Macandrew Bay School



Macandrew Bay School Newsletter - 6 April 2023

Kia ora koutou,

Poipoia te kakano kākano kia puawai is one of many whakatauki that speak to the importance of nurturing and cherishing tamariki.

I would like to say a special pakipaki to all our staff for embodying this whakatauki and providing such great learning opportunities as well as taking such special care of all our tamariki.

It has been a fun couple of days at Camp Pukerau with the wonderful Toroa class. A special thank you to all our awesome camp parent helpers (Tony Reid, Elisabeth Bertoli, Anne Louise Tuck, Katherine Salmond, Leana Campbell, Simon McCosh, Lucy Bell, Andrew Jack, Fiona Jack, Sarah Ali-Khan, Lisa Campbell. Without your support camp would not be possible. Mrs Ward and Mrs Hawker (our dream team for 2023) thank you for all your amazing planning, organisation and passion for school camp. A special mention also to Elliot Dixon, Brigid and Glynis Corson and Kirsten Parkinson for joining us at camp for a day and providing fresh energy. We have included some of the many camp photos in this edition but we will have a full report in our next newsletter.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday! Safe travels to those that are heading away for the break. I am looking forward to getting stuck into some mountain bike rides in the Autumn sunshine.

Happy Easter and we look forward to welcoming the tamariki back on Wednesday 26th April!

Kia noho haumaru (stay safe)

Nic



Kowhai Class News

Kōwhai has had a busy first term of 2023 with lots of fun learning. We recently welcomed Oscar and Ella to our class and have Cora and Harriet joining us early in Term 2.

On the 28th of March we went on a fun adventure to the Dunedin Public Art Gallery. It was very exciting going on the bus and exploring the fun exhibits with Kirsten Parkinson (Mihi's mum). She told us lots of really interesting stories about different pieces of art work. Some highlights for the Kōwhai

class was the inflatable rabbit, the pink artwork that made the whole foyer pink, seeing a painting of Hereweka and hearing the story about how Hereweka got its name. We also recreated a story about Kaitiaki and made our own Kaitiaki.



Wonderful Worms!

As part of Whakarangatira the past 2 weeks we have had the pleasure of Jennie Upton from Enviro Schools visiting our kura!

By Darcy Alach-Debilly

We researched worms then we made our own booklets to show our learning.

I learnt that worms like to live in wet places and they like coffee beans just like Mrs McAuley.

Did you know that worms like the black stuff in tea bags? It is juicy and like a delicious feast for worms.

Worms like to be in the dark - it keeps them cool and refreshed.

With Jennie we got ice cream containers and put holes in the bottom. We put the ice cream container inside another and filled it with coffee beans and soil. We put some food inside for the worms and then we squirted some water on top to make it nice and wet. We put the wiggly worms in and covered the top with newspaper. We gently put the lid on......happy worms!!!

We made a special list to go on the top of our worm farms. This reminds us what worms like and don't like!



EPro8 Challenge

Our wonderful Year 5's stepped up to the challenge this year due to the Year 6's being at camp. Team terrific included Meila Reid, Sam McKee, Kymani Lee Joyce and Blake Restieaux.

Meila Reid:

When we arrived at Dunedin North Intermediate the judge showed us the electronics and how to work them. It was then time to start. We began making a pendulum clock following

instructions that were written down. The hardest part was when we had to make the pendulum get to 20 secs (10 swings). We then joined it to the rod and made our clock tick. It was very challenging but lots of fun. When the challenge time was up we were judged and we came 5th place with a score of 170 points! After all that hard work we celebrated with ice creams at the botanical gardens. Thanks so much to Hayley McKee and her wonderful Mum (Jack and Sam's Gran).



Wild Waiata of the Whenua @ Otago Museum

Good luck to Ava Bulger, Ava Cooke, Sybila Kennedy and Isla Telford who along with a few of our other Year 5 and 6 tamariki are performing on Saturday the 15th of April @ 11.15am along with 9 other schools and Suzy Cato as part of the Wild Dunedin NZ Festival of Nature. Here they are at rehearsal.



Term 1 sports wrap up - round 2!

Here are some additional sports photos from during the term and a summary from our MacBay Cricket Team.

The MacBay Cricket Team had a great season playing 'Super Smash' on Monday nights at Logan Park. They all enjoyed the classic Kiwi summer weather and it was exciting to see how much they improved over the season. The team also really enjoyed the ice cream truck which parked up for every game! Looking forward to more cricket in Term 4!



What is my child learning? The Key Competencies explained

Key Competencies

Competencies are ways of being and acting in the world.

The New Zealand Curriculum identifies five key

competencies:

- Thinking
- Using Language, Symbols and Texts
- Managing Self
- Relating to Others
- · Participating and Contributing

All ākonga arrive at school with a rich set of competencies.

They have already learned ways of thinking; of using language, symbols, and texts; of managing themselves; of relating to others; and of participating and contributing. These competencies continue to evolve over time, both within and beyond school. Learners use them in different ways and in different combinations, according to the context and purpose.

At Macandrew Bay School we understand that the students' competencies will continue to develop over time, shaped by their interactions with people, places, ideas and things.

At Macandrew Bay School we want our students to understand:

- What the competencies are all about
- What sort of behaviours are evident when learners develop these competencies
- How successful learners are motivated to use the competencies, recognising when and how to do so and why (What does a successful learner look like?)
- How they personally are using and developing the Key Competencies and reflecting on their progress

For more information about the Key Competencies- see below



Highlights from Camp Columba

The Toroa (Year 6) tamariki have had an amazing 4 days and 3 nights of action packed adventure at Camp Columba, Pukerau near Gore. Check out some of the action shots!



Ski Trips - save the date

Thanks to Katherine and Keryn who are in the process of organising the schools weekend ski trips. Secured dates are both the 12th/13th and 26th/27th of August for those wishing to plan ahead. More details next term.



New Macandrew Bay School Website! - Yippee

We are getting very close to launching our new website - which has been a labour of love and taken us many months to put together:)

Special, special thanks to the amazing Caroline Rowe who has spent many hours working on this for us. We are very grateful

for all of Caroline's input and expertise. We also need to acknowledge Caroline's workplace Effect for their generous support in helping us with a pretty cost effective solution to build a new website. Thank you also to Khyla McBride and Jess McAuley for their mahi on this awesome new website and to lan McGee as some of his amazing photos feature on the website. We had a group of Marketing Department University students do some of the initial work last year- so I am sure they will be impressed!



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

Tuesday 25 April - Anzac Day

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.

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

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

Matariki Celebrations- Week 10

Matariki Hangi-Thursday 29th June

Whole School Walk/Hike- Date to be confirmed

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: To be decided



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.



Attendance- Every day matters!

We are into Week 9 of Term One and there is a buzz of learning everywhere! We are so fortunate to have a team of teachers and support staff who strive to ensure every learner/ākonga gains sound foundation skills, including language, literacy and numeracy throughout their time at Macandrew Bay School and access to a rich, broad curriculum.

There is a well-established relationship between attendance and achievement. Research indicates that every day of school matters. Patterns of missing school days at primary level education is linked with a drop in attainment, difficulties maintaining friendships, anxiety about re-integrating for some tamariki and later on, poor attendance in high school.

Learners who miss a total of one week each term, from the age of 5, will have missed out on more than a year of schooling by the time they are 16.

In Aotearoa/New Zealand, learners are expected to attend school every day school is open.

As whānau, by making sure tamariki are at school you are supporting them to make the most of learning time as well as nurturing positive well-being, about themselves and others.

If you or your child need support maintaining consistent attendance, we are here to help. Please get in touch with either Thérèse Sharma or Nic by emailing tsharma@macandrewbay.school.nz or principal@macandrewbay.school.nz



Playball

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

Playball will be our new after school care provider. Liam from Playball is hoping to have the booking system live from tomorrow or Thursday for next term. Playball will be starting after school on **Wednesday 26th April. (First day of term)**

Here is a little bit of information about Playball:

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.

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

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

https://www.playballotago.com/afterschool-care

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.



Macandrew Bay School Quiz Night is back on!

Starring Ian McGee as our amazing Quizmaster - Thursday 8th June, 7pm, Macandrew Bay Community Hall

Kia ora Koutou,

This is one of our major Whānau & School Committee fundraisers for school and it will be great if you could support this event which will give back to our children! Bring your own

snacks and drinks (alcohol is allowed as it is held at the Macandrew Bay Hall and not on school grounds) and your sense of humour for a night of hot competition, laughs and lots of fun!

How can YOU support this?

Register as a **team of six people.** A maximum of 25 team tables are up for grabs, so be quick to register and be in for an evening of fun.

Register at: macandrewbayschoolquiz@gmail.com

Payment can be made to our BNZ account: 02-0910-0056556-000, tickets \$60 and this will secure your place. Please use your name as a reference and quiz night as a particular. *Note this is not the Macandrew Bay School account.*

Raffles will be sold on the night of the event and there will be some amazing prizes! Please bring cash.

The Grocery Raffle cards are being sent home today (1 per family). These put you in the draw for our massive Grocery packs which will be announced on the night. Please sell tickets to your friends/work colleagues and return to the completed card to the school office with your cash, by the 10th of May.

If you wish to donate non-perishable items for the Grocery Raffle, please start collecting these now. These items are collected as they are used as the prizes for the Grocery Hamper and prizes on the night. The class with the most grocery items will be the proud winner of a pizza lunch. Non-perishable items can include dry goods, sauces, tins, chocolate and other treats. Collection of these item starts 10th May.

Lets make this a great community event and raise some funds for our tamariki! Go whānau go!



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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.

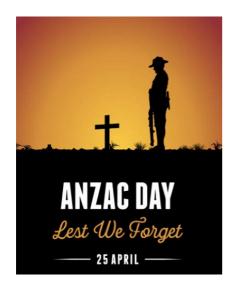
You can also pay with cash or eftpos at the school office.

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.



Anzac Day Memorial Service

Will be held at the Macandrew Bay Hall, Tuesday 10.00am.

Special speaker Nic Brown, Tumuaki/Principal of Macandrew Bay School. Please stay for a cuppa, bite to eat and conversation following the service.



School Holidays - Tūhura Otago Museum

Enjoy some of the many events happening this month at the Otago Museum



Drama Classes

Term 2, May 1st - 29th June



Ranginui: Sky father

Ko Ranginui te matua o te rangi.

Ranginui is the father of the sky (sky father).

- this is an example of an <u>equative sentence</u>

Atua means primeval ancestors with influence over particular

domains.

Learn more at Te Ara.

Hear this kupu spoken and get the PDF