



Macandrew Bay School

# Macandrew Bay School Newsletter - 8 September 2023

Malo e leilei,

We are getting close to the end of term and school holidays are just around the corner. It was a privilege to take a group of our tamariki to the Otago Cross country Champs last week with our tamariki running very strongly and doing our kura proud.

This week we have been focused on getting ready for Polyfest which is NEXT week. We are incredibly grateful to Jimmy McNally (Zaxen's Dad) who is stepping in for us at the last hour to play guitar for our performances as poor Mr Livingstone has sustained an injury. The senior school enjoyed Jeff Clark delivering an awesome programme on Financial Literacy yesterday reinforcing the messages of the importance of saving, looking at needs versus wants and comparative spending. These were such important messages and I remember fondly taking my Post Office bank book to school each week with my 50 cents to bank and watching it increase each year. I have included the link for the Getwise parent resources.

<https://www.getwise.co.nz/parent-resources/>

Have a great weekend everyone

Mauri ora

Nic

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## Macandrew Bay Tamariki visit Kererū retreat in a top secret location!

In Term 2 a group of Year 5 tamariki organised a bake sale with all proceeds being donated to the Wildlife Hospital. To say thank you they offered our children an exclusive tour of the Kererū Sanctuary.

Last Friday Mrs McAuley, Mrs Te Huna and a small group of Year 5 tamariki were treated to a very special morning.

We were sent the location the night before (top secret) and headed on our way on Friday morning.

Rosie was an excellent navigator in the front seat and made sure we made it to the right destination.

What a spectacular place! The sun was shining and we were greeted by Nic and Jordena who made us feel very welcome in their special place.

We got to see Kererū up close by going inside the aviary and heard about the amazing work they do to protect and rescue hurt or sick Kererū.

The children had the honour of planting trees at the sanctuary, learning about predators and getting the opportunity to check and re-set traps.

It was an amazing morning with a super group of kids who we are so proud of!

The Wildlife Hospital is so thankful and appreciative of their efforts.

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## Terrific times in Tūi

We have had a busy few weeks working with Miss Coppens, our third-year student teacher, who has been in Tūi throughout the year and is on her final 5 week placement.

We are loving the Spring weather and being able to get outside in the afternoon for some games. The tamariki have been practicing their ball skills and teamwork.

We have also enjoyed exploring our inquiry topic for this term: *What is Manaakitanga and how can we show this to all cultures/people that are in our community?* The tamariki are showing a passion for learning as they craft their cookbook, which will have a selection of recipes from countries that are significant to each student. They are looking forward to sharing this with our school community. Keep an eye out for an order form in the near future.

A highlight of this week was having Jeff Clark from ASB's Get Wise financial literacy programme coming in to teach the

children about financial literacy. The tamariki had a lot of fun taking part in the 'Cashlympics' and learning about making wise choices with their money, different payment methods and how money is earned.

We are also enjoying working collaboratively with Kererū throughout the day, but especially during literacy and maths time on a range of rotation activities. A particular favourite this term is Around the World, where the tamariki are working to apply their research, comprehension and writing skills to learn about different countries!



## Polyfest- Next week- Tuesday 12 September- Edgar Centre/Lion Foundation Arena

We are very excited to be all performing at the Otago Polyfest (30th Year) next week. We really want to encourage as many of our parents/whānau members to come if you can!

This is the first year that we have all of our tamariki performing at Polyfest and this is super exciting for our kura. I am so proud of all our tamariki they are looking and sounding amazing! Our staff have worked really hard to make all of this all happen.

The (Juniors) will perform at **12.45pm** and Tuakana (Seniors) at **2.45pm**, meaning our senior pupils will more than likely finish after 3pm on stage. We are excited that the Seniors will get to watch and support the Juniors and vice versa.

**We will all be busing to the Edgar Centre leaving school at 11:40am. Thank you to everyone that has indicated that they will be picking up their tamariki from the Edgar Centre this has meant we will save a significant amount of money on return buses. At this stage we will have one bus returning to school with staff and tamariki that have indicated that they need transport back to school. If you haven't had a chance to indicate please either return the slip or email the school office asap.**

**admin@macandrewbay.school.nz**

**Parents/Whānau who are collecting their tamariki at the Edgar Centre you will be able to collect any Junior children immediately after the performance from the allocated seated area where the Macandrew Bay School children will be sitting and then go to meet the Senior Children after they come off stage in the court area adjacent to the stage.**

### Costumes

As we do not have enough of our original Kapa Haka costumes for everyone, we would like all children to be in **black clothing**. Please try and make do with what you have at home rather than purchasing new items. This could be in the form of black shorts, skirt, tights and a black t-shirt.

Please get in touch with your classroom teacher if you have any trouble sourcing these items.

We have included links and the words to some of the waiata we are performing at Polyfest in case your child would like to practise the words at home.

### Te Aroha (Juniors)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uefjdSCkzPo&ab\\_channel=DelmaRae](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uefjdSCkzPo&ab_channel=DelmaRae)

### Tihore Mai te rangi (Seniors)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AXtZlJa24-Q&ab\\_channel=whakaaritamariiki](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AXtZlJa24-Q&ab_channel=whakaaritamariiki)

### Tutira mai nga iwi (Junior and Senior)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HdNbBgGoRvs&ab\\_channel=6cceeders](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HdNbBgGoRvs&ab_channel=6cceeders)

### Whakarongo ki te ruru koukou (Junior and Senior)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tB628lcqpiI&ab\\_channel=HiriniMelbourne-Topic](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tB628lcqpiI&ab_channel=HiriniMelbourne-Topic)

### E Minaka ana (Seniors)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBsU1I3y0DM&ab\\_channel=NerehanaWhanau](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBsU1I3y0DM&ab_channel=NerehanaWhanau)

### Check out our performance from last year at Polyfest!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LCJ3f2nm4II&ab\\_channel=OtagoPolyfest](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LCJ3f2nm4II&ab_channel=OtagoPolyfest)



## OPSSA Cross-Country

Last Friday 8 of our tamariki represented Macandrew Bay School at the Otago Cross country champs. We were very proud of their strong running efforts on a challenging course at Kaikorai Valley College. I was also really impressed with how the team encouraged and supported each other. Thank you to the special group of parents that transported the children to and from the event and that were there to cheer on our runners!



## Random Acts of Reading

We need more!! A lot of children have said they want to send a photograph in and enjoy the reading fun. I'm hoping at least half the school will be represented in our publication. It will go into our Library and is a great record to look back on.

Only a few weeks till the holidays. Please get your photographs in before the end of the term. I need both portrait and landscape format photographs to publish in a book in large files. Anything from a phone will be great.



## 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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## Welcome to School- Nau mai, Haere mai

Welcome to Macandrew Bay School- Julia and Ethan. We hope you enjoy your school days!

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## Leah's lamb leaps into school

Toroa had a surprise visit from Leah's pet lamb. Just what was needed after a busy week!

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## Exciting News!

We received some exciting news that Macandrew Bay School has won a carton of mixed vegetable seedlings (approximately 100 plants) as part of the Garden to Table **Schools Seedling Offer**.

We are so excited and this will help enormously with our planning of our growing season. Our Junior School have exciting plans to install some vege boxes behind the Junior block in a sunny space. We are so excited about giving our tamariki the opportunity to grow, prepare and share fresh seasonal food. Any extra will be great to put in our pātaka kai. Thanks to Mrs Hawker for entering us in the competition!

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## Elijah - author in the making!

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If snow was yellow would you dare to play with it?

If people were green would you marry someone?

If the sun was black would days seem the same?

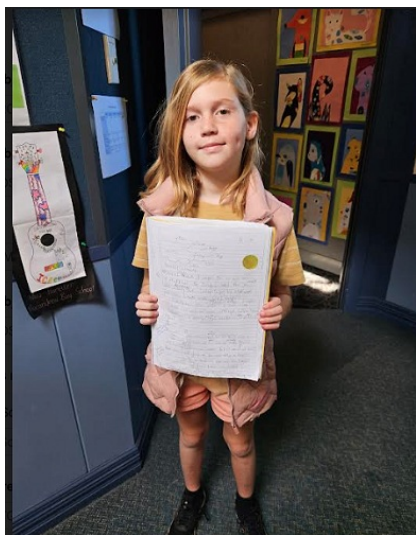
If computers were blue and screens were white would you look stuff up?

If glue was pink and paper was purple would glue be more sticky?

If it was that way....how would you feel?

By Elijah Pole

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## Freya's fantastic memoir

Māpua

Māpua was usual enough. It had a pool, a bach, delicious restaurants, a kitchen and a real fruit ice cream shop that I always went to.

My friends, my sister, my mum, my dad and I did what people do - we had naps in the hot cabin, swam in the cold pool, jumped off the big wharf and ate delicious ice creams doing nothing important.

Freya's memoir is based on the James K Baxter poem *The Town*.

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## Well Done to Harriet Cowie!

Harriet recently won best team player for the season. Well done Harriet :)

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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:

**Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori and 2023 Otago Polyfest (30th Anniversary)-Tuesday 12th September - Juniors 12:45pm and Seniors 2:45pm- Lion Foundation Arena/Edgar Centre.**

***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

Staff only day- Friday 17th November 2023

**Term 3 dates:**

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori and Otago Polyfest - Tuesday 12th September (Week 9)- see article

Whānau and School Fundraising Team meeting - Thursday 14th September at 7pm in the school Library  
- Everyone welcome!

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)



## pūngāwerewere - spider

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E huna ana te pūngāwerewere i roto i te pouaka rēta.  
The spider is hiding in the letterbox.  
- this is an example of an [active sentence](#)

[Download the PDF](#)



## 30th Anniversary Otago Polyfest celebration event

Friday night, 15th September 6pm. Live bands and Cultural Groups.



## Otago Multiple Sclerosis Society

Sunday the 17th of September MS Otago is hosting a public family fun day for the Otago community, check it out!

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## Here is an exciting school holiday activity!

Move it March Design a poster competition

*Win a scooter and helmet!*

Walking or wheeling to school reduces the number of cars and congestion at the school gate, creating safer walking or wheeling environments around the school. That means that

making the choice to use an active travel mode makes our schools better places to live and work.

We want to encourage more tamariki to walk or wheel to school and kids, we need your help!

Draw a picture showing the benefits of walking, cycling or even scooting to school. Be as creative as you like! Teachers, there are 2 competition categories: under 8's and 8-11 years. A poster template with instructions is included.

### Competition Rules

- Designs should be done in any medium that can be colour copied but not done in any medium that can smudge such as some paints, chalk or charcoal.
- Designs should be colourful!
- Wording must represent active travel to school in a positive light – example: Walking to school is a great way to spend time with friends!
- The title, figures, and graphs should be relevant to the content.
- Careful thought should be put into the selection of poster content.

The winning entry will be chosen by a selection panel from the DCC Transport team, and we will use the poster as part of our promotion for Move it March 2024. Entries can be handed into a box at the DCC Customers Services, 50 The Octagon, Dunedin or uploaded [here](#).

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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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## Tennis Hot Shots for kids 5-12 years across venues in Dunedin

Free Tennis Hot Shot day - 21st September Thursday 4-5pm

Register here: <https://forms.gle/gfRaJ5uqKvRNNSxDA>

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