



Macandrew Bay School

Macandrew Bay School Newsletter - 20 October 2023

Fakaaalofa lahi atu kia mutolu oti (Greetings everyone in Niue Language)

What a fabulous day we had yesterday at the Caledonian Ground coming together with Broad Bay School and Portobello School for our annual Peninsula Athletics Day. The sun was shining and we had a lot of FUN experiencing and enjoying the many different Athletic disciplines.

Enjoy your long weekend whānau! School will be closed on Monday as it is Labour Day.

A reminder about heading down to the Broad Bay Photo Exhibition and Gala day this weekend, it sounds like it will be a lot of fun!

Mauri ora

Nic



Peninsula Athletics Day

We had a fabulous day yesterday joining Broad Bay School and Portobello School for the day at the Caledonian Sports ground in Dunedin for our Annual Peninsula Schools Athletics Day. The tamariki did us all proud showcasing our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Passion for Learning, Kindness and Caring, Independence and Honesty. I loved seeing the tamariki that love Athletics doing well as well as those that don't love it giving everything a go and pushing themselves to complete races and events. For our youngest tamariki it is a BIG day, full

of new opportunities and experiences and a great chance to build resilience too. Thanks to our staff for all their hard mahi and I know they will be tired too. One of the lovely things about the day was seeing our tamariki experience manaakitanga from the other schools and seeing them returning manaakitanga. The Otago Peninsula (Mua Upoko) is a very special place and it was a great opportunity to reconnect with others from the 2 other kura and make some new friends too.



What a week in Tūi and Kererū!

Term 4 has started off with a bang! This week Tahu from Orokonui Sanctuary visited and Thursday was a highlight with our annual Peninsula Athletics Day!

On Monday Tahu visited our class and she brought some native bird puppets and some sneaky stuffed predators for us to look at. I decided to put on Tahu's special kiwi costume - Mrs McAuley thought I looked very cute! Check out the snaps...

Tahu took us on an adventure outside to find the perfect spot for the planter boxes that we made during whakarangatira. We wanted to get Tahu's help to tell us what we need to plant in the boxes to support the wildlife that lives in our school backyard.

I really enjoyed touching and holding the ferret that Tahu brought along.

By Molly Wells

We lined up on the tennis court and I was as excited as a puppy to catch the bus to Athletics Day. I sat with Mia and Sienna at the back and Mia was being really funny.

At long jump I made a new friend and her name is Melia - we laughed together.

"It was really exciting because I came second place in the 400metres" -Sophie

"I really liked the long jump because I liked how the sand felt in between my toes and like I was flying" - Rosie

We have had a fantastic week in Tūi and Kererū but we think we deserve a long weekend now.....

By Rosie and Sophie



What lives in our backyard?

This term we have a Science/ Enviro Schools focus for our inquiry.

At Macandrew Bay School we treasure and value our school environment. This term we are continuing our manaakitanga work by diving deeper into what lives in our backyard and what we can do to protect and maintain it.

Tahu from Orokonui Sanctuary visited our school on Monday and this was a fabulous igniter for our topic. All classes with the support of Tahu have picked an area of the school they would like to develop, nurture and protect.

Our focus for this science topic will be the living world where the children will learn:

- Living things have different features/ characteristics in order to survive.
- We can describe living things by their different characteristics.
- We can classify things as living or non-living/animal or not, based on these characteristics.

We will use the Enviro Schools Guiding Principals to underpin this inquiry

Learning for sustainability *is a holistic, action and future-focused approach to learning, that engages our whole selves and addresses all aspects of our local and global environment.*

Sustainable communities *act in ways that nurture all aspects of nature, including people, now and in the future. By working together and supporting each other we create safe, healthy, equitable and thriving communities.*

Some of the class projects include our school garden, planter boxes that were created as part of whakarangatira, our stream, bird feeders and much more!



Finn Hibbert returns to school to talk about Outward Bound

It was great to welcome Finn Hibbert (Graduate of our kura in 2015) back to school last Friday. Finn received a scholarship from the Otago Peninsula Board to go and experience Outward Bound in January. He shared his story with lots of great photos and the tamariki were very interested and asked excellent questions.

The children were fascinated with how he had 2 carrots, 2 apples and 2 flapjacks to ration over the three days while he was completing his solo journey.



Nicola Ellis- Public Health Nurse session

Nicola Ellis is our schools Public Health Nurse and she does a wonderful job supporting our kura and tamariki.

Nicola will be available on Wednesday 8th of November between 3-5pm to chat and answer any questions you may have about a variety of health related issues including things like- Sleep and sleep routines and other routines too. If you are not able to make the session you are welcome to email me or Nicola any questions you may have. Nicola is very approachable and remember no question is silly! See the information below.



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

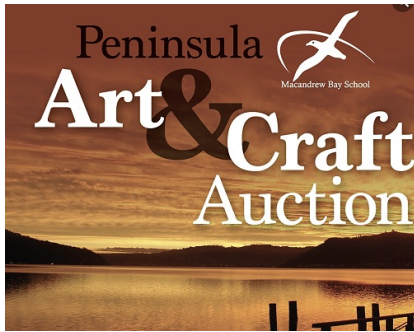
Staff only day- Friday 17th November 2023

Term 4 dates: (so far)

COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

- **Labour Day- Monday 23rd October- School Closed**
- **World Teachers Day- Friday 27th October**
- 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
- Nicola Ellis Public Health nurse session- Wednesday 8th November, 3-5pm
- November 9th- Kārearea 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 it will be the week beginning 4th December
- Final Board Meeting- Monday 11th December, 6:30pm
- **Year 6 Leavers Assembly- Tuesday 12th December, 1pm**
- **School year ends- Friday 15th December 12pm**



Artists in our community- Our Art Auction needs you!

"Calling all Artistic Talent!"

As you are all probably aware our Biannual Art and Craft Auction is only weeks away. We're still on the lookout for talented artists and craftspeople who would like to contribute their work to this exciting event. This is a fantastic opportunity for both established artists and aspiring talents to showcase their creations and support our school.

Do you know someone who possesses a gift for art or craftsmanship? Perhaps a family member, friend, neighbour, or even you yourself? We invite anyone with a passion for creating beautiful and unique pieces to take part.

Contributing to our Art Auction Fundraiser not only helps raise funds for our school but also provides a platform for artists and craftspeople to gain recognition for their work. Whether it's paintings, sculptures, jewellery, pottery or any other form of artistry, we welcome a diverse range of talents.

So if someone you know is interested in participating we need to have all submissions in before the 6th of November. They can contact Kim at macbayartauction@gmail.com and fill in details of their work at : <https://forms.gle/U8cP9zVpeW8ySzn89>.

Thanks!!



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.

kim.meredith-jones@otago.ac.nz



Tennis Courts

Our tennis courts are a valuable space to the school, as well as the wider Macandrew Bay community.

This well-used facility desperately needs resurfacing. The Macandrew Bay School Board of Trustees are keen to hear from you if you have any expertise in asphaltting, or if you have some possible funding ideas for this much needed

maintenance. (Email: williamjcmckee@gmail.com)

EVERY DAY COUNTS: SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

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.

	1 day absent each fortnight = 4 weeks per year...	...which is nearly 1.5 years over 13 years of schooling
	1 day absent each week = 8 weeks per year...	...which is 2.5 + years over 13 years of schooling
	2 days absent each week = 16 weeks per year...	...which is 5 + years over 13 years of schooling

In New Zealand, children are legally required to attend school every day between the ages of 6 and 16.

OYWT
Otago Youth Wellness Trust

Attendance in Term 4- Every day counts!

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Plumbing Job

Calling any plumbers in our community that could help with a wee job relocating a tap from an inside wall to an outside wall for our new hanging garden. Please let Nic know if you can help :)



Slapped cheek- Fifth Disease

We have had a case of Slapped cheek in our kura.

Slapped cheek (also known as fifth disease) is a common childhood illness. It causes bright red cheeks – like you’ve been

slapped – and a lace-like rash on the body.

How is slapped cheek spread?

Slapped cheek is caused by the human parvovirus B19 (no connection to the animal parvovirus).

Slapped cheek is passed on in droplets from the respiratory tract of an infected person, mainly by close contact, coughing and sneezing. Once infected the time until symptoms appear is between 4 and 20 days.

If you catch slapped cheek, you’ll be infectious for 5 or 6 days before the first symptom appears. You’ll stop being infectious once the rash appears.

Slapped cheek rapidly spreads through schools and childcare facilities and is most common during winter and spring.

Slapped cheek is a mild disease and most children will have only mild symptoms.

Early symptoms may include:

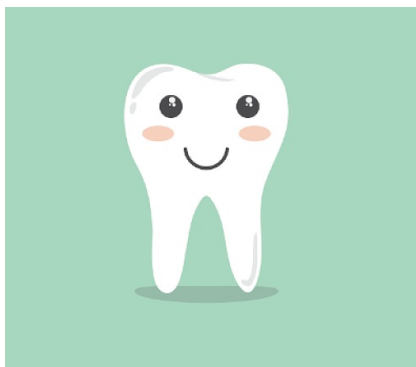
- low-grade fever
- chills
- headache
- body ache
- sore throat
- diarrhoea.

After 3–7 days these symptoms improve and a rash develops. This starts with firm, bright red cheeks that are burning hot (‘slapped cheek’). A fine, red, lace-like rash then develops on the child’s body, arms and legs. The rash may be itchy and may seem to fade and then flare up when the child is hot or upset. The rash usually lasts for 2 weeks but may last up to 6 weeks.

Time off from kura or school

Affected children may remain at school, because you stop being infectious once the rash appears.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/slapped-cheek>



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 by **8am 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



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,

Thank you to those whanau who have participated in one of these sessions and earned our school \$40 – feedback is that the evening session is pretty quick (less than 1hr) and is interesting if you haven't thought about your power provider lately.

We have another 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 and is for one adult involved in electricity decisions for their household. Prior to attending you will need to email the researchers a copy of a recent power bill for your household. 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 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:

Monday 30th Oct

Tuesday 31st Oct

Wednesday 1st Nov

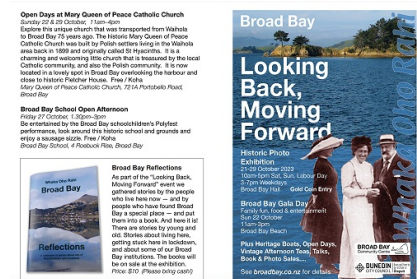
Thursday 2nd Nov

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 Whānau and School



Broad Bay Looking Back, Moving Forward Historic Photo exhibition



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!



SANTA PARADE - 3 DECEMBER

If you are 5/6 year old and want to be fairies or pirates in the Santa Parade

please contact me on dnsantakids@gmail.com to express their interest.

Costumes are provided.

They need to be available all afternoon on Sunday 3 December & have a parent who will walk alongside the float.



Pereti

Plate Kei hea tāna pereti?

Kei hea tāna perti? Where is his plate?

- this example uses hea to ask
