



Macandrew Bay School

Macandrew Bay School Newsletter - 19 May 2023

Kia ora koutou,

One of our school targets that we report to the Ministry of Education on is Writing.

Through our analysis of data at the end of 2022 we found that 72% of our tamariki were either At or Above their age expectations for Writing. This is a curriculum area that we have identified in our kura as an area in which we want to improve outcomes for all our learners. Staff are working really hard with a range of initiatives and ideas to help all our tamariki improve their Writing. One of these areas is a whole school approach to teaching spelling. Your tamariki may come home and talk about "The Code". The intended outcome of teaching The Code is for our tamariki to apply their knowledge of letter sound relationships, spelling patterns and irregular spellings, accurately, automatically and fluently when spelling, writing and reading. I have included a copy of our Parent Education Structured Literacy Approach 2022 slides in the Structured Literacy Approach article for your information.

As well as teaching spelling, we are working on building knowledge of vocabulary and teaching children about how to craft their writing, working on letter formations and handwriting, sentence structure, punctuation, teaching tamariki how to plan their writing and learn about the writing process. Throughout the year we teach children a variety of genre (styles and forms of writing). We hope you enjoy the poetry in this weeks newsletter. We will be sharing more of our writing from throughout the school on Seesaw and in our upcoming newsletters.

Noho ora mai

Nic



Rātā Learning

Amazing Rātā tamariki have been very busy this term. Both Shelley and Kate have been particularly impressed with their progress in reading.

Every morning you can see children practicing their literacy skills by writing in their journals, reading to themselves and a buddy, learning code words, and focusing very hard during

their teacher time. We are seeing so much independence as children solve words themselves, reread as they go for fluency and write sentences, showing us their expert knowledge of sounds, heart words and spelling patterns. The children also really love to play Read and Grab, sketch and draw and get outside to write with chalk.

We have been really thinking carefully about the design process and preparing different types of food like fruit crumble and macaroni cheese. Looking at the design process and how we can solve problems by researching, generating ideas and testing them out is going to help us as we plan a way to connect with our families at home by inviting you to come to school later in the term.

We just love Maths and really enjoy our daily Mad Maths challenges, choosing activities from our Maths cafe to help us consolidate basic facts, write numerals correctly and interact with each other. We have been working on writing equations this week and many of us use a number line to help count forwards to solve addition problems.



PINK SHIRT DAY!

Macandrew Bay School was a sea of pink today!

Thank you to everyone for your kind donations. We will let you know how much we raised next week!

Pink Shirt Day is about raising awareness in helping to stamp out bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusion. Kindness and Caring is one of our Macandrew Bay School values.

Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atū, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora!
Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!



Donations needed for Grocery Raffle (Quiz Night)

We need lots more items for the Grocery Raffle, please bring these to your child's classroom as soon as possible. Non-perishable items can include dry goods, sauces, tins, chocolate and other treats. *The class with the most items wins a pizza lunch!!*

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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,

The countdown is on - only **9 teams** left!!

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 have been send home, thanks to those who have already returned these. If you still have these at home return them to the office.

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



Walk/Hike to Glenfalloch - Next week

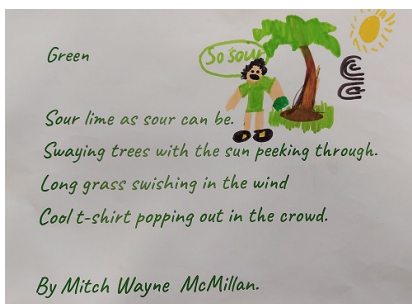
On Tuesday 23rd May we are planning a whole school walk to Glenfalloch gardens. We still need a few more helpers for this event to go ahead.

The Seniors are going to leave school around 9:15am, walking along the cycle/walkway and then we are doing a loop up around the back of the gardens. We are hoping gardener Alan

will talk to the tamariki about some of the special, native plants in the gardens.

The Juniors will leave at about 9:30am and walk along the cycle/walkway and do the Matai loop in the gardens. We are hoping to have morning tea on the lawn/deck area altogether before heading back to school along the walkway, returning to school around 11am.

If you are able to help with the walk we still need helpers so mark this date in your diary. If the weather is looking gloomy and rainy we have penciled in Thursday 25th May as a back up day.



Amazing writing

Each week we hope to bring you some amazing examples of Writing across the school.

We hope you enjoy the Haiku by Zelig and the colour poems below from some of our tamariki from Kererū class.

What is a haiku? The haiku is a Japanese poetic form that consists of three lines, with five syllables in the first line, seven in the second, and five in the third.

Treasure

Jelly fish sea shore

Marlborough cousins nature

Sea rocks climbing trees

Zelig Cooke

Colour Poems:

Blue

Juicy blueberry bursting with flavour in my mouth

Refreshing water pouring down my throat

Cloudy sky beaming down on me

Freezing ice slipping everywhere on the tray

By Arlo McCosh

Green

Sour lime as sour can be.

Swaying trees with the sun peeking through.

Long grass swishing in the wind

Cool t-shirt popping out in the crowd.

By Mitch McMillan

Blue

Bright blue sky looking over us.

Crashing ocean going wild.

Beautiful flowers growing in the fields.

Trickling rain down the windows.

By Willa-mae Stuart



Parent/Whānau Assemblies Term 2:

The format for our whānau assemblies is we usually have one or two classes leading the assembly and then 3 classes join together to prepare a couple of songs to share and then 3 classes each share an item around the learning they have been doing in their classrooms.

Parents and whānau are always very welcome to attend even if your child's class is not leading the assembly. Throughout the year each class will have a turn to lead the assembly. The tamariki are always so proud to share their mahi and we think it is a great opportunity to build their confidence at presenting in front of an audience.

Coming up next week on Friday 26th May at 2pm- **Kārearea**

are leading our whānau assembly!

Kakano and Kōwhai, Kererū are presenting/sharing their mahi and Tūi, Toroa, Rātā are singing.

On Friday 23rd June at 2pm it is Tūi 's turn to lead our whānau assembly.

Rātā and Toroa will present/share and Kakano and Kōwhai, Kererū will be singing.



Dates to Remember

Term dates for 2023:

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 coming up:

Monday 5 June- King's Birthday

Tuesday 6th June - Teacher Only Day (Macandrew Bay School closed)

Dates for Term 2- MORE TO BE ADDED!

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

School Begins for Term 2- Wednesday 26th April

Whānau and School meeting- Thursday 4th May, 7pm

Bake Sale- Tuesday 9th May (all baking welcome)

Raffle tickets due back- Wednesday 10th May

Collection of grocery items for the Raffle begins- Wednesday 10th May

Pink Shirt Day- Friday 19th May

Board of Trustees Meeting- Monday 22nd May, 6:30pm

NZ Playhouse Theatre- Wednesday 31st May, 2pm

King's Birthday- Monday 5th June- (Macandrew Bay School closed)

Teacher Only Day- Tuesday 6th June (Macandrew Bay School closed)

Macandrew Bay School Quiz Night- Thursday 8th June

Registrations for Quiz night are open under: macandrewbayschoolquiz@gmail.com

Octacan- Thursday 22nd June

Board of Trustees Meeting- Monday 26th June, 6:30pm

Matariki Celebrations- Week 10

Matariki Hangi- Thursday 29th June

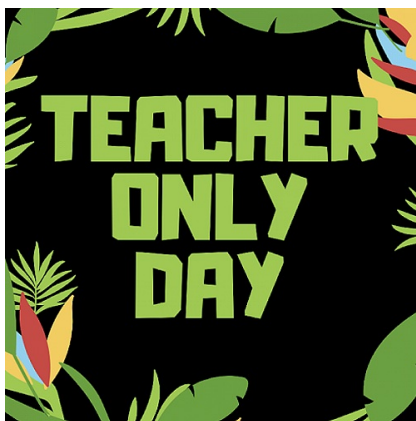
Whole School Walk/Hike- Tuesday 23rd May (postponement date- Thursday 25th May)

Ski weekends for all whānau @ Cardrona- 12th & 13th August and 26th & 27th August. (Save the date- more information to come next term)

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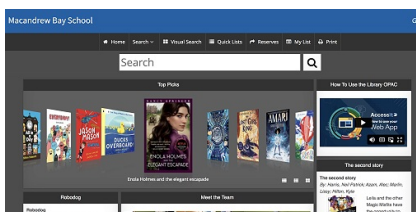
Friday 23rd June- Tūi leading



Teacher/Staff Only Day coming up!

The Board of Trustees have approved a planned teacher/staff only for June 6th!

On Tuesday June 6th (Day after the King's Birthday) school will be closed for instruction. Staff will be working on site planning for the rest of the year.



Searching the School Library Catalogue

With the launch of the new website, our catalogue can once again be searched from home.

The School Library can be found by going to the What We Offer tab and scrolling to the bottom. There you will find a link that

allows to to search all our Library resources. It's a great way of showing your child what is available in our Library, and discussing books with them and what they might like to issue.

If you wish to have a quick look now, follow the link below by doing control (or command) click. This website is updated every few weeks with new purchases or new items for the Library.

<http://library.macandrewbay.school.nz:2000>

Children have their own accounts and can log in with their own passwords. If you would like me to send you your child's login details, and how to go about it, please email me at librarian@macandrewbay.school.nz

We are thrilled to be offering after school care to the children at Macandrew Bay School

Our skilled and trained team of coaches have delivered exceptional after school care & school holiday programs in Dunedin for over 10 years now.

We will be holding the care in the school Library 3pm-6pm daily.

Our after school care program consists of structured sports, games, arts & crafts, free play & plenty of fun. To enrol visit us at: www.playballotago.com/afterschool-care

Playball Price List	
3pm-4pm (1 hour) - \$10	
3pm-5pm (2 hours) - \$15.50	
3pm-6pm (3 hours) - \$20.50	

Prices include GST
WINZ subsidies available

Playball

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Contact: Liam Little- email coachliam@playball.co.nz

Mobile: 027 554 8859

You will find all the information including Playball price lists on their website or facebook page.



Can you help us with putting down a Hangi?

We are hoping to celebrate Matariki this year at our kura with everyone enjoying the delicious taste of hangi. If you are able to or have contacts with friends and family that would be able to help us put down a hangi for all our community to enjoy please get in contact with Nic. We understand this is a huge undertaking and responsibility but we can provide the workforce to support this event as we have many willing

helpers!



Icy roads or snowy conditions

In the event of very dangerous road conditions due to snow or black ice etc a blanket decision is made for the whole of Dunedin by Principals who live in the hill suburbs, after consulting Police etc. This includes Macandrew Bay School.

A decision is made on either a late start at 10.00am or to close Dunedin Schools for the day. It is very important that families listen to the radio if weather conditions are bad in town and

particularly listen to the cancellation notices on local radio stations (89.4 FM The Hits). It is usually on after the 7.30am news and again at 8.00am. The reason these decisions are made is that even if children can get to school the staff often live some distance from the school and up on the hills and we can't guarantee that we can staff the school even if the children can make it.

Keep on looking/listening as sometimes a late decision is made. It is great if you hear that school is off, that you let your friends and neighbours know too if their children also attend our school. We will also push out a message on Skool Loop and Nic will text you too! It is great we have all these means of communication to let you know! Fingers crossed we don't have too many of these delayed starts or closures.

You can also add the join the Otago Primary Principals' Association (OPPA) group on School Loop, details attached. School Loop allows you to add multiple schools/organisations. You will be asked for a password once you have selected OPPA. This password is OPPA.

Need a hand? Just come to the office.



A Structured Literacy Approach

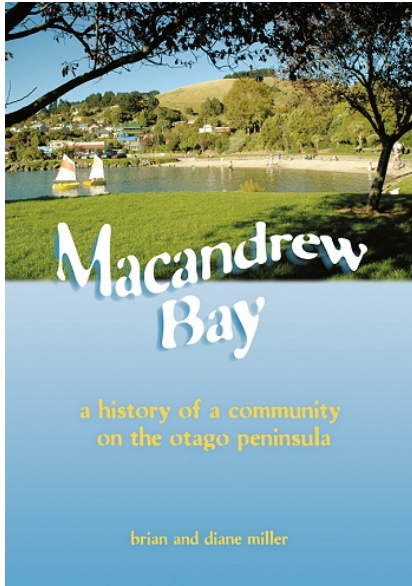
Find out what all the consonant and vowel phonemes (sounds) of NZ English are; and how to say them clearly. We teach and use the sounds to increase phonological awareness which helps with the foundation skills for reading and spelling.

Watch the video below- click on the link:) featuring Emma

Nahna.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SePU-T4S-js&ab_channel=SoundFoundationsforLiteracy

I have also attached a copy of our parents evening slides from 2022 for your information about a Structured Literacy approach.



Macandrew Bay - A history of a community on the Otago Peninsula

Packed with photos, facts and stories, it covers the surrounding area - Larnach Castle - Glenfalloch - as well as Macandrew Bay. Gordon Parry (ODT) said it is 'crammed with human interest stories and one of the best social histories of its type I have seen'.

Cost: \$30

Available from: (free delivery)Brian & Diane Miller 31 Marine Parade

Ph: 03 4761 453 Cell: 021 027 911 31

Email: brianmillernz@gmail.com



Lunchonline now includes Pita Pit every Thursday

Starting the 4th of May (Junior pie day still continues)

Macandrew Bay School Lunches

Pita Pit now every Thursday

Starts Thursday 4th May

It's simple; all you need to do is register at

www.lunchonline.co.nz

and follow 4 easy steps to get started

- 1. Register an account**
- 2. Add member/s including your name and delivery location**
- 3. Make a payment to have funds in your account before you order**
- 4. Select your lunch and place an order by 9am the day required**

Phone 0800 565 565

info@lunchonline.co.nz



Octacan Appeal - save the date

Octacan is our major winter food drive supporting many local people through the winter months. This year we are holding Octacan a couple of weeks before the Matariki public holiday.

Matariki - signified by the Matariki cluster of stars reappearing in our night sky, is a time to reflect on the past year, celebrate the present, and plan for the year ahead. We invite you to help us plan for the year ahead and re-stock our Family Works Foodbank by donating cans to Dunedin's busiest food bank.

Please plan to bring cans to school the week of the 19th of June leading up to Thursday the 22nd, official collection day.

Thanks from Presbyterian Support Otago

**You can make a
difference in
one child's life**

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED in welcoming a child into your family, either on a short or long term basis, give us a call to find out more about Shared Care or Foster Care with CCS Disability Action.

**Contact us today
0800 227 900**



TE HUNGA HAUŌ MAURI MŌ NGŌ TĀNGATA KATOA



CCS Disability Action

We are in urgent need of safe and nurturing caregivers to provide homes to some very special children across the Dunedin region.

Please follow this link for further information:

<https://www.ccsdisabilityaction.org.nz/become-a-foster-carer>



Piano Teacher Available in Macandrew Bay

Hi, I am Catherine Lund, a year 13 at Otago Girls' (and a former pupil of Macandrew Bay!) and I am available for beginner piano lessons on Fridays after school and Saturdays at any time. I have passed Grade 8 piano with distinction and am currently working towards my ATCL exam this year. I would really love to be able to teach the piano to share my passion for music! Thanks Catherine catherinerrlund@gmail.com or 021 090 31488



House to rent - Company Bay

Four bedroom semi-furnished house in Company Bay available to rent for up to a year. Beautiful view and spacious garden. Non-smokers. For any further questions or details please contact us on 022 3443095.



Sunny warm house to rent in Marion St, Macandrew Bay

Available end of July to end November although dates are negotiable. Suitable for a couple or family. Please contact Linda linda.buxton24@gmail.com for further information. We are looking for someone to live in our house while we are away. It can be fully or partially furnished.
