



MURRAY'S BAY
— PRIMARY SCHOOL —
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07 May 2025 | Newsletter #7 Term 2

Message from our Principal....

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

Welcome back to our second term of school.

I hope that you were able to spend some quality time together with your families over the break.

A warm welcome to all new families to the school. We hope that you enjoy your time with us. We also welcome Mrs Anna Clark who has taken up a role three days a week as a specialist teacher in our Year 4 team.

Last week, I had the opportunity to travel to Melbourne with our Across School Kahui Ako Literacy Leader, Mrs Lauren Hare, and Deputy Principal, Mrs Alice Andel. We spent four days engaged in professional learning and school visits with Liz Kane Literacy, our long-term partner in implementing structured literacy at our school.

We explored how principles from the science of learning can extend beyond literacy to strengthen teaching across the curriculum. Visiting several schools and connecting with education leaders reaffirmed that we're on the right path. A highlight was an evening session with Dr. Nathaniel Swain, a key voice in evidence-based education.

We're proud of our team's commitment to embedding explicit, research-informed instruction in every classroom. As we reflect and plan next steps, we look forward to sharing what we've learned with our staff and community.

The term promises, as always, to be eventful with many events planned which include school cross country, our annual Matariki Festival, Year 4 Kelly Tarlton's sleepover, book week and much more.

On Sunday, the Education Minister, Erica Stanford, launched a new and informative webspace for parents and whanau designed to help them support children's learning at home and strengthening the relationships between families and schools. Included in the webspace is a year by year curriculum learning guides, practice activities and informative videos and resources. The parent portal can be accessed [HERE](#). Please take some time to look through the webspace and if you have any questions these can be discussed at our Term Two Learning Conferences.

Kind Regards,
Hayden Iles
Tumuaki - Principal

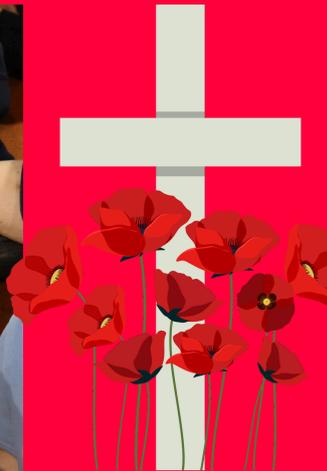


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ANZAC ASSEMBLY



UPCOMING EVENTS

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| WEEK 2 | 5 MAY | 6 MAY NS Primary Schools Swim Competition | 7 MAY | 8 MAY | 9 MAY Y1&2 Assembly |
| WEEK 3 | 12 MAY | 13 MAY Y4 Sleepover Kelly Tarltons Snowplanet Challenger Cup PTA Meeting | 14 MAY Y4 Sleepover Kelly Tarltons Chess Power Junior Regionals Auckland Writers Festival | 15 MAY Y4 Sleepover Kelly Tarltons ECB Rugby Festival | 16 MAY Y3&4 Assembly Chess Power Development Day PINK SHIRT NON-UNIFORM DAY  |
| WEEK 4 | 19 MAY | 20 MAY | 21 MAY Board Meeting | 22 MAY PTA Royalty Disco  | 23 MAY Y5&6 Assembly |

2025 Term Dates

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| TERM 01 2025 | 03 February - 11 April |
| TERM 02 2025 | 28 April - 27 June |
| TERM 03 2025 | 14 July - 19 September |
| TERM 04 2025 | 06 October - 18 December |

Teacher Only Day
Friday, 30 May 2025



IS YOUR CHILD TURNING 5 SOON?



PLEASE ENROL THEM NOW

WE NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS NOW FOR FUTURE ROLE GROWTH PLANNING SO PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD/REN HAVE BEEN ENROLLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



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Save the Date

Book character dress-up day
29 May

BOOK FAIR GARDEN
Catch the reading bug!

COME STROLL THROUGH
OUR BOOK FAIR GARDEN
26-30 MAY

LET'S GROW READERS! SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs



Congratulations to Maxx Hannah who has achieved 3rd place (Bronze Level) in the 2025 NZCO Scratch Coding Competition, organised nationally by the New Zealand Coding Organisation!

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Royalty Disco



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ROYALTY DISCO

Thursday 22nd May



Year 0-3 5-6 pm

Door sales from 4.45pm

Year 4-6 6.30-8 pm

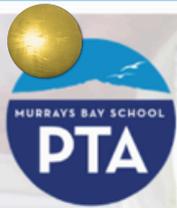
door sales from 6.15pm



Tickets \$5



We will have a quieter, supervised space available outside the back of hall for any kids that need a break from the noise..



MBPS PTA Lawn Bowls Tournament is back for 2025!

- Browns Bay Bowling Club
- 17th May, 2pm - 6.30 pm

Greetings, green grass enthusiasts and those ready to roll in the PTA Lawn Bowls Tournament. We're back for 2025 so whether you're a seasoned lawn pro or a first-time bowler, this tournament is all about enjoying the game and supporting a great cause - our school!

Gather your team of four and join us for a day of friendly competition and fundraising fun on the greens! Mark your calendars, get your team dress-up costume sorted, and let's roll into action together

Fill out the registration form [HERE](#) and secure your spot in the ultimate parents-only lawn bowls showdown. Let's roll!

Adults only event



Festival 2025

With just one more payment to come in we can share funds raised from the festival totalled approximately \$19,000. This is a huge result and the PTA would like to thank everyone who came along, helped out in any way or donated items and their time. This is a massive contribution towards a new senior playground!



SECOND CHANCE
SCHOOL UNIFORMS

WEDNESDAYS
8:45AM - 9:15AM
2:45PM - 3:15PM

LOCATED IN THE BACK OF THE SCHOOL HALL

CASH OR BANK TRANSFER ONLY

MURRAY'S BAY SCHOOL PTA



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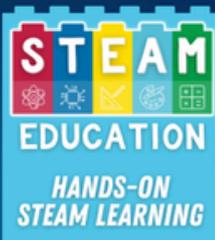
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THURSDAYS

Junior Robotics

Pūkeko Breakout Space

3:15pm – 4:15pm

Lesson Cost: \$32

Junior Robotics
(Years 0 - 4)

Our Junior Robotics class is designed to introduce kids to robotics and basic coding principles. It combines “drag and drop” pictorial Coding with our own Bricks 4 Kidz® models to spark and develop young students' interest in Science, Computing, Engineering and Technology subjects.



THURSDAYS

AI Explorer

Pūkeko Breakout Space

3:15pm – 4:45pm

Lesson Cost: \$40

AI Explorer
(Years 3+)

Explore Artificial Intelligence concepts with robotics coding! This programme features robotics models that showcase how robots adapt, balance, and respond to sensory input in complex environments. Students will gain hands-on experience with real-world AI concepts and applications while building critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

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