



Macandrew Bay School

Macandrew Bay School Newsletter - 12 May 2023

Kia ora koutou,

Well it has certainly been a change in weather this week as we prepare for the winter months ahead. We have been toasty warm at school thanks to our new pellet boiler heating system and Sandy! (Who is filling in for Roy).

A reminder about our procedures around snowy or frosty weather conditions as featured in an article this week. Hopefully we don't have too many disruptions with late starts or snow days this winter. This week primary teachers have been voting whether to accept or reject the ministry of education's third offer with respect to our contracts. Primary teachers across Aotearoa are weighing up whether this most recent offer helps us to ensure that all tamariki in Aotearoa can reach their potential. Our tamariki deserve the best and under the existing conditions it is getting harder and harder to be able to say we are meeting all our learners needs. Please take time to read the article in this edition as we really appreciate and need your support.

Wishing all our incredible Mums and Mother figures a wonderful day on Sunday! Thank you for always being there for us! ❤️

Kia a pai tō rā whakatā

Nic



Welcome to School

Welcome to School Cora and Olivia. We hope you enjoy your school days at Macandrew Bay School.



Bake Sale

WOW! Thank you to everyone that supported our Bake Sale to raise money for the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital!

We were overwhelmed with the generosity of so many whānau that dropped off baking to support this worthy cause. A special thank you to Ava C, Rosie, Ava B, Laurie, Aśta, Sybila and Isla for coming up with the inspiring idea and for their fantastic organisation (and their families). Thank you to Mr D, Kārerarea class and Khyla for all your help and organisation on Tuesday. We raised almost \$500 which is incredible. I feel very proud of the tamariki for thinking about how they can make a difference and for taking action!

My friends and I had an idea to raise some money for the Wildlife Hospital. They are a charity who help hurt animals, especially albatross and penguins. We picked a day that suited everyone and began planning. We all decided to bake different things and made sure we promoted the event in the newsletter. We also make signs around the school. The weekend before the Tuesday we all baked furiously. On sale day it was craziness! We had a card system with different colours. Each colour was worth 50 cents, \$1 or \$2. We had some leftovers and bagged them up for the next day for \$1. We raised \$488.80!! WOW! Thanks to Mr D and our parents who let us destroy their kitchens and to every who baked and spent money on our goodies for a good cause.

By Ava C, Rosie, Ava B, Laurie, Aśta, Sybila and Isla



Team Toroa

Memoir writing, orienteering and Book Clubs have made for a busy and fun start to the term for Toroa Class! We hope you enjoy reading a few of our Memoirs. We would really like to say a big THANK YOU to all of those parents who came to camp to help out - you were great fun and we really appreciate your hard work running activities and spending time with you all!

We have enjoyed writing about camp in a Memoir form. Here is some of our writing using the device of "a moment in time."

Flying kiwi at school camp

I'm clipped into the harness, the icy wind whirles through my hair. The big circle, marked by a black tube, that you can barely see against the dark wet wood chips.

I look to rest of my group with a terrified but excited face. I try to run around the circle, but the rope on the harness tugs me back.

I fly up into the air spinning at the speed of light, only hearing my own screams. It slows down and I'm hanging in the air, so dizzy. My group lowers me back down and I realise, that was one of the most fun moments in my life!

By Mila

Abseiling at camp

The wind was howling. I was scared as I glared down at the bottom. Clip, he attached the harness. Thump!

I stepped back, I let the rope out and walked over the edge.

It was hard and cold. I could hear lots of people encouraging me.

I could feel the rain beating down on me only a few more steps!

Yes!

I finished! I was so proud. I wanted to go again, I was confident now.

by Kaido Kaan

Flying kiwi at camp

Waiting, waiting, waiting! Finally it's my turn. As I walk to put my harness on, fear overloads my body, taking control of me. I am ready to go up? As the rest of my group pulls me up, I am excited but fearful at the same time. Ten metres in the sky, but feels like a hundred! Waiting to stop spinning, but it feels like I never will. Finally I have the ball... I'm trying to shoot... I drop the ball and I feel nervous. IT GOES IN !!!!!!!!!!! Suddenly a rush comes to my body. I am cheering in the air. As I go down I am pumped and ready to go again.

By Georgia

Camp Columba

The Pressure of the bunkroom inspections!

"HURRY!" I said as I picked up my black wooly jumper. "SHE'S COMING!" Said Piper while she was running around the room.

My eyes staring at the bunk in front of me,

As Mrs Ward walked in, my heart was beating 100 miles per hour, "there's a wrinkle..." said Mrs Ward as she glared at my purple sleeping bag, "Sorry Ma'am." I said trying to hide the grin on my face, "well girls, this is good... but it could be better, overall... 9 out of 10." I grinned and said, "Thank you Mrs Ward." As she left, relief drenched my face as we cheered and laughed.

By Doreen



Time for Tamariki

This week primary teachers have been voting whether to accept or reject the ministry of education's third offer with respect to our contracts.

Primary teachers across Aotearoa are weighing up whether this most recent offer helps us to ensure that all tamariki in Aotearoa can reach their potential. The primary teacher's campaign has been centered around these main requests.

*More staff in schools to improve student / teacher ratios

*More support for students with additional learning needs

*Better recognition for the work of teachers and principals

Voting ends today and we will keep you posted on the outcome.



Pink Shirt Day! Friday 19th May

Spread aroha and kindness! Wear pink and bring a gold coin to support this very worthy cause.

On Friday 19 May 2023, Aotearoa will become a sea of pink as schools, workplaces and communities join the Pink Shirt Day movement.

Come on Macandrew Bay School- Let's get behind the Pink Shirt Day Movement next Friday! Whānau you might want to get your workplaces involved.

By taking part we will be helping to stamp out bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusion. Kindness and Caring is one of our Macandrew Bay School values.

Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora!
Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!



Nahna.

A Structured Literacy Approach

Find out what all the consonant and vowel phonemes (sounds) of NZ English are; and how to say them clearly. We teach and use the sounds to increase phonological awareness which helps with the foundation skills for reading and spelling.

Watch the video below- click on the link:) featuring Emma

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SePU-T4S-js&ab_channel=SoundFoundationsforLiteracy



Can you help us with putting down a Hangi?

We are hoping to celebrate Matariki this year at our kura with everyone enjoying the delicious taste of hangi. If you are able to or have contacts with friends and family that would be able to help us put down a hangi for all our community to enjoy please get in contact with Nic. We understand this is a huge undertaking and responsibility but we can provide the workforce to support this event as we have many willing

helpers!



FUTURE ENROLMENTS AT MACANDREW BAY SCHOOL

We need to be able to accurately predict our roll for up to three years ahead and need your help to get our prospective enrolment information as accurate as possible. This information is really important for our July 1st roll return data which is used to generate our staffing entitlement for each year.

We need to have up to date information about children who are likely to attend our school in the future and so if you have a pre-school child or know of a neighbour or a friend with a child who plans to send them here this year or in the next few

years and who lives within our school zone then please get them to ring or email the school with the

child's name, date of birth, address and parent's contact phone number. That would be really helpful for us in planning for the future.

Children usually start coming along for valuable pre- school visits to the New Entrant classrooms about 6 weeks before they are due to start and this helps them transition successfully to school. Get in touch with us here at school about 2 months prior to your child's birthday to get this all arranged.

We are happy to arrange times to show families around the school if you want to know more about the school before putting your child on our enrolment list. Just ring the school or email Nic on principal@macandrewbay.school.nz

If you live outside of zone and wish to seek information on space availability either in our New Entrant classrooms or others please contact our office – Ph (03) 4761 004.



Education Review Office (ERO)

Next week we welcome Mike Fowler back to our kura as part of our three year evaluation cycle journey with The Education Review Office. Find out more about the changes to how ERO

works with schools below:

The Education Review Office (ERO) has shifted to a more developmental approach to evaluation that supports each school's improvement over time. Key features of the new approach, Te Ara Huarau, are that ERO will:

- *work with all schools in an ongoing way rather than as a one-off event*
- *connect with each school's strategic planning and reporting cycle as part of their improvement journey*
- *work in partnership with schools, collaborating in support of equitable and excellent outcomes for all learners*

As a result, each school will:

- *have a dedicated ERO Evaluation Partner who works alongside the school*
- *have a different experience depending on needs, strengths, and their school's specific evaluation focus*
- *be on a three-year evaluation cycle*

What will public reporting on ERO's website look like? As schools' transition into the approach, ERO will work with schools to publish a one-off Profile Report. This will focus on the strategic goals schools have in place to improve learner outcomes and what the school is seeking to achieve through the evaluation. Within a three year cycle all schools will then have a Te Ara Huarau | School Evaluation Report. This report includes information about the school's improvement journey, what the school has achieved for learners and their future priorities. All schools will receive a Board Assurance with Regulatory and Legislative Requirements Report about their board's attestation to meeting those requirements. Provision for International Students and Hostel Reports will be published where applicable. Other reporting Progress Reports - These reports are not published on ERO's website. Progress reports will provide specific information for specific audiences such as your board, the community or the Ministry of Education.

More information can be found at:

<https://ero.govt.nz/how-ero-reviews/Te-Ara-Huarau>

Dates for your



Dates to Remember

Term dates for 2023:

Term 2

- starts Wednesday 26th April (*Monday 24th is a Teacher only Day and Tuesday 25th is Anzac Day*)
- ends Friday 30 June (includes Matariki 14 July)

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:

Monday 5 June- King's Birthday

Tuesday 6th June - Teacher Only Day (Macandrew Bay School closed)

Dates for Term 2- MORE TO BE ADDED!

Monday April 24th- Teacher Only Day (Macandrew Bay School closed)

School Begins for Term 2- Wednesday 26th April

Whānau and School meeting- Thursday 4th May, 7pm

Bake Sale- Tuesday 9th May (all baking welcome)

Raffle tickets due back- Wednesday 10th May

Collection of grocery items for the Raffle begins- Wednesday 10th May

Pink Shirt Day- Friday 19th May

Board of Trustees Meeting- Monday 22nd May, 6:30pm

NZ Playhouse Theatre- Wednesday 31st May, 2pm

King's Birthday- Monday 5th June- (Macandrew Bay School closed)

Teacher Only Day- Tuesday 6th June (Macandrew Bay School closed)

Macandrew Bay School Quiz Night- Thursday 8th June

Registrations for Quiz night are open under: macandrewbayschoolquiz@gmail.com

Octacan- Thursday 22nd June

Board of Trustees Meeting- Monday 26th June, 6:30pm

Matariki Celebrations- Week 10

Matariki Hangi- Thursday 29th June

Whole School Walk/Hike- Tuesday 23rd May (postponement date- Thursday 25th May)

Ski weekends for all whānau @ Cardrona- 12th & 13th August and 26th & 27th August. (Save the date- more information to come next term)

Parent/Whānau Assemblies Term 2:

Friday 26th May- Kārearea leading

Friday 23rd June- Tūi leading



Teacher/Staff Only Day coming up!

The Board of Trustees have approved a planned teacher/staff only for June 6th!

On Tuesday June 6th (Day after the King's Birthday) school will be closed for instruction. Staff will be working on site planning for the rest of the year.



Walk/Hike to Glenfalloch - Save the date

On Tuesday 23rd May we are planning a whole school walk to Glenfalloch gardens.

The Seniors are going to leave school around 9:15am, walking along the cycle/walkway and then we are doing a loop up around the back of the gardens. We are hoping gardener Alan will talk to the tamariki about some of the special, native plants

in the gardens.

The Juniors will leave at about 9:30am and walk along the cycle/walkway and do the Matai loop in the gardens. We are hoping to have morning tea on the lawn/deck area altogether before heading back to school along the walkway, returning to school around 11am.

If you are able to help with the walk we still need helpers so mark this date in your diary. If the weather is looking gloomy and rainy we have penciled in Thursday 25th May as a back up day.



Wild Waiata

Macandrew Bay School Wild Waiata contingent with Suzy Cato in their midst during the Wild Waiata concert in the April holidays. Thank you to Joy Chilcott for preparing our choir and to the parents for transporting the tamariki to their rehearsal and performance.



Seesaw - Online Learning Journal

We are using Seesaw as a way to share your child's learning with you!

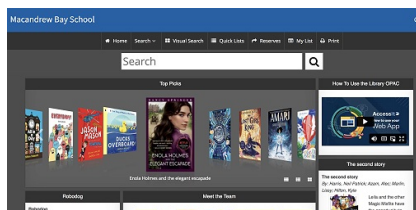
As you know classes have been using Seesaw as a tool to share online learning activities and examples of your child's learning with you.

This is something that we are using school wide which is exciting! Seesaw replaces our school portfolios and these will be kept in a digital form. Seesaw is an ongoing journal that will track your child's learning over their time at Macandrew Bay School.

Please let your child's classroom teacher know if you are having trouble accessing their Seesaw account.

When you go onto Seesaw give your child's work a **like** or leave a **comment**. The children respond well to their whanau's feedback.

We know that a strong relationship between home and school really makes a difference to a child's progress and engagement in their learning.



Searching the School Library Catalogue

With the launch of the new website, our catalogue can once again be searched from home.

The School Library can be found by going to the What We Offer tab and scrolling to the bottom. There you will find a link that

allows to to search all our Library resources. It's a great way of showing your child what is available in our Library, and discussing books with them and what they might like to issue.

If you wish to have a quick look now, follow the link below by doing control (or command) click. This website is updated every few weeks with new purchases or new items for the Library.

<http://library.macandrewbay.school.nz:2000>

Children have their own accounts and can log in with their own passwords. If you would like me to send you your child's login details, and how to go about it, please email me at librarian@macandrewbay.school.nz



Icy roads or snowy conditions

In the event of very dangerous road conditions due to snow or black ice etc a blanket decision is made for the whole of Dunedin by Principals who live in the hill suburbs, after consulting Police etc. This includes Macandrew Bay School.

A decision is made on either a late start at 10.00am or to close Dunedin Schools for the day. It is very important that families listen to the radio if weather conditions are bad in town and

particularly listen to the cancellation notices on local radio stations (89.4 FM The Hits). It is usually on after the 7.30am news and again at 8.00am. The reason these decisions are made is that even if children can get to school the staff often live some distance from the school and up on the hills and we can't guarantee that we can staff the school even if the children can make it.

Keep on looking/listening as sometimes a late decision is made. It is great if you hear that school is off, that you let your friends and neighbours know too if their children also attend our school. We will also push out a message on Skool Loop and Nic will text you too! It is great we have all these means of communication to let you know! Fingers crossed we don't have too many of these delayed starts or closures.



COVID and illness in our school community

There seems to be a bit of COVID around in our school community at the moment with a few cases in some of our classes and in staff households.

Just a reminder about keeping your tamariki home if they are unwell. We have plenty of RAT tests available in the office if your whānau would like these. We are happy to send these home with your child if you email the office. Please let us know if your child does test positive with Covid-19 so we can monitor the potential spread in classes and support you.

I have included a link with the latest MOH information.

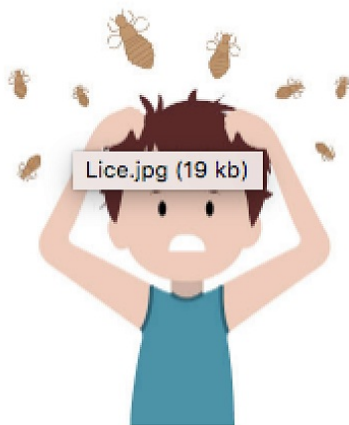
<https://covid19.govt.nz/>

In summary:

If you test positive for COVID- You must self-isolate for 7 days while you recover.

Day 0 is the day your symptoms started or when you tested positive, whichever came first.

Your Household Contacts do not need to isolate. They should test daily for 5 days. If they test positive, they need to begin 7 days of isolation as someone with COVID-19.



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.



We are thrilled to be offering after school care to the children at Macandrew Bay School

Our skilled and trained team of coaches have delivered exceptional after school care & school holiday programs in Dunedin for over 10 years now.

We will be holding the care in the school Library 3pm-6pm daily.

Our after school care program consists of structured sports, games, arts & crafts, free play & plenty of fun
To enrol visit us at: www.playballtago.com/after-school-care

Playball Price List
3pm-4pm (1 hour) - \$10
3pm-5pm (2 hours) - \$15.50
3pm-6pm (3 hours) - \$20.50

Prices include GST
WINZ subsidies available



Playball

We are very excited about having Playball as our after school care provider this term!

Playball is our new after school care provider.

Here is a little bit of information about Playball:

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To enrol visit us at:

Contact: Liam Little- email coachliam@playball.co.nz

Mobile: 027 554 8859

You will find all the information including Playball price lists on their website or facebook page.



Scholastic Book Club out now - due 19th May

Book Club has arrived! Look out for your copy of Book Club coming home in your child's schoolbag! It's packed with hundreds of books from just \$3.50 to help you on your child's reading journey. A PDF version is attached below.



Sunny warm house to rent in Marion St, Macandrew Bay

Available end of July to end November although dates are negotiable. Suitable for a couple or family. Please contact Linda linda.buxton24@gmail.com for further information. We are looking for someone to live in our house while we are away. It can be fully or partially furnished.



Lunchonline now includes Pita Pit every Thursday

Starting the 4th of May (Junior pie day still continues)

Macandrew Bay School Lunches

Pita Pit now every Thursday

Starts Thursday 4th May

It's simple; all you need to do is register at

www.lunchonline.co.nz

and follow 4 easy steps to get started

- 1. Register an account**
- 2. Add member/s including your name and delivery location**
- 3. Make a payment to have funds in your account before you order**
- 4. Select your lunch and place an order by 9am the day required**

Phone 0800 565 565

info@lunchonline.co.nz



Firefighter Sky Challenge - our very own Greg Yee

Support our amazing Firefighter Greg (Nic's partner) complete the gruelling 1,103 steps up the Sky Tower while carrying 25kgs of kit up 51 flights of stairs to raise money for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer NZ (LBC)

Every day, 8 Kiwis are diagnosed with blood cancer or a related blood condition. It can affect anyone, at any age and any time in life. The cancer journey is overwhelmingly difficult for patients and their families/whānau, but, you can help make a difference now!

Scan the QR code or go to <https://firefighterschallenge.org.nz/greg-yee>



Octacan Appeal - save the date

Octacan is our major winter food drive supporting many local people through the winter months. This year we are holding Octacan a couple of weeks before the Matariki public holiday.

Matariki - signified by the Matariki cluster of stars reappearing in our night sky, is a time to reflect on the past year, celebrate the present, and plan for the year ahead. We invite you to help us plan for the year ahead and re-stock our Family Works Foodbank by donating cans to Dunedin's busiest food bank.

Please plan to bring cans to school the week of the 19th of June leading up to Thursday the 22nd, official collection day.

Thanks from Presbyterian Support Otago



Piano Teacher Available in Macandrew Bay

Hi, I am Catherine Lund, a year 13 at Otago Girls' (and a former pupil of Macandrew Bay!) and I am available for beginner piano lessons on Fridays after school and Saturdays at any time. I have passed Grade 8 piano with distinction and am currently working towards my ATCL exam this year. I would really love to be able to teach the piano to share my passion for music! Thanks Catherine catherinerrlund@gmail.com