

## Macandrew Bay School

## Macandrew Bay School Newsletter - 13 October 2023

Bula Vinaka whānau,

Welcome back to the final term of school everyone!

I hope you had a great holiday and that you enjoyed the spring weather and found time to relax and unwind before things start to get hectic.

The weather forecast keeps changing for next Tuesday's Peninsula Athletics Day at the Caledonian but hopefully we get a day without rain and we can go ahead. Unfortunately I will miss Athletics Day on Tuesday as I am attending the Māori Achievement Collaborative Hui (MAC) in Auckland next week. Jess McAuley will step into the Acting Principal role in my absence should anything urgent come up. We welcome Irene Cron back to school for a couple of days next week while Khyla is away this term. Irene was our office manager and retired in July last year.

Make sure you check out the Spring Art exhibition - "Now - That's - Different" at the Macandrew Bay Hall. We have some of our very own tamariki exhibiting in this Art exhibition. The exhibition runs from October 12 to October 23.

Kia pai ō rā whakatā/Have a great weekend

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## UKE Jam at the Beach!

On Thursday, 9 of our tamariki attended the Uke Jam at the beach held at Tahuna Intermediate School with other schools from around Dunedin. Congratulations to Ava who placed second in the 3D UKE design competition and Sophie placed third in the 2D UKE design competition. Thank you to Liz Jack and Jarrah Cooke for helping to transport the tamariki and a BIG thank you to Joy Chilcott for preparing our tamariki for the Jam.



### Peninsula Athletics Day- Next Week

**PENINSULA ATHLETICS DAY AT THE CALEDONIAN SPORTS GROUND** (For all children Yr. 0-6) -Tuesday 17th October, postponement day Thursday 19th October (Next Tuesday and postponement date Thursday)

We will be joining with Portobello and Broad Bay Schools again

to run our annual Athletics Day at the Caledonian Sports Grounds down near Logan Park High School on Tuesday 17th October, (postponement date of Thursday 19th October).

This day involves all children in the school from New Entrants to Year 6. The children rotate around a range of different Athletics activities in a group with all the children in their age group across the three schools. In the afternoon relays and races are run. Parents are very welcome to come and watch for all or some of the day.

We would like to get a sense of how many buses we may need to order to get the children to and from the Athletics Day, so we will be asking whānau/families to let us know if they plan to transport their own children independently. When buses are so expensive it is silly to pay for more buses than are required. *We have sent a google form for you to complete if you will be transporting your child to and from the Caledonian. Please fill this out by Thursday 12th October.* 

Children will need to be at the Caledonian by 9.20 ready for a 9.30am start if they are going with parents. Children can't be left at the Caledonian prior to 9.20 am as there will be no teachers available to supervise them. There may be a teacher or two there but they will be busy setting up the activities. Morning tea break will be at 10.30 – 10.50am and lunch 12.30 – 12.50pm approximately. The day is likely to finish at 2.15 or 2.20pm. If your child is catching the bus in the morning then they will need to be at school by 8.45am as we will be on the bus by 8.55am and away.

Children need to wear their School T-Shirt if they have one and hopefully everybody has got them. If not, we do have them for sale for \$35 each and Sunhats for \$17.00 each.

Children need to wear sensible shoes for Sports Day, a School T-Shirt, **wear a sunhat** and sunblock, and have sunblock to re-apply, bring a packed lunch and drink bottle. In saying that we also find that in the past we have needed plenty of layers and a jacket for the cold wind, so come prepared.

For older children who have outgrown their T-Shirt but won't want another one could they please just wear a plain blue T-Shirt.

If the weather is doubtful, listen to the local radio stations for a cancellation notice. We would also text families and put out a notice on skool loop if we have to postpone or cancel. We have a postponement date up our sleeve for Thursday 19th October.



### **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:

- Tahu from Orokonui working with classes- Monday 16th October
- Peninsula Schools Athletics Day at the Caledonian- Tuesday 17th October, Postponement Thursday 19th October
- Whānau & School Fundraising Team meeting- Thursday 19th October, 7pm in the library
- Labour Day- Monday 23rd October- School Closed
- Dunedin Primary Schools Triathlon- Wednesday 1st November- (Year 5 and 6 only) postponement date- Friday 3rd November
- Gumboot Friday 3rd November
- Board Meeting- Monday 6th November, 6:30pm.
- Macandrew Bay School Art Auction (online event) starts Monday 6th November and finishes 13th November
- November 9th- Karearea Year 5 overnight camp to Quarantine Island
- Staff Only Day, Friday 17th November- Focus- Te Mātaiaho/Curriculum Refresh
- Beach Education Trips- (Classes to be confirmed next week) Dates- 30th November, 1st December, 7th December (Toroa class)
- Annual School Cross country- Date to be confirmed but will be the week beginning
- Final Board Meeting- Monday 11th December, 6:30pm

- Year 6 Leavers Assembly- Tuesday 12th December, 1pm
- School year ends- Friday 15th December 12pm



#### by Nina from Rātā

## **Tahuna Comes to Visit**

On Thursday the children from Room 10 at Tahuna Intermediate came to visit the children in the junior school.

They came to perform a play called Little Red Meg. The Room 10 children had written and directed the play all by themselves and created their own props and costumes. The play was about a Megalodon shark, a wolf and the 3 Little Pigs. We found the play very funny but especially enjoyed when the wolf was crying. He was very funny. I liked getting to see my sister Eve do her play with her friends. My sister was part of the hay house that fell over.



### Touch Rugby off to a great start!



# Attendance in Term 4- Every day counts!

At Macandrew Bay School we want to make every day count!

Attending school every day is essential for learning. It means your child can:

Make progress in reading, writing, maths, and other skills

Feel confident in the classroom

Make friends and build social skills

### Build good habits for life

When children are regularly absent from school they miss out on important learning. They may get behind in their schoolwork, find it difficult to maintain friendships, and could become unsettled and anxious about coming to school.

How parents can support good attendance: Have a good routine in the morning and evening so your child is organised and prepared for school Switch off devices in the evening and remove from bedrooms to encourage a good night's sleep Arrange medical and other appointments after school where possible Keep family holidays and trips away in school holiday times Talk with your child regularly about their learning and celebrate their progress Talk to your child's teacher if you're having difficulty getting your child to school or have any concerns or worries.



# SUNHATS and Keeping Safe in the Sun!

### Sunhats

We are a SunSmart school so a reminder that wide brimmed sunhats are to be worn by our tamariki this term during outside activities in Term 1 and Term 4. Wearing a hat with a wide brim or with flaps covers the ears and neck. More people are sunburnt on the face and neck than any other part of the body. **School sunhats can be purchased on KINDO for \$17.** We will also set up our 2 sunscreen stations in the playground!

### What is a SunSmart School?

A SunSmart School ensures students, staff and the school community are protected from damaging levels of UV radiation from the sun during school activities.

To be accredited as SunSmart, schools must address:

- Behaviour use of sunhats, clothing, broad-spectrum SPF 30+ sunscreen.
- Environment providing shade and encouraging its use.
- Curriculum educating students about UV and sun protection.
- Review the school's policy is reviewed at least every three years (We are currently reviewing our school SunSmart policy this term)



# MyKindo our preferred payment system

School payments can now be made online! Macandrew Bay School now encourages families to pay for school expenses using the myKindo portal for paying accounts and purchasing shop items such as sun-hats or tee-shirts. It's simple, open 24/7 and no hassle!

We encourage you to set-up your myKindo account today.

To begin you need to set up your myKindo account:

**New users** can <u>click here</u> to set up your myKindo account.

Simply enter in the same email address our school has on file for you.

#### Already myKindo account?

You can <u>click here</u> to login and update your details.

myKindo app is also available to download for both android and iPhone once you have registered online. Search for myKindo app on Google Play or the App store to download.

Once you are a registered user you can

- ~ view and make full or part payments on your family account
- ~ register and pay for sports events (to come)
- ~ support fundraisers (to come)

#### **Payment options**

Either choose the top up account option or top-up at the checkout when you make your next purchase.

- Bank transfer FEE FREE please allow two days for processing of funds
- POLi links to internet banking FEE FREE funds are instantly transferred

• Credit/Debit Card – will incur 2.5% surcharge and a 50c fee and are instantly transferred

#### **Online Tutorial**

There is a short tutorial on how to use our Kindo shop. ONLINE TUTORIAL

Questions?

The Kindo helpdesk is open 8.00am to 4.00pm weekdays or come into the office for help

Freephone: 0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636) Email: hello@mykindo.co.nz

Online support: <u>support.mykindo.co.nz</u>



### **Toroa Plant Sale**

Toroa have been nurturing, watering their plants and packaging the orders. So far we have raised \$138! We are hoping to purchase a tumbling composter for our garden.

All zucchinis and lettuce are sold but we have 23 green peppers/capsicums, 8 early girl tomatoes, 6 sweet 100 tomato plants, 3 roma (acid free) tomatoes and 9 pumpkin plants. All plants \$3 each. Put in your order now and get planting.

Email your order to <u>ihawker@macandrewbay.school.nz</u>.



# Final Week for Sending in Random Acts of Reading

We have a brilliant display in the senior learning street, so please take a look.

If you want to participate in this, the end of next week is the last time to send in photos. Thanks so much to everyone who has taken the time to be involved and sent such brilliant material for our book.



# Other recent photo's from our school



### Do you want to sponsor our Art Auction this year?

Every second year we hold The Macandrew Bay School Art Auction which is our major biennial fundraiser.

The Art Auction features local artists who generously contribute their work for us to raise money for our arts programmes, visiting artists who come in and work with the children, and drama and musical performances for the children to enjoy. The proceeds from this fundraiser enrich the children's experiences and learning opportunities at our

school and help build a love of the arts amongst our tamariki.

For our upcoming Art auction we're looking for one or two businesses to sponsor our online art auction website. In return your business name appears on the front page of the website, on all the sponsorship banners, all the printed posters and all the social media posts (Instagram page and the school Facebook page) and several of the artists will link their pages to the site. So there's a fair amount of exposure.

So in return for your sponsorship you would get:

- Brand alignment with a highly regarded local primary school
- Your logo on the GalaBid auction banner
- A dedicated 'Sponsors' page on GalaBid featuring your business name and logo (hyperlinked to your website), company description and website address
- Shoutouts on our social media platforms acknowledging your sponsorship

The entire auction platform is \$2000 and we're asking for three businesses to contribute \$500 and the Whānau and School will contribute the rest. Please get in touch with Kim Meredith-Jones if you can help us.



## Sunday 17th March 2024 - 5 Months to Go!

With around 5 months to go until our fair it is now time to make some plans. You might be asking... "Didn't we just have a fair 10 months ago??!" Well you're right... we did.. but given that November and December are incredibly busy times of the year we have decided to shift the fair to a less busy time, when

the weather is a bit better and we all have a bit more time to spend organising and planning.

This year we're fundraising for something special... our very own Pump Track! We have the design and the contract all sorted for a *bike safety education space*, including purchasing some bikes, storage and a track... now we just need the funds. The plan is in place for the track to be completed by the end of 2024.

The Whanau and school committee have a goal of raising**\$35,000** this fair and need all your help to achieve this.

Volunteers – As you will be aware the Fair does require help from our whole school whanau.

It takes approximately 60 adults to run the fair on the day, so get in touch now with the stall you want to work in on the day. Each stall has between 3 and 15 volunteers and options include, BBQing, Waffle making, toy stall, cake stall, plant stall, clothing stall, book stall, food token sellers, chocolate wheel, face painting, and various entertainment stations.

**Items Wanted** - We need all families to begin saving unwanted items in good condition; books, toys and clothing. Please hang onto these until early 2024 when we will begin receiving them at school.

**Auction Items** - Please ask your contacts for vouchers or new items. In the past we have auctioned meal vouchers, accommodation vouchers, big ticket toys, clothing and garden items, health and wellbeing and retail vouchers, trailer loads of firewood or experience vouchers.

**Cake Stall -** We will be sending home a plate in early March for each family to fill with baking and return to school, these items will be sold on the day in our cake stall.

**Entertainment -** If you are interested in featuring in the day's entertainment let us know as we are currently working on the schedule of events.

**Plant Stall -** For the green fingered amongst us it would be great if you could be working on potting up cuttings and seedling we can sell at the plant stall.

This is always a fun community event that directly benefits our tamariki. **SO GET IN TOUCH TODAY TO BE A PART OF IT!** katherine.harrex@gmail.com and kim.meredith-jones@otago.ac.nz

### Thanks,

#### Whanau and School



# Help! We need our reading books back please

Please have a check at home for any reading books, especially our decodable books. These are really costly and we are fortunate to have had many of these funded by the Whānau and School Fundraising team. We have multiple classes using them and some of the sets only have 6 copies. If you have a pile at home we would love them back :)



## **Election Day 14th October**

Came and vote at the school on election day - opening hours Sat 14th Oct 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM



## **Broad Bay Gala**

10am – 3pm, Sunday 22 October

Come down to the Broad Bay beach and commemorate 175 years since settlement.

There is live music, food trucks and sausage sizzles, performers and entertainers, and a kids' zone with free crafts, face-painting and more. The whole village is joining in with open days at the Polish church and Fletcher House as well as a vintage photo exhibition at the Hall.

The Broad Bay Boat Club is celebrating their 100 year anniversary too with a regatta and vintage boats. Come down and spend the day at the beautiful Peninsula.

Entry is \$2 and gets you a raffle ticket with 20 chances to win. Bring the family, bring a picnic blanket and enjoy the fun!



### Broad Bay Looking Back, Moving Forward Historic Photo exhibition



## School lunch options reminder

School lunches can be purchased through lunchonline (www.lunchonline.co.nz). Order your sushi for Wednesday or Pita Pit for Thursday by 9.00am both days.

Pie day also continues to be a big success. Juniors on Thursday and Seniors on Friday. Please ensure your pie is defrosted and

wrapped in baking paper or tinfoil and named.

Thursday- Junior Classes- Rātā, Kākano, Kōwhai

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



### Do you have 1hr to help fundraise for MacBay and learn how to save money on your electricity bill at the same time?

Kia ora whanau,

We have an opportunity for parents to participate in some useful research at the University of Otago, and raise funds for Macandrew Bay School at the same time!

For every participant in the research from our school, we will receive \$40.

The research is titled "How Do Consumers Choose Electricity Providers" and will require you to attend a session in a computer lab at the University. The session will take no more than one hour. Prior to attending you will need to email the researchers a copy of a recent power bill for your household. Those taking part must be at least 18 years old, and involved in their household's decision about what electricity provider to

use. Only one person per household can take part.

More details can be found in the attached information sheet.

If you are interested in participating please email Peter Gibbard: peter.gibbard@otago.ac.nz with the information filled out in the box below:

Name

Contact email

School

Macandrew Bay School

Evening availability

(from 7:30pm for 1hr at the University)

Please delete dates you can't attend

Wednesday, October 11

Thursday, October 12

Monday, October, 16

Tuesday, October 17

The researchers also noted that those who attend may learn about opportunities to save money on their electricity bill.

Thanks for your support for the school!

Kia ora,

Macandrew Bay Whanau and School



## **All Saints Fruit and Veges**

Cheap Fruit & Veges, Weekly Packs + Produce Stall

Website: fuitvege.allsaintsdn.org.nz or allsaints.fruitveges@gmail.com





**Plant Sale** 

@Broad Bay School

**Food Trucks** 

## The 2023 Broad Bay Plant Sale

Saturday 4th November from 12:30pm

Broad Bay School tennis courts.

So many fantastic plants for sale at very reasonable prices.

Natives, exotics, trees, ground covers, flowers, vegetables, berries!

There really is something for everyone!

Please bring your family and friends to support this cool wee community event and help us fundraise for our wee school. Eftpos available.



## National Oral Health Day is coming up on Friday 3rd November 2022

National Oral Health Day is coming up on Friday 3rd November 2022. To celebrate we are running a colouring competition (as attached). Entries can be sent/emailed.

Entries need to be in by8am Monday 6th November 2022

Below are the addresses if you are sending/delivering entries

To be emailed:

Kristy.Tamariki@southerndhb.govt.nz

To be sent to: Kristy Tamariki Community Oral Health Service Southland Hospital PO Box 828 Invercargill, 9840