



7 February 2020

Kia ora koutou Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to our 2020 School year. I hope you all had a really nice family time over Christmas and January and got to enjoy a good holiday break. The weather was certainly a bit of a mixed bag this summer but it seems the children and the teachers feel refreshed and ready for an exciting year ahead. We have welcomed a number of new children and families to the school this week and it is great to have them join our school community too. Welcome to Macandrew Bay School if you are new. 2020 should be a great year as we have lots of exciting things to look forward to!

CLASSES – TERM 1

Toroa	Year 6	27 children	Christine Ward and Judy Hawker
Korimako	Year 5	25 children	Matt Direen
Kārearea	Year 4	26 children	Andrew Mitchell (Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Friday) and Shelley Dixon (Wed)
Tui	Year 3	24 children	Jess McAuley
Rātā	Year 2/3	25 children	Nic Brown
Kōwhai	Year 1/2	13 children to start with-	Beth Wells, more children coming throughout the year.
Kākano	Year 1	14 children to start with-	Mel Gaul- every day except Wed when Kate Pritchard teaches the class-, more chn coming throughout the year.

We are starting the year with 154 pupils and should end the year with approximately 165-168 children or so. New Entrant children will arrive throughout the year into both Kakano and Kowhai classes as this year we are again having two parallel Yr 1/0 rooms. These two classes will do lots of collaborative teaching and learning together.

Mel Gaul is teaching Kakano in Term 1 until she goes on maternity leave in Term 2 and she will be working 4 days a week, with Kate Pritchard teaching the Kakano class on Wednesdays in Term 1, helped out by Michelle Bednarek Burrow while Kate works with the Reading Recovery children.

When Mel goes on maternity leave Kate will take over the class and we will find another Reading Recovery teacher until the end of the year.

Andrew Mitchell is teaching Karearea class every day this year except Wednesday with Shelley Dixon teaching the Year 4 children on Wednesday.

Chris Ward is again teaching in Toroa class every day except Thursday when Mrs Hawker teaches the class.

STATIONERY

Our system of pre-packed class stationery boxes is working out extremely well with most children seeming to be sorted with their stationery packs now. It has been so much easier to get children set up with their stationery with the Eftpos machine in the office too. If children haven't purchased their books yet it would be great if they could be ready with books to get underway with work by the end of next week please.

Parents are of course welcome to buy their own stationery in town if you prefer and you can get the full list from Irene if you email her. We get very good back to school deals that we pass onto our families so I'm sure our packs are probably as cheap as you will find in town anyway but you may have some unused books you want to use up. There is no compulsion to cover books, only do this if you want to.

TERM ONE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

We have a 10-week term that goes up until Thursday the 9th April. The school was closed yesterday on Waitangi Day, and will also be closed on Monday 23 March for Otago Anniversary Day.

Easter and Anzac Day fall within the first school holidays this year with Anzac holiday being taken on Monday the 27th April.

SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2020

- Term 1: Tuesday 4 Feb – Thursday 9 April
- Term 2: Tuesday 28 April – Friday 3 July
- Term 3: Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September
- Term 4: Monday 12 October – Thursday 17 December, with a teacher only day on the 16th Dec and a half day on the 17th Dec.

We will also have 2 or 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 6th 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 TOD will be the 18 June to allow all teaching staff to attend a course on Inquiry learning run by Kath Murdoch and the final TOD will be right at the end of the year on Wed 16 Dec to allow for a curriculum planning day for 2021.

CLASSROOM INFORMATION MEETINGS- Week 3- sometime between 18-22 Feb

In the third week of term we plan to run a brief 30-40 minute session in each classroom where teachers will explain their classroom routines, organisation and how learning programmes run. We have done this now over the last few years and parents have found it very useful.

We will let you know dates and timeslots next week, possibly by email, prior to Friday's newsletter so you have time to make plans to attend.

The sessions will all be run by the class teachers in their classrooms.

10 March- Parent /Teacher Meetings

To follow up later on for those families who would like a 10-minute chat with their child's teacher we will make 10-minute slots available on the afternoon and evening. The date will be Tuesday the 10 March, in Week 6. This would be for parents to share any information with class teachers they wanted to pass on and to set goals to focus on this year with the teacher.

Bookings will be able to be made online for Parent Interviews at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and we will set up a code and put the code in upcoming newsletters closer to the time.

Mid year written school reports will be going home in Term 2. We will aim to also run student lead conferences before the July holidays this year.

SUNHATS AND SUN SAFETY

Please ensure you send your child to school with a suitable bucket or wide brimmed sunhat to wear outside as sunhats are compulsory at school in Terms 1 and 4 here at school. It is great if children have sunblock applied before they leave home too and maybe have some in their bags to reapply at lunchtime or after swimming. Thank you for this. We really want to keep our children safe in the sun and teach them good sun safety practices.

SWIMMING

Classes swim 3 or 4 times a week and we should get at least 6-7 weeks of swimming in during February and March before the pool is closed for the season at Otago Anniversary Weekend. Please send your child along prepared to swim with their togs and a towel etc each day. If there is any problem about this please have a chat to your child's teacher.

If you got a school pool key over the summer you can keep on using the pool in weekends and out of school hours until the pool closes at the end of March.

SWIMMING SAFETY PRACTICES

Please do not allow your child to swim if they have had diarrhea or vomiting for **2 weeks** after the last event. Swimmers who have had either condition in the past two weeks risk contaminating pool water with germs. Swallowing just a small amount of water can then infect others.

INQUIRY THEMES – 2020

Our big overarching concept in 2020 is 'Our Planet, our Home'

T1 Question:

How does our planet support life?

Term One/ Two: Science- Planet, sun, moon, tides

Big ideas: There is a limited amount of water available to people, and it is continuously recycled.

The weather cycle is an important part of the earth's weather.

School events:

Programme outline meetings/ Science Information Evening/ Parent interviews

Swimming T1

School Yr6 Camp T1 in the last week of term

Term Two/ Three: Social Sciences

Big Ideas:

How do people make our world sustainable?

How do we support our planet?

T2 Question:

How do people support our planet?

Concept of Kaitiakitanga

Whakatauki: Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua.

Care for the land, care for the people, go forward.

School events:

Gym Festival T2

Student Led conferences and mid year reports- T2

Museum programme on sustainability

Term Three/ Four: Technology- Garden to Table:: Food and nutrition

Big Ideas: Learning to grow, cook and eat our own food helps us live sustainably

Technology

Coming up with interesting products to make and sell at our school fair using produce from our school and home gardens.

Garden to Table learning activities

School events:

Ariki Cup T3

Polyfest T3

School Fair T4

Athletics T4

Art Gallery Trips T4

Cross Country T4

Life Ed T4- Nutrition

These ideas and Inquiry topics have all come out of our consultation with the children at the end of last year when we brainstormed all the things they wanted to find out about and looked for themes that connected with these ideas.

If we have any parents or contacts that people know of who have a passion for any of these topics we would love to hear from you and see if you might possibly share your interest and knowledge with the children. The children love listening to adults talking about something that they are passionate about.

PARENT TUTOR READING HELP – Year 3 – 6 children

If you are interested in being a Parent Tutor to support children with their reading for 1½ hours per week then please fill out the form below and return it to school. Adults sit with one child at a time and hear them read for 15 minutes or so. Over the 1½ hours the Parent Tutors work with 5 or 6 children. This makes a big difference to the children and really boosts their confidence. Usually Parent Tutors sign up for one regular morning each week. Hopefully some of our fantastic Parent Tutors from last year might be able to continue. Thank you to those people who have already signed up again. Mrs McAuley will organise this programme so contact either jess@macandrewbay.school.nz or

principal@macandrewbay.school.nz if you would like to be part of this volunteer programme.

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have changed any of your contact details such as emergency phone numbers and work numbers could you please fill out the form below and return to the Office. Often parents may change their cellphone numbers or email addresses and forget to let the School know but it is great to have accurate information in case we need to contact you quickly.

CONTACT WITH THE SCHOOL

The School Office hours are as follows: **Monday-Friday 8.30-3.30pm** and it would be appreciated if messages are usually phoned during these hours.

A reminder that the school has a Call Minder Service and calls are automatically put through if the line is engaged or no one is available. Please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. If you are leaving an urgent message about after school arrangements it is always wise to ring back though and try to speak to an actual person to be sure your message has been received.

I am available most times if parents need to talk to me about anything. I always try to be readily available but at times this isn't always possible. Parents can always make an appointment if needed.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

If you are new to the School and would like to receive your newsletter each Friday electronically please email Irene and she will add you to the list.
(admin@macandrewbay.school.nz)

This seems to work well and saves us doing hard copies on the photocopier for people who prefer to read them electronically. We also keep newsletters on the School Website so you can go in there and have a look if you lose your copy.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL DONATIONS

Each year we ask for a Voluntary School Donation each term and this money is used to buy reading books, maths equipment, musical instruments, sports equipment, library books, and general classroom resources. It also helps provide Teacher Aide Support for the children in the classes. Being a Decile 10 School means our operational funds are not all that generous and we are unable to opt into the Ministry of Education scheme for Decile 1-7 schools that has started up this year. 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.

Our suggested School Donations this year will be 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.

You can pay school donations by internet banking but it is great if you also email and let us know you have done that and then Irene can keep track of all these payments. The bank account details are Macandrew Bay School 02 0900 0000233 00. You can also pay with eftpos at the school office and in many ways this is the easiest option for us.

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.

Alternatively you can pay with cash 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 the children travelling to the Museum, Toitu, Art Gallery, Sports Events 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.

POOL TESTING REMINDER

If you are on the roster to test it is really important that you carry out your test or else organize someone else to do your test. This helps ensure our water quality and means we have nice clean water in our pool. We have put up a copy of the Feb/ March roster in the pool for people to check when they are on.

LOST PROPERTY

Large boxes of really lovely clothes from last year have been sent off to a charity as children and parents had lots of opportunities last year to claim their own child's clothing and finally to take other unclaimed items right at the end of the year.

If it is possible to write your child's name on the clothes label we would be able to get belongings back to the right people so much more easily. We would love to ensure that children go home with the clothing they come to school with each day and that we don't accumulate the usual boxes of expensive clothing, lunchboxes and drink bottles throughout the year.

NOTICES FOR NEWSLETTER

Just a reminder that any notices for the newsletter must be in on Thursday afternoon please. It makes the compiling of the newsletter so much easier if they are in to the Office by then, either by email to Bernadette or Irene, or by dropping a notice into school.

SUMMER READING PACKS

Great to hear about all the summer reading that happened over the holidays and to get many of the packs returned to school this week. Could all the rest of the packs please come back by Monday next week with the reading log left in the bag too and be put behind Gill's desk. Thank you for your support with this wonderful initiative. I am sure it has been very useful for lots of our readers to keep on reading throughout the holiday period.

Children cannot get new books out until the packs are returned so it is urgent they are all returned so they can get underway with using the Library this year.

Parent and Pre-schoolers library borrowing will be starting again on Thursday next week (2.45pm -3.15pm). if you are a new family there is some paperwork to fill out first so you understand the terms of borrowing eg books need to be returned within the timeframe to get new books out and damaged books need to be paid for if they are ruined while in your care. This has proved a lovely way of getting some of our preschoolers used to being at school prior to starting school and is also so much more convenient for families than having to always trek into the town library.

MAGIC KIDS AFTER SCHOOL CARE OPTION

We have Magic Kids providing after school care based at the Macandrew Bay School Library five days a week. To book your child in, even for the odd day ring Magic Kids at 453 3266 or visit their website. www.magickidsclub.co.nz.
Cellphone 0224665261

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We will let you know soon when we plan to hold our first Home and School Committee meeting for the year. The meetings last an hour and start at 7pm.

Everybody is welcome to join the Home and School Committee and it would be great to have some more members.

It is a great way to get involved with your child's School.

We are keen to coordinate a roster for the Home and School Sausage Sizzle that is organised as a lunchtime option once or twice a term. If you are able to do the BBQ with another parent, usually on a Friday, could you please email kerryncarson@icloud.com and Kerryn will then forward offers on the person coordinating the roster. With enough volunteers we might just need you to volunteer once a year.

Information about our Home and School Committee

The Home & School Committee meets twice a term and is a less formally organised group than the Board of Trustees. They support the school in many matters outside the curriculum such as fundraising for special projects and holding events. It is a good opportunity for every new parent to meet other parents, make close contact with teachers and get a better understanding about the everyday life at school. All meetings are open to every parent and the committee always welcomes new members. How much work every member wants to contribute in the end is entirely up to them. The aim is no pressure but lots of fun. The meetings are announced in the weekly newsletters. We usually have a Fair every two years and in alternate years we hold an Art Auction to raise funds for Arts programmes in the school and to fund our 'Artist in School' programme. This year we are due to run the Fair as our major fundraiser for the year.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN TERM ONE

February Class Information evenings for parents in week 3- date to be notified next week

6 March	School closed for Teacher Only day for staff to attend a Noho Marae at Otakou Marae along with other local schools.
10 March	Parent / Teacher Meetings - 10 minutes each slot- week 5
13 March	Parent Assembly- Toroa leading the assembly
23 Mar	Otago Anniversary Day (School closed)
3 April	Parent Assembly
9 April	End of Term 1 on Thursday 9 th of April

Bernadette Newlands
PRINCIPAL

Sports Notices

FUTSAL TERM 1

Futsal notices went home today to all children who expressed interest in playing this year. If your child didn't get a copy today but would like to play futsal call into the office and get a notice off the desk. Mr Mitchell needs these completed forms back in urgently by next Tuesday the 11 Feb and no late entries will be accepted as he has to enter teams on Wednesday.

Competition starts Tues 25 Feb for the girls and boys only teams

Mixed teams will play on Wednesdays, starting the 26th.

Invoices for subs will come out prior to starting playing and need to be paid promptly before the end of Feb. No refunds for children who do not complete the season. It really is best that children play all 8 weeks if they commit to play futsal at the beginning.

Futsal will also be offered in Term 4. All games are played after school at the Edgar Stadium.

TOUCH & RIPPA

Touch and Ripa notices have also gone home today with the children. If you didn't get a copy but your child would like to play Touch and or Ripa call into the office and get a notice.



SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC CLASSES For Primary School Children (www.smmcotago.com)

- A wide variety of instruments to choose from.
- Instruments available for affordable hire.
- Small group lessons.
- Orchestras and ensemble groups for 2nd year players to advanced level.
- A variety class especially designed for young children: "Let's Make Music".

CENTRES:

- **George Street Normal School (Saturday morning).**
- **Bathgate Park School (Saturday morning).**
- **Elmgrove School (Wednesday after school)**
- **Mornington School (Tuesday after school. "Let's Make Music")**
- **Tainui School (Thursday after school. "Let's Make Music" and Guitar)**

ENROLMENT DAY FOR 2020

Saturday 8th February at George Street Normal School main block, 9:30-11:30am;

or Bathgate Park School Foyer, 9:30-11:00am
(Elmgrove School, Mosgiel, is Wednesday 12th Feb, 3:30-4:30pm)
Late enrolments will be accepted throughout February.
Enquiries: see website: smmcotago.com for contact details.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL DONATIONS

\$25.00 per term per child or \$100 for the 4 terms per child

This money is really important in helping us fund learning resources for the children, reading books, library books, Maths equipment, Sports equipment, Music equipment and also helps us fund teacher aide support in the classrooms.

Name of child/children _____ Rm _____

_____ Rm _____

Amount enclosed _____

Signed _____

Bank acc: Macandrew Bay School Acc number: 02 0900 0000233 00

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL ACTIVITY DONATION – This helps pay for school trips, school buses, drama and music performances and education outside the classroom.

\$10.00 per term per child or \$40.00 for the 4 terms per child

Name of child/children _____ Rm _____

_____ Rm _____

Amount enclosed _____

Signed _____

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PARENT TUTOR READING HELP

I am interested if helping with Parent Tutor Reading.

The day, which suits me best, is a _____ (please indicate).

Name _____

CONTACT DETAILS (if you have moved or changed phone numbers or email)

Name _____

Our contact details are now: _____

Signed _____

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS ONLY

Your Name: _____

Childs Name: _____

Room: _____

Email address: _____

SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER

I would be happy to work with another parent to cook the sausages for the Home and School sausage sizzle at school ready for a Friday lunchtime. This happens once or twice a term. I am prepared to help with sausage sizzles at least once this year. This usually means getting to school at about 11.15 and finishing up at about 1pm.

Name.....

Phone.....

Email.....

Knox Church Junior Choir

Is your child interested in singing?

Who are we?

The children's choir at Knox Church, 449 George Street, Dunedin

Who's it for?

Children from year 2 to year 8 who are interested in music. Knox welcomes people of all faiths as well as those of no faith.

What's it all about?

Knox Church is looking to grow our Junior Choir. We welcome new members as we start the year.

The Knox Church Choir has a history of supporting young musicians to develop their talents, and former Knox Choristers include internationally renowned conductors, Dr Karen Grylls and Holly Mathieson, singers such as Roger Wilson, and many more.

What will we be doing?

Singing training, rehearsing choir music, dressing up as a chorister, learning about music, exploring the church.

When?

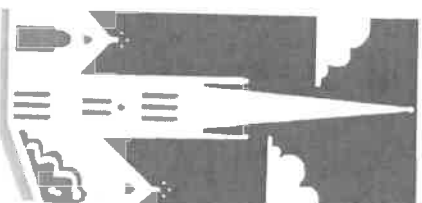
Wednesdays from 5 pm to 6.30 pm.

Where?

The Gathering Area
Knox Church
449 George Street
Dunedin

What happens?

Juniors rehearse from 5 pm to 6.30 every Wednesday of the school term. The adult choir joins with them for the last half hour of the rehearsal time.



Junior choristers will be asked to sing in church on one Sunday morning each month. The rehearsal for this starts at 9.15 am and the service runs from 10 am to about 11.15. Junior choristers are welcome to join in any other week they want to. Junior choristers work on a structured, internationally recognised education programme, Voice for Life, to earn badges and certificates.

Who's running the programme?

Sara Brown, MA, PGCE, MusB(Hons), ATCL. Director of Musikids Dunedin, Sara is a music educator with extensive experience working with children and choirs.

Karen Knudson, MA, MusB(Hons), LTCL. Organist and director of the Knox Church Choir. Karen has a wealth of experience in choral music.

What to bring?

A water bottle and warm, comfortable clothes your child can move about in. Afternoon tea will be provided, but if your child has particular dietary needs, please let us know.

How much does it cost?

This music education programme is provided free of charge.

What to do next?

Fill in the relevant form at the link below:

Choir Link:

<https://forms.gle/9pmv6P8DX5NTAJtr5>

or

Email Sara: kelpiebrown@gmail.com if you have any questions or want to register your child.

Rāmere: Friday

Ā tērā *Rāmere*, ka haere māua ki Temuka.
Next Friday, we (2 exclusive) will go to Temuka.
- this is an example of an active sentence

Rāmere honours Meremere (Venus).

Another name for Friday is *Paraire*.