



Macandrew Bay School

# Macandrew Bay School Newsletter - 16 November 2023

Kia ora koutou,

It is hard to believe we only have 4 weeks of our school year left. The teachers are busy collecting data and writing reports at the moment. Although this can be a stressful time for staff it is very rewarding to see the progress that our tamariki have made this year. We have some information to share next week about our End of Year reporting ahead of these being shared on December 6th.

The highlight for me last week was joining our Year 5 cohort on Quarantine Island for our first ever Year 5 Camp. It was magical and even better that it was just on our doorstep!

Our Biennial Art Auction finished on Monday and I want to acknowledge all the hard work our Kim and the Whānau and School Fundraising Team have done for this. We are really excited about the potential artists we can partner with next year and the amazing Arts experiences the tamariki will have. Learning in, through, and about the arts stimulates creative action and response by engaging and connecting thinking, imagination, senses, and feelings. One of the artists dropping off work yesterday commented on the quality of the children's art work in our office area which is always lovely to hear!

A reminder that tomorrow our kura is closed for a staff only day tomorrow. We look forward to seeing the tamariki on Monday:)

Noho ora mai

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## Year 5 Camp Quarantine

Last Thursday the Year 5 tamariki enjoyed an overnight camp close to home on Quarantine Island.

We had a fabulous time learning about the history of the island on our tour with caretaker John. Dinner was burgers and FRIES (a lot of fries). There may or may not have been a midnight feast in the bunkrooms! On Friday, after a magical crossing back to Portobello on the Albatross Express (Thanks to Meila's Grandad, Perry) we spent the morning at the

Portobello Aquarium learning about the Marine Metre Squared project and getting up close and personal with the marine life. Lunch was at the Portobello Pub (Thank you to the Reid's for hosting us) and then we explored the Future Forest at Broad Bay.

**Highlights:** from some of our tamariki

Felix- Finding an Olive Rockfish in a tiny rock pool. We were lifting up rocks and saw a movement and then we saw it was a fish.

Rosie- The boys and I were playing cannibals in the tree huts.

Meila- The tour of the island and learning all about the history.

Benji- The tour of Quarantine Island with John the caretaker and learning about the history. I learnt about the Firing Squad and that the cemetery is full of children in unmarked graves that died on the island from diseases. I enjoyed holding a kina in the touch tanks at the Aquarium.

**Discovering:**

Meila- Discovering the crabs with the Marine Metre squared project. Discovering the ship wreck.

Rosie- I discovered a sea anemone that was yellow and purple on the outside and in the middle it was purple and white.

Felix- Discovering that a purposely blown up ship is called a hulk!

**How we showed responsibility:**

Meila- Doing the 'walk' with Mr D that was risky but I was responsible. I also enjoyed helping in the kitchen and staying within the boundaries of camp.

Benji- I enjoyed the loop walk and showing responsibility with this.



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

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

We will be working alongside staff from 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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## **Beach Education Trips St Kilda Beach- Can you help?**

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 (Torua 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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# ART AUCTION

6 – 13 November. Place your bid now!



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galabid.com/macbay23



## Art Auction update

Thank you to our wonderful community for supporting our Art Auction this year. A special thanks to Kim and the Art Auction committee. Finally to our wonderful artists for their support of this amazing event.

We sold 37 out of 68 pieces for a total of **\$21,826**

\$13,202.25 of that will go to the artists

**\$8623.75 of that will go to the school's art programme.**



## Rongo Stone memorial

Have you driven past the Rongo Stone at Anderson's Bay and wondered what it is about?

A group of our tamariki recently did a hikoi (walk) to the Rongo stone at Anderson's Bay as part of a local history research project we have been doing. Every year on November 5th there is a commemoration for the prisoners from Taranaki and Parihaka that worked on the stone walls and roads around Dunedin between 1869-1879. The tamariki have prepared a presentation of their research to share. See the link below:

[https://www.canva.com/design/DAFyOR4TFUo/TRTlz3ityQatNSxm7gsDDw/view?utm\\_content=DAFyOR4TFUo&utm\\_campaign=designshare&utm\\_medium=link&utm\\_source=editor](https://www.canva.com/design/DAFyOR4TFUo/TRTlz3ityQatNSxm7gsDDw/view?utm_content=DAFyOR4TFUo&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=editor)



## 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:**

**COMING UP NEXT WEEK:**

- **Otago Athletics Champs for those tamariki that have qualified- Tuesday 21st November**

- Beach Education Trips

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





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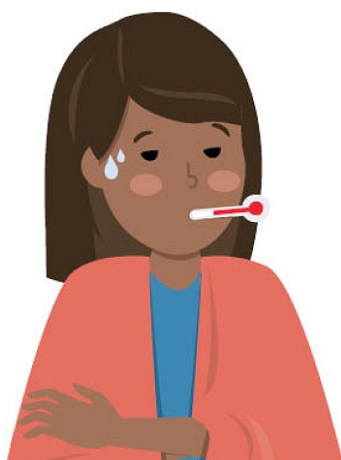
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## Sickness- What to do if your child is feeling sick?

We have had a huge amount of sickness through our kura in the last two weeks. Hopefully things are on the improve! Here are a few reminders and things to look out for if your child is sick.

### Influenza

Key points to remember about the flu

- the flu (influenza) can be a serious and sometimes life-threatening viral infection
- it is not the same as having a bad cold
- flu is very easy to catch so good hygiene is very important to reduce spread
- even if your child is fit and healthy, they can easily catch the flu
- flu immunisation every year offers the best protection
- keep infected children away from other people and don't send your child to day care or school if they are unwell
- contact your doctor if you are concerned about the severity of your child's symptoms, they are under 12 months old, or have a long-lasting (chronic) medical condition

What is the flu?

Influenza, commonly called 'the flu', is an infection caused by the influenza virus. It affects the nose, throat, lungs and other parts of the body. The flu can be a serious and sometimes life-threatening infection. It infects many people every year, mostly during the winter months in New Zealand.

What are the signs and symptoms of the flu?

Flu in children usually causes at least 2 or 3 of the following symptoms:

- a fever that starts suddenly (a temperature more than 38 degrees Celsius)
- body aches or pains
- headache
- dry cough which may become moist
- sore throat
- low energy or fatigue
- chills or shivering
- runny or stuffy nose
- upset tummy, vomiting or diarrhoea

Sometimes people confuse a cold with the flu. But with the flu, people are generally more unwell and flu symptoms may last longer.

Occasionally, flu can cause serious illness. This depends on the type of virus and a child's age and general health. The flu can be more serious in children who also have a long-lasting (chronic) disease. Your doctor can give you more advice if your child has one of these conditions.

***If your child is displaying one of the following symptoms you are best to keep them home.***

## **Fever**

This is one symptom that automatically rules out school, no questions. Your sick child should be fever-free without medication for at least 24 hours before you send them back to school. Keep your child home, making sure they drink plenty of fluids and can recover from whatever they are battling.

## **Diarrhoea**

This could be a sign of a viral infection, so it's best to keep your child at home. Diarrhoea can cause dehydration so keep offering clear fluids but avoid drinks containing sugar including fruit juices (dilute apple juice is ok).

## **Vomiting**

Aside from the fact that your child won't be comfortable, they could vomit again. Keep them home until they have gone 48 hours without vomiting as they may remain contagious until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness.

## **Cough**

It depends on how severe the cough is. Coughs can spread infection to other students. A serious cough can also keep a child from getting a good night's rest, which means they will be too tired for school in the morning. As a general rule, if your child has a serious wet cough, particularly if it's accompanied by breathing troubles, seek medical advice. But if it's just a mild, occasional cough and they have no other symptoms, they can probably go to school.

## **COVID**

**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.

## **Runny nose**

If you kept your child home every time they had the sniffles, they would miss a lot of school. Use your judgment. If they have a runny nose but seem otherwise fine, then it's probably okay for them to go to school (with a box of tissues ).

Trust your instincts. If your child seems lethargic and just not themselves (if they're not interested in playing, that is often a big clue), keep them home and monitor them for any signs of illness.

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