



Macandrew Bay School

# Macandrew Bay School Newsletter - 24 March 2023

Kia ora koutou,

I hope everyone managed to catch their breath a little with the extra day on Monday celebrating Otago Anniversary Day.

The Toroa tamariki looked into the history of our school this week, visiting James Macandrew's grave at our local cemetery (who our school is named after).

Toroa class have written an article about the local history they learnt about yesterday.

I hope you enjoy reading the Writing featured this week by our two guest author's Archie and Arlo.

One of our school targets' this year is student achievement in Writing will show a clear improvement from Term One baseline data to Term Four end of year data. The percentage of students working successfully at or above their expected curriculum level will have increased.

All classes are working hard on their writing at the moment, giving the tamariki authentic contexts to write about, placing a big emphasis on improving spelling and punctuation, increasing vocabulary, using language features like adjectives and similes and taking time to carefully plan writing using a variety of templates.

Enjoy your weekend everyone!

Noho ora mai (All the best)

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## Rātā News

Rātā class has made a fantastic start to the year! We've been busy with kia kaha, sea week, swimming, class science projects and critters and doing an amazing job of managing ourselves for learning!

Rātā tamariki have made such awesome progress this term with managing themselves for learning and love to write each day about topics of interest. They have been watching two monarch caterpillars munch away until becoming quite chubby. The children enjoyed seeing the chrysalis stage and then watching a video of the beautiful butterflies fly away after hatching over the long weekend. This, our class snail Bob and a series of octopus videos during sea week have resulted in some super writing.

The children loved working with Constable Emily Plew, celebrating how amazing and unique we each are with art work and thumb prints. A highlight was looking secretly inside Emily's special box to see the most amazing precious thing...discovering that it was a mirror showing ourselves!

Another most popular highlight last week was our science focus across the school with a host of interesting science experiments based around physical and chemical change. We thought hard to predict what might happen, used our scientist eyes to observe and take note very closely and came to some conclusions about why.

We love starting most days with junior school movement with all 3 classes together and have been playing lots of fun games. including rob the nest, snakes, islands, relays, yoga and parachute games. It's fun to interact together, get our bodies moving and work together cooperating to achieve a common goal.

Finally Kate and Shelley have been so impressed with our literacy learning and we love to work at our whiteboard jelly bean table reading and writing sounds, words and sentences before we try them out in a book near the end of the week.

We are looking forward to the rest of term 1 and continuing on our learning journey together.

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## Junior School learning...What have we been up to?

The Junior School is a busy place with lots of learning going on! Lately we have been focusing on Science, our beautiful Monarch butterfly lifecycle, celebrating Sea Week and working together to get the best out of our learning!

Over the past few weeks we have been lucky enough to have Monarch caterpillars in the Junior School munching on swan plants. We have watched them turn into a chrysalis and then finally into beautiful Monarch butterflies. This has been amazing for the tamariki to observe and talk about together. Wonderful oral language opportunities!

Last week was Science week at Macandrew Bay School and the juniors participated in lots of fun, engaging Science experiments through our Ka Hikitia time (Junior collaboration) with a focus on physical and chemical change. Some of these experiments included putting an egg in vinegar and watching how the vinegar changed the eggs state over time, making hokey pokey and creating a lava lamp using oil, water, food colouring and salt. It was awesome to hear the children talk about what they could notice with their scientist eyes and the wonderings they had.

It was Sea week in Aotearoa in early March and the juniors had a focus on octopus. One of our fantastic junior teachers, Shelley Dixon, found some great videos about octopus that we watched. Kākano/Kōwhai class worked together to create an octopus and sea mural with some Year 5 children. We created paper chains together to use as the tentacles and looked at a range of books about the sea to inspire the mural. We are yet to finish this off but watch this space!

Ka Hikitia is a special time for the junior school where we focus on a range of different learning areas including school wide inquiry focus, project learning, The Arts, Math and Science. The children work in whānau groups made up of children across the Junior School for this learning. 'KA HIKITIA' MEANS TO STEP UP, TO LIFT UP OR TO LENGTHEN ONE'S STRIDE. IT MEANS STEPPING UP HOW THE EDUCATION SYSTEM PERFORMS TO ENSURE MĀORI STUDENTS ARE ENJOYING AND ACHIEVING EDUCATION SUCCESS AS MĀORI. The role of education is to nurture every child's potential and to support their educational success. We have started to look at the whole school overarching concept for this year of Manaakitanga and looking at the different communities we are a part of in these sessions. We also love our movement/fitness time together in the mornings and have started our Code groups across the three classes to learn more about how sounds, words, sentences and spelling of the complex English language works. Better together!

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## Senior school writing up a storm!

Check out the amazing stories by Arlo and Archie

**OMG** by Arlo McCosh, Kererū

I went up the very tall ladder.

I looked down at the water. Down below was like looking down from the Eiffel Tower.

I jumped down. Splash!!

I hit the bottom of the pool. Water was filling up my goggles like a tsunami.

I felt cold and surprised that I didn't die!

**At Otemata Lake** by Archie Thorburn, Tūi

I see lots of people on the blue clear smooth water and one or two boats.

I feel the cold water bursting into my face and the bright sun sparking on my face.

I smell bird poo and fresh cold water and the stinking pontoon.

I hear lots of kids screaming so loud that I could hear it from 100 metres away.

I could taste the salty water and the freezing cold air and it was a great day!



## Toroa Class Research Otago Anniversary Day

Today Thursday 23rd March 2023, marks 175 years since the first sailing ships sailed from the United Kingdom into Port Chalmers.

The boats were called the John Wickcliffe and the Philip Laing. It took the boats about three months to complete the journey. On the first ships were Captain William Cargill and Rev Thomas Burns. William Larnach and James Macandrew were also early settlers to Otago. They were both politicians. James Macandrew lived in Macandrew Bay. It used to be called North East Harbour. Colinswood, Jane St, Marion St and Howard St are named after his children.

We visited James Macandrew grave which is in the cemetery near The Duck Cafe.



## 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**

### **Dates for Term 2 (so far)**

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



## **DISCO THANK YOU!**

Thank you to our wonderful Whānau and School for organising the Disco!

A very special thank you to Kate Oktay, Thérèse Sharma, Cynarra Ferguson for their amazing organisation supported by Veronique Sheilds, Esther Sibbald, Amanda Vercoe, Matt Dadley, Shae Bertanees, Blair Stuart, Machiko Niimi, Zoe and Elke Mathewson, Matt and Georgie Bond and Fiona Jack. Pakipaki to our Envirogroup, the preparation work that Team

Kaitiaki did with their consideration of how to manage our rubbish. They made really clearly labelled rubbish bins and everyone did a great job recycling and using the bins correctly.



Team Kaitiaki made a decision to have no glow sticks to protect the environment. They offered plenty of other ways to have fun and got the message out to teach everyone that glow sticks are a one-use, non-recyclable item. Everyone was amazing supporting this commitment to care for our world. Thank you to everyone.

Our DJ's, Violet and her friend, Gabby, were so talented. They offered a top quality disco. Thank you to Violet and Gabby for their amazing organisation last night! Thank you MASH for letting us use your equipment too. We know our tamariki really enjoyed their night grooving and moving to the awesome beats.

#### **Read some comments from our tamariki about the Disco**

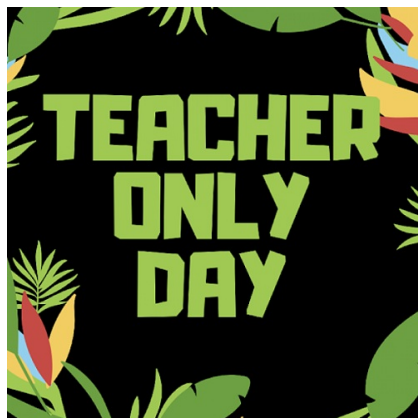
**Leah Campbell, Toroa**

***I had an awesome time at the Disco, Violet and her friend were excellent DJ's. There were lots of competitions like the best joke, the most crazy moves and the best outfit. The music was catchy and fun! The sausage sizzle went down a treat.***

**Ben Mathewson, Toroa**

***My favourite thing at the Disco was the lollie scramble! I got 4 lollies and shared them with my family. My dance moves were on form and the music rocked. I enjoyed my salt & vinegar chips and my soft drink. Lots of the costumes were amazing.***

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## **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)**

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## **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.

Sports invoices have been emailed with the exception of Rippa rugby which will follow shortly.

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## Pie Days

A message from Hazel & Leah our wonderful pie monitors

We have been noticing that not all of the pies that we have been cooking have been:

A: wrapped in tinfoil (paper bag pies are fine)

B: have their names and class written with marker on them

C: left out on the bench for a night to thaw (they are sometimes frozen when we get them)

Please also if you are bringing small pies, 4 is the limit due to space in oven.

If you have done this we can guarantee you that your pies will be perfectly cooked!

A reminder of the pie days:

**Thursday-** Junior Classes- Rātā, Kākano, Kōwhai

**Friday-** Senior Classes- Tūī, Kererū, Kārearea and Toroa.

Thank you in advance

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## 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.

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## DESKS FOR SALE- \$5

We no longer have a need for some of our desks- if you would like one or two for home. Please contact us in the office. Going cheap- \$5!

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## A Reminder about Dogs!

Just a friendly reminder about Dogs in our school. We would prefer that Dogs are kept on their leads during school hours and that they wait outside the gates during school time. If you and your doggie are visiting after hours please could you clean up after your dog. Poor Mrs Ward has had to clean up dog poo twice now and that was not very nice. It is also not nice when it is brought into classrooms on children's shoes. Thank you for your help with this:)



## 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.



## Thinkit Art

Term 2 and Holidays Kids Workshop

**Andersons Bay Community Kindergarten**  
 Together a shared vision, culture, philosophy to be proud of

**We will have places available soon, come and visit us!**



Open 8:15am-2:45pm for children 2-5 years

- Play based learning
- Creative and inspiring fully trained teachers
- Open over the School Holidays
- Bush programme
- Connecting with our community in our van
- Time and days available to suit your family
- No fees for children over three
- Two year olds \$3 per hour

56 Jeffery Street, Anderson's Bay, Right next to Anderson's Bay School.  
 Phone us for more information: 454 2242  
 Email: [info@andbavkindy.co.nz](mailto:info@andbavkindy.co.nz)  
 Or just come and visit!



## Andersons Bay Community Kindergarten

Places available, come and visit us!

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## Wild Dunedin Ōtepoti Mohoao

## 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](http://www.wilddunedin.nz)

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**GRANTS BRAES AFC CLUB OPEN DAY**

**WHEN**  
 APRIL 01, 11-2PM

**WHERE**  
 1 DOMAIN AVE  
 OCEAN GROVE

- SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
 - BOOT SWAP  
 - SMALL SIDED GAMES  
 - SKILL SESSIONS  
 - SPOT PRIZES  
 - BEAT THE KEEPER PENALTIES  
 - CROSS BAR CHALLENGE  
 - SHORTS & SOCKS FOR SALE

**GRANTS BRAES AFC**

## Grants Braes AFC

On Saturday 1st of April we are holding a Open Day , this is a great opportunity for kids to come along and kick a Football around at no cost . For those kids who have never played football before and are too shy to try this is the ideal time for them to give it a go!!

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## Grants Braes AFC

Grants Braes AFC wish to enter as many Girls Teams as we can into the NEW GIRLS ONLY LEAGUES!

This Season we have Girls Teams entered in the Following Leagues

6th Grade Girls Only 7/8th Grade Girls Only 9/10th Grade Girls Only 11/12th Grade Girls Only 15/16 Girls Only

We would love to enter more than one team in each of the Leagues above and to do this we need your help! Contact us today if you are interested.



## Junior Dunedin Rugby Club registration day

Sunday 2nd April from 12pm

**CHILDREN'S ASTHMA STUDY**

We are looking for children with asthma to take part in a study comparing two different asthma inhalers.

To take part in this study you must:

- Have been diagnosed with asthma by a doctor
- Be aged between 5 and 15 years
- Only use a reliever inhaler

For more information:  
visit: [www.p3research.co.nz](http://www.p3research.co.nz)  
or Phone P3 Research  
Dunedin on 03-974 8171

**What does it involve?**

- 1 year
- 3 visits + 2 phone calls
- Inhalers provided free of charge
- Breathing tests + asthma education
- Reimbursement for travel expenses

Logos: Northern Research Institute, cure kids, hrc nz

This study has been approved by Northern B Health and Disability Ethics Committee (02/NTB/200)

## Children's Asthma Study

Participants needed to shed light on an important but still un-researched question - what works best for occasional asthma in children.



## 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](#)

[Hear this kupu spoken and get the PDF](#)

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