



Macandrew Bay School

# Macandrew Bay School Newsletter - 24 November 2023

Kia ora koutou katoa,

The end of term is approaching fast and we still have a lot to do in the next few weeks! The tamariki in Year 4 and 5 enjoyed being part of the High Five programme (A community health and wellbeing programme) on Wednesday and Team Kaitiaki did another Beach clean up today with EnviroSchools Dunedin facilitator Jennie Upton and Thérèse Sharma, finding an alarming amount of rubbish on our beach.

Thanks again to all our parents that have helped out in the last few weeks with camps, managing sports teams, driving children to sports activities, hangi and running whakarangatira workshops. We do really appreciate your support!

Kia pai tō rā whakatā

Nic



## Year 4 and 5's High Five!

On Wednesday Siale from the Highlanders High Five Programme visited our school.

The year 4's and 5's had an awesome morning on Wednesday learning about their wellbeing.

The children recapped prior learning from earlier this year about the whare tapa whā model and revisited the 5 key parts to maintain a healthy wellbeing.

The children then got to go outside and participate in an extremely fun, blow up obstacle course. It created a lot of laughter and joy in our playground....perhaps some competition too!

Check out the photos!



## Beach Education Trips St Kilda Beach- starting next week

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 (Thank you we have plenty of helpers)

**1st December (Kererū class Year 3's, Year 4's and Kārearea) 9:30-2:30 (We really need a lot more helpers for this day to go ahead- please let Mr Direen, Mrs Te Huna or Mr McAuley know if you can help)**

7th December (Torora class) 9:30-2:30pm (Thank you we probably could do with one more helper)

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!

Special thanks to the Whānau and School Committee for paying for each child to be able to attend and contributing to a portion of the bus costs.



## Reporting to Parents- End of Year reports

We are currently on a learning journey and transition period with the way we report to parents. This is due to a new and emerging curriculum and the evidence around children having input and ownership of their reports. The evidence shows that this way of reporting leads to more successful outcomes for our learners.

**“For the focus to be kept on the learning, and the ownership of learning with the child, then the best person to talk about the learning is the learner.” Michael Absalom, Clarity in the Classroom (2006).**

This is how your child's report will look at the end of 2023:

### Senior School (Year 3-6)

This term the children will be taking an active role in their school reports. The format is very similar to the mid-year reports with a few new additions. The children will be reflecting on their goals from mid year and making comments about their learning.

At mid year we could see very clearly the benefits of involving the children in this process. They could articulate who they were as a learner, their strengths and goals. This was a great way to empower our tamariki!

There will still be a strong teacher presence in the reports with our comments and achievement progress.

These reports will be uploaded onto Seesaw like mid-year as this is a great way to save and track your child's learning journey.

### Junior School (Year 0-2)

Firstly, thank you very much to whānau who gave us feedback around our reports in the Junior School last term. Your feedback was much appreciated and really valuable. We have made the decision to use our school system, eTAP, for our 2023 end of year reports as we had many formatting issues with doing our reports straight onto Seesaw at mid-year. We have refined our reporting format so it will look a bit different from our end of year report last year. Alongside this, we have included more student voice in our reports too, keeping in mind that the Junior children are only 5, 6 and 7. The children will be reflecting on their goals from mid year in terms of Literacy and Maths. They will make comments about their progress in these learning areas, share some things they enjoy about school and reflect on how they demonstrate our school values. There will still be a very strong teacher presence in the reports with our comments and achievement progress indicators.

These reports will be uploaded onto Seesaw like mid-year reports and we encourage you to make a comment on your child's report via Seesaw.

As a school, we have the responsibility to report to you as whānau in the areas of Literacy and Mathematics which we will continue to do as well as celebrating our special, rich and broad curriculum. This is something that we are immensely proud of here at our kura and want this to be reflected in

your child's school report.

You will also notice that we have added your child's attendance rate on their report. Attending school every day is essential for learning. There is a well-established relationship between attendance and achievement. Research indicates that every day of school matters. 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

Please feel free to get in touch if you would like to discuss this further.

**Kā mihi nui,**

**Macandrew Bay Staff**

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## Kererū Times

It's been a fun-filled term so far in Kererū. We have tackled many projects already and have some more fun on the way ...

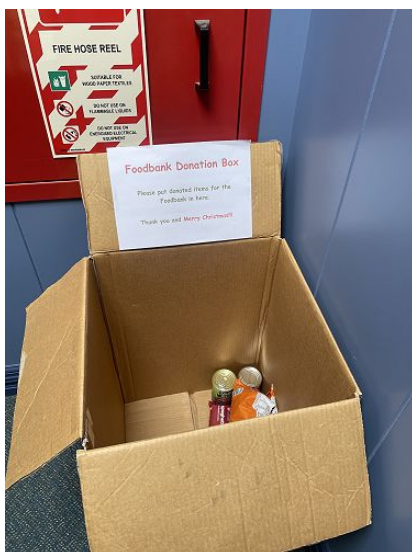
We have written amazing autobiographies about our short lives so far, including humorous stories, interesting facts and important events. We are hoping to publish them and create a book for our Kererū library.

Some tamariki made bird feeders in Whakarangatira last term so for our inquiry this term, 'How can we show Manakitanga to our backyard?', we decided to learn more about the native birds in our backyard and then put the bird feeders around our school to help care for him. We started off with a bang with Tahu from Orokonui Eco Sanctuary who came and shared some important information with us. We have also been busy writing reports about native birds, beginning with a report on the Kererū of course!

It's almost that time of year when we send out reports. We have been busy working on the students' slides and reflecting on their term 2 goals. It has been an amazing process to be part of to see the thought that has gone into each page.

Thank you to Anni who worked in Kererū on Tuesday afternoon and worked with the tamariki with Keith Haring inspired pop art. They all did a fantastic job! They will be on display in the learning street.

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## Collecting for Foodbank

Tova Martin and her whānau have a come up with an idea to collect food for our local foodbank this year. There will be a box in the office for families to drop off their donations. Foodbank wish list:

**Needs:** **Canned food** (spaghetti, pasta sauce, canned fish and chicken, fruit, vegetables, soup

**Dried Food-** Pasta, Rice, 2 minute noodles, Mac & Cheese, Cereal

**Wants-** Coffee, Tea, Biscuits, Baking ingredients, Toiletries (Deoderant, Toothpaste, toothbrushes, Toilet paper, pet food, Christmas goodies.

IF WE GET OUR BOXES FULL- we will have a wear something silly day in the last week of term (date to be confirmed)

Thank you

Tova Martin



## Time To Sign Up

We all know about the slide children experience over 6 weeks of holiday if they don't do some reading. Sign up to our Summer Reading Programme and stop the slide. A little every day makes an enormous difference.

Children from Rātā class through to Kārearea may sign up to choose a variety of reading books for the summer. Up to 15 Library books can be taken home, some for interest, but mainly to support their reading. Attached is a consent form

that needs to be returned to the office/teacher by Friday 1st December. Books will be chosen and issued on the last Thursday 14th December. Please read the form.



## Otago Athletics Champs

We had 20 of our tamariki represent Macandrew Bay School at the Otago Champs on Tuesday. Well done to all the Athletics superstars. Thanks to Mr D and Mrs Te Huna for all their support and to our wonderful parents for providing transport to and from the Caledonian.



## 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:

- Beach Education Trips

30th November (Junior School and Tūī 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 (afternoon)
- School Reports being shared- 6th December (more information about this next week)
- Final Board Meeting- Monday 11th December, 6:30pm
- Year 6 Leavers Assembly- Tuesday 12th December, 1pm
- Wednesday 13th December- 2:15pm- Thank you afternoon tea for helpers- more information to come
- School year ends- Friday 15th December 12pm

***Term dates for 2024:***

**School begins Wednesday 31st January 2024**

**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



## Cross country- Tuesday 5th December

We know the children really look forward to the Cross Country and many of them have their own personal goals around this. We will hold our Cross country on Tuesday 5th December. We are really hoping for great weather as we have run out of days to have a postponement date up our sleeve.

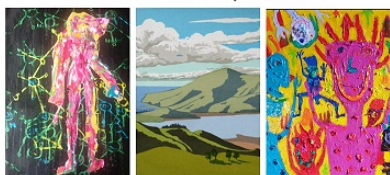
The event is held up on the Campbells farm (they kindly let us use their farm to run our cross country) at the end of

Greenacres Street.

It is always a great day filled with glorious chaos and sheep poo up in the paddocks with our whānau cheering us on. Everyone is welcome, it is a lot of fun and the kids get such a great sense of satisfaction completing the course. The children will need their sunhats and drink bottles with them and the classes all have bottles of sunscreen that we will take up.

We will have a slightly earlier lunch break on Tuesday and then the school walk up together at about 1:10pm ready for a 1:30pm start to the races. In order to run this we do need a big team (about 15 people) to help us with marshalling around the course so if you are available to help please email the office or let your class teacher know. If you are a marshal please could you meet Mr Direen at 12:45pm here at school and he will give you a run down on the event before heading up the hill.

OTAGO PENINSULA  
MACANDREW BAY SCHOOL  
**ART  
AUCTION**  
6 – 13 November. Place your bid now!



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



## Art Auction THANK YOU

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.**

**Special Thanks to our sponsors: Green Light Electrical, Wilson Builders and Marks and Worth Lawyers. Thank you so much for your support!**



## Whānau Hangi

We had a great team of our Māori whānau that got together last Sunday at school to trial a hangi with the hope to be able to do this for the whole school next year as part of our Matariki Celebrations. The team is already thinking about how we can make it work for the whole school and planning is now underway. Thanks to Keryn Broughton, Hamiora Bennett and the Team for all their mahi with this project. The Kai was delicious!

Photo credits- Keryn Broughton and Nic Brown



## Rongo Stone memorial

Have you driven past the Rongo Stone at Andersons 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:

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## Swimming Pool Season coming up

We are anticipating opening our school pool for community use for the swimming season in mid December. This gives us time to sell keys before school finishes on December 15th and to set up a pool roster via an online system. If you would like to buy a pool key for the season, we are getting this organised on KINDO for next week. (More information to come)

Cost: **\$100** if you are not going on the roster and **\$70** if you do go on the roster. We will also need you to sign our pool conditions of use agreement. For those new to our school being on the pool roster involves helping out with testing and checking the chlorine levels. In the past we have run sessions to show people what to do with this. **We are looking for some more helpers who can be our emergency contacts when Roy (Our caretaker) and Becky Hart are away in January. Please let Nic or Becky know if you can help out**

**with this when they are away.**

Thanks to Becky Hart who will be co-ordinating our pool roster over the summer season. We are looking forward to a great swimming season.



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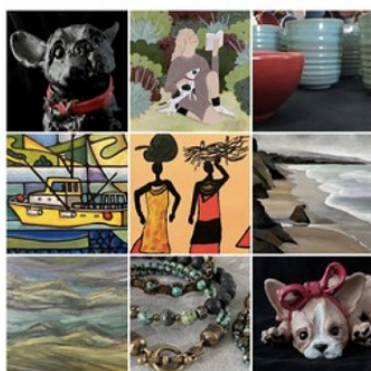
## We're running a 'school photo catch-up day' next weekend!

Did you miss out on school photos this year? After lots of requests from disappointed families, we have decided to run a School Portraits Catch-up Day on Saturday 2 December.

There's a small fee to book your session and then your photos will be available to order - and, yes, they will be at school photography prices! So whether you had a child miss out due to illness or it was just too much organising to bring an older or younger sibling along then this is your chance. Plus, right before Christmas is perfect timing for pressie ideas (yes we will have prints back in time to wrap for Christmas). Simply [click here](#) to find out more and book your 5-minute school photo session. Many thanks, Edith and Jannah --



OTAGO PENINSULA ARTISTS  
**CHRISTMAS  
ART FAIR**



MACANDREW BAY HALL

## OpenArts Annual Christmas Art Fair

OpenArts Annual Christmas Art Fair Macandrew Bay Hall  
Friday Dec. 1st 5 - 7pm Saturday 2nd Sunday 3rd - 10:00 - 4:00pm

A fun weekend to purchase great gifts and art Twenty one Stalls - something for everyone- Pottery - Paintings - Ceramics - Jewellery and more! Meet and talk to the artists! Live Music by Local Artists.



## Glenfalloch news

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## The Christmas Eve Festival

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## 'CRAFTerschool' kid's art and craft programme at the City Library

We have just two more sessions for our new fun art and craft group left for 2023 and I was hoping that the attached flyer could be included in your school's newsletter, if possible. This fortnightly activity involves lots of creative fun, targeted to senior primary and intermediate school aged students.

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### CRAFTerschool

dunedun public libraries  
the place where we learn



Haere mai to our new kid's craft group! Love making things? Art and craft sessions for primary to intermediate ages. Join us for a different project each time! Come and do some CRAFTing!

MONDAY 30 OCTOBER - IT'S HALLOWEEN!  
MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER - PICTURE FRAMING  
MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER - MAKE A TOTE BAG  
MONDAY 11 DECEMBER - BARCODING ANIMALS

**FREE**  
Every second Monday 3.30 - 4.30pm  
Children's Section / City Library

Pick up a programme from the Children's Section for more information.

CITY MOSGIEL BLUESKIN BAY WAKARUA PORT CHARLERS SOUTH DOKKUS





## Konā

there, that place or thereabouts (by the person spoken to)

Kei hea tāku mōkai kurī?

Where's my pet dog?

- this example uses [hea to ask where](#)

Kei konā tāu mōkai kurī, kei muri i a koe.

There (by you) is your pet dog, behind you.

- this is an example of a [locative sentence](#)

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