



Macandrew Bay School

# Macandrew Bay School Newsletter - 15 September 2023

Kia ora e te whānau,

My heart was filled with joy on Tuesday as all of our tamariki took to the stage at Polyfest. I was a very proud Tumuaki!

Next week is our last week of Term 3. The term has just whizzed by and we are now looking ahead to Term 4- be sure to read about the dates coming up next term, including our Peninsula Schools Athletics Day on Tuesday October 17th. Hopefully we have great weather to get out and prepare for this next week.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā

Nic

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## Our Tamariki shine at Polyfest!

My heart was filled with joy on Tuesday as all of our tamariki took to the stage at Polyfest.

This was the first time we have had the whole school perform at Polyfest and they all did us proud! Pakipaki to all our staff who have put in lots of hard mahi and effort.

We made the decision to all do Kapa Haka this year and this learning started altogether in Term 1 and 2 every Wednesday. This term Mel and the Junior Team have been preparing the Juniors (Teina) for Polyfest with help from Alofa Lale. I have been supporting our Senior school (Tuakana) rōpū along with our kaiako and Mr Livingstone. Special thanks to Jimmy McInally who stepped in to play the guitar for our groups after Mr Livingstone sustained a bad injury to his shoulder.

It was a big day out for everyone on Tuesday- a 40 minute delay to the timetable making it more challenging. Thank you to everyone that supported us live and on livestream! Thanks to parents/whānau who picked their tamariki up from the Edgar Centre. This helped us save on return buses.

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## Junior School News!

Our focus in the Junior School over the past few weeks has been getting prepared for our Polyfest Performance which we performed on Tuesday afternoon. How amazing did our tamariki do! We couldn't have been prouder as their kaiako. We have also been learning about the different cultures that our children in the Junior School belong to and how we can show manaakitanga to these cultures.

What a fantastic week our Junior children have had with their wonderful performance at Polyfest! All of their hard work, hours of practice and patience waiting to get up on stage culminated in such an impressive display of the skills they have learnt in Kapa Haka this year! The teachers were immensely proud of how the children performed and how they displayed the key competencies. They demonstrated these by managing themselves beautifully on and off stage, nearly everyone participated and contributed to our Kapa Haka Polyfest performance and it was awesome to see Mihi and Sarn, two of our Year 6 children, stepping up and helping to lead our group. This was a great way to foster our tuakana-teina relationships within our school. Tino pai!

During Ka Hikitia (Junior collaboration), the Junior School have been enjoying learning about different cultures around the world that some of our tamariki in the Junior School belong to.

We have been learning about Sinterklaas in the Netherlands and how St Nicholas arrives on a steamboat, loaded with toys and gifts. Children leave out a shoe for St Nicholas at their fireplace with carrots or treats for his horse and gifts are left in return. St Nicholas leaves Spain for the Netherlands in mid november and the 5th of December is when his birthday is celebrated. The junior children had fun making their own stoomboot ( steam boat ) with Sinterklaas.

Another country we have been exploring is Germany as we have three children in the Junior school and a teacher aide who either come from Germany or have parents from Germany. We have been finding out about Christmas and comparing the traditions between Germany and New Zealand. We have discovered that we have two traditions that are the same-advent calendars and Christmas trees.

We have also been learning about Japan and the Japanese culture. The tamariki know some simple greetings and how to count 10. We learnt about kimonos and that they are worn on special occasions. There are different colours worn on different occasions e.g. black or white kimonos are worn at funerals. We created our own kimonos and they look really effective. A special thanks to Uta and her mum Machiko, who have shared their Japanese culture with us! There is still so much to find out and learn which is super exciting.



## Te Wiki o te reo Māori- 11-17 o Hepetema 2023

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, or Māori Language Week, is an annual campaign led by Te Taura Whiri promoting te reo as New Zealand's language and a language for all New Zealanders. Every year they encourage whānau from across Aotearoa, New Zealand, including organisations, schools, workplaces and homes, to give te reo Māori a go. The theme of Kia Kaha Te

Reo Māori – making the language stronger - will continue this year, picking up from where it left off in 2022. The campaign is an essential piece of the puzzle to achieving the goal of 1 million speakers of te reo Māori in 2040.

“Māori Language Week has been celebrated each year from 1975 and commemorates the presentation of the 1972 Māori language petition to parliament. Read an article from RNZ below if you are interested in finding out more about the 1972 Māori language petition to parliament.

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/te-manu-korihi/474655/remembering-the-maori-language-petition-and-the-revival-of-te-reo-maori>

### HOW YOU CAN OBSERVE MĀORI LANGUAGE WEEK

#### 1. Learn some new words

Make an effort to learn at least a dozen Māori words before the week is up. Here are a few that are easy to use everyday: **kia ora** - hello, **mōrena** - good morning, **pō mārīe**, good night, **āe** - yes, **kāo** - no, **e aua** - I don't know, **haere mai** - come here, **ka pai** - well done, **whānau** - family. [Check out these resources.](#)

#### 2. [Correct your pronunciation](#)

If you're not sure how to pronounce a word try the link above. [Te Aka](#) is a great link to find new words and hear how to pronounce them.

#### 3. Watch television

The news and weather reports continue make great progress in the content of te reo Māori that they incorporate all year round.

[Te Wiki o te Reo Māori](#) is becoming a major fixture on the national calendar providing an opportunity for concentrated promotion, raising awareness and giving an opportunity for expert and advanced speakers to encourage others on their te reo Māori journey.”

Many of our staff are on their own journey with learning te reo Māori studying through Te Wānanga o Aotearoa.



## 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. *Nic will email out a notice next week so can you please fill out the tear off slip about transport and it return it by Thursday 12th October at the latest.*

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.



## From the MacBay School Board of Trustees (BOT)

Kia ora koutou katoa,

As a BOT we wanted to give you a wee update on our activities as it's been a while. We have met five times so far this year and each time it is humbling and inspiring to discuss the planning that Nic and the staff are rolling out at our amazing school.

Our latest meeting was Monday Aug 14th. This year we are starting to focus on integrating **Te Mātaiaho** – the New Zealand Curriculum Refresh into our school. As part of this, we are moving to a progression model where phases of learning, rather than strict year levels, shape our tamariki's school experience. In this new model, learning is structured around the idea of '**Understand, Know and Do**', meaning that new ideas are grounded by applying them in real world activities. The BOT is seeking to ensure this integration happens smoothly and that staff are well-supported through the transition.

The other key aspect of **Te Mātaiaho** is embodying the principles of **Te Tiriti o Waitangi** in NZ schools. To this goal, the BOT is working to highlight Te Reo and Tikaka/Tikanga Māori at our school, as well as deepen understanding of the heritages of both Treaty partners and all the cultures which together make Aotearoa such a wonderful place to be. As part of this, we are supporting our staff to strengthen skills and knowledge in Te Reo and Te Ao Māori. We are reaching out to our local Marae at Ōtākou and to our Māori whānau at MacBay. All tamariki are participating in our fantastic Kapa Haka group, and we are looking to celebrate all the cultures, stories and languages that our tamariki bring to the school community. If you have ideas, please do talk to the staff or BOT members.

At our last meeting we also reviewed our school Physical Education Curriculum. This report underlined high participation and achievement at our kura, both in classroom PE and also afterschool sports. The strong support of our staff, parents and families is key in this. We can be most proud of the amazing positive attitudes of our tamariki. Other schools and providers are consistently noticing and complimenting our Mac Bay kids on their fair play, good sportspersonship and enthusiasm. To further support participation, fitness and wellbeing at MacBay, the BOT is looking to source class sets of sports equipment so classes can easily pop out for a quick game and tamariki can access these at breaktimes.

Finally, we are also working on various aspects of our school physical environment. We are pushing forward next steps for the exciting MacBay Bike Pump Track and looking to refresh the school office entrance, the senior block and the staff room in funding cycles over the next few years.

We hope Term three wraps up well for everyone and wish you a fantastic Spring break!

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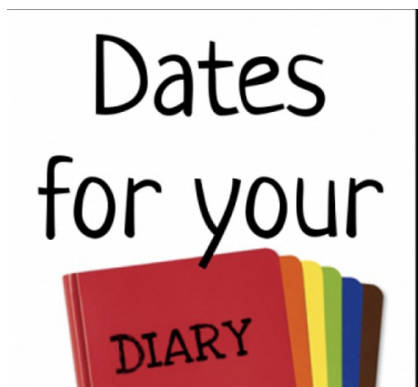


## Teacher/Staff Only Day- Friday 17th November

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.

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## Dates to Remember

### COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

Board of Trustees Meeting - Monday 18th September, 6:30pm.

Art Gallery Trips for Tūi, Kererū and Rātā - 18th and 19th September - Tūi (9:30 Mon), Kererū (11:30 Mon) and Rātā (9:30 Tues)

Toroa Class trip to the Portobello Aquarium- Tuesday 19th September

### Term dates for 2023:

#### Term 3

- starts Monday 17 July
- ends **Friday 22 September**

#### Term 4

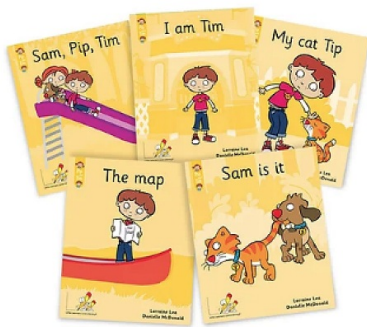
- starts Monday 9 October
- ends *Friday 15th December 2023, 12pm*

Other days including Public Holidays coming up:

Labour Day- Monday 23rd October

**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 next week) Dates- 30th November, 1st December, 7th December.
- Annual School Cross country- Date to be confirmed
- Year 6 Leavers Assembly- Date to be confirmed
- Final Board Meeting- Monday 11th December, 6:30pm.
- School year ends- Friday 15th December 12pm



## 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 :)

**4th** Saturday  
November **12:30**



# 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.



## 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-3A\\_happymoosenz\\_schoolphotocomp&d=DwIF\\_w&c=Zm2Kb9ylrso4r0-N78Ezl-a6DfgMbII5n5tZXqWk4&r=W9B6KLFHAea5wHXKsnJHSI9Fxl0kAS8gDkjPOHqVrvE&m=nRddw4sHUrwfPs](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A_happymoosenz_schoolphotocomp&d=DwIF_w&c=Zm2Kb9ylrso4r0-N78Ezl-a6DfgMbII5n5tZXqWk4&r=W9B6KLFHAea5wHXKsnJHSI9Fxl0kAS8gDkjPOHqVrvE&m=nRddw4sHUrwfPs)



## Annual Demonstration Concert

Presented by Saturday morning music classes - Dunedin Town Hall - Sunday 17th Sept 3pm



## 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.

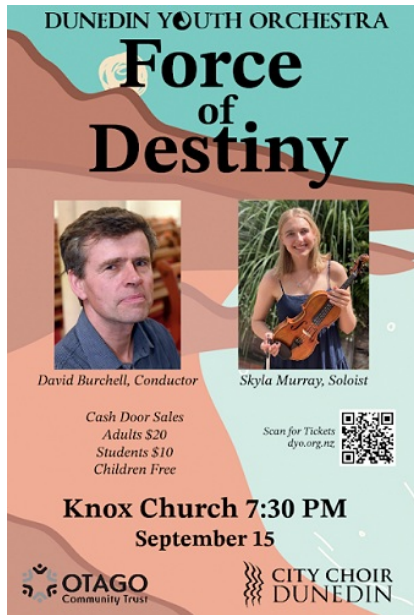
Bookings essential, suitable for ages 10 plus. Adult \$20, Child \$15.

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



## Thinkit Art Term 4 dates - book now

Giving kids the opportunity to find out about Thinkit art with a focus on enriching creativity and raising self esteem



## Dunedin Youth Orchestra Performance

Semester 2 concert featuring the City of Dunedin Choir and violin soloist Skyla Murray. Friday September 15th, 7:30pm

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## The Dunedin Brick Show is a very popular event for children of all ages

The show is being held at the MoreFM Arena, Edgar Centre on September 30th and October 1st. The show is a charity event and proceeds will be donated to The Otago Youth Wellness Trust.

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## Hokomaha - Supermarket

Kei te haere au ki te hokomaha.

I'm going to the supermarket.

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

Kei te haere ia ki te hokomaha ki te hoko i ngā kai.

He's going to the supermarket to buy food.

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

Kei te haere ia ki te hokomaha hoko kai ai.

He's going to the supermarket to buy food.

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

- this example uses ["ai" for additional information](#)

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