



## Macandrew Bay School

# Macandrew Bay School Newsletter - 17 March 2023

Kia ora koutou,

Week 7 has zoomed by and we do hope that yesterday was not too disruptive for you and your whānau. This is the third strike I have been apart of during my 26 year career. Strike action is not something that teachers and principals take lightly- in fact it is a last resort. Teachers and principals have consistently raised high workloads, lack of support for students with additional learning and behavioural needs, and undervaluing of the profession as key issues over the last few years. Yesterday we had the opportunity to unite with Early Childhood, Secondary and Primary Principal's to share our message. That message is our tamariki need a quality education and we want to give that to them. We cannot do this under the latest collective agreement offer. **Our tamariki deserve better!**

We have had a focus on Science in the school this week investigating physical and chemical change and the children have been working on their observation skills. We gather data by using our senses: sight, hearing, touch, taste, smell - to make observations. Making careful observations often includes measuring something. Observations are influenced by what you already know.

Happy St Patrick's Day to everyone and especially to our Irish whānau. 🍀

Enjoy Otago Anniversary day on Monday with your whānau. I hope you get to do something nice. We look forward to seeing the tamariki on Tuesday!

Noho ora mai

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## Toroa's Terrific week!

Toroa class has been all go this last week or so... Cycle day, Have a Go sports day for the girls, Science week and camp prep!

You will have seen our photos from our Cycle day in last weeks newsletter. It really was a fantastic day with lots of great learning to help keep us safe while we enjoy being out and about. There was an amazing team of four legends from the DCC that arrived to teach us. We went through a safety check

first, then we practised skills on the tennis courts. We wove through cones, rode as slowly as we could, looked over our shoulder to identify different coloured cones being held up. We went to the field to practised controlled stops (and skids!). After that we rode out onto the road to practise signalling, riding around parked cars safely and giving way to traffic at the intersection of Conway and Greenacres Streets. It was really helpful to know the road rules that we went over in class on a powerpoint.

In the afternoon the sun was shining and we headed out onto the Cycle Path for a long ride along the harbour towards Portobello. The children absolutely loved this day and we learnt a lot about being safe on our bikes. Leah announced that it was the best day of school EVER!

On Friday last week I took the Year 5 and 6 girls to Logan Park with hundreds of other girls from across Dunedin for a day of sport! We had fun learning Cricket skills, Rugby Skills (with the help of Sarn's big sister) and Football skills. We rotated around stations at each sport. It was wonderful to see the girls getting stuck in, having fun and displaying their amazing skills! Thanks so much to the parents that helped with transport and to Raul and Andrea for staying to help for the day.

### *A poem by Will*

#### **FEAR**

Fear dances inside my head

through my body

and into my legs

It makes me stop.

Frozen

Fearful

Frightened

Frail

Fear makes its way into my mind

Taking hold of me

Like a puppet.

Scared

Shaky

Shocked

Shattered.

Fear I do not want you here

Please GO!

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## What a week for Whakarangatira!

It was NZ Science Week so Whakarangatira was a great opportunity to get a range of science activities happening in our school.

On Wednesday our Senior School had an exciting afternoon with a range of exciting and engaging workshops.

It was hard for the children to choose what workshop they went to as there were too many exciting things to pick from! This student agency is a massive highlight for the children.

We had geckos and skinks in the staffroom with Anne Besson, hokey pokey being made with Mrs Ward, Mrs Te Huna made electricity and much, much more!

The year 6's stepped up and ran some exciting art and sporting workshops too. It is great to see these tamariki step up and show outstanding leadership in our school.

If you are keen on running a workshop with a group of children we would love to hear from you!

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Dates  
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## Dates for the Diary!

*Term dates for 2023:*

### Term 1

- starts Monday 30 January
- ends Thursday 6 April

### 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:**

***Monday 6th February- Waitangi Day***

***Monday 20 March - Otago Anniversary Day***

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

***Tuesday 25 April - Anzac Day***

***Monday 5 June- King's Birthday***

#### ***Dates for Term 1***

***Home and School Meeting: Thursday 9th March, 7pm- School Library***

***COIN TRAIL for Cyclone Relief- Tuesday 21st February***

***Board of Trustees Meetings: Monday 27th February and Monday 27th March***

***Paid Union Meeting for Teachers- Wednesday March 1st- School closed at 12:30pm for teachers to attend this meeting.***

***Working Bee- Wednesday 1st March- 6:30-8:30pm at school.***

***Walk and Wheel to School Week- 27th February- 3rd March***

***Kia Kaha Programme with Police Education Officer- Constable Emily Plew- 3rd-10th March***

***Toroa Class (Year 6) Cycle Skills- Wednesday March 8th***

***Year 5 and 6 Girls Fern Fever day- Friday 10th March- 10am -2:30pm. Logan Park Turf.***

***SCHOOL DISCO- Thursday 23rd March, Macandrew Bay Hall- save the date time to be confirmed.***

***EPRO8- Year 5 and 6 pupils only- 30-31st March***

***Year 6 School Camp- Camp Columba, Pukerau, Gore- 3rd-6th April***

#### **Class Information Evenings**

***Juniors- Thursday 23rd February- Kākano and Kōwhai 7pm, Rātā 7:30pm***

***Seniors- Tuesday 21st Feb- Tūi and Kererū, 6:45pm, Toroa and Kārearea, 7:30pm***

#### **Parent Interviews**

***Tuesday 14th March- 3:15pm- 7:30pm***

#### **Parent/Whānau Assemblies this term:**

***Friday 3rd March- Toroa class leading (Change of date), 2pm***

***Friday 31st March - Rātā class leading, 2pm***

## Dates for Term 2 (so far)

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

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## School Disco - get your groove on!!

Thursday 23 March - 6.00 - 8.00pm - Macandrew Bay Hall

Hi everyone! This year's disco is coming up on the 23 March! We're going to have lots of fun and popping dance moves. \$5 a ticket includes fizzy, Yum! A packet of chips, Yum! There will be \$2 hot sausages, Awesome! Dress up in your best whatever, Yeah! Come to the disco to have a good time with your friends, Jam! And move to the beat, Boom! Siblings are welcome.

This year we will not have glow sticks but we will still have a lot of fun. We're a proud enviroschool so we care for the planet. (Did you know glowsticks can't be recycled after only one time using them? Stink!) We are saying no to glow sticks, so please do not bring your own. We are all in this together and we will be fair to everyone around us. Who needs glowsticks when we've got music? Drop that beat! We are going to be so good with our rubbish waste. We're going to have recycling bins with big signs so we won't be a fool! Boom, boom. Instead we'll have dance offs and congo lines, circles of dancers and dancers in the middle rocking out their power moves! So come to this disco to party. Spot prizes, too. Get your dance on! And deliver your freestyling moves! We are going to impress!

Envirogroup - Team Kaitiaki details shortly

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## Welcome to School

Welcome to School Naomi. We hope you enjoy your school days at Macandrew Bay School!

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## Scout comes to school!

Scout the Walk and Wheel/Move it March mascot came to school this week! The children enjoyed catching up with Scout in the playground :)

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## Parent/Whānau Interviews

Thank you to our whānau members for coming out and supporting our recent interviews.

We hope that the opportunity to connect with your child's class teacher was valuable. As a kura we find these interviews so useful as we often gain really valuable insights into the tamariki from information you share. It is also a great opportunity to align our goals with your goals for the tamariki. We are currently reviewing our assessment and reporting to whānau and our next interviews are student led conferences which will happen mid year. We find student led conferences are a really empowering process for our tamariki and most enjoy sharing their learning.

### What are Student-led conferences?

- The student takes the central role during discussions.
- The teacher acts as the facilitator and prompter where necessary.

The teacher is involved but is not necessarily sitting with the student and parents all of the time. There might be three or four groupings of parents and students discussing their work in a classroom. At our school the students prepare a presentation to share with whānau and often tamariki share their favourite learning, activities and games from their classroom.

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## COVID and illness

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.

**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.

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## Voluntary School donations and Sports Fees

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL DONATIONS - Your support makes a big difference to our school budget!

**Although this is voluntary it does make a big difference to our school operations and finances if people do opt to pay it and it means that the children get a better deal in the classroom and the school has some hope of breaking even financially each year.**

We try very hard to keep costs to a minimum for families. Our suggested School Donations this year are the same amount as last year - \$25.00 per term or \$100.00 per child for the whole year. You are more than welcome to pay these per term or for the whole year – whichever suits you. Some parents have set up regular small direct debit contributions and that is fine also. It is worth parents knowing that the receipt you receive for any donations made to school can be used for an income tax credit from Inland Revenue.

The bank account details are Macandrew Bay School 02 0900 0000233 00.

You need to state clearly your child's name and what the money is for in the reference information e.g school donation, activity donation, sports fees, stationary etc.

You can also pay with cash or eftpos at the school office.

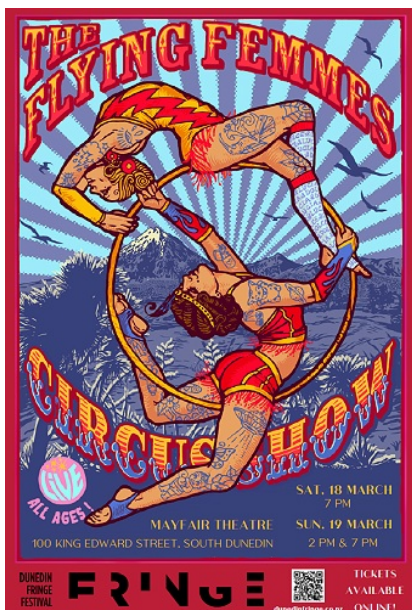
### VOLUNTARY ACTIVITY DONATION

The suggested Activity Donation again is \$10.00 per child per term, or you may wish to pay \$40.00 for the whole year in one go. This money is used to help cover the costs of buses and activities such as going to the Museum, Sports Events, Toitu, Art Gallery, and it also pays for visits to school by different musical and drama performing groups etc, though Art Auction funds also help with these activities too. Payment can be made with eftpos at the school office or by internet banking to the school account.

### SPORTS FEES

We offer many sporting opportunities for children outside of school hours. Participation in these teams is reliant on payment of the fee by a set date. This is a fee, not a donation, as it is not part of the required school curriculum, so must be paid in order for your child to participate.

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## The Flying Femmes Circus Show

Saturday and Sunday 18th/19th March

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## The Wizard of Oz

Proudly performed by students at Bayfield High School

March 29th - April 1st, Herron Hall Bayfield

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## Grants Braes AFC

Girls only leagues

Grants Braes AFC wish to enter as many Girls Teams as we can into the NEW GIRLS ONLY LEAGUES!

From Girls aged 6 to 16, we can provide them with a fantastic opportunity to give football a go without the presence of Boys. Grants Braes AFC already has a great reputation for providing Girls with an opportunity to thrive in Girl's Only Teams, Grants Braes AFC expects the introduction of Girls Only LEAGUES will only increase numbers and give the Girls more opportunities to succeed and enjoy their Football Experience

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## Coal Boiler upgrade

Last year our school was selected to be part of the Replacement School coal boilers to reduce greenhouse gas emissions programme because we have a very old coal boiler that heats our school. The project is being delivered by Ministry of Education consultants with support from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority.

Coal boilers are replaced with renewable wood or electric heating sources, such as heat pumps. The demolition work on the old coal boiler at school is being completed at the moment following very strict ministry guidelines. The replacement for our coal boiler is going to be a pellet boiler which will be housed in a container adjacent to the old boiler room. The photos below show some examples of what these look like. We are excited about having some green planting on the side of the container! We hope to have this all up and running for Term 2.

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## **DESKS FOR SALE- \$5**

We no longer have a need for some of our desks- if you would like one or two for home. Please contact us in the office. Going cheap- \$5!

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