

# MURRAYS BAY SCHOOL

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**Newsletter 14# - 8th June 2016 - Term 2, 2016**



## Message from our principal .....

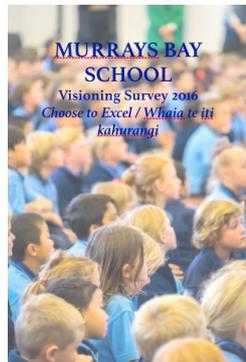
Tena koutou katoa, Goeie dag, 안녕하세요, أهلا, 您好,  
こんにちは, Welcome....

Matariki is officially celebrated from the 6th June this year. It is the Maori name for a group of seven stars known as the Pleiades star cluster. Some people think of Matariki as a mother star with six daughters, and it is often referred to as the Seven Sisters. Others think that Matariki are the 'eyes of the god'. The story goes that when Ranginui, the sky father, and Papatūānuku, the earth mother, were separated by their children the god of wind, Tāwhirimātea, became angry, tearing out his eyes and hurling them into the heavens.

Traditionally Matariki was celebrated by gathering with whanau (family) and reflecting on the past. The festival's connection to the stars provided an opportunity for families to remember their whakapapa (genealogy) and those ancestors who had passed away to the heavens. Offerings were made to land-based gods who would help provide good crops, and new trees were planted to signal new beginnings.

Many of these traditional celebrations are still practiced today, however there are many other ways that Matariki is celebrated. Most celebrations focus around music, song, dance, food and family.

Matariki is a good opportunity for Maori to share their stories and culture with the wider community, and many events and activities are planned throughout the country to share and celebrate Matariki. At Murrays Bay School we will be celebrating Matariki through our Matariki festival on Thursday, and classroom programmes will centre around the importance of Matariki to all New Zealanders. I look forward to celebrating this very special time with all of you over the rest of this week... Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.



## VISIONING SURVEY

Since we posted this survey two weeks ago we have only received 62 responses, this survey is your chance to contribute to the future planning for Murrays Bay School.

Our core values and strategic goals are all developed from the feedback you provide us with.

Please follow the link to the survey, your contribution will be greatly valued.  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1x9gvtSDGuqhpfpxPPBTO1-a0r2WzrOhkMrSX9z3bso/viewform>

## Board of Trustees Election 2016

### Thank you to everyone that took the time to vote!

The ballot closed last Friday at noon, the count will take place on the 9th June with Constable Tania Wainsink in attendance. Communication will be sent via eTap to confirm the results on Thursday the 9th June 2016.

### TRANSITION AND YEAR 1 PHYSICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL PARENT AFTERNOON

We will be holding a parent work shop next week on Wednesday 15th June at 3:15pm in Rm 13. This work shop is regarding our Physical and Developmental testing that is done in Transition and Year 1. It will give you a lot of insight and knowledge about your child's developmental and physical progress and how this plays an important role on their learning. For the students who have been at school for a while, you should already have your child's 'Bucket Test' and you should bring it with you next Wednesday. Newer students, will not have had their testing completed yet, but please still come along so you can be well informed. Rm 14 will be available to mind any toddlers or school children while you attend the workshop.

**Important**

### JUNE

- 9 - Matariki Festival/Hāngi Lunch
- 9 - BOT Results published
- 14 - PTA Meeting, 7pm staffroom
- 16 - Mid Bays Rugby
- 20 - APPA Choir Rehearsal
- 21- BOT Meeting
- 22 - Wig Wednesday - Child Cancer
- 28 - Mid Bays Basketball

### JULY

- 7 - RM25 Okura Bush Walk
- 8 - Mid Year reports issued
- 8 - Term 2 ends
- 25 - Term 3 starts
- 26 - Mid Bays Football
- 28 - Mid Bays Football Save day

### AUGUST

- 2 - ICAS English
- 11 - Mid Bays Rugby
- 16 - ICAS Mathematics
- 17 - Mid Bays Hockey
- 18 - Mid Bays Hockey Save Day

[Letters home - Link here](#)

[Care Kids - After School Care](#)

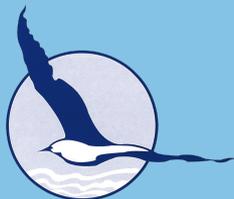
[Walking School Bus - Link here for more information](#)

[School Lunches - Link here for more information](#)

[Student Absences - Link here for more information](#)

[School Uniform - link here for more information](#)

**Next Full School Assembly  
Friday, 17th June 2016  
9.15am, Waipapa**



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## Congratulations to.....

Congratulations to Macklin Rix, Viahn Smart, Eduan Kleynhans, Georgia McManaway who will receive their gold certificate at the next school assembly

## Welcome to...

Tristan Harmsen, Christopher Jin, Allegra Pires, Ella Selby, Dazia Kolo

who all started at Murrays Bay School this term.

## STAR OF THE WEEK WEEK 2 - TERM 2

01AL - Amelia Gausden  
02JM - Kaitlin Clark  
03RV - Alex Xiao  
04HD - Sophie Davies  
05SG - Jiming Yang  
06GG - Camden Patrick  
07SH - Holly Walkinton  
08MW - Fortune Shi  
09CF - Anais-Lilly Monsellier  
10LH - Esther Huang  
11AT - Sarah Green  
12LM - Tiana Schwarz  
13TW - Matthew Sun  
14NM - Scott Wang  
15SE - Sean Wang  
16MW - Christopher Welsh  
17SA - Matthew Chow  
18LW - Victor He  
19AM - Ellia Gillam  
20MR - Hannah Ashdown  
21CJ - Vani Nair  
22LR - Matthew Hasler-Odlin  
23LH - Kayla Gilfillan  
24LJ - Zoe Inskeep  
25RP - Stella Higginson  
26SI - Lennon Hen  
27LM - Andrew Guan  
28TB - Niwa Hall

## STAR OF THE WEEK WEEK 3 - TERM 2

01AL - Sarah Scott  
02JM - Eric Shen  
03RV - Preston De Alwis  
04HD - Isla-Mai Booker  
05SG - Bryan Xiong  
06GG - Kayla Turnwald  
07SH - Aidan Holden  
08MW - Ethan Wei  
09CF - Cassie Levett  
10LH - Joseph Knight  
11AT - Tessa Coyle  
12LM - Callum Strivens  
13TW - David Kang  
14NM - Jenny Chen  
15SE - Jacob Guy  
16MW - Anna Jung  
17SA - Henru Kleynhans  
18LW - Samuel Wilson  
19AM - Caitlin McAllister  
20MR - Luke Burkett  
21CJ - Ashley Armstrong  
22LR - Harrison Abernethy  
23LH - Piper Harris  
24LJ - Pedro Herrera  
25RP - Erica Lei  
26SI - Eduan Kleynhans  
27LM - Kenai Stevens  
28TB - Jaewon Choi



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## COFFEE WITH THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM!

At 9 o'clock on Wednesday the 15th of June we are hosting an informal morning tea in the school staffroom for anyone who would like to join us. We will be telling you a little bit about what's happening in our school at the moment and will give you a chance to ask questions and chat informally with us afterwards. Mandarin, Korean and Japanese speaking translators will be available. We hope you can make it!



## 咖啡座谈会 - (与学校领导小组)

我们将于6月15日上午9点, 星期三举行休闲的, 早茶座谈会, 交流学校的一些近况, 会后可以随意和我们交谈并提问。地点: 学校职工房。(School Staffroom) 将有中文, 韩文, 及日文翻译在场。希望大家参加。

학교 종진교사들과 함께하는 모닝티에 여러분을 초대합니다.

오는6월15일 오전 9시에 교사휴게실에서 참가하기를 원하시는 모든 부모님들을 초대합니다. 해당일에 교사들은 학교에서 일어나고 있는 모든 것들을 알려 드리고 그 외에도 여러분이 궁금하신 것들에 대해 자유롭게 질문하실 수 있는 시간을 갖도록 할 예정입니다. 물론 모임 이후에도 계속 교사들은 개인적인 질문에 답을 드릴것입니다.

중국어, 일본어 및 한국어 모국어 사용자를 위해 통역할 도우미도 준비되어 있사오니 여러분의 많은 참여를 부탁드립니다.

## シニアリーダーシップグループとの懇親会のお誘い!

来たる 6 月 1 5 日水曜日の午前 9 時よりスタッフルームにて茶会を開催いたします。みなさんお気軽にお越しください。近頃の学校の状況をお知らせするとともにご質問がありましたらこの機会にお尋ねください。中国語、韓国語、日本語の通訳が同席いたします。それではみなさんお待ちしております。



We are regularly asked about lost property and our processes for assisting students to get their lost items back.

Unfortunately as you can see from the photos our main stumbling block is the amount of unnamed items that get left around the school. We would collect three times the amount of unnamed items compared to named, these are of course impossible to return to the rightful owner.

A new permanent Lost Property storage area is being planned and will be located outside the library. At the end of this term any unnamed and unclaimed items will be donated to the **2nd Chance Uniform Shop** and/or the Red Cross.



Unnamed Items



Named Items

### INTERESTED WATERWISE INSTRUCTORS

We are going to have a meeting for parents who are interested in becoming Waterwise Instructors for 'Murrays Bay Schools Waterwise', on Wednesday 8th June at 7pm. The meeting will be held at Murrays Bay Sailing Club, (New building at the southern end of Murrays Bay Beach). Looking forward to seeing you there.



### Homestay Accommodation Needed

We have been approached by a family (mum and two children) looking for a homestay from the 24th July to the 19th August 2016. The fee for this is \$750.00 per week.

If you are interested in this opportunity please email Eric Heo [greenedunz@gmail.com](mailto:greenedunz@gmail.com)



### SHORE TO SHORE - MERIT AWARD

Recently we attended the awards ceremony for this year's Shore to Shore event run/walked on the 3rd April 2016.

A equipment voucher of \$1412.00 was awarded to Murrays Bay School this year in from Sports Distributors with an additional \$150.00 given to the school as a Merit Award. Well done to all those that took part and no doubt we will be enjoying some new sports equipment in the near future.

### WIG WEDNESDAY - 22 JUNE 2016 - SUPPORTING THE CHILD CANCER FOUNDATION

Wear school uniform plus a wig

The Child Cancer Foundation is running New Zealand's first 'Wig Wednesday' on Wednesday 22 June and our school will be taking part in this national event.

Students and staff are encouraged to wear a wig and help raise funds for the Child Cancer Foundation by bringing a gold coin donation.

The money we raise will help support Kiwi children with cancer and their families across New Zealand. The Child Cancer Foundation aims to reduce the impact of cancer by offering services that ensure children and their families are supported, informed and connected at every stage of their journey.

Get wiggly with it and make your own wig (download a free template)

<http://www.childcancer.org.nz/CCFSite/media/images/Wig%20Wednesday/Wig-Wednesday-Wig-Templates.pdf>



## MURRAYS BAY SCHOOL TRIV NIGHT



**THE MURRAYS BAY TRIV NIGHT IS BACK! FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 7 – 11PM. DON'T MISS THIS EVENT!**

Funds raised from this event will be put towards the resurfacing of our main court with Astro Turf. Tickets will be available from the office at \$150 per table (max 10 per table), bring along your own nibbles and drinks for the evening.

If you are able to help with auction items on the night please contact [alice@murraysbay.school.nz](mailto:alice@murraysbay.school.nz)

As this is a school fundraising event payment is only available via Cheque / Cash.

Thank you Caius and Macsen Firth, Jessica and Aimee Stevens, Millie Coombe and Esther and Neve Caldwell. These students sold persimmons and raised \$31.00 to go towards the new playground! Well done!



## BOAT HAULAGE...

HEAVY BOAT TRANSPORT & CARTAGE CONTRACTORS  
Thank you to Pete Waters and his team who free of charge relocated our storage container.

Thank you to Cal and Michael for donating and custom making our new road warden storage units! The kids are now able to store their equipment safely by the crossings instead of having to carry them up and down the walkway every day! Also keep an eye on the Lost Property for our new and improved storage unit is expected any day now!



# Community News/PTA

ALL WELCOME - PTA Meeting, 14th June 2016. 7pm - 8pm in the staffroom - ALL WELCOME

### ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

85 books sold - \$1100.00 raised so far!

Thanks to all of you who have already purchased the Entertainment Book. The 2015/2016 books expire on June 1st so it's now time to get the new edition.

These are just a few of the offers in the book -

Auckland Zoo, Kelly Tarltons, Jesters Pies, Mangiamo Cafe, Stardome, Xtreme Entertainment, Hoyts, Fullers, Butterfly Creek, Paint the Earth and hundreds more...

Please have a look through the book that came home, or online at

<http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/about/flickbook>

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/9513v5>



Recently the PTA contacted Bunnings Constellation Drive asking for support for some of the various activities we are involved in, they have very kindly donated to the school 2 large trestle tables.

These are to replace some of the old tables which are used for the School Gala, Quiz nights etc. **Thank you Bunnings Constellation Drive!**



### PTA ACCOUNT AUDIT - VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

The PTA's accounts are due for their annual review! Is there someone within our school community that would be able to volunteer some time to do this review for us. The PTA works hard to gather funds to support and develop areas of the school not normally covered by the Ministry of Education funding, therefore we would really value the support of our community in many areas!

If you are able to volunteer please email [pta@murraysbay.school.nz](mailto:pta@murraysbay.school.nz)

### 2ND CHANCE UNIFORM SHOP - GRAB-A-BARGAIN

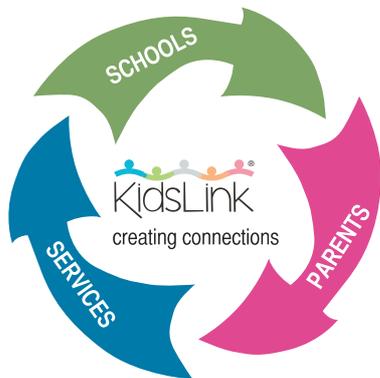
- Wednesdays 8.30 am - 9.00am and 2.45pm - 3.15pm

Please keep on sending us any items that are no longer required for your family, the **2nd Chance Uniform Shop** can certainly make sure another Murrays Bay Family gets use of these items and the funds raised all go towards resources for the whole school. Your support of the shop has been constant and is appreciated.

We also need volunteers. Can you assist us perhaps once a month - only 30 minutes of your time.



## We're working together to grow great kids



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[kidslink.co.nz](http://kidslink.co.nz)

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### Contact:

Julie Yu 021-138-2463 / [julie.yu@lcclubs.co.nz](mailto:julie.yu@lcclubs.co.nz)

[www.lcclubs.co.nz](http://www.lcclubs.co.nz)

## KELLY SPORTS - TERM 2



This term we are coaching SOCCER, RIPPA RUGBY BASKETBALL/NETBALL, DODGEBALL and HOCKEY to years 0-4. For just \$80 for our 8 week programme your child can enjoy these 5 sports as well as learn valuable skills and gain confidence. We start Thursday 12th May after school from 3.10pm-4.10pm so get in quick to take advantage of our EARLY BIRD RATE of just \$75 this offer ends on Friday the 6th of May. Enroll today on-line at [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) Or contact Jeremy Brown now on 09 214 9710, 027 278 4254, [jeremyb@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:jeremyb@kellysports.co.nz) if you have any questions. "GIVING KIDS A SPORTING CHANCE!"

Saving \$1 with ASB could score your child a chance to win fortnightly cash prizes.

To enter, just deposit at least \$1 into your child's registered Headstart account through your school's ASB School Banking Programme between Monday 2 May 2016 and Sunday 10 July 2016. Every fortnight is counted as an individual prize draw, so make sure you deposit once every fortnight to enter all five draws.

For more details on Score, how to register your child for the ASB School Banking programme and competition Ts & Cs visit [www.asb.co.nz/banking-with-asb/school-banking.html](http://www.asb.co.nz/banking-with-asb/school-banking.html) or drop into your local ASB branch.

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## SCHOOL TIME TUITION PIANO/KEYBOARD

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## MUSIQ HUB PLAY SMART

### GUITAR LESSONS

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As a fellow Murrays Bay School school parent, I appreciate the time and energy that goes into educating our youngsters. I also understand the challenges of fundraising. The wider Murrays Bay community has been good for my business and I want to give something back.

List with me and together we can help boost the school's fundraising efforts!

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