

School Newsletter Issue 22/02 – Monday 28 March

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Anita Nicholls



Coming up

Wednesday 30 March

Road Patrol Training 9:15 am

Netball Trials for years 5 & 6

Board Meeting 7:30 pm

Wednesday 6 April

School Photographer on-site, for individual and class photographs

Tuesday 12 April

New Entrant Parent Meeting – Zoom link to be advised

Wednesday 13 April

Last day of term 1 for students. School closes for Easter holidays

Thursday 14 April

Teacher Only Day – **School Closed!**

Monday 2 May

Term 2 begins! School reopens at 8:30 am. **Please ensure your children arrive by 8:45 am, rested and ready for learning.**

At a glance

- School Notices – Welcome to our new students
- Link to the google form to report a covid case
- Music News – Ukulele Club resumes
- PTA News – Uniform, Yummy Stickers & PTA Contacts

- Community Notices

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou katoa

It's been quite a while since our last school newsletter. Almost all of our communications this term have come via Hero. It has been a term of enormous challenges. From the early days of building a school Covid health and safety plan, to practice contact tracing, to actual contact tracing, through managing teacher and staff absences, keeping classes open, distance learning, isolation times and staggered leaving times. Sprinkled in all of this was the recruitment of a new principal process and a new principal. Nathan Janes is visiting our school officially for the first time today – he is meeting the students and then after school, meeting the staff – or most of the staff as we have quite a number sick today. We are also on the cusp of changes to the Covid Protection Framework – hopefully moving down to Orange soon – which will mean we can take some more steps to normality.

What has impressed me over the past 9 weeks has been the way our students have adapted to the new conditions at school. They have displayed, resilience, adaptability and flexibility in navigating new procedures and protocols. Staff have also impressed me with their willingness to take on new roles like our property manager answering the phones in the office, our Reading Recovery teacher and ESOL teacher taking classes for sick teachers at short notice, teacher aides doing extra duties at morning tea, and Deputy Principals taking classes, doing extra Road Patrol, doing extra lunchtime duties, and part-time teachers swapping days, music teachers stepping into classroom teacher roles, isolating teachers running Zoom meetings for an entire isolating year group.....all of this has meant (fingers crossed) we have almost reached the end of the term with no classes having to close for any reason.

Nathan is inheriting a staff and students who have risen to the challenge of Omicron and I know he is looking forward to getting to know us all in the coming weeks. The next Principal's Message will be his and I wish him all the best as he takes on his new responsibility. I know he will receive a very warm welcome from us as a staff and you as a community.

Nga mihi nui
Peter Stoner (Acting Principal)

Kia hikaka, kia maia, kia pono te ngakau.

School Notices

Welcome to our new students and their families

Moosa Asif, Ruffy Lai, Gordon McGill, Elsie Barker, Judy Yu, Mandy Yu, Abigail Robertson, Adiane Saaiman, Gabriel Coburn, Eden Kim, Yihan Yang and Ayla Morrison.

Google form link for registering a covid case

If your family has covid and you need to report it to the school, please complete this form <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1X2ryFuHWvgjb0egfxFbQaNe8dProwAGF/view>

News from the Zebra crossing by the school...

The Road Patrollers would appreciate it if drivers could please indicate they are turning left onto Matipo when coming out of Galaxy Drive. Often (because there is no indicator on) they think you will be turning right, start to put out the signs, and then you turn left. Their job is to watch the flow of traffic and let it flow... Therefore, your assistance with indicating would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you!!

Sincerely, the Road Patrol Team

Music News

It is wonderful to be back in the music room taking the class music programme.

Unfortunately, in the red setting, we can not start Marimba groups and Senior Choir yet. I am hoping I can send a notice home soon about Term 2.



We have been enjoying the Ukulele Club outside on Thursdays.

12.45 Year 3, 1 pm Year 4, 1.15 Year 5, and 1.30 Year 6. All are welcome.
Look for us under a shady tree or under the shade area.

Clare McCormack
Music Teacher

PTA News

Uniform Shop – At present we are unable to open our second-hand uniform shop. However, if you are in need of any items, please email with your requirements and if they are available, the office will send them down to your child's classroom. There will be a note with the cost, and payment can be made directly to the PTA account, **12-3042-0025103-00** with your child's name and uniform as the reference. If you wish to return the items, please ask your child to return them to the school office the following day.

Yummy Stickers – Please keep collecting Yummy Stickers so we can get more sporting equipment for the school.

If you have any feedback or suggestions please email us at , we would love to hear from you.

Please join our Facebook Page for all up-to-date notices <https://www.facebook.com/groups/222059558272130>
For all PTA related enquiries please email

Community Notices

Notices are put in this section as a service to our community. The school does not necessarily endorse these community advertisements and you are advised to check for yourself, the reliability of providers, events, camps, and courses.

Lunchtime Guitar Lessons at Mairangi Bay School 2022.

If your child is interested in group guitar lessons we hold beginner and experienced lessons at our school.

(please note these lessons are in school time and only available to Mairangi Bay School students)

Contact Heath Watson 021 256 1308/ for questions or for more info and sign-up details.

<https://www.heathwatsonguitar.com/mairangi-bay-school.html>

19th – 29th April 2022
sKids Mairangi Bay
 Mairangi Bay School
 Galaxy Drive, Mairangi Bay

Monday 18th
CLOSED
Easter Monday
 We'll see you tomorrow.

Tuesday 19th
Fall into Autumn
 Discover how clouds make rain, transform fallen leaves into works of art and become little ants on a log.

Wednesday 20th
Rock Climbing
 Explore colourful climbing walls and challenge your friends to the top and reach for the stars!

Thursday 21st
Go Underground
 Look at what lives underground, make bats fly, test sticky ice, and make hedgehogs prickly with leaves.

Friday 22nd
Earth Day
 Honour mother nature and make our own beeswax wraps, learn about ocean water, make trees for a snack.

Monday 25th
CLOSED
ANZAC Day
 We'll see you tomorrow.

Tuesday 26th
Creative Creatures
 Jnr's make monsters disappear, Snr's make claws to attack we'll munch on paws and turn imaginary friends into dough.

Wednesday 27th
Kites in the Sky
 Decorate your own designer kite, learn about how wind works, and fly kites in the Autumn wind!

Thursday 28th
Let's get Cooking!
 Flavour and protein are attacking the quesadilla towers and falafels! Who will save them?

Friday 29th
21 Handball
 We're back with the ultimate showdown! Bring your friends, celebrate and compete for the finale!

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 Customer Service: 0800 274 172
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MSD-Approved, Work & Income OSCAR Subsidy available

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 Kids Who Know How To Play

Mairangi Bay Village Latest News: <https://mairangibayvillage.co.nz/>

Latest Tots to Teens Magazine

What's in this issue for parents?

- » Handling school drop-off
- » Filling the lunchbox
- » Making maths fun for kids is the trick
- » How to manage attention-seeking behaviour
- » Parent guide: Teaching kids to ride a bike
- » Fears and phobias?
- » The dyslexia checklist

and (as always) EPIC GIVEAWAYS

Ask your tamariki to find this issue's Te Reo Māori words including wharekura, ngaunga, pahikara, tarawewehi, and tina.