't attend. Also a special thank you to Mrs Ward for all her amazing organisation and making this camp possible and to Mrs Hawker who will join her for part of the week before I head down to support Chris for Wednesday and Thursday. It is such a wonderful experience for our Year 6 tamariki and I know they will make the most of all the opportunities. I am looking forward to putting on my gumboots!

Have a great weekend!

Noho ora mai

Nic



Art Gallery class trips

Some of our classes enjoyed an amazing trip to the Dunedin Public Art Gallery this week - thanks to the hugely talented Kirsten Parkinson (Kaiako Māori Educator).

The school was lucky to be offered some last minute cancelled spots and we hope that remaining classes can visit later in the year.

Kākano and Kōwhai Classes:

We enjoyed making bell music and listening to Kai Tahu local stories. We created Kaitiaki figures by applying white paint to texture tiles that were a range of everyday items and then stamped these textures upon black paper to build a figure. The cutout Kaitiaki images with beaded eyes were set to coloured backgrounds with foliage.

Kārearea:

We took a neat picture for Mr Direen, who is away sick, in front of Robyn White's painting of poet - Sam Hunt in front of the Portobello Pub.

Kārearea listened to a number of local Kai Tahu stories, such as the origins of Hereweka (Harbour Cone), and the much more spicy version of the creation story! Ava, Benji, Felix and Fionn enacted the story which really was full of humour, jealousy, pain, grief and mighty strength. Kirsten taught akonga about Zoe Hall's vibrant, strong murals. She taught the tamariki to use two L-shaped cards to frame sections of Zoe Hall's posters to focus in on small, balanced compositions within the larger work. The tamariki were engaged in creating stamp-like designs inspired by Zoe's work. Their artworks were set to black card to create gift cards. This visit was a wonderful opportunity to be guided to appreciate the unfolding meaning within the visual arts. Tamariki commented on how good and relaxing it is to create pieces of art work. We all felt better for it.



Kākano News

It is all go in Kākano class!

We have been doing a bit of art in Kākano lately and the tamariki have been super proud of their work. Over the last few weeks we have been working on creating a full body self portrait using 'people' paint, a variety of different material, wool, pastel, sharpie and googly eyes. These have turned out gorgeous and we love how they all look very different, just like how we are all different in real life! The children were practicing their spatial awareness when creating the outline for their body. They had to think carefully about using the whole paper space and making sure their body parts were in

proportion! It was wonderful to see the types of material the children were drawn to when 'dressing' their portraits and watching them work hard on their creations!

The Junior School were lucky enough to work with Iain Cook-Bonney on Wednesday when he came down to school to do some learning around the coding app 'Scratch Junior'. We learnt how to do a background for Scratch the cat, how to make him move in different directions and how to add voice overs. The tamariki were very excited and they can't wait to practice these skills at 'can do' learning time. It will be great to have Iain back to add on to this learning sometime soon!



What is my child learning? The Key Competencies explained

Key Competencies

Competencies are ways of being and acting in the world.

The New Zealand Curriculum identifies five key

competencies:

- **Thinking**
- **Using Language, Symbols and Texts**
- **Managing Self**
- **Relating to Others**
- **Participating and Contributing**

All ākonga arrive at school with a rich set of competencies.

They have already learned ways of thinking; of using language, symbols, and texts; of managing themselves; of relating to others; and of participating and contributing. These competencies continue to evolve over time, both within and beyond school. Learners use them in different ways and in different combinations, according to the context and purpose.

At Macandrew Bay School we understand that the students' competencies will continue to develop over time, shaped by their interactions with people, places, ideas and things.

At Macandrew Bay School we want our students to understand:

- What the competencies are all about
- What sort of behaviours are evident when learners develop these competencies
- How successful learners are motivated to use the competencies, recognising when and how to do so and why (What does a successful learner look like?)
- How they personally are using and developing the Key Competencies and reflecting on their progress

For more information about the Key Competencies- see below



E-Pro8 Challenges Kārearea!

This week the E-pro8 challenge kits arrived at our school and it provided lots of excitement for our Year 5 tamariki.

On Wednesday and Thursday Kārearea participated in the E-pro8 challenge. The children were provided with a range of challenges that they needed to solve in groups using their problem solving skills.

The children needed to think like engineers to create a dunk tank, a water well and a certificate giving machine!

It was all go yesterday afternoon as the children raced to complete the challenges within a timeframe. We had big red buzzers that the children got to push when they had completed the challenges which created much excitement. Points were awarded for having a tidy work area and team work.

Next week a group of children will attend the E-pro8 Otago Challenge. We wish them all the best!



Olive swims up a storm at the Otago Primary School Swimming Champs

Well done to Olive who was the schools only competitor. Here is her story!

We arrived very early at Moana Pool on Sunday and joined the masses of swimmers from all over Otago in the grand stands to await Olives races.

Olive qualified to compete in freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke in the 9 and under age category. Her freestyle heat was the second race of the day, she swam very fast and came 2nd equal in her heat. Next was backstroke and then breaststroke. Olive beat her qualifying times by 4-5 seconds in each race so was swimming the fastest she has ever raced. Overall she placed (in Otago for 9 and under) 17th in freestyle, 25th in backstroke and 9th in breaststroke. The day was lots of

fun and she hopes next year that the school can enter a relay team because those races exciting!

Thank you to the school for supporting Olive to have this amazing experience.



Welcome to School!

Welcome to School Oscar. We hope you enjoy you school days at Macandrew Bay School.



Term one sports wrap up!

What an amazing term our sports teams have had (even though the weather has not always played ball!). Attached are some photos.



MASH closed for next week- last week of term

A message from MASH regarding after school care next week. I am very sorry for the inconvenience to our whānau.

Kia Ora, I hope everyone is keeping warm this week. This is just a quick note to let you know that due to staffing requirements under our MSD accreditation and the inability to find cover, we have made the decision to close Macandrew Bay After School Programme next week. We do acknowledge the inconvenience of this for our parents and caregivers and apologise for this. We hope that by giving notice now it will give you the time needed to make alternative care arrangements. We will still be operating an After School Programme tomorrow (Friday 31 March) We thank you in advance for understanding and for your continued support. Thanks, The MASH Dunedin team



Attendance- Every day matters!

We are into Week 9 of Term One and there is a buzz of learning everywhere! We are so fortunate to have a team of teachers and support staff who strive to ensure every learner/ākonga gains sound foundation skills, including language, literacy and numeracy throughout their time at Macandrew Bay School and access to a rich, broad curriculum.

There is a well-established relationship between attendance and achievement. Research indicates that every day of school matters. Patterns of missing school days at primary level education is linked with a drop in attainment, difficulties maintaining friendships, anxiety about re-integrating for some tamariki and later on, poor attendance in high school.

Learners who miss a total of one week each term, from the age of 5, will have missed out on more than a year of schooling by the time they are 16.

In Aotearoa/New Zealand, learners are expected to attend school every day school is open.

As whānau, by making sure tamariki are at school you are supporting them to make the most of learning time as well as nurturing positive well-being, about themselves and others.

If you or your child need support maintaining consistent attendance, we are here to help. Please get in touch with either Thérèse Sharma or Nic by emailing tsharma@macandrewbay.school.nz or principal@macandrewbay.school.nz



Dates for the Diary!

Term dates for 2023:

Term 1

- starts Monday 30 January
- ends Thursday 6 April

Term 2

- starts Wednesday 26th April (*Monday 24th is a Teacher only Day and Tuesday 25th is Anzac Day*)
- ends Friday 30 June (includes Matariki 14 July)

Term 3

- starts Monday 17 July
- ends Friday 22 September

Term 4

- starts Monday 9 October
- ends *Friday 15th December 2023, 12pm*

Other days including Public Holidays:

Monday 6th February- Waitangi Day

Monday 20 March - Otago Anniversary Day

Monday April 24th- Teacher Only Day (Macandrew Bay School closed)

Tuesday 25 April - Anzac Day

Monday 5 June- King's Birthday

Dates for Term 1

Home and School Meeting: Thursday 9th March, 7pm- School Library

COIN TRAIL for Cyclone Relief- Tuesday 21st February

Board of Trustees Meetings: Monday 27th February and Monday 27th March

Paid Union Meeting for Teachers- Wednesday March 1st- School closed at 12:30pm for teachers to attend this meeting.

Working Bee- Wednesday 1st March- 6:30-8:30pm at school.

Walk and Wheel to School Week- 27th February- 3rd March

Kia Kaha Programme with Police Education Officer- Constable Emily Plew- 3rd-10th March

Toroa Class (Year 6) Cycle Skills- Wednesday March 8th

Year 5 and 6 Girls Fern Fever day- Friday 10th March- 10am -2:30pm. Logan Park Turf.

SCHOOL DISCO- Thursday 23rd March, Macandrew Bay Hall- save the date time to be confirmed.

EPRO8- Year 5 and 6 pupils only- 30-31st March

Year 6 School Camp- Camp Columba, Pukerau, Gore- 3rd-6th April

Class Information Evenings

Juniors- Thursday 23rd February- Kākano and Kōwhai 7pm, Rātā 7:30pm

Seniors- Tuesday 21st Feb- Tūi and Kererū, 6:45pm, Toroa and Kārearea, 7:30pm

Parent Interviews

Tuesday 14th March- 3:15pm- 7:30pm

Parent/Whānau Assemblies this term:

Friday 3rd March- Toroa class leading (***Change of date***), 2pm

Friday 31st March - Rātā class leading, 2pm



Macandrew Bay School Quiz Night is back on!

Starring Ian McGee as our amazing Quizmaster - Thursday 8th June, 7pm, Macandrew Bay Community Hall

Kia ora Koutou,

This is one of our major Whānau & School Committee fundraisers for school and it will be great, if you support this event which will give back to our children! Bring your own

snacks and drinks (alcohol is allowed as it is held at the Macandrew Bay Hall and not on school grounds) and your sense of humour for a night of hot competition, laughs and lots of fun!

How can YOU support this?

Register as a **team of six people** A maximum of 25 team tables are up for grabs, so be quick to register and be in for an evening of fun.

Register at: macandrewbayschoolquiz@gmail.com

Payment can be made to our BNZ account: 02-0910-0056556-000, tickets \$60 and this will secure your place. Please use your name as a reference and quiz night as a particular. *Note this is not the Macandrew Bay School account.*

Raffles will be sold on the night of the event and there will be some amazing prizes! Please bring cash.

The Grocery Raffle cards are being sent home today (1 per family). These put you in the draw for our massive Grocery packs which will be announced on the night. Please sell tickets to your friends/work colleagues and return to the completed card to the school office with your cash, by the 10th of May.

If you wish to donate non-perishable items for the Grocery Raffle, please start collecting these now. These items are collected as they are used as the prizes for the Grocery Hamper and prizes on the night. The class with the most grocery items will be the proud winner of a pizza lunch. Non-perishable items can include dry goods, sauces, tins, chocolate and other treats (baked beans can please be left at home for breakfast). Collection of these item starts 10th May.

Lets make this a great community event and raise some funds for our tamariki! Go whānau go!



Thank you to our enterprising students at the Disco!

Thank you to the tamariki that organised activities at the Disco. Laurie and Meyra for the face painting and to Remi, Finlay and Bill for running the lucky dip! Remi, Finlay and Bill have donated \$10 of their profits to school. This will go towards our Pump Track.



Pātaka Kai

The Pātaka Kai at our school has some lovely lettuce and rhubarb from the school garden. The Toroa children grew and harvested it. It is there for you to enjoy. There are also some lovely looking apples for eating.



Sports Fees

Thank you to Mr D, Khyla and the whānau helping out with organising, coaching and managing teams!

We have sent out sports fees that are due over the next couple of weeks. Sports Fees are something we do not receive funding for so we really rely on whānau paying these invoices. It is also tricky the way we do our costings as we get invoiced by the various sporting organisations for one bill which we have to divide amongst the number of players. It is really challenging for us if kids pull out mid season and we can't then recover the costs. We also acknowledge that sometimes your child might be sick so doesn't get to play but unfortunately because we divide the costs up it makes it hard to reimburse

you for this. Unpaid sports fees mean that the rest of the children miss out because the school has to cover those costs with our very tight budget.

All Sports invoices for term one have been emailed.



Voluntary School donations and Sports Fees

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL DONATIONS - Your support makes a big difference to our school budget!

Although this is voluntary it does make a big difference to our school operations and finances if people do opt to pay it and it means that the children get a better deal in the classroom and the school has some hope of breaking even financially each year.

We try very hard to keep costs to a minimum for families. Our suggested School Donations this year are the same amount as last year - \$25.00 per term or \$100.00 per child for the whole year. 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 also. 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.

The bank account details are Macandrew Bay School 02 0900 0000233 00.

You need to state clearly your child's name and what the money is for in the reference information e.g school donation, activity donation, sports fees, stationary etc.

You can also pay with cash or eftpos at the school office.

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 in one go. This money is used to help cover the costs of buses and activities such as going to the Museum, Sports Events, Toitu, Art Gallery, and it also pays for visits to school by different

musical and drama performing groups etc, though Art Auction funds also help with these activities too. Payment can be made with eftpos at the school office or by internet banking to the school account.

SPORTS FEES

We offer many sporting opportunities for children outside of school hours. Participation in these teams is reliant on payment of the fee by a set date. This is a fee, not a donation, as it is not part of the required school curriculum, so must be paid in order for your child to participate.



COVID and illness in our school community

There seems to be a bit of COVID around in our school community at the moment with a few cases in some of our classes and in staff households.

Just a reminder about keeping your tamariki home if they are unwell. We have plenty of RAT tests available in the office if your whānau would like these. We are happy to send these home with your child if you email the office. Please let us know if your child does test positive with Covid-19 so we can monitor the potential spread in classes and support you.

I have included a link with the latest MOH information.

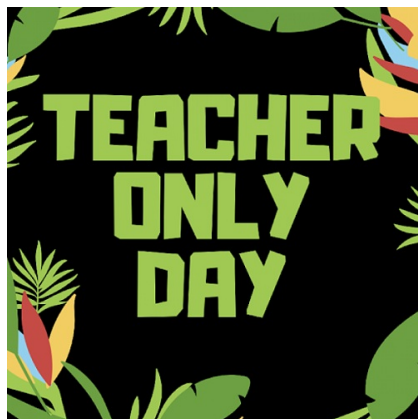
<https://covid19.govt.nz/>

In summary:

If you test positive for COVID- You must self-isolate for 7 days while you recover.

Day 0 is the day your symptoms started or when you tested positive, whichever came first.

Your Household Contacts do not need to isolate. They should test daily for 5 days. If they test positive, they need to begin 7 days of isolation as someone with COVID-19.



Teacher/Staff Only Days this year!

The Board of Trustees have approved 2 planned teacher/staff only days so far for this year.

One of these days is part of the Ministry of Education allocated days over the next 2 years to focus on The New Zealand Curriculum refresh, re-design of Te Marautanga o Aotearoa. The April day will be held at the Otago Museum with a range of inspiring speakers. School will be closed for instruction. MASH may or may not decide to offer their programme on these days at school. I will contact Ashley and provide an update around this soon.

The dates for Macandrew Bay School are:

Monday 24th April (the next day is Anzac Day)

Tuesday 6th June (day after the King's Birthday)

DRAMA CLASSES

Acting classes to increase confidence, co-operation, communication and performance skills!

- * 5yr olds to Adults
- * All skill levels
- * Taught by professional actors & directors

TERM 2 2023
May 1 - Jun 29

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Drama Classes

Term 2, May 1st - 29th June



Wild Dunedin Festival 14th - 23rd April

Are you looking for things to do in the school holidays? Check out the Wild Dunedin Festival. Free and fun activities about nature for all ages plus great deals on boat trips, albatross and penguin viewing, Orokonui Ecosanctuary and Resistance Climbing Gym. See the programme and book here: www.wilddunedin.nz



reka: tasty, sweet, juicy, yummy

He tino reka te mīti!

The meat is yummy!

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

He reka ake tāku rare i tāu.

My lolly is yummiier than yours.

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

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