



## Macandrew Bay School

# Macandrew Bay School Newsletter - 11 November 2023



### Junior Gardens with Bunnings Warehouse and Kārearea class

On Tuesday two people from Bunnings, Imelda and Gideon, came to work with Kārearea children to create the beginning of our Junior School Gardens. The Year 5 children first made plans for Junior Gardens when they were in Year 2 with Miss Brown so it was awesome they could see this project through.

I absolutely loved working alongside the Year 5 children on this little project. It was wonderful to see the tamariki working together to build the planter boxes and to plant the veggies provided by Bunnings Warehouse. So much discussion, problem solving and negotiating going on! We now have two planter boxes up behind the Junior block by the silver slide. We have planted lettuce, silverbeet and spinach. We can't wait to create a yummy salad once they are ready. There is still lots of room for more planter boxes so watch this space - there

maybe more planting next year! A massive thank you to Bunnings Warehouse for reaching out to us, providing all the materials and for helping us put this project together.

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### Teacher/Staff Only Day- Friday 17th November

The Board of Trustees have approved another teacher/staff only for Friday 17th November. School will be closed for instruction on this day.

We will be working alongside staff from Portobello, Broad Bay and Andersons Bay schools. The day will be facilitated by local Ministry of Education Curriculum Leaders and focused around Te Mātaiaho. Te Mātaiaho, the refreshed framework for the New Zealand Curriculum, is a curriculum designed for all ākonga, to ensure their sense of belonging and ability to flourish through high-quality learning experiences.

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### Kākano News...

We have been busy bees as always in Kākano class so far this term!

One of many highlights for us so far this term was our Peninsula Athletics Day down at the Caledonian. We did lots of athletics practice at school for the weeks leading up to this which was super fun - it was great to see the kids so eager to be involved and learn new skills. We focused on long jump, high jump, shot put, hurdles and sprints.

Throughout this half of the term we have also been finishing off our last inquiry around showing manaakitanga to all cultures in our community. Part of this learning for our Junior learners was around understanding what a tradition is.

Children have been bringing in their 'All about me' bags to share with us items that represent family traditions that are special to their whānau. This has been such wonderful sharing time and a great way for us to learn even more about each other and families.

We also had Tahu from The Orokonui Ecosanctuary come to visit our school in the second week of the term. She is such a wealth of knowledge and we learnt lots about the native plants/trees that are in our Junior School outside area. We are working hard at showing manaakitanga to our outside area and living things. We also have some new small Junior gardens up by the silver slide that we are responsible for looking after and being kaitiaki of (more info about this in another article in this newsletter)

We have been learning lots about living and non-living things. It is awesome to see so much passion for creatures in our gardens. We have been learning about the characteristics of different creatures - writing about them, role playing their crucial roles in our ecosystem and sketching/labelling them. Mahi Whakamiharo - fantastic work.

We are excited for the rest of the term and all the learning that is still to come! Check out our photos below that showcase the range of learning we have been up to.

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## Beach Education Trips St Kilda Beach

In Week 8 and 9 this term we have an exciting opportunity for our tamariki to learn water safety skills at St Kilda Beach. Last year we held this at Macandrew Bay Beach but it will be great for the children to learn water safety out in the waves too! We are thinking we will alternate each year between here and St Kilda.

To make this happen, we require A LOT of parent help. Our ratio needs to be 1:5 (1 adult to 5 children) when we are around water. Parents will be required to be in the water so be prepared to get wet. The days go ahead no matter the

weather as they deliver a wet day programme. Fingers crossed that we have some stunning Dunedin days. Everyone coming for the day needs to ensure they have warm clothing, a wetsuit (if they have one, especially the parent supervisors), sun protection, plenty of food and a water bottle.

30th November (Junior School and Tūi class Year 3's) 9:30-2:30

1st December (Kererū class Year 3's, Year 4's and Kārerarea) 9:30-2:30

7th December (Toroa class) 9:30-2:30

We thank you greatly for your support in helping these days happen.

Please let your classroom teacher know if you are able to provide support on this day as we really rely and appreciate any help we can get. We are looking forward to it!

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## Whānau and School Fundraising team

Here at Macandrew Bay School we have a wonderful Whānau and School Fundraising team with really committed members that work hard to fundraise for our special school via many different avenues.

In the above photo you can see some of the things that our committee has paid for using our school fundraising funds.

Things such as farewells for staff, bringing a range of The Arts into our school (e.g. plays or shows, working with experts in drama or visual art), sporting opportunities in school time, sporting uniforms and of course resources for teaching/learning - in particular Literacy and Maths resources.

We could not provide all of these amazing things in our school without our Whānau and School fundraising team and of course without YOU contributing to our fundraisers. We really appreciate every pie you buy/sell for instance, Macandrew Bay School quiz you attend or a purchase you make at our school fairs. It all makes a difference so thank you so much if you have been actively involved in our fundraisers. See below for some of the resources that have been purchased this year using fundraising funds.

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MACANDREW BAY SCHOOL

OTAGO PENINSULA

**ART**

**AUCTION**

6 - 13 November. Place your bid now!

View and bid online at [galabid.com/macbay23](https://galabid.com/macbay23)

## SPECTACULAR MACANDREW BAY SCHOOL ART AUCTION

Join us for a Spectacular Online School Art Auction! Date: November 6-13

From Monday you'll have the chance to bid on exquisite pieces of art that will not only adorn your walls but also support the next generation of budding artists.

This extraordinary event promises a vibrant collection of paintings, ceramics, and other awesome creations that reflect the diversity and our artistic community. Don't miss this unique opportunity to acquire original, one-of-a-kind pieces and contribute to our school's art programme.

Mark your calendars and visit our official poster for more details and a sneak peek at some of the incredible artworks up

for auction.

Please also print a copy of the poster and circulate far and wide so we get as much exposure to the auction as possible!

P.S if you go to the link for a sneak peak, keep in mind it's still a work in progress and more artwork is being added daily.

THANKS!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ljGwP5QFGdfgDRbeYonLP6B-SH4TOPfb/view?usp=sharing>



## Gumboot Friday

Dates  
for your  
DIARY

## Dates to Remember

*Term dates for 2023:*

### Term 4

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

Other days including Public Holidays coming up:

**Labour Day- Monday 23rd October**

**Staff only day- Friday 17th November 2023**

Term 4 dates: (so far)

### COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

- **Macandrew Bay School Art Auction (online event) - starts Monday 6th November and finishes 13th November**

- **Staff Only Day, Friday 17th November- Focus- Te Mātaiaho/Curriculum Refresh**

### **Beach Education Trips**

30th November (Junior School and Tūi class Year 3's)

1st December (Kererū class Year 3's, Year 4's and Kārerarea)

7th December (Toroa class)

- Annual School Cross country- Tuesday 5th December
- Final Board Meeting- Monday 11th December, 6:30pm
- **Year 6 Leavers Assembly- Tuesday 12th December, 1pm**
- **School year ends- Friday 15th December 12pm**

### **Term dates for 2024:**

#### **School begins Wednesday 31st January**

##### **Term 1:**

Wednesday 31st January to Friday 12 April

##### **Term 2**

Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July

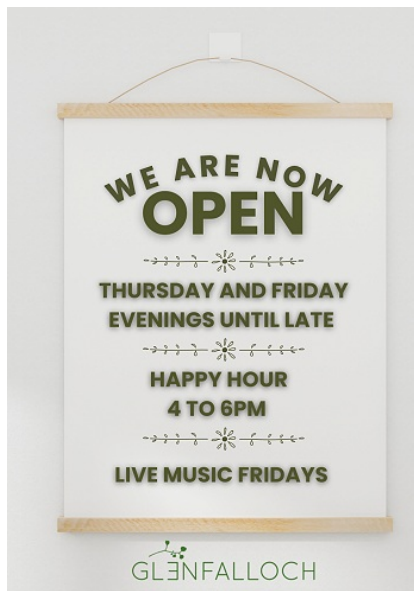
##### **Term 3**

Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September

##### **Term 4**

Monday 14 October to Tuesday 17 December

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## **Glenfalloch news**

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