



Murrays Bay
INTERMEDIATE

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*Ko te piko o te māhuri, tērā te tupu o te rākau.
The shape of the sapling determines the growth of the tree.*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Kia Ora Parent(s)/ Caregiver(s)

I trust that everyone enjoyed a pleasant break over the Easter holiday period. We were indeed fortunate to experience favourable weather conditions.

Our commitment to academic pursuits remains unwavering as we approach the end of term.

In the upcoming week, students will be engaging in the sharing of their acquired knowledge focusing on the overarching generalisation of adaptation as a fundamental aspect of survival for many organisms. All students have been working hard on this and I am sure there will be many proud moments in sharing and celebrating their diligent efforts.

Furthermore, the ASB GetWise program for year 7s is scheduled for the forthcoming week, aimed at imparting essential workshops in financial literacy. We also commence a new cycle of specialist learning opportunities next week, signifying a dynamic period ahead filled with educational enrichment.

We encourage our students to keep pushing forward, stay motivated, and never underestimate the power of their dedication to learning.

One's commitment to learning not only benefits you individually, but also fosters a positive and supportive learning environment for the entire community. Together, let us uphold the value of education and strive for excellence in all our endeavours.

This Sunday 7th April is the Shore to Shore Fun Run and Walk and we look forward to seeing many students, parents and staff participating.

The Harcourts Cooper and Co Shore to Shore is a 5.9km fun run and walk from Takapuna to Milford in Auckland. The course starts at Takapuna Grammar School, heads along both the picturesque Takapuna and Milford beaches and ends at Milford Reserve.

Everyone is encouraged to have fun and dress up for the run /walk. There will be spot prizes, competitions and entertainment at the finish line.

This event is North Harbour's largest annual fun run/walk and helps the community to support their local schools. All proceeds go back to participating schools, in the form of sports equipment grants.

Ngā mihi nui,

Melinda Hes - Principal / Tumuaiki



On Another Note - Orchestra

With the MBIS Music Department

The students (and staff) in the Orchestra were posed an important question recently:

“Why are you grateful to be a musician?”

Everyone had their own special reasons which made our hearts sing, but here are a few we wanted to share:

Mrs Webster (Room 46 Teacher - Violin)

I am grateful for having music in my life for many reasons. Here are some of them:

1. Playing instruments or singing with others is a fun way to spend time together and make new friends.
2. Music is good for my brain - it helps me to relax and learning new pieces also helps to stretch my brain.
3. Music is magical! Hearing a song can "zoom" me back to a specific time and place in mere seconds. For example, "Buttercup" takes me to Camp Lake Hubert, "Closing Time" takes me to a restaurant beside a lake, "What a Wonderful World" always takes me to my wedding dance floor, "One Day More" takes me to a theatre in London... Music truly is magical!!

Sophia Oh (Yr 7 - Violin)

I'm grateful to be a musician who was able to be part of the orchestra this year, which is a completely new environment for me, having never been in an orchestra before. I get to hear so many other cool instruments doing their part and I love the harmony of all instruments playing together. I'm also grateful for being able to meet new people playing the same instrument as me. Knowing that the orchestra will be on every week is so exciting and makes me so happy, cause I know I'm gonna have a great time being part of this amazing band. The very last thing I'm grateful for is having such a fun and awesome conductor who makes the orchestra feel so fun every week.

Anonymous (Yr 8 - Violin)

I am grateful for being a musician because it means getting to spend time with people that also play instruments, and everytime we are playing together as a group it just makes me smile because it sounds so beautiful. At orchestra I am able to make more friends that I will never forget as we mostly play the same instrument and it just feels like we are sort of connected.

Oria Wei (Yr 7 - Violin)

I am grateful for being a musician because I learn so much from it and it gives me different types of skills. It is something that I enjoy learning too. I also enjoy listening to different kinds of music such as jazz and classical music. I like listening to orchestra play because it sounds very good. I also like to play different types of new music and I get really excited when I learn a new piece of music. Being in Orchestra has also helped me to make new friends and I like that my brother used to be in it.



On Another Note - Jazz Band and Concert Band

With the MBIS Music Department

Jazz Band and Concert Band performed for the first time this year to a selection of MBIS students this week. It is quite remarkable to think they have rehearsed together this year **just six times** but were ready to share some of their repertoire with an audience. To say we are proud of them is an understatement - they are an incredible group of musicians and we are so excited to see where they go to next!



Enviroclass



This week, students from the Room 33 Enviroclass continued weeding & maintenance in the forest area behind the school's gym. Last year, students removed over one hundred invasive trees and planted over three hundred native plants in this area as part of our Ngahare Legacy Project. The goal of this project is to restore the school's forest back to native bush, thereby providing a habitat for native birds, insects, and lizards, as well as a learning environment for students. Thanks to Julia Clavel from Restore Hibiscus for all of her help!

We are in need of both a chipping service and mulch to continue the great work students started over a year ago. If you know of anyone willing to donate time with a chipper, or a load of mulch, please contact Cameron Stephen at cameron.stephen@mbi.school.nz



LITTERLESS LUNCH DAY - 11 APRIL

Join MBI's first ever Litterless Lunch Day this Thursday 11 April!

We are encouraging students to do two things:

1. Take any lunch rubbish home with them (as always)
2. Pack a lunch that has less rubbish (such as plastic wrappers and throw-away containers)

YES NO

Reusable lunch carrier (lunch bag or lunch box)
 Reusable containers (Tupperware, Rubbermaid etc)
 Reusable drink bottle or thermos
 Silverware to wash and re-use
 Healthy snacks
 Cloth/beeswax towel to wash and re-use

Paper or plastic bags
 Plastic wrap, foil, wax or Styrofoam
 Single-use cans or juice boxes
 Paper napkins
 Plastic forks/spoons
 Overly packaged/processed snacks



Stretch Your Brain

With Mr Tabuzo (Room 17)

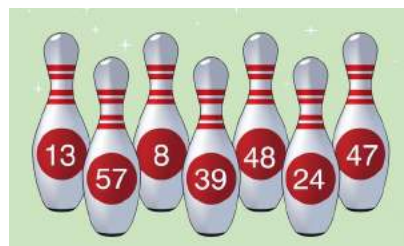
At MBI, we enjoy diving into math and solving cool problems and questions. By having discussions about rich problems and tasks, we get to boost our critical thinking, logic, and reasoning. Here's a fun way to do it with our family!

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 Oscar Lan (Room 12)!

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

The correct answer was 48, 13 and 39

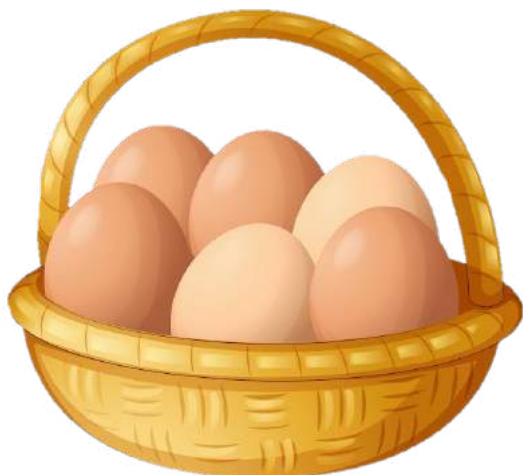


This week's challenge:

An egg merchant came to a market to sell some eggs. A first buyer took half her eggs plus $\frac{1}{2}$ an egg. The same happened with the remaining eggs: a second buyer took half her eggs plus $\frac{1}{2}$ an egg. A third only bought what was left over: 1 egg.

How many eggs were there initially?

Enter the answer using this [link](#).



Shore to Shore for MBIS



Sunday - 7 April 2024

Wishing all our participants and their families the best of luck for Sunday's event- we look forward to seeing your smiling faces! Look out for the MBIS Staff and the Gazebo at the end of the race!

If you would still like to participate you can register on the day!





Week 11 Planner

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	(8 Apr)	(9 Apr)	(10 Apr)	(11 Apr)	(12 Apr)
WEEK <i>eleven</i>	North Harbour Boys Futsal Zone Day	Rangitoto EOT Assembly	North Harbour Girls Futsal Zone Day	Litterless Lunch Day!	LAST DAY OF TERM ONE (3pm close)
	Y8 Performance Assembly 1:30 (pm) - 2:30 (pm)	Tiritiri EOT Assembly			

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 - Please name all uniform items

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 (for new students or those who need to swap sizes) will be on a **Tuesday** and **Wednesday between 8am and 2pm**.
Email queries to: leigh.hand@mbi.school.nz

Uniform Purchases



Trousers are in stock (Limited stock available)

Trouser sizes are generally the same as the Formal Navy Short sizes, and can be ordered via Kindo.

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**

Community Notices

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CANDLE MAKING WORKSHOP

MAKE MUM A CANDLE!

School Holidays: 13 April - 28 April
 Open Daily 10 am - 4pm. No bookings required.
 During the school holidays Kids can make mum a candle.
 Pricing starting from just \$15.

Mother's Day: 6 May - 19 May
 Open daily. Bookings required.
 Come in with your mum on motherly figure and enjoy a workshop together!
 Pricing starts from \$30 each.

T&C's Apply. See full pricing details in store.



Treat Mum To A Night Out!
 1hr evening sessions available | \$30 PP
 6 May - 19 May | 4pm - 7pm
BOOKINGS REQUIRED
 Book - flameintels or ph 021 630 999
 (i) (m) flameinvintage

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.

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

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

Autumn 2024 HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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