



Macandrew Bay School

# Macandrew Bay School Newsletter - 10 March 2023

Kia ora koutou,

It has been another great week here at Macandrew Bay School with lots extra activities for our Year 6 tamariki and the Senior School starting whakarangatira this week too.

We have loved having Emily Plew in our kura working alongside teachers and our tamariki delivering the Kia Kaha programme.

Sarah Ali-Khan our presiding member of our School Board will be in touch with everyone via email later today with more information about the Teachers and Primary Principal's strike action on Thursday 16th March.

Enjoy the lovely autumn sunshine this weekend.

Noho ora mai

Nic

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## Keen Kererū is off to a great start!

What a great 6 weeks Kererū have had getting to know each other and our new space. It just keeps getting better every day as we make it our own and get our amazing work up on display.

We were really excited this week to have our first Whakarangatira session for 2023. We all enthusiastically opted into science themed workshops. In Kererū, we explored creating a chemical change. We started by observing what happens when we add white vinegar to baking soda in a bottle with a cork on top. We wondered why this had happened so we explored this idea a little more and observed what changes can be made when materials are mixed. We took what we learned from our experiments and tried the rocket experiment again and even managed to blow up a balloon. This made us very curious about what other chemical reactions we could

make by mixing materials. We had lots of keen volunteers keen to explore this a little further.

We have absolutely loved our time in the pool this term and it has been a great way to cool down on those hot afternoons. We have continued to practice our freestyle technique throughout our sessions and managed to have some fun along the way! Fridays were a great time to do aqua aerobics and try out some new dance moves.

Our collaborative reading programme is up and running and we look forward to participating in our independent reading rotations each day. Some of the things we get to explore are the art zone, constructing with loose parts, daily 5 and digital fluency, just to name a few.

We have enjoyed our visits from Constable Emily over the last 2 weeks to support the Kia Kaha programme. We have learned it is important that we feel brave enough to stand up for ourselves and others and learned safe practices to build positive relationships.

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## Year 6 Bike Skills Day

The Year 6 tamariki had a great day on Wednesday with the crew from Bike School learning a variety of bike safety skills and enjoying a ride on our wonderful cycleway!

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## Board of Trustees News

Kia ora koutou katoa and hoping that Term One is off to a great start for all our MacBay families.

On behalf of your Macandrew Bay School/Te Kura o te Rotopāteke Board of Trustees (BOT), I'm here to extend a cheery hello and to share an update on what we are working on this year. We are a group of eight - five elected parent representatives (Julia Albrecht, Sarah Ali-Khan, James Angelson, William McKee, Kerry McMillan), as well as Jess

McAuley (Staff Representative), Khyla McBride (Secretary) and our wonderful Tumuaki/Principal, Nic Brown.

For those who don't know what the BOT does (and I certainly didn't at this time last year!), we have a number of tasks: developing school policies (for example, our Sun Safety Policy), promoting the school, managing budgets, monitoring student achievement, reviewing our curriculum, and supporting our staff and Tumuaki. In a nutshell, we are here to ensure our school runs smoothly, fairly and transparently, reflects the values and needs of our whānau, and remains exceptional!

We generally meet every month or so, on a Monday night (our next meeting is scheduled for March 27th). These meetings are open to our school community, so you are welcome to come along and observe proceedings.

Last November we asked you, our whānau, to fill out a survey on your ideas for your children's learning and the school. We also gathered the views of our tamariki and staff. This information has informed our Long-Term Strategic and Annual Planning to be rolled out by our wonderful staff, and our School Charter. The Charter lays out the school vision, values and goals, and provides a detailed roadmap of learning activities for 2023 and the next three years. This is well-worth a read if you'd like an in-depth understanding of how school life is shaped at Te Kura o te Rotopāteke/Macandrew Bay School. The Charter will be linked on our soon-to-be live new school website, or please get in touch with Khyla if you would like a copy.

This year amongst other jobs, the BOT will have a particular focus on ensuring our school goals are well-aligned with the new Ministry of Education National Education Learning Priorities (or NELPs). We will be looking for further opportunities to embody the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi through Tikaka/Tikanga Māori and Te Reo at our school, and to ensure that we celebrate and value all the cultures and languages that our tamariki bring to the school community. Likewise, we will continue with our strong enviro focus. We have recently allocated funding for additional literacy support for those students who need it. Also, James and William will be working with Nic to plan improvements and development of the school property, including updating the administration block and staff room. We will continue to report on what the BOT are up to as the year goes on. In the meantime, please do come up and say hi if you see us around.

We leave you with something inspirational to mull over – these are our school values which were underlined by you our community. These are the values that will be encouraged, modelled and explored at our school, and will be evident in our school's philosophy, structures, curriculum, classrooms and relationships. We aim to have these reflected in everyday actions and interactions within Te Kura o te Rotopāteke/Macandrew Bay School.

May they give wind to your wings and we welcome feedback on how these can be further expanded within our wonderful learning community:

### ***Kaitiakitanga***

#### **· Responsibility**

o Taking responsibility for learning, thinking, contributing and personal actions

- **Honesty**

- o Being trustworthy and truthful
- o Taking responsibility for our own behaviour
- o Having integrity

- **Independence**

- o Showing persistence, self-management skills and thinking for ourselves

- **Passion for learning**

- o Showing curiosity and engagement and a willingness to be a life-long learner

**Manaakitanga**

- **Respect**

- o For ourselves, others and our world

- **Kindness and caring**

- o Showing others you care
- o Being thoughtful and kind
- o Doing good things for others
- o Caring for ourselves, school, local community and the world

Parent representatives: Back row- Julia Albrecht (Grants and HR), William McKee (Property) Sarah Ali-Khan (Presiding Member),

**Front row** Jess McAuley (Staff Representative) James Angelson (Property), Nic Brown (Tumuaki/Principal).

Absent: Kerry McMillan (Treasurer), and Khyla McBride (Secretary)



## 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 ( We will set times for this up on School Interviews and provide the link next week)

### **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**

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## SCHOOL POOL CLOSING FOR THE SEASON TODAY

We have had a great season of swimming with our school pool! The last day for swimming is **Friday 10th March at 3pm.**

Special thanks to all our whānau members who have been on our school pool testing team. A big shout out to Becky Laurie, Amanda Brown and Adam and Sarah Middleton for all their hard work this summer on pool maintenance and looking after the pool while Roy has been away.

**We need all keys to be returned to the office asap and then deposits will be refunded. (Unless you want to kindly donate this the school pool fund)**

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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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## Whānau / Parent School Interviews

We find these interviews very useful and a good opportunity to chat and hear about any information you may want to pass on to the class teacher/teachers about your tamariki. It is a great chance to set some goals together for your child with the class teacher for the year ahead.

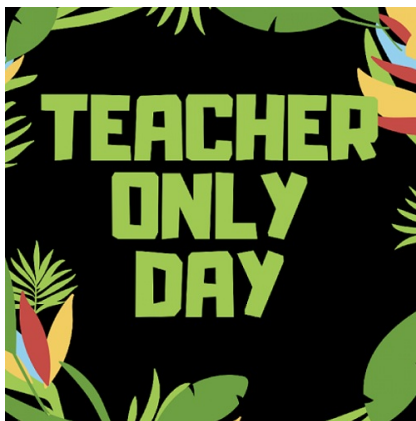
Whānau/Parent Interviews will be held on Tuesday 14th March. The booking link is below. You can call Khyla in the office if you need support with booking your time.

Booking link:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/uua5r>

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## Teacher/Staff Only Days this year!

The Board of Trustees have approved 2 planned teacher/staff only days so far for this year.

One of these days is part of the Ministry of Education allocated days over the next 2 years to focus on The New Zealand Curriculum refresh, re-design of Te Marautanga o Aotearoa. The April day will be held at the Otago Museum with a range of inspiring speakers. School will be closed for instruction. MASH may or may not decide to offer their programme on these days at school. I will contact Ashley and provide an update around this soon.

The dates for Macandrew Bay School are:

**Monday 24th April (the next day is Anzac Day)**

**Tuesday 6th June (day after the King's Birthday)**

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## Walk and Wheel to School Week/Move it March

We are very keen to promote and encourage active travel with Walk n' Wheel Week and throughout March, with Move it March!

Walk n' Wheel Week is run by Sport Otago, with funding from the Dunedin City Council, the Central Otago District Council, and the Otago Motor Club Trust. It is a FREE event open to all Otago Primary (Year 0 – 8) Schools.

The event has been designed to promote and encourage active transport to and from school to help reduce congestion at the school gate.

We want to encourage as many children as we can to walk or wheel (skate, scoot, cycle) to school with a parent/caregiver/older sibling or independently as considered appropriate next week with the hope that they may carry on with this.

Some information:

- Park your bike/scooter under playcentre
- Don't worry if you can't walk from home you might like to walk up from the dairy or Ralph Ham Park
- Classes will be tracking their Walk and Wheel progress
- Talk to others that live in your street/area- you may like to walk/wheel together
- Many of our Senior students would be happy to help the younger children with walking/wheeling to school

*We have issued Hi Vis vests to the children. We would love to see all the children and adults wearing these next week. The staff and I will be looking out for children making a big effort to keep themselves extra safe wearing their Hi Vis vests and we have some prizes in the office to give out. Hopefully we can build some good habits around Hi Vis vest wearing and keep this up after Walk and Wheel to school week.*

### Whānau Challenge for Move it March

As part of our school signing up for Move it March, all our families can take part in the Scout Whānau Challenge. Families can sign up at <https://bit.ly/whanauchallenge23> and they will be provided with a whānau pack to help complete the challenge. There are limited number of these, so get in quick as there are some great prizes up for grabs including \$50 Sports Depot voucher, bike helmets, scooters, moana pool vouchers and other spot prizes!

Schools have a chance to win great prizes including \$900, \$700 and \$400 Otago Sports Depot vouchers! Also there is a classroom pizza party up for grabs!

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## Whānau and School Updates

*Kia ora everyone, from your Whānau and School Fundraising Team (new year, new name!)*

We are a group of family members and staff, who organise events that bring both fun and funds to our school community. Anyone is welcome to join - it's a great way to get to know others and keep in touch with what is happening at school.

Right now, we'd love to have a few more members on board to make sure we can spread the jobs (and the fun!) around. In particular we're currently looking for a couple more people to help with the organisation of either the school disco or the quiz

night. If either of these sound like your cup of tea, then please get in touch: email [homeandschool@macandrewbay.school.nz](mailto:homeandschool@macandrewbay.school.nz).

We look forward to holding the usual popular events for our school community this year, **including a disco in Term 1 (evening of Thursday, 23rd March), quiz night in Term 2, baked goods fundraiser in Term 3, and our online art auction in Term 4.**

We also wanted to give you a heads up about the 2024 school fair! Each year we alternate between our two major fundraisers - the art auction and the fair. Traditionally, these have both been held in Term 4, but as that becomes such a busy time of year, next year we plan to hold our school fair in Term 1 instead. Stay tuned to hear more about those plans later this year.

Kā mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa,

Fiona Jack

On behalf of the Whanau and School Fundraising Team.



## COVID and illness

There seems to be a bit of COVID around in our community at the moment!

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.



## Pie Days

A message from Hazel & Leah our wonderful pie monitors

We have been noticing that not all of the pies that we have been cooking have been:

A: wrapped in tinfoil (paper bag pies are fine)

B: have their names and class written with marker on them

C: left out on the bench for a night to thaw (they are sometimes frozen when we get them)

Please also if you are bringing small pies, 4 is the limit due to space in oven.

If you have done this we can guarantee you that your pies will be perfectly cooked!

A reminder of the pie days:

**Thursday-** Junior Classes- Rātā, Kākano, Kōwhai

**Friday-** Senior Classes- Tūi, Kererū, Kārearea and Toroa.

Thank you in advance

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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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## 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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## 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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## **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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## **The Flying Femmes Circus Show**

Saturday and Sunday 18th/19th March

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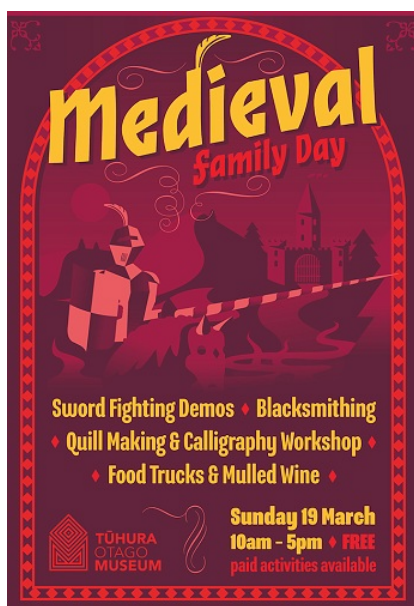


## The Wizard of Oz

Proudly performed by students at Bayfield High School

March 29th - April 1st, Herron Hall Bayfield

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## Medieval Day at the Museum

Sunday 19 March, from 10am to 4pm

Entry is free and there will be sword fighting demonstrations, blacksmithing, wandering minstrels, a jester – the whole Museum Reserve will be packed with things for kids and families to get involved in 😊

Here is a link if you are interested:

<https://otagomuseum.nz/whats-on/medieval-family-day>

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## Thinkit Art is running a Art workshop for kids March 12th

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## kati(a): to close / to be shut

Kua kati te kēti.

The gate is shut.

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

Ka kati au i te kēti.

I will close the gate.

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

Kaua e wareware kia kati i te tatau.

Don't forget to close the door.

- this is an example use of [Kaua e - Do not](#)

[Hear this kupu spoken and get the PDF](#)

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