

Murrays Bay Intermediate School News

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Coming Events

15/12/11	Last Day for Year 8
16/12/11	Last Day Year 7 – School Finishes 12.25pm
01/02/12	2012 School Year starts 8.40am



School closes at 12.25pm on Friday the 16th Dec, last day of school for the year. There will be no staff available to supervise students after 12.25pm. Please make arrangements to have your child picked up on time. We wish you a happy holiday.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

I wish to thank all of you who have been so supportive of our school over the past year. We are pleased to report such high achievement from our student cohort. To those who are leaving for college I wish you all the very best.

Mr Evitt is retiring after 14 years from April next year. I will be saying more about him and the wonderful contribution he has made to our school and education in general nearer that time.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Sandy Jacobs has been appointed to Associate Principal from April, and that Miss Sarah Herbert and Mrs Sue Ruxton join Mrs Karen Spicer as Assistant Principals from next year.

Mrs Charlotte Armstrong has been appointed to Glenfield Intermediate as from next year. Ms Becky Tooley, B.A., P.G.Dip. Tchg. has been appointed to our school. She has a passion for languages having French, German, Italian and Maori in her repertoire.

Two staff from our Special Education department are moving on to new careers: Mindy Al Aaraji and Kylie Ayson. We thank them for the sensitive special way they have worked with us over the last year.

To each and everyone of you – have a very special safe time with your families over the holiday break.

Colin Dale

ELIP Christmas Party



On the 23rd November the ELIP team took a group ELIP/International students to Lee Braithwaite's house for the 2011 ELIP Christmas Party. The students went swimming, played soccer and croquet and did flax weaving. There was a delicious lunch with food brought from all different cultures, followed by Secret Santa gift-swapping and a lolly scramble. It was a fantastic day with gorgeous weather, an outing enjoyed by all.

Veronica Ramaekers

National Standards – Overview – 2011

I am delighted with the aggregated results of our learning this year in the national standards. Thank you to all the families who have supported our programmes at home with home learning. We have achieved all our targets.

National Standards Reading 2011

Year 7 Cohort Progress and Achievement

		Total	463					
End Year 7 2011	All	232	50%	Ab				
	All	164	35%	At				
	All	60	13%	Be				
	All	7	2%	WB				
End Year 6 2010		Total			WB	Be	At	Ab

National Standards Reading 2011

Year 8 Cohort Progress and Achievement

		Total	497					
End Year 8 2011	All	257	52%	Ab				
	All	199	40%	At				
	All	33	7%	Be				
	All	8	2%	WB				
End Year 7 2010		Total			WB	Be	At	Ab

National Standards Writing 2011

Year 7 Cohort Progress and Achievement

		Total	463					
End Year 7 2011	All	134	29%	Ab				
	All	234	51%	At				
	All	91	20%	Be				
	All	4	1%	WB				
End Year 6 2010		Total			WB	Be	At	Ab

National Standards Writing 2011

Year 8 Cohort Progress and Achievement

		Total	497					
End Year 8 2011	All	160	32%	Ab				
	All	263	53%	At				
	All	66	13%	Be				
	All	8	2%	WB				
End Year 7 2010		Total			WB	Be	At	Ab

National Standards Mathematics 2011

Year 7 Cohort Progress and Achievement

Total		466							
End Year 7 2011	All	213	46%	Ab					
	All	192	41%	At					
	All	58	12%	Be					
	All	3	1%	WB					
End Year 6 2010		Total				WB	Be	At	Ab

National Standards Mathematics 2011

Year 8 Cohort Progress and Achievement

Total		497							
End Year 8 2011	All	242	49%	Ab					
	All	199	40%	At					
	All	48	10%	Be					
	All	8	2%	WB					
End Year 7 2010		Total				WB	Be	At	Ab

85% of our students are achieving at or above the national standards in reading in year seven. 2% are well below the national standards and are working with the Special Education Department.

80% are achieving the national standards at or above in year seven in writing. 85% are achieving at or above the national standards in year eight. We are entering a writing contract next year to increase the effectiveness of our teaching of writing to help confidently raise the numbers achieving at or above the national standard.

86% have reached the national standard in mathematics at year seven. 89% have reached the national standards in mathematics at year eight. This is a very pleasing result and can be attributed in the development in numeracy that we focused on this year – a most pleasing result.

It is noticeable that we make more of a difference to our learning in year eight in all aspects of our curriculum. These results include 86 students who have English as a second language.

Colin Dale

Congratulations

Tim Franklin Rm 29, Chase Hoffman Rm 29 and Ben Dodds Rm 43 on being selected to represent Auckland in The Trans-Tasman Athletics Day against New South Wales to be held in January.

Waimarie Wynyard- Williams Rm 11 has been chosen for a second year to play for U13s Rep North Harbour Softball along with Caitlin Nolan Rm 29 who has just joined. Waimarie has also been offered to come across and play with the U15s Rep team as well if she is required.

Sports Results.

Sailing - Our sailors achieved excellent results at the highly prestigious Auckland Schools Optimist Regatta held at Kohimarama. Devon McKinnon, Thomas Fyfe, Ebony Andrew, Courtney and Briana Reynolds-Smith all sailed well for their team to achieve 9th place. Our top team of James Wilson, Karensa Jennings, Matthew Jacobi, Achi Symhony and Logan Rainey sailed brilliantly to take second place with James Wilson placed as 3rd individual sailor and Karensa Jennings taking 1st place for the girls and 5th overall.

Congratulations to Thomas Fyfe who won the Open Fleet at the Sir Peter Blake Regatta held last weekend off Torbay. Congratulations to Courtney Reynolds-Smith who placed 3rd overall and won the girls section of the Open Fleet.



Swimming - Congratulations to our swimmers who achieved success at the Auckland Swim Relays. Jacey Cropp Yr 7, Ashleigh Turner Yr 8 - Gold - 12 yr olds 200m Medley Relay. James Lambourne Yr 7 - Gold - 12 yr olds 200m Free Relay (NSS A team) Samantha Lim Yr 7 - Bronze -

11 yr olds 200m Medley Relay (NSS A team) Jaeyun Lim Yr 8 - Gold – 13 yr olds 200m Free Relay (NSS A team) Te Ohore Williams Yr 8 - Bronze – 13 yr olds 200m Free Relay (NSS A team) and Bronze in 13 yr olds 200m Medley Relay (NSS A team)



Water Polo - Our Water Polo teams achieved excellent results at the North Island Intermediate School Champs. The Yr 7 team came first in the B Grade Bowl Division. Our Yr 8 team took second place in the A Grade Champs.

Triathlon - Nicolo Porto competed at the recently held Auckland Triathlon ITU World Cup where he was placed 3rd overall in the Under 15 age category. He achieved outstanding success taking the 1st place in the NZ North Island Schools Champs, Yr 8 category.



End of Year Sports

On Monday, November 28th, MBIS held its Prize Giving to recognise outstanding achievements made in sport. Congratulations to all prize winners. Your achievements are well deserved. Do understand that you have not got to this point on your own. The support you have received from parents, coaches, managers and fellow team mates is something we all should never forget.

Our Sports Teams have achieved tremendous success throughout this year. One simply needs to read through the year's newsletters to confirm this.

Many factors contribute to success in sport, one I would like to recognise and that is the role of coach and manager. At MBIS we have been fortunate to have dedicated staff that have coached and managed sports teams enabling students to participate in the 35 sports events offered by the Harbour Yr 7 and Yr 8 Sports Organisation. At these days we have received wonderful support from parents who have all acted in a range helpful ways. Additional to zone sports we have had many teams representing our school in Badminton, Basketball, Futsal Soccer, Hockey, Netball, Table Tennis, Touch, Volleyball and Water Polo. In these after-school sports the support by parents who acted as coaches and managers was enormous and invaluable.

To all staff and parents thank you very much. To all students who played sport for MBIS congratulations. I really hope you enjoyed your sports experience and will continue to be involved in sport.

Kevin Anderson - Director of Sport

- **Fantastic Opportunity for first language English speaking families –**

***Host an International Student in your home
for short term or long term stay***

***It's Easy As!
Speak conversational English
Students attend MBIS
Make an international friend for life!***



Families who have similar aged children may apply.

Homestay families care for these students and earn \$230.00 per week

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