



Murrays Bay
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Matuā rautia a tātou taonga tau ana mai.
We must be united in caring for our children.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Kia Ora Parent(s)/ Caregiver(s)

Welcome back to Term 2.

The Generalisation for term 2 is “Cultural understandings are shaped by beliefs and perceptions, influencing how people treat one another.” This is a great opportunity to talk to your child about what they are doing in class around this generalisation to support them in their learning.



We're introducing a **new initiative aimed at fostering a healthier and more engaging environment** for our students before and after school. Starting next week, we kindly request that students refrain from using their laptops and iPads before school (prior to 8:40a) and after school, while waiting for pickup. Our primary concern is ensuring the safety of these devices, as we're unable to supervise their use during these times.

We believe that by limiting screen time, students can better connect with each other, engage in meaningful conversations, and enjoy the fresh air outdoors. Encouraging social interaction and outdoor play not only promotes physical well-being but also enhances their interpersonal skills and overall academic experience. We appreciate your support in this endeavour as we strive to create a more balanced and enriching environment for our students.

As we approach this weekend, many of us will be celebrating Mother's Day. Mothers (alongside fathers - who we'll celebrate another time) play a crucial role as the initial educators of our learners. They contribute to every facet of a child's growth, and their caring and nurturing influence extends far beyond the school day; it's a lifelong commitment. Mothers provide love, encouragement, direction, and structure. Some days, their job can be incredibly challenging!

So, to all our mothers, **thank you** for all you do to shape the young people you trust us to educate. We appreciate you and wish you a wonderful Mother's Day.

Ngā mihi nui,

Melinda Iles

Principal / Tumuaki

MBIS School Fun Run - 25th of May

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SCHOOL FUN RUN

HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL

HOW TO GET SETUP:

- Register your fundraising page;
- Get friends and family to donate;
- Receive a reward when you raise \$10 or more;
- Run the race and have FUN!

MAY 25TH

SET YOUR GOALS

GET MOVING

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT by helping your child get sponsors for our **ANNUAL SCHOOL FUN RUN!**

The funds raised will go directly towards much needed resources for our new well-being counselling division.

We believe that it is imperative to foster a more supportive environment for our community here at MBIS for all students.

The more funds we raise the more we can help our students' wellbeing.

Your child should have bought a **FUN RUN** brochure home and needs **your** email to set up a profile page.

That link can then be sent to friends and family via email and social media, no door-knocking required!

We are rewarding the students who raise \$10 or more with a gift or they can donate to charity.

Thank you for supporting your school!

PINK SHIRT DAY - 17 May

SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY BY TAKING PART IN PINK SHIRT DAY!

This is a Mental Health Foundation initiative and MBIS will be collecting **Gold Coin donations** to support the foundation's amazing work.

This is a non-uniform day and we encourage students to wear pink to stand up to advocate for no bullying and to be upstanders to take action.

All money raised will go to The Mental Health Foundation.
Thank you for your support!!

Speak UP
STAND TOGETHER
STOP BULLYING

KŌRERO MAI, KŌRERO ATU, MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA

FRIDAY 17 MAY 2024

JOIN THE MOVEMENT:
WWW.PINKSHIRTDAY.ORG.NZ
#PINKSHIRTDAYNZ

Mental Health Foundation
mauri tū, mauri ora

PINK SHIRT DAY

Notification of Absences

All notifications regarding absences must be done via **HERO** or sent directly to **absentees@mbi.school.nz** as early as possible. Direct emails sent to staff can be overlooked in the mornings due to the morning school routine. We appreciate your assistance with this.

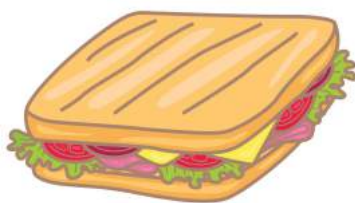
Canteen News

Fill those *Hungry Bellies*

With the weather getting cooler, tummies are rumbling!

Our Canteen is **unable** to accept Prezy Cards, \$100 and \$50 notes.

If you have ordered food BUT your child is absent/ sick/ out for the day - please contact the Canteen by 9am on 09 477 21 21 ext 718 to arrange an alternative.



Stretch Your Brain

With Mr Tabuzo (Room 17)

Congratulations to **Riann from Room 23**. The correct answer is a decimal point.



Last week's challenge:

What symbol in math can you use between 4 and 6 to make a number that's more than 4 but less than 6?

Last week's answer: a decimal point! You can put a decimal point between 4 and 6 to get a number greater than 4 but less than 6. So, 4.6 fits the criteria. Special thanks to Aqalite for sponsoring the prizes for Stretch Your Brain!

This week's challenge:

Find a number with its letters in alphabetical order.

Example: "five" has "fiv" in alphabetical order, but not "e".

Support for our Room 4 Winter Warmer

Unused yarn, wool, knitting & crochet needles

A number of students and I may be able to knit and or crochet blankets for the elderly and for animal shelters. Considering the cold is on the way, this could really bring some much needed comfort to both.

Please could I appeal to our wonderful mātua tupuna and tīpuna (parents and grandparents) for any unused yarn, knitting needles and crochet hooks, to please be left at the front office or handed over to Room 4 students or teacher. Your donations of unused items will be much appreciated!

Ngā mihi, Tracy Hillier Room 4



Travelwise Challenge - Week 2

We are now half way through the Travelwise Four Week Walk to School Challenge! It has been great to see so many students walking, biking, and scooting to school...and some teachers too!

Here are the week one leaders:

Currently in second place - Mrs. Strand's Room 25

Currently in first place - Mr. Stephen's Room 33

It is not too late to start earning points. Rumour has it that Donal Daly's Room 21 is making a big push and thinks they have taken over first place! Stay tuned next week for the week 2 winners.



Uniform Updates

With the **Winter Chill** in full swing here are some handy tips to keep your children warm:

- Navy or black under vests/ thermal items may be worn under school uniform - please ensure that they are not visible (i.e. no long sleeve vests under short sleeved items; collar buttons are done up of formal shirts so as not to see the vest neckline).
- Warm jackets can be worn to and from school - however need to be removed during the school day.
- 70 Denier Navy tights can be worn under the skirt for winter (not available from the school).
- Uniform items available to purchase for warmth:
 - Trousers, Long Socks and Hoodies.



Community Notices

English With Allie



Online After School Group Classes for Students:

Course 1: Academic Written Language & Skills (For Fluent & Near Fluent Speakers)

- ~ Classes: Years 5&6, 7&8, 9&10
- ~ Online group lessons (maximum of 6 students)
- ~ 90-minute lessons

Course 2: Academic English Language (ESOL) (Not Yet Fluent Speakers)

- ~ ESOL classes: Years 5/6/7 Years 7/8/9
- ~ Online group lessons (maximum of 4 students in ESOL classes)
- ~ 60-minute lessons

(Note: ESOL students are required to attend two lessons a week)

**** Enrolling now for Term 2****

Term 2 Course Dates: 6 May to 5 July 2024 (9 weeks)

Limited Spaces



Allie Rankine:

- Qualified & Registered New Zealand Teacher
- Over 35 years of experience.

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UNPLUGGED REBELS NZ

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT THEN?
It's a community group to encourage parents to rally together to delay smartphones and social media. It is also a space for those who have already made the jump to learn about how best to protect your child moving forward.

BUT WHY DELAY SMARTPHONES?
Well... there is a growing mountain of research which is showing us how smartphones can be a serious threat to the safety and mental health of our tamariki. Peer pressure and society's expectations can compel us parents to conform and provide smartphones at younger and younger ages.

- Risk of cyber bullying
- Impair sleep
- Academic distraction
- Increase anxiety
- Increase rates of depression
- Affects behaviour and relationships
- Expose children to sexual content
- Addictive

When the herd is running towards a cliff, the one running in the opposite direction is the rebel.

...Be that sheep.

Baa.

Join us on facebook Unplugged Rebels NZ

To advertise in our weekly newsletter, which is distributed to our school community of over 1000 members via our CRM system, direct email and posted on our website - please email Leigh Hand - leigh.hand@mbi.school.nz.

Adverts need to be relevant to our Local School Community.

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