



Macandrew Bay School

Macandrew Bay School Newsletter - 27 April 2023

Kia ora koutou,

Nau mai, haere mai- Welcome back to Term 2. We have had a great 3 days back at school! The staff had a really inspiring Staff only day on Monday at the Otago Museum, joining staff from the 9 other Peninsula schools. Our wonderful speakers included:

Dr Ian Griffin – Director of the Otago Museum and astronomer

Dr Kirsten Cheyne - Neuroscience researcher and working on the “Dunedin Study”

Jordan Kingsley Smith – A motivational speaker who has a particular interest in mental health

Dr Hana O'Regan - Dr Hana O'Regan has worked in the areas of language revitalisation, identity and cultural development, te reo Māori and education for over 25 years.

Richard Emerson – Richard Emerson is one of our pre-eminent brewers, a trailblazer who is often lauded as the godfather of craft beer in New Zealand. Born profoundly deaf in 1960s Dunedin, Emerson triumphed against all odds to launch Emerson's Brewery in 1992.

It was so valuable for the staff of the 10 schools to come together and collaborate- this was the first time we have held an event like this. Hopefully we can do this each year.

This week we have also been commemorating Anzac Day. Some of our classes walked down to the Macandrew Bay Hall to see the crosses of the fallen Macandrew Bay Soldiers. We also had a special ANZAC display in the library and classes have been focusing some of their learning around this theme. Today in focus assembly we talked about the importance of remembering those that have passed away, especially the ANZACS. We sang the waiata Pūrea Nei which was written by Hirini Melbourne a well known Māori composer. The waiata is a remembrance waiata we are learning at the moment.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā- Have a good weekend!

Nic



ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

ANZAC refers to the soldiers from Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia who served in the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC), during the First World War and were initially formed in 1915 to participate in the Gallipoli invasion. Over 100,000 New Zealanders served in World War I, with more than 18,000 losing their lives and around 41,000 listed as injured. Later, over 140,000 New Zealanders would serve overseas in the Second World War, with around 11,900 losing their lives.

Anzac Day is held annually on April 25 as a national day of remembrance to commemorate those who served and those who died in all international wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. Classes have been doing a variety of activities to commemorate ANZAC day. Some of our classes walked down to the Macandrew Bay Hall to see the crosses of the fallen Macandrew Bay Soldiers. Thank you to Gill for setting up a special ANZAC display in the library. Tūi class had Archie's Dad (Nick) come in to show his grandfathers war medals today. Today in focus assembly we talked about the importance of remembering those that have passed away and in particular this week, we remember the ANZACS. We sang the waiata Pūrea Nei which was written by Hirini Melbourne a well known Māori composer-The waiata is a remembrance waiata we are learning at the moment.



Off to a great start in Tūi

Tūi is ready for another busy term ahead! We are off to a great start with exploring the change in seasons and using this in our writing.

Check out our awesome Cinquain Poems!

Autumn

Changing, falling

Crunching, scrunching, twirling

Yellow is better than green

Trees

By Zelig Cooke

Crunchy

Waterless, crispy

Falling, swirling, crunching

The leaves are falling off the tree

Autumn

By Fletcher Moore

Autumn

Windy, rainy

Pouring, swishing, swashing

Grey clouds racing around

Storm

By Riley Boucher

Autumn

Cold, windy

Falling, curling, crunching

Best time surfing the wind

Leaf

By Maisy Angelson

Leaves

Light, crunchy

Drifting, crisping, falling

Changing colour

Damp



New Macandrew Bay School Website! - Yippee

Our new website is up and running! This has been a labour of love and taken us many months to put together:)

Special, special thanks to the amazing Caroline Rowe who has spent many hours working on this for us. We are very grateful for all of Caroline's input and expertise. We also need to

acknowledge Caroline's workplace Effect for their generous support in helping us with a pretty cost effective solution to build a new website. Thank you also to Khyla McBride and Jess McAuley for their mahi on this awesome new website and to Ian McGee as some of his amazing photos feature on the website. We had a group of Marketing Department University students do some of the initial work last year- so I am sure they will be impressed!



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

Tuesday 25 April - Anzac Day

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

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

Matariki Celebrations- Week 10

Matariki Hangi- Thursday 29th June

Whole School Walk/Hike- Date to be confirmed

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

Parent/Whānau Assemblies Term 2: To be decided



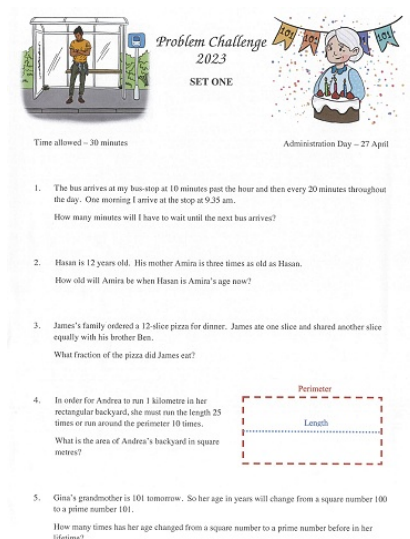
Icy roads or snowy conditions

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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. 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.

If you are in doubt please look up the School's website as we always try to post late starts or school closures on our www.macandrewbay.school.nz or just google Macandrew Bay School. Keep on looking as we can only do that once we have heard the city wide decision. It is great if you hear 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 more of these delayed starts or closures.



Problem Solving Challenge

Every Thursday Toroa class have a Maths problem Solving Challenge! Parents and whānau and the rest of the school have a go at these questions below!- answers will appear in next weeks newsletter.



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



Bake Sale Tuesday 9th May

Please help support raise money for the Wildlife hospital!

Next Tuesday the 9th of May we are doing a bake sale to earn money for the Wildlife hospital in Mosgiel.

Children are allowed to bring \$5 max.

There will be all sorts of cakes, biscuits, muffins, cookies, lemonade, shortbread and rice crispy treats.

Thanks from Ava C, Rosie, Ava B, Laurie, Aśta, Sybila and Isla.



Pātaka Kai

Our Pātaka Kai (food sharing cupboard) has some lovely bags of pears at the moment. Take what you need and leave what you can.



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 could 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 have been send home, thanks to those who have already returned these. Please 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. **Collection of these item starts 10th May.**

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



Ski Trips - save the date

Thanks to Katherine and Keryn who are in the process of organising the schools weekend ski trips. Secured dates are both the 12th/13th and 26th/27th of August for those wishing to plan ahead. More details to follow.

playball

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 recreational 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

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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.



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



Macandrew Bay Scout Group

Come and enjoy the fun and challenges offered at Macandrew Bay Scout Group!

We are looking for new members, different age groups and for girls and boys. Activities to promote outdoor experiences, self-confidence respect of others, fun and excitement. Parents and care givers welcome as well.

We are located by the Macandrew Bay Bowling club just behind the school.

Sign posted off Portobello Road by Marion Street.

Come along and give it a try!

Keas 5 - 8 years Keas: yet to be decided

Cubs 8 -11 years: Monday nights at 6.00pm

Scouts 11-16 years: Monday nights at 6.00pm

Venturers 16 -18 years : Wednesday nights 6.30pm.

For enquiries contact us: macbayscouts@gmail.com

Leaders: Mike McCaw – 027 958 2000

Andrew Jack – 021 122 6751
