Macandrew Bay School

Macandrew Bay School Newsletter - 22 September 2023

Ni Hao,

I think everyone has been on the countdown for holidays this week. We have had an action packed, fun and eventful term with many highlights shared by our tamariki at Focus Assembly today. You will see from todays newsletter there is always something exciting happening at Macandrew Bay School. A very BIG thank you to our amazing staff for all they do for our tamariki and our kura.

We loved hosting St Leonard's school this week and hearing their speeches about being Kaitiaki (guardians) of Te Awa Ōtākou, (the Otago Harbour).

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and that you enjoy spending time with your whānau. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 9th October.

Mauri ora

Nic



Macandrew Bay School inspired by St Leonards School

The seaside school, St Leonards School came to visit us on Thursday this week to share their speeches about being Kaitiaki (guardians) of Te Awa Ōtākou, (the Otago Harbour).

The school team circumnavigated the harbour and split into three groups to visit the three peninsula schools on our side of the harbour to share their message. After their boat trip and city bus service rides, they shared with us their speeches of the work they have been doing during Term 3, learning about the human impact on our harbour. St Leonards School has witnessed the cycle and walkway path being constructed over the past years which focused their interest on the harbour. Their response to their learning was to take action to protect the natural beauty of the harbour. Some actions were beach clean ups and wanting to share with others their knowledge

and values. They shared the idea that when you learn about the creatures living in their habitat you start to care for them and then want to protect them. They have hopes to do native planting in the area to create more wild spaces for the creatures who live near the sea. The St Leonards students committed to becoming Kaitiaki of their area of the harbour and invited us to be Kiatiaki of Te Awa Ōtākou, too.

Our Envirogroup - Team Kaitiaki, Kārearea and Kererū classes were their audience and we agreed we would commit to being Kaitiaki Guardians of the Otago Harbour. We shared with them our stories of what our school does to learn about the harbour, how we enjoy it and take action to protect it. If you're interested in finding out more check out our Otago Harbour slideshow below.

The Envirogroup accompanied the St Leonards visitors on a tour of our school and became instant friends. We are now buddy schools who will share knowledge of ways to protect our common home, Te Awa Ōtākou.

Thérèse Sharma



Don't miss out! School Photo Orders - due Wednesday 4th October (In the holidays)

Kia ora Macandrew Bay School families

We're so excited to have your school portraits ready to view and order. Macandrew Bay definitely has all the cutest and the most fun kids All the kids were amazing to work with and we do everything we can to make their photography session a positive experience. We hope you love the results!

Click here to find your child's portraits The passcode is:

mac23-<child's first name>-<child's last name>

- all lowercase no capitals
- for siblings we use the oldest child's name at the school
- e.g. Edith Leigh would be: mac23-edith-leigh or Jannah Carlos-Torr would be: mac23-jannah-carlostorr

If you have any trouble finding your photos then get in touch with us and we'll help you as soon as we can. **Please note the close-off date for orders falls in the middle of the school holidays!** So if you're going to be away or busy, we suggest getting your order organised before the end of term. Enjoy your School portraits!



Christmas Boxes

Toroa class were excited to pack the Christmas Boxes that will be sent to children from another country.

Each box has a t shirt, a toy to love, a tennis ball to play with, a pencil case with pencils, rubber, pens and coloured pencils. We also included three books to write in and a face cloth, toothbrush and soap.

We also needed to pay \$12.50 per box for postage and administration. It was fun to spend the money after all of our hard work with the class fair.

We enjoyed the responsibility of coming up with ideas and getting organised. We learnt a lot about money and budgeting. Thank you every one for supporting us.

Toroa class



Toroa's Trip to the Portobello Marine Science Centre

Toroa class was really fortunate to get a beautiful day as we enjoyed learning about plankton in Portobello!

Our class went to the Portobello Marine Science Centre to take part in the "Seasons in the Sea" Programme.

We learnt about different kinds of Plankton. Plankton is officially defined as anything living in the sea that swims so

weekly in is carried in the tides. That means that sunfish are plankton sometimes! Usually though, plankton is very very small. There are two types of plankton; phytoplankton which is plants and zooplankton which is living creatures. Zooplankton has two subgroups called; holoplankton - they are plankton for their whole lives, always small and also meroplankton which are merely plankton for a short while until they grow bigger.

We collected plankton in special nets in the tide off the wharf, then we poured the water into sample jars and examined them under the microscope to identify and count what we had found. We saw jelly fish larvae, shrimp, krill, baby seahorses and many more.

We learnt about the importance of plankton in the oceans and the world. It is vital for the food web. 50% of the word's oxygen comes from phytoplankton. We talked about what may threaten plankton in the oceans and in our harbour specifically. We are helping to be part of the first study of plankton in Otago Harbour since the 1950's. We will bring a plankton net and microscope to study the plankton in Macandrew Bay.

We will include some photos of the day and some pictures down our microscopes too!

We had a great day and enjoyed all of the learning- as well as the touch tanks! Thanks so much to Rob and Shelley for helping us and for all of the awesome parents who came to help out. (I think they enjoyed the learning too!)



Toroa Plant Fundraiser

Toroa children have been busy in the school gardens. We have put our nutritious compost on the gardens, planted the 20 punnets of plants we won and have been watering the plants.

We are excited to announce our new "business venture" The Vege Patch". Early next term we will have for sale the following vegetable plants.

- Tomato (18 Sweet 100, 6 Early Girl, and 6 Money Maker)
- 12 basil plants
- 16 capsicum plants
- Pumpkins and zucchini
- 25 punnets of lettuce plants

All plants are a bargain at \$3 eachWe are hoping to raise enough money to purchase a tumbling composer (\$139) so mice and rats don't make their home in our compost. More

information in the first newsletter next term or email your interest ihawker@macandrewbay.school.nz



Peninsula Athletics Day

PENINSULA ATHLETICS DAY AT THE CALEDONIAN SPORTS GROUND (For all children Yr. 0-6) -Tuesday 17th October,
postponement day Thursday 19th October (Second week back
after the Term break)

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.

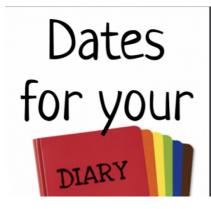
For older children who have outgrown their T-Shirt but won't want another one could they please just wear a plain blue T-Shirt.

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



Other happenings at school this week:)

Our Junior School were out this morning preparing for our Peninsula Athletics Day after the holidays. The photocopier and laminator were in hot demand as well with the $T\bar{u}\bar{l}$ recipe books raising money for Ronald McDonald House.



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

COMING UP NEXT TERM:

Term 4 dates: (so far)

- UKE JAM- Oct 12th (Some Year 4 and 5 tamariki only)
- Peninsula Schools Athletics Day at the Caledonian- Tuesday 17th October, Postponement Thursday 19th October
- 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
- Staff Only Day, Friday 17th November- Focus- Te Mātaiaho/Curriculum Refresh
- November 9th- Kārearea Year 5 overnight camp to Quarantine Island
- Beach Education Trips- (Classes to be confirmed in Week 1) Dates- 30th November, 1st December, 7th December.
- Annual School Cross country- Date to be confirmed
- Final Board Meeting- Monday 11th December, 6:30pm
- Year 6 Leavers Assembly- Tuesday 12th December, 1pm
- School year ends- Friday 15th December 12pm



careers.

Farewell to our wonderful Student Teachers

We have been so lucky to have had the amazing Cameron Livingstone, Julia Coppens, Nelia McDowall, Aimee Beere and Nadia Mullen for the past 5 weeks in our kura. They have provided our tamariki with such wonderful learning opportunities. We wish them all the best for their teaching

Sunday 17th March 2024 - 6 Months to Go!



With around 6 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 well-being 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



Headlice

We have had parents contact us to tell us that Headlice is going around in some classes again.

Please find attached information sheets on how to treat and stop Headlice.

It is important that children are treated before they come back to 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:)



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.



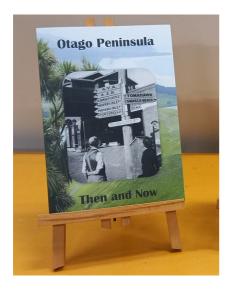
Election Day 14th October

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



Free XC For Kids U10 Chingford Park

The last Ariki Kids XC is this Sunday 24 Sept at Chingford Park 10am Free entry. Turn up on the day. Can donation for the food bank. Ribbons and Certificates for all.



Then and Now book for sale

Otago Peninsula Then and Now. The book is available at the Macandrew Bay Library for \$30. Get yours today!





Bayfield High School is looking for long-term and short-term homestay hosts for students arriving in

Hosting an international student is an opportunity for your family to establish life-long friendships, learn about other cultures, and be an ambassador for New Zealand and Bayfield High School.

This is an exciting opportunity to offer a Kiwi-life experience to students from other cultures. We would love to hear from you if you can provide our international students with a warm, welcoming, and safe environment.

If you wish to find out more about what is expected of a host or any other information about becoming a homestay host please contact our International department on 027338 2372 or email international@bayfield-high.school.nz

Bayfeild High School is looking for long-term and short-term homestay hosts for 2024

Please contact international@bayfield-high-school.nz or call 027 338 2372

4th November 12:30



@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.



Casual/Part time Support Worker

Are you looking for work locally on the Peninsula? Are you a good conversationalist and an emphatic, well-organised person with a mature outlook? Do you enjoy being part of a team? Varied duties Reliability and flexibility key Training provided Further details available on enquiry. Please TEXT ONLY in first instance to 0274 478 876



Maia is a cat that is currently living in Macandrew Bay, and since we're moving soon, we are trying to find a home for her. Our first choice would be people who live locally, but if not, that's OK too. She's not a lap cat, but is still affectionate. She's also quite auxious, so a quiet house would be great. She herself doesn't make too much noise, and hardly takes up any space. All in all, she is a loving cat and a perfect fit for someone who doesn't like clingy cats.





Maia needs a new home!

Call for more information if you are after this adorable feline! 021 119 8077 or 021 025 88817



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Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish Open Day

Saturday 30th September 11.00am - 1.00pm



Come along to the Marine Studies Centre these holidays!

Explore our coastal wonders with VR and tours - Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th September 10am - 12.30pm

Engage in this educational 1.5 hour programme. Experience different marine environments around Aotearoa, learn about

ocean damage and what we can do to protect our moana. Explore the touch tanks and finish off with the deep sea dive in the virtual submarine.

Bookings essential, suitable for ages 10 plus. Adult \$20, Child \$15.

https:events.humanitix.com/exploring-our-coastal-wonders-with-vr-and-a-tour-of-nzmsc



HappyMoose Dunedin Photo Competition

Capture your Happy Place – whatever that might be!

There are prizes up for grabs in three different year groups, as well as a prize for the school with the most students participating.

All the information and entry form can be found via https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-

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Queen's Aerobics

Queen's Aerobics are now accepting new enrolments: queensaerobics@gmail.com



torore - trolley

I utaina e au ngā kai ki roto i te torore.

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The food was loaded into the trolley by me.

- this is an example of a <u>passive sentence</u>

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