



# Macandrew Bay School



*Simply the best for our children.*

19<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Kia ora koutou katoa,  
Greetings Parents and Caregivers

Our final day of School will be **tomorrow** Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of December with school finishing at **12.00pm Friday**. This final morning is mainly just a classroom cleanup time so if it is easier to keep the children home on that morning feel free to do so, particularly with the younger children as they don't always cope well with a morning of tidying up. If any children from Kowhai come we will split them between Rata and Kakano as we said goodbye to Mrs Wells today.

**Magic Kids are open at school for after school care on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> from 12pm** for those parents who need this service. Parents can book in under 'Special booking'. If parents are not registered with Magic Kids and want to book for that afternoon they can register online and then book Special Programme day.

I hope families are enjoying the benefits of our later start at the beginning of Feb this year now as our finishing up date is significantly later than other schools around the city who started earlier and are now finishing at the end of this week or the start of next week. The children are getting noticeably tired and a bit fragile so the holidays will be very timely for them and I hope families get to enjoy very special, relaxing and fun times together over the upcoming holidays!

## TO SUMMARISE OUR YEAR

What a busy and eventful year it has been as always at Macandrew Bay School this year.

There have been many highlights this year including our trips, the Polyfest performance for our Kaupapa Maori group, and our Hangi in T2, Quizzes, Musical and Drama performances from visiting performers, Stars on Stage, the Ariki Cup, the Peninsula Music Showcase at Tahuna, visiting speakers and sports coaches, the Mock Parliament with the Speaker of the House and MPs visiting, School Assemblies, the Art Auction and Quiz night, School Camp for Year 6 pupils at Camp Columba in Term 1, Triathlon fun, Athletics day and our wonderful Cross Country up in the paddocks above Macandrew Bay to finish the year.

Macandrew Bay children are a delight to teach. They are keen to learn and full of curiosity and good humour. The teachers and I really love working with them and seeing them grow and develop as capable, well rounded young people who care for each other and care for their School.

Thank you to all of our parent and community helpers. We couldn't manage to run all these events and activities without your support and involvement. It really makes a huge difference to the feel of our school to have the backing of a supportive community behind us, where we all work together for the good of the children.

Special thanks to our Home and School for all their amazing work and in particular to outgoing President Liz Luscombe for her magnificent leadership over the past years of the Home and School ( especially the Art Auction and Quiz night in 2019) and to our wonderful BOT who do a great job governing our school. The BOT's work is not always seen by the parent community but it makes a really big difference to our school to have such a committed and capable group of people working away for the benefit of the children and community.

### **FINAL ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK**

We enjoyed a lovely Final Assembly yesterday on Wednesday this week as we farewelled and thanked some of our very special teachers and staff who are leaving, including Ailsa Rose our wonderful Te Reo Maori teacher and Robyn Brooker, as she retires from her DP role at the end of this year. These two teachers have made a major contribution to our school over the past 12 and 13 years and we are very grateful that so many Macandrew Bay children have been lucky enough to be taught, encouraged, and mentored by them over the years. We are forever grateful to them!

We also thank Debbie McKewen and Phoebe Morrison who have been doing a great job here over the past year or 18 months. We wish them well on their teaching journey.

We also were able to celebrate and farewell our Year 6 children and also some of their families, many of whom have had a very long-term association with Macandrew Bay School. We have really enjoyed having these fantastic children in our school over the past 6 or 7 years and wish them all the very best as they move on to their new schools next year. The memories they shared of their time at Macandrew Bay School were superb and so thoughtful.

Thank you to all their Mums and Dads too for the way you have supported the school and worked in partnership with us to help your children grow, develop and learn over their years with us. We will miss you all Year 6 children but hope you will keep in touch so we can hear about all the cool things that are happening in your lives over the next few years and beyond.

### **FAREWELL TO FAMILIES**

A number of Year 6 children are the oldest or only child in their family at school so we are sadly farewelling a number of families at the end of the year. These families have contributed a lot to Macandrew Bay School over the years and we are going to miss having their children at school. Thank you for all you have done as parents to support our school in so many ways, helping out with trips, coming to camp, being on the BOT, or Whanau hui group, or Home and School, helping with fundraisers, sharing your talents, knowledge and creativity, helping at the Fair, coming to the quiz night, supporting your children, being supportive of your child's teachers etc, etc, etc! You have been a great group of parents and we will miss you!

Thank you to parents from:

The Connolly family- Sarah and Jason  
Benji Egan's whanau- Sarah and Richard  
The Freeman family- Donya and Scott  
The Moore family- Trinie and Mike  
The Montgomerie's family- Sam and Al  
Cade Patrick's parents – Penny and Nick  
Zeth Reid's dad- Ben  
The Ashton family- Jaclyn and Greg  
The Cameron/ Luscombe family- Liz and Kyle  
The Dunbar family- Racheal and Stephen  
The Harcombe family- Helen and Matt  
The Kautt family- Annette and Jens  
The Lamare whanau- Kelli and Miles  
The Latton whanau- Jessica and Rhys  
The Lund family- Sue and Russell  
Lucy McDermott's whanau- Helen and Chris Durrant  
The Pickering family- Fiona and Neil  
The Tarasiewicz whanau- Michelle and Tony

We are also sad to say goodbye to just a few younger pupils too, Lydia Dunbar is shifting to Mosgiel and Maddy and Kye Munro to Oamaru. We have also enjoyed having Matilda, Rosalie and Oscar here with us from Holland over the past 6 weeks or so and wish them well on their ongoing travels.

### **ROBERT GEORGE CUP**

As a memorial to local resident Robert George who died at Christmas time 2015 his family have set up the Robert George Cup for Service to the Community that we are delighted to award each year in memory of Robert.

Robert loved cleaning up Macandrew Bay and took a real pride in making sure litter was picked up and the Bay was looking its beautiful best. Robert's Mum – Jessie Gascoigne George and Chris George came to Assembly to present the cup for the fourth time this year.

This year's winners of the cup were sisters Ashling and Ciara Coffey who were very concerned about the burning Brazilian Rainforest and decided to do something about it. Off their own bat they ran a lunchtime bake stall, cooked up a storm and raised heaps of money for the cause. This example of being concerned but then having the initiative and self-empowerment to do something about it and take positive action is what we are hoping for our all our children.

Congratulations Ashling and Ciara!

### **SUMMER READING AND WRITING**

It is great to see large numbers of children taking part in the summer reading programme that Gill, our librarian, has had operating in recent years. Over 70 children are taking home summer reading packs with large numbers of wonderful books from our school library for them to read and enjoy over the six weeks of the holidays. The summer reading packs have been handed out last week. It is important that the books are looked after and come

back to school at the start of 2020 as we don't want to lose our valuable library books. Gill had all sorts of goodies in the summer reading pack for the children to enjoy and they have a reading log and a list of the issued books in their bags.

It is vital that we keep the children reading and writing over the holidays so that they maintain the progress they have made with Literacy this year. There is lots of research that clearly shows that children who don't read or do any writing over the weeks of summer experience a very real slump and slip back in their learning. This is particularly true for those children who find reading and writing hard and they can slip back from where they had got to at the end of the year, losing up to 6 months of their hard won progress.

Obviously the children need to have fun, relax, have lovely family time, swim, run around, play and do all the other wonderful things that a long summer holiday break gives them a chance to do but it would be wonderful if they could also do lots of reading, a bit of writing for real life reasons and use a bit of their Maths learning too on fun practical tasks at home. This way the children will come back to school in 2020 ready to hit the ground running with their learning!

### **END OF YEAR DATA FOR 2019**

After one year at school, two years at school, three years at school or at the end of year 4,5 and 6 an overall teacher judgment is formed in the areas of Reading, Writing and Mathematics for each individual child. This overall teacher judgment decides whether each child is either above, at, below or well below an expected level at that stage based on a set of criteria and expectations for each stage of a child's primary school programme. We analyse this data closely, compare it with previous years and use it to identify children who may need extra help, support and / or extension.

#### **Reading:**

<b><u>Total School</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>
Above	51%
At	31%
Below	15%
Well Below	3%
At or Above	82%
Below or Well Below	18%

#### **Writing:**

<b><u>Total School</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>
Above	32%
At	44 %
Below	20 %
Well Below	4%
At or Above	76%

Below or Well Below 24%

**Maths:**

Total School 2019

Above 39%

At 48%

Below 11%

Well Below 2%

At or Above 87%

Below or Well Below 13%

**Summary:**

Reading and Maths are our strongest curriculum areas, with Maths making ongoing significant and consistent improvements over recent years. We have very high percentages of students reading well above their chronological age here at school, about half of our students, which is really pleasing to see. Writing lags behind the other two learning areas and we will maintain our focus on improving our Writing achievement in 2020, particularly looking at how we can raise the achievement of the boys and the Junior children.

However very few students are well below the level in any of these core learning areas at Macandrew Bay School. For many children it can take two years or so to move to be at or above the level when they are in the Juniors but we find that the vast majority of our children get there by Year 2 or 3 and go on to thrive in the Senior School. We are lucky that our children have a good work ethic, an enthusiasm for learning and passionate teachers who are keen to help them achieve their best. It is our job to support those children who continue to find these core subjects a challenge as they move through school and to help them make progress, even if it is slow, and to build their confidence to keep on trying.

**SCHOOL POOL SEASON 2019/ 2020**

Thank you to all the people who came forward to go on the roster, though there are still just a few gaps, particularly at the end of January and early Feb and also once school goes back. Thank you to all those volunteers who are helping out. The end of day check is a particularly important one and it is great to get the pool cover on overnight to keep the pool nice and warm.

Usually we swim through till Otago Anniversary Day towards the end of March so we will have a lovely long swimming season this year.

**GETTING A SCHOOL POOL KEY**

We have been selling pool keys from the Office. We do need an adult in the family to sign the agreement that is part of getting a key so will hold them at the office till you are able to pop in and do that.

Pool keys will cost \$90.00 if you are not going on the Pool Testing Roster and \$60.00 if you are with \$10.00 of those amounts a bond that will be returned at the end of March when you return your pool key. Cash or cheque as payment or an online payment (while you are in the school office) to pay for the key.

**Please don't leave getting your key till the last minute tomorrow as Irene is flat out doing lots of last minute things then and after the school closes for the year at midday it is a real hassle to get a key.**

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Kia Ora Koutou!

The BOT had its final meeting for 2019 on Monday. A key part of this was the review of the 2019 school-wide achievement data which consolidates a range of inputs across the maths, reading and writing curriculum areas.

Macandrew Bay School has typically been a strong performer in all these areas and 2019's data demonstrates that this continues to be the case. The majority of our children are at or above the expected level across each of these areas and we continue to show exceptionally strong results in the area of mathematics with 87% of our children at or exceeding expectations. This, along with writing, has been a key focus across the school for several years now and we are pleased to see continued success in this area. While our results in writing are both above national expectations and consistent with last year, staff are working incredibly hard to make more gains in this area. They have and will continue to encourage students' writing in a range of ways and have plans to further integrate writing across the Science & Technology curriculum areas next year to see if writing within this context will spark an interest in those students who have, to date, been reluctant writers.

As a Board, we would like to express our deep gratitude to Bernadette, the teachers and support staff, and the Home and School Committee for their continued dedication to our school and the children and families who make up this great community. We wish all of the community a safe and happy summer holiday and wish those families with students in Year 6 whose time at Macandrew Bay is drawing to an end every success for their children's' continued education. We know that Macandrew Bay kids are very well prepared and leave here with a love of learning and the strong values of respect and kindness that Macandrew Bay School instills.

Ngā mihi nui

Board of Trustees

( Jason Walker, Caroline Rowe, Mike Brummitt, Nik Devlin, Chris Ward, Bernadette Newlands)

### **FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL AND 2020 START DATE**

Our final day of School will be tomorrow, Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of December with school finishing at 12.00pm tomorrow. This final morning is mainly just a clean up time so if it is easier to keep the children home in the morning feel free to do so, particularly with the younger

children.

The 2020 School year will start on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of February, with Teacher Only Day on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

**2020:**

Term 1: Tuesday 4 Feb - Thursday 9 April- (Teacher only day Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>)

Term 2: Tuesday 28 April - Friday 3 July ( Teacher only day- Thursday 18 June)

Term3: Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September

Term 4: Monday 12 October – Thursday 17 Dec, (Teacher only Planning Day 16<sup>th</sup> Dec)

**We will also have 3 teacher only days throughout the year as this was brought in during this year's negotiations. The first Teacher only day will occur in Term 1 on Friday March the 6<sup>th</sup> as our staff are joining with other local schools for a Noho Marae at Otakou to learn more about the local history of our area from tangata whenua.**

**The second teacher only day is Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of June so all the teachers can attend an important course and the last day will be right at the end of the year on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December**

**STATIONARY AT THE START OF 2020**

We will have stationary packs for each child available for purchase from us here at the school office at the start of Term 1. We get all the books and pencils etc at very cheap prices and it saves you battling the hordes in the shops at the start of the school year if you choose to buy your child's stationary requirements at school.

Stationary packs will be available for purchase from Day 1 of Term 1 from the office. **We have also decided to trial selling stationary before school starts on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> January if you want to get in early as Irene and I will be at school working anyway that day. We will have the eftpos machine up and running.**

Irene will be at the Masters games on the first day of term so Bernadette will help you with stationary on the 4<sup>th</sup> and Irene will be back on the 5<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

20 Dec 2019                      Last day of Term 4. School finishes at 12pm

4 Feb 2020                      First day of Term 1, 2019

**Have a very happy and relaxed holiday season everyone.**

**Wishing you a lovely time with family and friends and looking forward to seeing you again in 2020!**

**Bernadette Newlands  
PRINCIPAL**

## **NOTICES**

### **GENEROSITY FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S PAPER BAG APPEAL**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Paper Bag Appeal. Two car boot loads of bags of food made it to St Vincent De Paul's food bank. The volunteers were very, very appreciative and wanted to pass on a great thank you to everyone for their generosity. Awesome work from Macandrew Bay School community, - you have big hearts and you have contributed to a positive outcome for many, this Christmas. Tino pai.

Thérèse Sharma

### **RENTAL PROPERTY AVAILABLE**

Beautiful home available in Broad Bay for rent, as of late January.  
3 bedroom - 3rd bedroom single size  
Fully insulated and double glazed windows.  
Amazing Landlords who maintain the property.  
Call or text to arrange for a viewing.  
Kerie - 027 965 4994

### **CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT ARTIFOLK**

Artifolk will have longer opening hours leading up to Christmas. From the 1<sup>st</sup> of December We will be open through the week as follows:  
Tuesday – Friday 12.00 – 4.00pm  
Wednesday & Fridays 6.00pm - 8.00pm (late nights)  
Saturday and Sundays 1.00 - 4.00pm  
Get in early for a great selection of gifts all in a handy location,  
Artifolk, 491 Portobello Road, Macandrew Bay. Dunedin 9014

### **ACCOMMODATION WANTED**

'I am a student at the University of Tasmania and am currently commencing my last year of a Bachelor of Marine and Antarctic Studies. I am heading to Dunedin in mid-February to undertake a semester of study abroad there and am looking for a homely place to rent for about 5 months. I am passionate about conserving our environment and love getting outdoors especially if it evolves surfing, rock climbing or skiing. As I am a student I don't have much money but would be ideally looking at spending approximately \$150 a week. If you have or know of anyone who is looking for someone to rent a space, please let me know and I will be happy to provide a reference from the last few places I have been renting, my resume and any other information J Wishing everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year! Isa, [Isa.bond97@gmail.com](mailto:Isa.bond97@gmail.com)



# LOST



Went missing on the morning of the 15th of December.  
Friendly but also skittish, he will come to you if you  
kneel/sit down and hold out your hand.  
Escaped from his enclosure at **34 Allans beach Rd/Tree  
top drive.**

**Lara: 0221083066**  
**Melanie: 0221644363**

Would really love to have him back home  
Please check your sheds and garages as bunnies are curious  
little explorers

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# **DUNEDIN PRIMARY & INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS TRIATHLON 2020**

**Wednesday 11 March**

**Watson Park, Port Chalmers**

**(postponement date Friday 13 March)**

**For Years 5 to 8**

## **INDIVIDUALS AND TEAMS!**

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**tari:** study, department, office

Haere ki tōku *tari* tatari ai.

Go to my *office* and wait.

- this is an example of a command in simple active form

Ko ia te rangatira o tēnei *tari*.

She's the boss of this *department*.

- this is an example of an equative sentence

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I tōku *tari* au.

I was in my *office*.

- this is an example of a locative sentence