



Murrays Bay
INTERMEDIATE

2024 NEWSLETTER

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*Mai i te kōpae ki te urupa, tātou ako tonu ai.
From the cradle to the grave we are forever learning.*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Kia Ora Parent(s)/ Caregiver(s)

A gentle reminder: If you're visiting the school for any reason, please sign in at the reception desk first. We've observed that some adults have overlooked this important step. Thank you for your cooperation.



This week, we want to highlight the wonderful opportunities offered by the Year 7 Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) program at MBIS. Students have been participating in a diverse range of activities across this term, which has included Tree Adventures at Woodhill Forest, Waterwise sessions at Murrays Bay Beach, Whitewater Rafting and Paddle Boarding/Kayaking at Vector Wero Whitewater Park, and Rockwall Climbing and Raft Building at the Birkenhead Leisure Centre (BLC). These activities are carefully crafted to foster crucial skills such as perseverance, resilience, and teamwork among our students.

Tree Adventures provides students with exhilarating high-wire challenges that enhance balance, agility, coordination, and self-confidence. It promises an adventure brimming with excitement and stimulating obstacles.

Waterwise introduces students to sailing in a safe environment at Murrays Bay Beach, catering to all skill levels. It aims to instill confidence in and around water, offering a positive learning experience.

At Vector Wero, our program focuses on teamwork, resilience, and stepping out of comfort zones in a secure setting. Students learn water crossing techniques, safe entry and exit strategies in rough waters, and how to identify potential dangers.

Activities at BLC, such as rock wall climbing and raft building, emphasise teamwork. Through raft building, students learn knot-tying and lashing techniques before constructing a vessel capable of navigating the outdoor pool, fostering excellent teamwork skills. Rockwall climbing challenges participants mentally and physically, pushing them to their limits in a safe environment. Both activities are ideal for promoting teamwork and problem-solving.

We're thrilled to be able to offer these fantastic opportunities aimed at fostering the growth and development of our students.

Ngā mihi nui,

Melinda Hes - Principal / Tumuaki

Staff Spotlight: Yue Wu (International Administrator)

Yue Wu joined our MBIS whanau earlier this year and has grabbed her role with both hands. We asked Yue to tell us a bit more about her professional background and a little about her life outside of MBIS.

“My family and I lived in Beijing, China, before moving to NZ in 2017. I had been working in the Mergers & Acquisitions field for about ten years, where I assisted the company to buy or invest in businesses in China,” explains Yue.

“My son enrolled in MBIS a few years later, where my involvement began with the MBIS community. Many mornings were spent volunteering on school trips back then, and it is wonderful to be a part of the staff now.”

Yue's favourite quote:

Curiosity is a blessing that helps us step out of our comfort zone and lead us to a journey full of excitement and rewards. We are very lucky.

Yue enjoys cooking, reading, and managing her garden in her spare time.



Yue Wu

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 proudly wear and show their school spirit. 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 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!



Cultural Pānui



Last week, our cultural leadership team members supported ākonga and kaiako with setting up and participating in activities for the Rangitoto College Pacifica Hui.

The evening was filled with traditional dancing, kai, and whānau. It was great to see our ākonga participating in an event that allowed Pacifica students to discuss exciting initiatives that Rangitoto College will be implementing, as well as connecting and bringing kaiako and families together.

Fa'afetai Eliaba, Dazia, and Lusia thank you for representing our kura so well.

Enviroschools Prize

Last year, Murrays Bay Intermediate students were involved in various environmental projects and activities. This included dune restoration planting at Long Bay Regional Park, installation of carbon-sinking garden beds, weed removal at local reserves, Kahu Manu Envirocamp, and native planting in our school's forest.

We report our successes and initiatives to Enviroschools at the end of each school year. As a result, we were selected to receive a beautiful set of gardening tools, including a spade and garden fork.

Thank you to [Enviroschools](#), facilitated by Sustainable Schools, and Auckland Council for this recognition. We will put these tools to good use this year!



Polymath Aotearoa Challenge



On Wednesday, students from Room 33 participated in the first-ever Polymath Aotearoa Challenge. We joined over 1300 Kiwi students from across New Zealand on the 'virtual Polymath island' in an epic maths challenge. The goal was for students to answer over 30,000 maths questions collectively in just three rounds. We surpassed this goal, answering more than 32,000 questions correctly!

Donations Required: Student and Teacher Hub

MBIS is setting up a Student and Teacher Hub on the lower floor of the International House. This is our Lunch Club area for students and our workspace for teachers.

We would appreciate any donations of the following that would be welcomed into our new space please:

- An outdoor table and chairs in good condition that are surplus to needs
- Some bean bags
- Some complete board games or puzzles

Please email shannon.robinson@mbi.school.nz

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.

Hoodies:

We expect our order to arrive in 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 four weeks. If you have NO PE uniform that fits - students are welcome to wear plain black or blue shorts with a simple 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: We are still awaiting a few sizes; we 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



Uniform Purchases



Please remember to place the students name in ALL pieces of uniform

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 the five problem sheets, done about a month apart starting in April.

To register, please register on [KINDO](#) under trips and activities.

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.

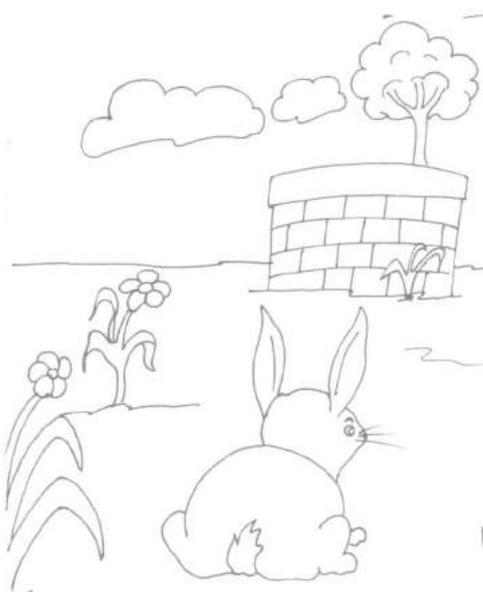
As we didn't put in a link last week for students to submit their answers through, here is the puzzle again:

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?

Enter the answer in the link in the newsletter. Upload a picture or video of you and your whanau solving it. On Thursday, we will conduct a random draw to select a winner who will receive an Aqualite! We will announce the winner on MBITV on Friday.





Week 6 & 7 Planner

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK <i>seven</i>	(11 Mar) EOTC WW Rm 7 (am) & Rm 8 (pm) EOTC WERO Rms 33	(12 Mar) EOTC WW Rm 5 (am) & Rm 6 (pm) EOTC WERO Rms 40 & 41 North Harbour Swimming Zone Day	(13 Mar)	(14 Mar)	(15 Mar) EOTC Trees Rms 15 & 31
	(18 Mar) EOTC WW Rm 16 (am) & Rm 36 (pm) EOTC Trees Rms 40 & 41 North Harbour Boys Tennis Zone Day	(19 Mar) EOTC WW Rm 15 (am) only EOTC Trees Rms 33 & 39 North Harbour Girls Tennis Zone Day	(20 Mar) Auckland Champs Swimming	(21 Mar)	(22 Mar) EOTC Trees Rms 9 & 10 North Harbour Tennis Save Day
WEEK <i>eight</i>					

Canteen



Fill those *Hungry Bellies*

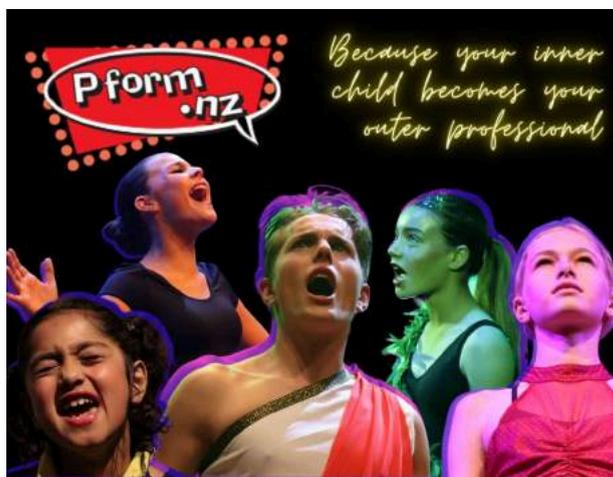
All canteen orders can be conveniently placed via the KINDO App before 8:45 am each day.

The menu is loaded with DELICIOUS foods (including gluten-free items).

IRD Approved Donation Receipts

To access your Kindo school donation receipts to submit to IRD, please visit: [Donation receipt](#)

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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 or email mbmusic@mbi.school.nz with any questions. Please check our [website](#) for more information.



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