



**Murrays Bay**  
INTERMEDIATE

# 2024 NEWSLETTER

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*Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti arahia ō tātau mahi.  
Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work.*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### Kia Ora Parent(s)/ Caregiver(s)

Murrays Bay Intermediate School is committed to enhancing literacy across the school through Liz Kane's "The Code" Structured Literacy Professional Development program. Structured Literacy indeed offers a comprehensive approach to teaching literacy skills, focusing on both the methodology and the content necessary for effective reading, spelling, and writing instruction.



By emphasising explicit, systematic, and cumulative teaching methods and addressing essential components such as phonemic awareness, orthography, morphology, vocabulary, syntax, and grammar, our school is ensuring that students receive a well-rounded education in literacy.

Moreover, bridging the gap between evidence-based research and instructional practices is crucial for ensuring students receive the most effective literacy instruction possible. By incorporating "The Code" program into our strategic plan, Murrays Bay Intermediate School is taking a proactive approach to meeting the literacy needs of its students and preparing them for success in high school and beyond.

Continuing to invest in professional development opportunities for staff like this demonstrates our school's commitment to excellence in education and the success of its students.

This week, we have had Constable Simon Fox actively involved in promoting child safety at morning drop-off times. Indeed, it's crucial to remind parents and guardians about the importance of properly restraining children in vehicles. Ensuring that children wear seatbelts until the car has come to a complete stop helps reduce the risk of injury in the event of sudden braking or an accident. Thank you for spreading this important message and prioritising the safety of all children during drop-off times.

Ngā mihi nui,

*Melinda Hes* Principal / Tumūaki

## Uniform Updates

There are delays in receiving new uniform stock. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause, but unfortunately, this is out of our control. In particular, the hoodies and the larger sizes of PE shorts and shirts are delayed.

### Socks:

Our ankle socks have **arrived**, as well as part of the long sock order - thank you for your patience regarding this.

### Hoodies:

We expect our order to arrive mid-April. While you await your order: your child can wear a plain blue, black, or green hoodie if cold.

### PE Shirts and Shorts:

Sizes 14 and upwards will arrive in approximately six weeks. If you have NO PE uniform that fits - students are welcome to wear plain black or blue shorts with a plain blue black, or green t-shirt.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate these stock order delays, and we will notify you as soon as the new stock comes in.

**Hoodies and Surname Printing:** There are still a few sizes we are awaiting, and will send them out as soon as we have them in stock. If you would like to have your child's surname placed on the back of their hoodie (no nicknames or first names) please contact: **NZ UNIFORMS- 19A Douglas Alexander Parade, Rosedale- 09 477 6300**

**Kindo Orders:**  
All uniform items can be ordered via the Kindo App. Orders will be collated every **Wednesday** and **Friday** and sent directly to the student.

**Uniform Queries and Fittings:**  
All queries and fittings will be attended to on a **Tuesday and Wednesday between 8am - 2pm.**

Email queries to: [leigh.hand@mbi.school.nz](mailto:leigh.hand@mbi.school.nz)

Uniform  
Purchases

## NEW Supporters Gear - Last Day to Order!

This year, MBIS is thrilled to announce the launch of our very own **Supporters Shop!**

We've created a small range of MBIS-branded items specifically tailored for coaches, managers, and supporters to wear and show their school spirit proudly. The Supporters Shop will be open for purchases from Friday, February 16th, through Friday, March 1st.

After this initial period, the shop will temporarily close to allow for the production of items that are made to order. Anticipated delivery time is estimated to be 6-8 weeks.

In addition, we're excited to share that we're exploring the possibility of adding a scarf and beanie to the shop. To gauge interest in these items, please take a moment to complete this quick **Google Form**. We warmly encourage you to explore the shop and consider supporting our school by purchasing some of our exclusive merchandise. Thank you for being a part of our MBIS community and your ongoing support. We can't wait to see everyone proudly sporting their MBIS gear!





A BIG thank you to the creators of the HACKT!CS boardgame for their donation of 6 games to MBIS. These will be used to support students learning financial literacy.

“Igniting and inspiring the next generation to investigate and strategise ways to manage their money well, achieve their dreams, and make a positive difference in the world.” Explore more: [HACKT!CS](#)

## MBIS Gives Back

Murrays Bay Intermediate School is pleased to have been able to assist children in need through The BBM Program.

We donated our ‘retired’ style uniform items last week to this deserving cause.

Learn more about the work in the community [here](#)



## Canteen



**Reminder:** The Canteen does not carry change for \$50 or \$100 notes. Please **ONLY** send more minor money for the Canteen.

알림: 매점에서는 50달러 또는 100달러 지폐의 잔돈을 취급하지 않습니다.  
매점에서는 더 작은 금액만 보내주세요.

请注意：食堂不找 50 或 100 美元的零钱。  
请只给食堂寄小额钞票。

## Art Room Appeal



### THE PERFECT EXCUSE TO EAT ICE CREAM

The art room would LOVE all your empty ice cream and large yoghurt containers.

## Stretch Your Brain

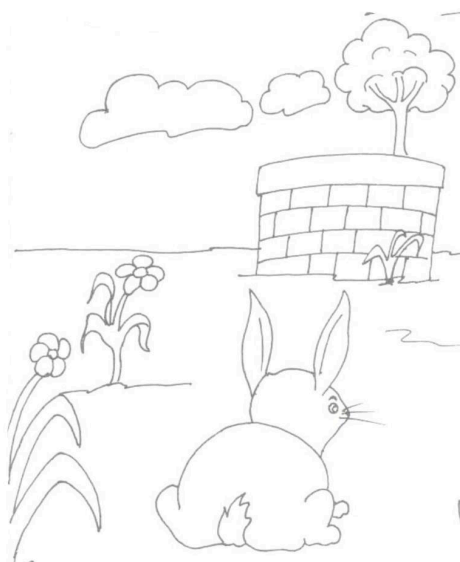
With Mr Tabuzo (Room 16)

At MBI, we enjoy diving into math and solving cool problems and questions. By having discussions about rich problems and tasks, we get to boost our critical thinking, logic, and reasoning. Here's a fun way to do it with our family!

Every Friday, there will be a question in the newsletter. Students are encouraged to solve it with anyone from the family.

**Congratulations** to **Elliott Hurley from Room 33** for winning the Stretch Your Brain challenge. The answer to the previous challenge is letter D

Here is this week's challenge:



### The Rabbit Puzzle

A rabbit falls into a dry well 30 meters deep. Since being at the bottom of a well was not her original plan, she decided to climb out. When she attempts to do so, she finds that after going up 3 meters, she slips back 2. Frustrated, she stops where she is for that day and resumes her efforts the following morning - with the same result.

How many days does it take her to get out of the well?

## Otago Problem Solving Challenge

# *Problem Challenge*

*The problem solving competition for New Zealand Intermediate schools*

Problem Challenge is a mathematics problem-solving competition aimed primarily at children in years 7 and 8.

Children participating in the competition attempt to answer five questions in 30 minutes on each of five problem sheets, done about a month apart starting in April.

To register, please register on **KINDO** under trips and activities.





# Week 6 & 7 Planner

|            | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   |
|------------|--|---|-----------|--|--|
| WEEK six   | (4 Mar)<br>EOTC WERO<br>Rms 36 & 39<br>EOTC WW<br>Rm 41 (am) &<br>Rm 12 (pm) | (5 Mar)<br>EOTC WW<br>Rms 14 (am) &<br>Rm 33 (pm)<br>Y8 Hockey Trials<br>North Harbour<br>Tag Zone Day            | (6 Mar)   | (7 Mar)<br>North Harbour<br>Cricket Boys Zone<br>Day<br>Y7 Hockey Trials | (8 Mar)<br>EOTC WERO<br>Rms 5 & 6<br>EOTC WW<br>Rm 10 (am) &<br>Rm 13 (pm)<br>EOTC Trees<br>Rms 16 & 17<br>North Harbour<br>Triathlon Zone Day |
|            | (11 Mar)<br>EOTC WW<br>Rm 7 (am) &<br>Rm 8 (pm)<br>EOTC WERO<br>Rms 33       | (12 Mar)<br>EOTC WW<br>Rm 5 (am) &<br>Rm 6 (pm)<br>EOTC WERO<br>Rms 40 & 41<br>North Harbour<br>Swimming Zone Day | (13 Mar)  | (14 Mar)   | (15 Mar)<br>EOTC Trees<br>Rms 15 & 31  |
| WEEK seven |  |   |           |  |  |

## Community Notices



**JOIN OUR PERFORMING ARTS CLASSES !**

**NORTH SHORE LOCATIONS:**

**ALBANY | MILFORD | BIRKENHEAD |  
MURRAY'S BAY | LONG BAY | PINEHILL**

STILL NOT SURE? COME ALONG FOR A FREE TRIAL!  
NEED MORE CONVINCING? ENROL NOW AND YOU'LL BE  
PROTECTED WITH OUR PFORM GUARANTEE. IF YOU CHANGE  
YOUR MIND AFTER FOUR WEEKS OF CLASSES. WE'LL REFUND  
YOU IN FULL. NO STRINGS ATTACHED.

[PFORM.NZ](http://PFORM.NZ) [@PFORM.NZ](https://www.instagram.com/pform_nz) [INFO@PFORM.NZ](mailto:INFO@PFORM.NZ)

## HOOP33 BASKETBALL ACADEMY

Looking to improve your game?  
Sessions 4-5pm Tuesday-Friday  
School Years 7-8

**WWW.HOOP33.CO.NZ**

165 Target Rd, Wairau Valley  
[andrewm@hoop33.co.nz](mailto:andrewm@hoop33.co.nz)

**FREE TRIAL!**



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# Community Notices

## MID BAYS MUSIC SCHOOL 2024

Our highly qualified tutors make learning music relevant and enjoyable and would love to support your child.

When: Weekdays after school or Saturday mornings.

Where: Murrays Bay Intermediate School.  
Start date: 10th February 2024.

Instruments offered: Guitar, Ukulele, Saxophone, Keyboard, Trumpet, Recorder, Flute, Violin, Cello and Clarinet.

Click [here](#) to find out more about each instrument.

Cost: \$170 - \$270 for the whole year (this includes book hire but NOT instrument hire).

Age: Group lessons are open to 6 - 12 year olds but there are [age requirements](#) for some instruments.

Enrolments need to be completed through Kindo and you will need to create an account for this. Any troubleshooting solutions will be online at [www.mbmusic.org](http://www.mbmusic.org) or email [mbmusic@mbi.school.nz](mailto:mbmusic@mbi.school.nz) with any questions. Please check our [website](#) for more information.



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Adverts need to be relevant to our School Community.