



**Murrays Bay**  
INTERMEDIATE

# 2024 NEWSLETTER

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He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata.  
*Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure.*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Kia Ora Parent(s)/ Caregiver(s)

**A big thank you to all our parents and whānau who attended conferences this week.**

The opportunity to connect and support our learners is highly valued and strengthens our commitment to success for our students.

Please remember the teacher is always your first port of call. Don't wait or feel you are bothering them if you have questions or concerns about your adolescent's learning and/or life at school. We are all in a much stronger position to solve challenges and offer support when we are clearly informed.

It also goes without saying we are very grateful for the late evenings our teachers have given us this past week. We know they are forgoing time with their own families and commitments, and we certainly want to extend our appreciation to them!

As we prepare for the upcoming Easter holiday, I urge you to take this opportunity to rest, recharge, and spend quality time with your family and friends. Whether you're embarking on a traditional Easter egg hunt, enjoying a festive meal, or simply taking a moment to relax, I hope that this time brings you peace and happiness.

On behalf of the entire school staff, I want to wish you all a joyous Easter. May this holiday season be filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories that will last a lifetime.

**Reminder:** School is closed on Easter Tuesday, 2 April 2024.

Ngā mihi nui,

*Melinda Hes* - Principal / Tumuaki



## Parking In And Around School

Please be considerate of our neighbouring properties at all times. Kindly refrain from blocking driveways/ footpaths/ parking illegally - such actions may result in your vehicle being towed at your own cost.

## Updates To Auckland Transport Fares



Free travel for 5 to 12 year olds and half-price travel for 13 to 24 year olds on AT bus, train and ferry services will end on 30 April 2024, in line with the government's decision to withdraw funding for these concessions.

This means that from Wednesday 1 May:

**5 to 12 year olds** will no longer travel for free on weekdays and will instead pay a child concession (at least 40% off adult fares). They will continue to travel for free on weekends. The child concession will apply to anyone aged 5 to 15, who has a registered AT HOP card with their correct date of birth.

**13 to 15 year olds** will stop receiving the half-price child fares discount and instead switch to paying full child fares (at least 40% off an adult fare during weekdays, and free travel on weekends) from 1 May. The child concession will apply to anyone aged 5 to 15, who has a registered AT HOP card with their correct date of birth.

**16 to 19 year olds** with a secondary student concession will stop receiving the half-price secondary fares discount and instead switch to paying full secondary fares (at least 40% off an adult fare). Students aged 16-19 should apply for the secondary student concession to ensure they are paying the cheapest fare possible. More information about the discounts and what you may need to do next can be found at [AT.govt.nz/farechanges](https://AT.govt.nz/farechanges)

**\*\*PLEASE WRITE THE STUDENTS NAME ON THEIR AT HOP CARDS\*\*** - THE OFFICE HAS A LARGE NUMBER OF AT HOP CARDS THAT HAVE BEEN HANDED IN, BUT WITH NO NAMES ON THEM WE CANNOT IDENTIFY WHO THEY BELONG TO.

## School Immunisations

**Year 7 students** will be offered the **Boostrix** vaccine (Tdap) in school. This vaccine is a booster of tetanus, diphtheria, and whooping cough (pertussis). Most children received these immunisations last as preschoolers. This is scheduled for August, with a catchup date 1-2 weeks later for students absent on the day. Consent forms will be given out later this year.

**Year 8 students** will be offered the **human papillomavirus (HPV)** vaccine in school. This New Zealand scheduled vaccine is recommended to be given at 12 years of age. Students need two doses with a 6-month gap between dose 1 and 2. This is scheduled for early May 2024 with a catchup date 1-2 weeks later for students absent on the day. Consent forms have been sent home with your child. For more information on this important programme or to access an electronic consent form, please go to [School Immunisations](#).



## Enviroclass- Saddleback Reserve

Last week, students from **Room 33 Enviroclass** continued the removal of invasive plants in Saddleback Reserve. Saddleback Reserve is a beautiful forest reserve just a few minutes walk from our school. This is an ongoing project that was started by last year's Enviroclass.

Removing invasive species is a key factor in restoring our native forest by allowing native species to grow and thrive. It is also a great way to learn about the negative impacts that pests can have on our ecosystems.

We will continue our work at Saddleback Reserve throughout the year with the hopes that over time we can return the reserve to beautiful native bush.



## Travelwise Sign Day



You may have noticed students in front of our school on Thursday morning holding up signs for drivers. These were students from our Travelwise Team. We were reminding drivers to slow down, pay attention, and be mindful of students. Thank you for the smiles, waves and honks - we got to one hundred!

Remember to slow down when driving along Sunrise Avenue, especially in the mornings when lots of students are walking to school. Better yet, encourage your kids to walk, bike, or scoot to school to reduce the congestion.

Keep your eyes out for the Travelwise Team, we'll be back! If you would like to join the Travelwise Team, see Mr. Stephen in Room 33. Special thanks to Cecilia, Andrew, Scarlett, and Rhianne from the Travelwise Team for their extra dedication this week!





## Stretch Your Brain

With Mr Tabuzo (Room 17)

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.

**Last week's challenge: Congratulations to Aneeq Hasnani (Room 40)! The correct answer was  $9m^2$**  (If the side lengths are all 3 metres, the area is  $3 \times 3 = 9$  square metres.)

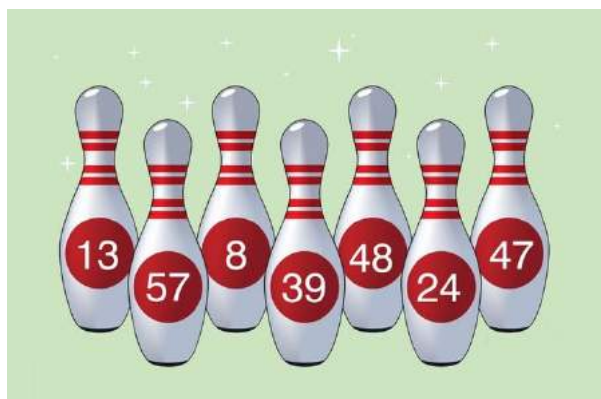
Henry wants to make a rectangular chicken run at the back of the house.

He buys 12 metres of fencing wire.

What is the **largest area** run that he can make for his chickens?



**This week's challenge:**



Which pins must be knocked over to score exactly 100 points? (Hint: There are three!)

## Enter the Shore to Shore for MBIS



**Sunday - 7 April 2024**

Join the [Murrays Bay Intermediate Shore to Shore Team!](#) By registering with the link below our school could win free sports equipment.

Lots of MBIS teachers are walking/ running the 5km event, including the principal Mrs Iles! We would love to see you there!

**REGISTER UNDER MBIS**





## Week 10 & 11 Planner

MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY

WEEK <i>ten</i>	(1 Apr) Public Holiday: EASTER MONDAY	(2 Apr) School Holiday EASTER TUESDAY	(3 Apr)	(4 Apr)	(5 Apr) EOTC WERO Rms 15 & 31  EOTC Trees Rms 11 & 12
	(8 Apr) North Harbour Boys Futsal Zone Day  Y8 Performance Assembly 1:30 (pm) - 2:30 (pm)	(9 Apr)	(10 Apr) North Harbour Girls Futsal Zone Day	(11 Apr)	(12 Apr) <b>LAST DAY OF TERM ONE (3pm close)</b>

## School Donation Receipts

Your support makes a world of difference to our school as we strive to maximise our funding to provide added benefits to students.

Did you know that if you make a donation before 31 March 2024 you will be able to claim back a **33% tax rebate** almost immediately from 1 April 2024?

Even better, we ask that if you make a donation through your myKindo account via the link below that you keep an eye out for the option to "amplify your donation" where you can choose to gift this tax rebate back to the school. Even if you don't typically claim rebates, consider selecting **YES**. More funding means more resources for students.

NOTE: Kindo cannot change the details on your donation receipt, so please ensure your Account Holder name is correct BEFORE paying any donations. Donation receipts will only be issued for items that the school has nominated as 'donation receipt required'.

## Uniform Updates



### Trousers are in stock!

Trouser sizes are generally the same as the Formal Navy Short sizes, and can be ordered via Kindo. (Limited stock available).

**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 nick names or first names) please contact: **NZ UNIFORMS- 19A Douglas Alexander Parade, Rosedale- 09 477 6300**

**PE Shirts and Shorts:** Sizes 14 and upwards will arrive shortly. Any orders outstanding for these will be sent out to the students as soon as possible.



# Community Notices



**Autumn 2024  
HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**

Drop-Off 8:30-9:00am | Pick-Up 3-3:30pm

REMUERA	WESTMERE	ALBANY
Kings School April 15 & 16 & 17	Westmere School April 22 & 23 & 24	Albany Village Hall April 22 & 24

Price: \$85 per child | Autumn Promo: Two for \$150!



## 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.



## HOST FAMILIES WANTED

**OPEN POSITION**

- A WARM AND FRIENDLY FAMILY
- AN ENGLISH SPEAKING FAMILY
- SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT
- NEAR MURRAY'S BAY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

**HOMESTAY 2024**

If you are interested, please speak directly with Lucy from EJ Global Limited via [ejglobal111@gmail.com](mailto:ejglobal111@gmail.com)

We have an Education Agent who is looking to find suitable homestay families for students in July and August 2024. The students are from China and will be attending Murrays Bay Intermediate School as short term students. They are within the age range of 11-14 years.

**Register Now** A financial contribution will be supported by EJ Global Limited

To advertise in our weekly newsletter email Leigh Hand - [leigh.hand@mbi.school.nz](mailto:leigh.hand@mbi.school.nz). Adverts need to be relevant to our School Community.

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