



Murrays Bay Intermediate School News

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Coming Events

01/02/18	Arts Expo Lunchtime	20/02/18	Japan Trip Info Evening Yr 8s only
02/02/18	Sports Expo Lunchtime	21/02/18	Dance Auditions – Yr 8
06/02/18	Waitangi Day – School Closed	22-23/02/18	Netball Trials Yr 8
08/02/18	Cheerleading Trials	26-27/02/18	Class Photos
12/02/18	Swimming Sports	12-16/03/18	Kawau MS Camp
13/02/18	Meet the Teacher 7pm - Yr7, 7.30 - Yr8	19-23/03/18	Rangi MS Camp
19-20/02/18	Netball Trials Yr 7	27/03/18	Ski/Board Trials

Message from Melinda Bennett - Principal

Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa. Welcome to all those families who are returning to MBIS this year, and a special welcome to those families who have joined us for the very first time.

Staff had an excellent first day with students yesterday and are looking forward to a positive year ahead. We hope that your child also had a positive first day and came home full of enthusiasm about what the year might bring. For most students, this will be the case, but sometimes there are disappointments on the first day. Your child might not be with all the friends they had hoped for, and they may be unsure about their teacher. It is not uncommon that when starting a new school year, some students will be apprehensive and possibly unhappy about how things initially appear. What we as adults know, is that often, situations that initially appear less than ideal can end up being positive in so many ways. I have asked our Deans to allow students at least three weeks to settle into their class and get to know their teacher before considering requests for changes to class placement.

New Staff - This week we welcome a number of new staff to MBIS. Mr Callum Dickison joins the Year 8 teaching team, and Mr Daniel Finlayson returns after 3 ½ years abroad. We are also fortunate to have four new teacher aides working alongside teachers and students. Welcome to Jane Prosee, Hilary Smyrl, Anna Osborne and Taryn Bennett.

Bravo Mr McGhie - For the past 26 years, Mr John McGhie has done an exemplary job running our band programme. It's a team effort, but John has been the driving force behind this outstanding programme. John also has the hugely important role of Director of Learning Support, another job he does superbly. As the school has grown, so too have the demands of both these positions. For 2018 John has decided to step aside from the band programme and focus his attention on Learning Support. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank John for the hugely positive impact he has made in the lives of so many students. He has done a fantastic job, and we are fully supportive of his decision to focus on just one aspect of the school. Mrs Sarah Holmes, Director of the Arts Team, will be taking over responsibility for the band programme. Sarah has been involved with musical groups including the orchestra and concert band at MBIS since 2006.

Thank you to the hundreds of parents who responded to my email last week about cell phone use at school. The changes we have made have been welcomed and applauded, and I did appreciate all your email responses.

I'm very much looking forward to interacting with all of you over the next few weeks as we get our programmes, and all the wonderful opportunities that are available to our students up and running.

Please come and introduce yourself if we cross paths.

Naku noa, Melinda Bennett

Cell Phone use at MBIS - 2018

A reminder about the change in the way we manage cell phone use at MBIS. As per email.

We encourage students to leave their phones at home, while we will secure them in a locked cupboard – we cannot take any responsibility for any damage. This will need to be covered by your contents insurance.

- Students will be permitted to bring a cell phone to school but will be required to hand it to the classroom teacher at the start of the school day.
- Teachers will lock cell phones away securely at the start of the day and will return them to students at the end of the day.
- Students will not usually have access to their phones during the day, either during class time or breaks.
- From time to time, teachers may grant permission for students to have their phones back for specific educational purposes. This permission will be at the discretion of the teacher.
- If a student chooses not to hand in their phone and they are seen with it during the day - it will be removed, secured at reception, and a parent or guardian will be required to come into school to collect it.

School Uniform

We expect all of our students to be dressed in their correct uniform please, including the correct socks and shoes. No exceptions except for serious medical conditions which happen from time to time. It's incredibly hot at this time of year and students are encouraged to wear their hat outside. Hats must be either the school cap or mini school bucket hat. We appreciate support from the community in this on-going challenge. Our uniform shop is open each day 8.30am to 1.30pm. You can order uniform through our new Kindo payment system and the uniform will be given to your child during the school day.

Bus Bay drop off and pick up

Please do not park in the bus bay between 8.00am and 9.00am, 2.30pm and 3.20pm. This is for the safety of all our students as we need it to be safe at all times. Please exercise patience when dropping off your child, drive as far down the bus bay as possible in the morning, take care that no one is beside you. Sometimes our caretaker will monitor this. This is a job we have asked him to do, so please make his day a positive one. There are times when a bus is running late and it can prove difficult to get students safely to their bus if cars are going through the bus bay or are parked.

Message from the School Office

Please let the office know if your details have changed. It is very important we have your current address and phone numbers. Email Helen any changes to your contact details helen.congalton@mbi.school.nz

School Canteen

This is open every day before school for lunch orders and during morning tea and lunch. Your child is to come before school to make an order which is picked up by your child from the canteen at 12.45pm (beginning of lunchtime). Orders are collected from the servery in the foyer of the hall. A menu is available on our website. <http://www.mbi.school.nz/lunch-room.html>

Meet the Teacher

This is held on Tuesday 13th February in the hall. It will start at **7-00pm for year 7**, and then after they move off to their child's classroom, **year 8 will meet at 7-30pm**.

We thoroughly recommend that you attend this evening so that you are familiar with the class teacher and programme expectations of the class.

Japan Trip 2018 – Year 8 Students only

Our annual visit to Japan takes place during October. Places are limited to 22 students in Year 8. The cost is approximately \$3800.00 all inclusive. The only other expense associated is the suggested pocket money of \$300.00. A meeting of interest will be held on the 20th of February in the school hall, 7pm for students and parents. Following the meeting a commitment from families will be required in the form of a \$600.00 non-refundable deposit to secure a place, due to the popular demand of this annual excursion.

Bus and ICT Contracts

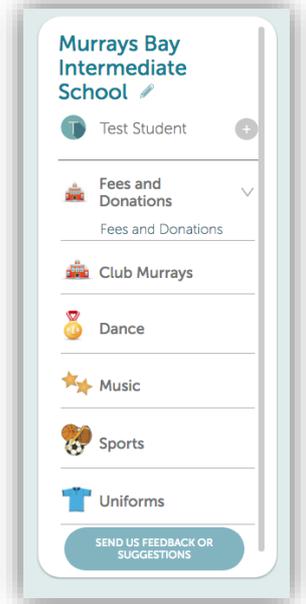
If you have not already done so, please can all students who are catching the bus before or after school complete the google form by Wednesday 7th February. All students (Year 7 and Year 8) need to complete the ICT contract also by Wednesday 7th February. Please use the links below.

Bus: <https://goo.gl/forms/FBVFfFpei17HslZ12> ICT: <https://goo.gl/forms/5w4wuW5gPFQINA3f2>

Kindo - our new system for all payments

Yesterday your child would have come home with a letter on how to use our new payment system. We would encourage you to read this and sign up on line. All the details are on the MBIS website under the tab Payments/Shop. This is our preferred method of payment for your child's school expenses, please set up your family account today. You can make full or part payments on your family account, purchase uniform items, register for sports teams, music etc.

Here are some more details to help you.



Introducing our online school shop

This week is the launch of our new Kindo online school shop... designed to make it easy for you to manage school payments and complete permission forms.

Visit the school website and click on the 'School shop' button and enter in the email address the school has on file for you.

You can view and make full or part payments on your family account with our Fees and Donation service, purchase uniform items, register for sports teams and a whole lot more. We'll be adding more items to our school shop as the year progresses.

- You can make payments or purchases when it suits you... anytime, anywhere.
- You no longer have to rely on sending cash and forms with your children, looking up bank account numbers, amounts and details, or visiting the office. Just log in and click. Even small amounts can be paid quickly and securely through Kindo.
- You can use Kindo as a school savings account so you have school funds when you need them. Or choose to pay at the time using by making an instant transfer from Internet banking (no fees) or by using a credit or debit card (fees apply).

"I can organise stuff from work - rather than a rush in the mornings to get the right change, and make sure it gets handed in."

"So utterly convenient – one less thing to worry about when juggling work and kids."

Questions? If you need help, just pop in and see us or give us a call.

Or call the Kindo helpdesk on free-phone:

0508 454 636 (0508 4 KINDO).

"I enjoy having one service for all aspects of school donations, orders or permission slips. I feel more confident there is a record of payment documented, plus I can complete the transaction quickly."

It's an easy one-stop shop for all your school costs.

SAVE TIME – PAY ONLINE

When your Child is absent from school or leaving during the day

If your child is going to be away from school at any time you need to contact the absentee line before 8.30am. Parents can either phone the school on 477 2121, Press 1, or email absentees@mbi.school.nz. This is our preferred method of contact. **Please do not email your child's teacher with an absentee**, this will be done by the school. When phoning or emailing you need to indicate your child's full name, room number and the reason they are away.

If your child is going to be late or leaving early, students need to sign in and/or out on the tablet at the school office. This must be done even if this has been indicated by phone. Your child's teacher will require a note if your child is leaving school during the day.

Hop Cards

Check out the link below on how to save yourself \$40 a month when loading your child's HOP card.

<https://engagemedia.azureedge.net/files/file/QuWBdGCvI0-BMgjVSS4KPw>

Netball

We are looking for reliable high school students to umpire our MBIS netball teams. Games are played on a Thursday evening 4pm - 8pm at Onewa Courts. Umpires are paid \$10 per game. Minimum requirement - Junior Theory Badge. To register your interest please email netball@mbi.school.nz

Orchestra

If you play the drums, a woodwind, brass or string instrument, and would love to play music with a big group of students, please come to the audition in the hall in block three, Tuesday 13th February. All you need to do is bring your instrument and play Mrs Lim a piece of music!

Chess

MBIS chess club runs every Friday lunchtime from 1:00 in Room 29. This is very informal and is for all skill levels. Chess club starts in the second week of the term. Come along to play or even just watch.

Dance 2018

Please refer to the school website for information on auditions and how your child can be involved in Dance 2018. Should you have any queries please contact Janette Wilson (Teacher in Charge of Dance) janette.wilson@mbi.school.nz

MBIS Music School

Mid-Bays Music School 2018 enrolments are open.

Music tuition for \$150 - \$250 for the whole year. (Includes the music)

When: After school or Saturday mornings.

Where: Murrays Bay Intermediate School.

When: Classes start 10th Feb.

Open to 6-12 year olds. The cost is \$150 - \$250 for the year.

Instruments offered: Drums, Guitar, Ukulele, Cello, Violin, Saxophone, Clarinet, Keyboard/Piano, Trumpet, Recorder, Flute, Viola, Cello, Trombone, French Horn, Bass Guitar

Enrolments are open online at www.mbmusic.org for 2018. Spaces are limited so get in quick!

The highly qualified tutors make learning relevant and enjoyable.

Any enquiries email Eunice Park mbmusic@mbi.school.nz.



Art Room

The art room needs the following: old magazines, old towels, empty plastic containers, newspapers. Please send to the art room with your child.

Band for Year 8 Students

Attention Year 8 Students: Do you wish you learnt an instrument last year? Do you feel like you missed out on being in band? It is NOT too late. Please come and see Mrs Holmes in the music room on Monday-Thursday to find out more or send her an email sarah.holmes@mbi.school.nz

Basketball

If your child is interested in playing basketball please go to our website www.mbi.school.nz and look under sports for how to sign up. The cost for season one is \$120 which is due before the first game 5th March 2018.

2018 Dates

Term One:

Wednesday 31st January to Friday 13th April

Waitangi Day Tuesday 6th February

Easter Break Friday 30th March – Tuesday 3rd April

Term Two:

Monday 30th April to Friday 6th July Queen's Birthday Monday 4th June

Term Three:

Monday 23rd July to Friday 28th September

Term Four:

Monday 15th October to Monday 17th December

Labour Day Monday 22nd October

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Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$150,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$1,000

To take up this offer, your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between the 1 February 2016 and 30 April 2016.

ASB lending criteria, and terms apply. Fees may apply. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property. This donation offer is only available when you apply for new home lending through an ASB branch, contact centre or mobile lending manager. Other terms apply. For full details and to download the voucher visit asb.co.nz/schoolbanking.

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Club Murrays

Contact the **Club Murrays** supervisor,
Leanne Strand on: leanne.strand@mbi.school.nz

or

pick up an enrolment form from the school office.

Do you work and have difficulty finding somewhere for your children to be cared for that doesn't cost the earth?

Hours are from 3pm to 6pm.

Cost is \$15 up to 5pm and \$20 up to 6pm.

Log on to our Kindo payment system and on your account book your child in. Details on how this is done is on our website www.mbi.school.nz under the tab Payments/Shop.

See our website: www.mbi.school.nz for more Newsletters
Community Notices will be posted on the website under Community News.

Disclaimer: Any notices the school accepts from the community, we take no responsibility for the product or services.