



Murrays Bay
INTERMEDIATE

2024 NEWSLETTER

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Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu
Adorn the Bird with feathers so it may soar

*Wishing everyone a joyful New Year, with a special welcome to those who are new to MBIS.
Additionally, warm greetings to those celebrating the Chinese New Year - Year of the Wood Dragon.*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Kia Ora Parent(s)/ Caregiver(s)

We've had a wonderful return for the 2024 school year! I've enjoyed welcoming all our students during morning drop-off, and I am thrilled to see so many happy and eager faces.



Students are looking bright and fresh in their uniform and we appreciate your support at home in ensuring that they wear the uniform correctly. Firstly, footwear. All shoes worn with our formal uniform need to be **fully black** (including the soles) with no visible colour or coloured insignia/branding (for example, no white Nike swoosh). We are happy with any style of black-covered shoe. It simply must be entirely black. Black sandals are also acceptable, except when your child is in Technology, as they need a covered shoe for safety. Secondly, please make sure the socks are our traditional navy or the newly branded navy socks with stripes at the top. No white socks or black socks with the formal uniform. When students are in PE gear, they are welcome to wear any sport shoe and socks of choice.

Morning drop off and afternoon pick up can be very busy times. Sunrise Avenue and our front bus loading area can become very congested. To ensure we keep our students safe, please slow down when proceeding through the bus bay, be mindful and patient of cars around you, and don't encourage your child to run across Sunrise to meet you. **All** students should cross the road using the pedestrian crossing. The buses usually depart by 3.10 pm, so if you pick your child up in the afternoon, have them wait for you at the far end of the bus bay by the MAC. Alternatively, you may meet them on a quieter street with less traffic.

As you know, Hero is the platform we use for all communication. Please ensure you have signed into your account and can access your child's profile. Parents will receive **ONE** form of notification when a community or student learning post is published. The notification will **either** come as an email to the account you have on file with the school or your Hero App (a little red dot will appear on the app icon). If you would like to always receive email notifications, please see the attached instructions to update your preference. [Hero: Notification Changes](#)

Our Kids Online with Rob Cope: Tuesday 13th February, 7-9 pm in the hall. **No Ticket required.** A reminder about this very important information evening being held next week. If you haven't already heard Rob speak then you **MUST** hear him. Attending this presentation is probably the most important thing you can do to support your child at MBIS in 2024. I hope to see you all there.

A final reminder, we are all here to support the learners at MBI. If you ever have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to us. Your child's teacher should always be your first port of call, but our Deans (Graham Franklin, Y7 and Shannon Robinson, Y8) and the entire Leadership team are here to help. We are all excited about the year ahead.

Ngā mihi nui,

Melinda Hes Principal / Tumuaki

On Another Note

with the Music Department



Notables Choir Auditions:

Notables Choir for 2024 is being run by Jess Rogers, our vocal and production vocals tutor, and Billie Hart who also teaches Clarinet at MBIS who will be the piano accompanist. Rehearsals will take place Thursdays Block 3. This is our only choir at MBIS and is auditioned. You can sign your child up for an audition slot by [completing this form](#) before the 12th February.

Piano Lessons:

Both Blain and Larissa have spaces available for piano lessons during school hours. Contact them directly for more information:

blain.piano@gmail.com

larakuzmcp@gmail.com

Beginner Band:

It is not too late to learn a new instrument. You don't need any prior experience to join the Beginner Band. Instruments on offer include flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone and alto saxophone. We are hoping for more trombones by preference but welcome any. Onsite and affordable lessons work out to be around \$10 per group lesson. This is a very affordable way for your child to experience learning an instrument. Information Slideshow is found [here](#). Enrollment form is located [here](#). Contact sarah.holmes@mbi.school.nz for more information if required.

Orchestra:

Does your child play an orchestral instrument? There are no auditions to join our Orchestra with a string instrument. You can sign your child up [here](#). It is definitely not too late to join!

Contact sarah.holmes@mbi.school.nz for more information if required.

Uniform Updates

with Leigh Hand

Ankle Socks and Mini-school Hats:

Thank you for your patience. By now all pre-ordered Mini-school Hat orders should have reached your tamariki - the new batch of socks will be handed out next week for those who are awaiting an order.

Hoodies:

The hoodies should arrive within the next 3 weeks - these will also be distributed directly to the students who have ordered.

Future Uniform Purchases and Fittings:

If you require a repeat purchase (and know the sizing) kindly order the items via **KINDO** - orders will be collated every Wednesday and Friday and distributed to the students.

SchoolTV

with Michael Carr-Gregg (Psychologist)

The **Wellbeing Barometer** survey has proven to be an invaluable tool for schools, providing insights into the state of youth mental health and wellbeing. Whilst last year's results focussed the spotlight on areas of concern, there were also many highlights that demonstrated the resilience and adaptability of students and emphasised the necessity of prevention strategies.

Participating in this year's survey, will assist in identifying areas of strength and concern, as well as pinpointing opportunities for early intervention. Previously gathered information has helped support families as they navigate difficult conversations that enable understanding and foster connections to build relationships.

This survey is part of an ongoing, longitudinal study, with the results being instrumental in tailoring support for students and their families. Participation is strongly encouraged, as it provides a comprehensive view of students' experiences, challenges, and achievements over the past year. Its aim is to capture a comprehensive picture of young people's lives, allowing for a tailored approach to enhance mental and emotional wellbeing.

We encourage you to take a few moments to complete a survey for each of your children. This will help us determine the nature and extent of your concerns and how best to support families in the months ahead. Responses remain anonymous and will only be reported on an aggregated basis. You are asked to base your responses on observations made in the last 12 months.

Acquiring the skills for future independence, taking healthy risks, and giving young people the opportunity to emancipate from parents, are key developmental tasks that are essential if we are to stave off the impact of mental illness in the future. Please reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback. If this raises any concerns for you or your child, please reach out to the school or seek professional medical advice.

Here is the link to your special report: [SchoolTV- Wellbeing Report MBI](#)

SchoolTV, founded by psychologist Michael Carr-Gregg, is funded by MBI to provide valuable information to our parents and teachers about a myriad of topics that are pertinent to the young people in our care. These will be published regularly throughout the year in our newsletter.

Our Kids Online Event

Presented by Rob Cope

Come and hear Filmmaker & Author Rob Cope in what promises to be a hilarious, straight talking Parent to Parent talk.

The Ultimate Parents Guide to Understanding our kids Online World and how to keep them safe, covering:

- **Cyberbullying**
- **Social Media**
- **Gaming**
- **Online Predators**
- **Online Porn**
- **Smartphones**
- **Filters**
- **Boundaries**

For a sneak-peak of what to expect:

 **Our Kids Online Parent Evening**





TERM *one* Planner 2024

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

WEEK <i>one</i>				(1 Feb) Teacher Interviews	(2 Feb) Whole School Powhiri
	(5 Feb) MBIS Basketball Trials (Gym)	(6 Feb) SCHOOL CLOSED WAITANGI DAY	(7 Feb)	(8 Feb)	(9 Feb) MBIS Basketball Trials (Gym)
WEEK <i>two</i>	(12 Feb) Y7- Class & portrait photos Y8- Netball Trials	(13 Feb) Y8 - Class & portrait photos Y7- Netball Trials OUR KIDS ON LINE- by Rob Cope Parent Info Presentation	(14 Feb) 	(15 Feb) Girls Tag Trials 7:30 (am)	(16 Feb) Y7- Netball Trials Attitude Y7 Performance Assembly 1:45 (pm) - 2:50 (pm)
	(19 Feb) EOTC Wero Rms 9 & 10 Y8- Netball Trials	(20 Feb) CAMP FINLAY (RANGITOTO MINISCHOOL) EOTC Wero Rms 11 & 12	(21 Feb) CAMP FINLAY (RANGITOTO MINISCHOOL)	(22 Feb) CAMP FINLAY (RANGITOTO MINISCHOOL) Board Meeting 7pm to 9pm	(23 Feb) CAMP FINLAY (RANGITOTO MINISCHOOL) EOTC WW Rm 17 (am) & Rm 31 (pm) EOTC Wero Rms 7 & 8
WEEK <i>three</i>	(26 Feb) EOTC Trees Rm 36 EOTC WERO Rms 13 & 14 EOTC WW Rm 40 (am) & Rm 39 (pm) LOCKDOWN PRACTICE	(27 Feb) EOTC Trees Rms 5 & 6 North Harbour Boys Softball Zone Day	(28 Feb) North Harbour Girls Softball Zone Day	(29 Feb)	(1 Mar) EOTC Trees Rms 7 & 8 EOTC WERO Rms 16 & 17 EOTC WW Rm 11 (am) & Rm 9 (pm)
	WEEK <i>four</i>	WEEK <i>five</i>			


TERM *one* Planner CONTINUED

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK <i>six</i>	(4 Mar) EOTC WERO Rms 36 & 39 EOTC WW Rm 41 (am) & Rm 12 (pm)	(5 Mar) EOTC WW Rms 14 (am) & Rm 33 (pm) Y8 Hockey Trials North Harbour Tag Zone Day	(6 Mar)	(7 Mar) North Harbour Cricket Boys Zone Day Y7 Hockey Trials	(8 Mar) EOTC WERO Rms 5 & 6 EOTC WW Rm 10 (am) & Rm 13 (pm) EOTC Trees Rms 16 & 17 North Harbour Triathlon Zone Day
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
WEEK <i>eight</i>	(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>nine</i>	(25 Mar) EOTC Trees Rms 13 & 14 North Harbour Orienteering Zone Day Pipiwharoroa Festival	(26 Mar) North Harbour Girls Cricket Zone Day Y8 Assembly 1:30 (pm)- 2:30 (pm)	(27 Mar)	(28 Mar) Board Meeting 7pm to 9pm	(29 Mar) Public Holiday: GOOD 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
WEEK <i>eleven</i>	(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) LAST DAY OF TERM ONE (3pm close)

General Notices

Visitors on school premises:

All visitors to MBIS **ARE TO PLEASE** report to reception and sign into the visitors system. This is to protect our ngā ākonga (students) and teachers.

Late Arrivals:

All students who arrive late to school **ARE TO PLEASE** report to reception to sign in. This will go a long way in helping our roll call in the morning.

Student Contact Information:

Kindly ensure your contact details are up to date on the school records - for any change in details please email office@mbi.school.nz. We are having a lockdown practice this term and it is imperative we have the correct details for the communications.

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.

Enter the answer in the [link](#) in the newsletter. Upload a picture or video of you and your whanau solving it.

On Tuesday, we will conduct a random draw to select a winner who will receive an Aqualite!

For this week, the question is: How many squares are there on a chessboard?



Canteen Kai



Fill those *Hungry Bellies*

All canteen orders can be conveniently placed via the KINDO App before 8:30am each day.

The menu is loaded with DELICIOUS eats (including Gluten Free items).

Community Notices



DRAMA - DANCE - SINGING

Accelerate Confidence and Communication Skills

Enrol in February to be in the draw to win one of ten April Holiday programs with a bestie.

"Pform.nz classes provide the most fun of our son's week"

There is a Pform venue near you in Birkenhead every Tuesday & Murrays Bay every Wednesday and advanced training at Wellesley Studios every Saturday.

ADVANCED PERFORMANCE TRAINING

These courses are designed for those students who want to take their education in the Performing Arts further. If you want to audition with success then these are the courses for you. You will train in a fun and challenging environment with performers who are like-minded.

No previous experience is necessary but would be an advantage.

Performers will have the opportunity to tour and have numerous big-stage performances.

You will train at the Wellesley Street Studios each Saturday.

Free Trials available for a limited time www.pform.nz/free-trial

www.pform.nz info@pform.nz

EXTRAORDINARY KIDS



After-school Tutoring

Does your child need extra encouragement to improve their Maths, Reading, and Writing?

Helping students 7 - 17 years old

Free Assessment

www.extraordinarykids.co.nz

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.