# MURRAYS BAY SCHOOL

Newsletter #1, Term 4, 14th October 2015

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#### Message from our principal.....

Welcome to Term 4!

We hope our families have had a great holiday and it was lovely to see so many enthusiastic, happy students back at school on Monday! We look forward to an action packed term with lots of exciting programmes happening. We hope our Year 6 students enjoy their last term with us. We

are looking forward to welcoming our new Principal Mr Ken Ward on the 9th of November (Week 5) and sharing our learning journey with him.

Katherine Pascoe (Acting Principal)

Welcome to Preston De Alwis, Dane Edwards, Dilshan Ragu, Emma Sun, Ian Gan, Ivan Chan, Jackson Mu, Pyeonggang Ko, Terence Wu, Stella Walker, Elliana Willis-Smith and Hyunjoon Lee who started at Murrays Bay School this week.

Congratulations to **Zoe Crawford** our first student to achieve a double gold achievement for 2015. Well done Zoe keep up the amazing effort.

Gold Certificates - Congratulations to Sienna Murray, Crystal Zhang, Shilo Cowie, Amelia Livingston, Isabelle Davies, Ashley Foster, Lucy Bremner, Poppy Kostan, James Todd, Sebastian Chlewicki, Hugo Galea, Hunter Livingston, Max Wilson, Nikan Babaheydarian, Stella Higginson, Max Strivens, Jemima Powell, Jessica Coyle, Josie Harper, Luke Couper, Ethan Hames, Shane Warman and Ryder Sutton who will be receiving their Gold Certificate at Assembly this Friday.

## **Community Notices**

#### **ENROLMENT 2015/2016**

There has been a large demand on our role for 2015, enrolments have had to be restricted to only students within our zone for 2015. Unfortunately this will be the case in 2016, **no out of zone enrolments will be accepted**. The only exception being if the enrolling student has a sibling already attending our school and in this case students will be placed on a waiting list and will only be accepted once and if space is available.

If you have any concerns or need clarification around future enrollments please email <a href="mailto:office@murraysbay.school.nz">office@murraysbay.school.nz</a>.



Everyone, everywhere should know the right action to take before, during and after an earthquake.

Thursday 15th October is the International ShakeOut Day of Action. New Zealand will be the first country to participate this year, at 9.15am.

A number of drills will be run before the nationwide event. Please support your families to be prepared, for more information please visit: http://www.shakeout.govt.nz/

#### **MURRAYS BAY'S GOT TALENT**

The grand final has been scheduled for Friday the 16th October (1st week of term 4) at our school assembly. Parents will be more than welcome to attend.







#### **OCTOBER**

13th - MBIS Visiting Year 6 -School Band Programme 27th - BOT Meeting 28th - Tennis 29th - School Athletics Day

29th - School Athletics Day 30th - Athletics Save Day 31st - MBS Twilight Festival

#### **NOVEMBER**

3rd - Rm 7,8,6 - Museum Trip
4th - Rm 5 & 4 Museum Trip
6th - Hearing & Vision testing
9th - New principal starts
11th - Mid Bay Touch
12th - Mid Bays Touch save day
17th - Orientation for new students
2016

19th - Mid-Bays Athletics Day 20th Mid-Bays Athletics Save Day 20th - Onepoto Cultural Festival

Letters home - Link here

Care kids - After School Care-Walking School Bus - Link here for more information

School Lunches - Link here for more information

Student Absences - Link here for more information

School Uniform - link here for more information

Full School Assembly in the Hall Fridays 1.30pm

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Opportunities



For Week 25 September 2015

1AL	Isla-Mai Booker
2MM	Jessica Coyle
3JS	Nikan Babayheydarian
4JR	
5HD	
6GG	Zara Trendall
7HR	
8MW	Emma Kan
9MW	Angela Hong
10AT	Cameron Heaton
11LR	Ryder Sutton
12LM	Luke Bartram
13T W	Jonathan Summers
14N M	Samuel Kennedy
15LM	Camden Patrick
16LH	
17TB	Sarah Harvey
18CF	Abigail Mitchell
19LB	Tiana Schwarz
20AM	Talia Van Rooyen
21CJ	Erica Alipour
22SJ	Mercedez Frost
23M R	Jaz Naea
24LJ	Madeline Chapman
25RP	Kai Arai
26RV	Bryan Xiong
27SI	Lucy Arblaster
28RH	

#### CONDUCT IN AND AROUND OUR SCHOOL

At the end of term we received feedback from local residents and the Carekids staff about some negative behaviours around and at our school.

Parking and collecting your children at peak times can be stressful and frustrating, we fully understand the issues and continually work with the council on improvement. However, we will always have limitations around parking and access in and around our school grounds.



Restrictions have been put in place to try and limit

the hazards to the children as they arrive and leave the school, it causes a serious issues when people attempt to gain access past the driveway bar during this time, not only for the students that attempt to assist them but for the teaching staff and volunteers that are there to monitor the road crossing. **Unless you have been issued with a disability pass this area is off limits.** 

Similarly when parking around our school ground please be considerate of our local residents and their rights to have free access to their properties.

Additionally children are being left at school without supervision, sometimes until 4pm. This is a serious safety issue, if you are unable to collect your child at the end of the day please consider one of the many after school care programs. More information is available from our website or you can email the office: <a href="mailto:office@murraysbay.school.nz">office@murraysbay.school.nz</a>.



#### **CALENDAR ART**

This year's calendars will be available for viewing and purchase the first two weeks of Term Four. There are new options available this year so please purchase your children's beautiful work and help raise funds for our school. Orders close definitely on the 23rd October. There can be no late orders due to the shortness of the term.

Many thanks, Sue Jamieson.

#### YEARBOOK 2015

The 2015 yearbook is underway! Our aim is to pack it full of as many important memories and events as possible and becomes a valuable keepsake for all of our families.

Our yearbook is partially funded with the pupil services fee, however like most things this fee does not cover it all! To assist with the shortfall we ask that families and local business sponsor either a footer or a business card ad for each page, this sponsorship starts at as little as \$50.00! Page sponsorship can be shared, for example last year some classes made a Gold coin donation and raised enough to sponsor their own page! For more information or if you would like to submit something to be included please email sonjia@murraysbay.school.nz.



#### **ARE YOU A MUSICIAN?**

Are you interested in joining forces with a small group of teachers and parents to play at the Twilight Festival and beyond?? Leon Jacobs would love to hear from any Bass/Guitar/Keyboard or singers! Email:

leon@murraysbay.school.nz.

#### **CALLING ALL BUILDERS!!**

We are looking for exterior plywood so that our students can create artworks for our gardens and playgrounds. If you have any spare, or can donate a sheet, we would be very grateful.

Please contact: Fleur Knight, Real Learning Facilitator Murrays Bay School, fleur@murraysbay.school.nz





#### **ICAS ENGLISH CERTIFICATES**

Congratulations to students who participated in the recent exams. Students who have gained Credit, distinction and high distinction will receive their certificates at assembly on Friday. Merit and Participation certificates will be presented in class on

Wednesday.

#### **NEW LOOK RECEPTION!**

We would like to thank Heather and Mark Mills (Heather used to work in our office) for the amazing job they have done in creating a student focussed, welcoming space in our front foyer. The reception area looks bright and welcoming and we have extremely positive feedback. Heather has created this space for us free of charge and sponsored some of the materials.

You can pick up one of her cards at reception if you are interested in her consulting on any spaces in your home/business.





#### Dogs

As of the end of this week we will no longer be able to allow dogs on our school grounds (except service dogs). We have made this decision as the health and safety of our students is paramount and thank you in advance for your support.

#### 8 NORTH SHORE TIMES, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

# Murrays Bay School enterprise programme

Gardens in gumboots, dinosaur terrarium planters and fancy spoons were for sale at Murrays Bay School's market day. For two terms the school has been teaching students about financial literacy through an enterprise programme. Students were tasked with creating products to benefit the school, as well as sell at the market day. As a result, a group's taniwha design received funding to be built as a concrete sculpture for the school. Deputy principal Zane Cooper says it's all about getting kids to think practically outside the classroom. "We give grants to groups if we think it's a good use for the school."





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#### Come join the Mandarin & French Fun Clubs!

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Mandarin starts on Oct. 29 at 9.45am

Contact: Julie Yu 021-138-2463 / julie.yu@lcfclubs.co.nz www.lcfclubs.co.nz

#### PIANO/KEYBOARD & GUITAR TUITION

DURING SCHOOL HOURS music tuition. Quality tutors with a full, varied and structured curriculum. Now taking enrolments for term 3 and 4. Email Phil Moore at phil.moore@musiqhub.co.nz for Guitar lesson info and Chris Dench at cdench2001@yahoo.com for Piano/Keyboard lesson info Guitar Graphic - Keyboard Graphic.

KELLY SPORTS IS BACK FOR TERM 4 ON TUESDAYS! This term we are coaching 1 week dodgeball, 1 week soccer, 2 weeks cricket and 2 weeks basket/netball and 2 weeks paddle tennis to years 0-4. For just \$80 for our 8 week programme your child can enjoy these sports as well as learn valuable skills, gain confidence and new friends all while having FUN! We start on 20th October NOW ON A TUESDAY after school from 3.10pm-4.10pm. If you have any questions please contact Jeremy Brown now on 09 214 9710, 027 278 4254, jeremyb@kellysports.co.nz or to enrol your child today go towww.kellysports.co.nz to book on-line. "GIVING KIDS A SPORTING CHANCE!"

### **PTA Notices**

Twilight Festival Saturday 31 October (2:30pm until 6:30pm) There isn't long to go.

**Thank you** so much to everyone who has supported us so far by bringing in sweets/lollies, books, toys, chocolate bars and cloths. It is starting to look really good.

Our focus this week: a luxury (non-perishable) Grocery item to be used in making up raffle hampers

As we need to sort and price items, Friday is the **last day** to bring in any **books**, **clothes and toys** (after that we won't have time to sort them)

We **still need** a donation of a packet of **sweets** and will be collecting these right up until the last week before the fair. Please bring these to the classroom for collection. (These will be used to make up packets of goodies for sale at "Lolly Land").

#### **BBQ** and Trestle tables

As we are a bit bigger this year we really need to borrow a couple of larger bbqs and anyone who has some trestle tables and doesn't mind lending them to us for the day. Could you contact us or Mr Cooper.

#### **Fudge and Sweet Makers**

We need a small number of dedicated fudge makers. Are you a great fudge-maker and wouldn't mind making a number of batches for us? (We can provide sugar etc.). Please contact us. **Volunteers.** 



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THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING!!!! NO VOLUNTEERS = NO TWILIGHT FESTIVAL = NO NEW SENIOR PLAYGROUND

The stall **volunteer noticeboard** is now up and most of the stalls are listed (some will be added as we get closer). Please look for it by the office (first in gets the best choices).

We are asking that every member of our community donates only **ONE HOUR** of their time (if you can give more it is gratefully accepted) on the day of the festival to help staff a stall. This then means you have heaps of time to enjoy the festival as well. (Some classrooms have already organised parents to support specific stalls – thank you).

If you can't get up to the school to put your name down, please email the pta directly with a time slot you would like (setup, 2:30-3:30pm, 3:30-4:30pm; 4:30-5:30pm; 5:30-6:30pm, cleanup) and we can slot you in on the list (pta@murraysbay.school.nz). Thank you those who have already contacted us or signed.



#### First week of Term 4

A grocery item (non-perishable) or other item that can be used to help make up raffle baskets.

A cake box will come home at the end of the first week with instructions. Like last year there will be a prize for best adult and child decorated cakes.



#### Festival Sponsors - click to visit our website

We would like to take this opportunity to thank businesses who have confirmed their sponsorship. We have had some wonderful donations and offers of sponsorship. We would of course invite any business who would like to either be a major sponsor. For more information on the festival and our sponsors please <u>click here</u>. If your business would like to sponsor a stall or an attraction, please contact <u>pta@murraysbay.school.nz</u>



#### **Funscreen**

Remember that term 4 and term1 are "No hat no play". To support this and to replace the dreaded chocolate fundraiser we have a new opportunity which also supports the sun-safe message of the school

A fantastic new school fundraiser! Available from Term 4. These will also be on sale at the Twilight Festival so it is an opportunity to have a look on the day at the product. 75ml SPF 50+ Roll-on Sunscreen which is safe and hypoallergenic. It ticked the boxes for us and we think that it is a great product which is also at a great price. We all have to buy sunscreen and this product has been formulated and manufactured in Australia and meets all the Aus Health Department Standard.

The bottles are fun designs to encourage the children and some of the models have bungee cords so they can be attached to the children's bags.

Healthier than chocolate and school will raise \$2 for every bottle purchased which will go towards the senior playground. More information on this will be sent home separately.

#### First Aid Kits

Don't forget you can still get these fantastic first aid kits by contacting the office. Great for home or car. These will also be available for sale at the Festival.



#### **Christmas Trees**

Christmas is coming and this year we are going to be selling Christmas Trees to those who would like them. An order form will be available shortly dealing the sizes and prices. We will have a great range of different sized trees so if you are someone who buys a tree each year, please consider buying from the school and supporting the playground fund.

#### **Second Hand Uniforms**

We are open every Wednesday morning from 8:30-9:00 am. Come and find a bargain. All proceeds from sales go directly to the playground fund.

Do you have a uniform you no longer want? Leaving the school at the end of the year and have no siblings to hand it on to? Please consider giving the PTA your old uniforms to sell as part of our fund raising. Staffed by volunteers, all money goes straight back to benefiting our school community.



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