



MURRAYS BAY
— PRIMARY SCHOOL —
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25 February 2026 | Newsletter #3 Term 1

Message from our Principal....

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



The year has started exceptionally well. Classes are settled, and students are now well into their routines. It has been wonderful to see such a positive and focused start to the school year.

Our Year 5 students are looking forward to their upcoming camp at Kauri Park, which takes place from Wednesday to Friday next week. We know this will be a fantastic experience filled with learning, teamwork, and fun. Thank you to Jess Young and the Year 5 team for all their efforts in preparing for the camp and to all parents who will be helping at the camp. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Student Leadership 2026

Over the past fortnight, our Year 6 students have been involved in Student Government and House Captain elections. I would like to congratulate all students who took up the challenge and put themselves forward.

Congratulations to the students who have been elected as members of the Student Government and those elected as House Captains. I look forward to working with you throughout the year and seeing the positive contributions you will make to our school community.

ESOL Information Session.

Yesterday we held a Parent ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages) information session for parents of children who attend ESOL classes. This event was incredibly well supported by our community, and we sincerely thank you for your attendance.

Special thanks to Mrs Lydia Bush, Mrs Lina Newton, Mrs Stella Park, and Mrs Alice Andel for their planning and preparation. Your efforts made the session such a success.

Kind Regards,
Hayden Iles
Tumuaki - Principal

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CONGRATULATIONS!

2026 Student Government



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|-------------------|
| Ava McDonald |
| Clark Wu |
| Laurence Ji |
| Nikau Moses |
| Finn Marolia |
| Finley Thomas |
| Isla Tobin |
| Mikayla Gooltawat |

2026 Whānau Captains



| Pohutukawa | Kowhai | Tawa | Rimu |
|---|--|---|---|
| House Captain: Katie Hoffman | House Captain: Alice Lee | House Captain: Maddison Shuttleworth | House Captain: Rose Li |
| House Captain: Ari Tipler | House Captain: Casey Jenkins | House Captain: Hank Chen | House Captain: Max Jaakkola |
| Deputy House Captain: Kenzi Prout | Deputy House Captain: Deia Herzog | Deputy House Captain: Emilia Willetts | Deputy House Captain: MJ Manalo |
| Deputy House Captain: Sheldon Lam | Deputy House Captain: Luke Medcalf | Deputy House Captain: Marco Guo | Deputy House Captain: Ivan Yang |

UPCOMING EVENTS

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------|---------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| WEEK 4 | 23 FEBRUARY | 24 FEBRUARY | 25 FEBRUARY Board Meeting | 26 FEBRUARY Tennis Trials | 27 FEBRUARY Y3&4 Assembly Non Uniform Day |
| WEEK 5 | 02 MARCH | 03 MARCH | 04 MARCH Y5 Camp | 05 MARCH Y5 Camp | 06 MARCH Y5 Camp |
| WEEK 6 | 09 MARCH Y5&6 Assembly | 10 MARCH | 11 MARCH | 12 MARCH Super Cluster Tennis | 13 MARCH Y1&2 Assembly |

NON UNIFORM DAY

FUNDRAISING FOR OUR SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

FEBRUARY 27, 2026 | GOLD COIN DONATION

Term Dates

| | |
|----------------|--|
| TERM 1 2026 | 03 February – 02 April 06 February – Waitangi Day |
| TERM 2 2026 | 20 April – 03 July 27 April – ANZAC Day Observed 01 June – King’s Birthday |
| TERM 3 2026 | 20 July – 25 September |
| TERM 4 2026 | 12 October – 15 December 26 October – Labour Day |

Teacher Only Days
02 April
12 June





HOW TO PRINT A TAX DONATION RECEIPT VIA HERO

1. Log into Hero via a web browser.
Note: Receipts cannot be printed from the Hero Mobile App
2. Select FINANCE from the menu to view the statement of your student/s
3. Click VIEW ALL PAYMENTS
4. Click VIEW DONATION RECEIPTS.
5. Click the Tax Receipt button for the year they require. This will download as a protected (uneditable) Word document.



Year 5 student Daniel Kim has achieved outstanding success at the International Robot Olympiad 2025 held in Gold Coast, Australia, in January 2026 winning:

- Silver for Physical Computing
- Bronze for Creative Movie

Congratulations Daniel!



Murrays Bay Primary School

NO HAT, NO PLAY TERMS 1 & 4

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| MONDAY 23°C Sunny | TUESDAY 24°C Rain | WEDNESDAY 19°C Sunny |
| THURSDAY 30°C Sunny | FRIDAY 28°C Cloudy | SATURDAY 15 Snowy |

Hat must be plain navy bucket hat



SAVE THE DATE

THE HARCOURTS COOPER & CO

Shore to Shore

5km Fun Run & Walk

Sunday 29th March

POPSTAR DISCO

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH

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

REGISTER
HERE

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

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS



OPEN
WEDNESDAY
8.45 - 9.15AM
2.45 - 3.15 PM

Located in school hall
pta@murraysbay.school.nz
Cash or bank transfer only



PTA Meeting
10 March 7pm
Staff Room
All Welcome!!

Friends of the PTA

We are very grateful to the parents who generously give their time to support our events.

To help us continue running successful events, we are creating a mailing list for parents who are happy to help when they can. There is no expectation to help at every event or to join the PTA officially.

We will email this group first when we need volunteers throughout the year.

If you would like to be included, please click the link and add your details, or email pta@murraysbay.school.nz and we will add you to the list.



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Calling all Year 1 & Year 2s!

Come and join Rippa Rugby at East Coast Bays Rugby Club for the 2026 season. Rippa is the perfect introduction to rugby in a safe, non-contact environment, where kids can:

- Learn teamwork and confidence
- Build core skills like catching, passing and running
- Score tries and celebrate together
- Enjoy a strong focus on fun, inclusion and fair play

Boys and girls welcome! Year 1 = J8, Year 2 = J7



Registration dates:
 17 Thursday 19 Feb — 4pm-6pm
 17 Saturday 21 Feb — 4pm-6pm
 East Coast Bays Rugby Club
 Come along, bring a friend, and get ready for a fun season of rugby!



Check out our Facebook page for more information about registration!



FIRST SESSION FREE!!!

AUCKLAND HANDBALL

PLAY HANDBALL

REGISTER NOW



Contact: +64 2102 868614 - Pepe

Saturdays 9:30 - 11:00am
@ Murrays Bay Intermediate School

Come and join us for just \$80
for 7 sessions

Boys and Girls
Ages 8 - 13 years
From 14th Feb
to 28th March

Community Notices

3 + 1 =

4 + 1 = 5

5 + 1 =

6 + 1 =

Example:
The sun shines.
1) subject shines


2) blows

3) floats

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