



MURRAYS BAY
— PRIMARY SCHOOL —
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11 March 2026 | Newsletter #4 Term 1

Message from our Principal....

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



Year 5 Camp a Great Success

Our Year 5 camp at Carey Park, held from Wednesday to Friday last week, was a great success. Everyone involved thoroughly enjoyed the experience. A special thank you to Jessica Young, the Year 5 team, and all the parents who helped during the camp. Your support made this opportunity possible for our students.

Life Education Visit

Over the next three weeks the Life Education truck is visiting our school, and all classes will be involved in this important health programme. I encourage you to ask your children about what they are learning.

Welcome to Our New Entrants

Yesterday our new entrant class opened with nine students, all very excited to begin their learning journey. We warmly welcome them and their families to Murrays Bay Primary School. A special welcome also to Mrs Jen Watson, who will be their class teacher this year.

Upcoming Events

On Thursday this week we have the Super Cluster Tennis tournament. We wish the students competing all the best and hope they have a fantastic day. Thank you to Abbie Sadler for coordinating this event.

Next week, some students in the middle and senior school will be travelling to Northern Arena for our school swimming sports. This is always a highlight for the children, and we wish them all the best for a successful and enjoyable day. Parents are most welcome to come along and support if you are available.

Kind Regards,
Hayden Iles
Tumuaki - Principal

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CONSTRUCT**

Mention Murrays Bay School for 1% of the value of your renovation to be donated straight back to the PTA

Call Brendon: 021 568 655



Sunday, 29th March 2026

Harcourts Cooper and Co Shore to Shore is North Shore's favourite 5km fun run/walk, with approximately 5,000 participants entering every year. The event starts at Takapuna Grammar School, heads along both the picturesque Takapuna and Milford beaches and ends at Milford Reserve and brings together the North Shore community to support local schools by providing them with an opportunity to raise funds for much-needed sports gear. A great opportunity for Friends, Parents, Aunties, Uncles and Grandparents to get together, dress up, and join us for the fun! 2026 promises to be another great event with plenty of awesome costumes and spot prizes up for grabs!!



UPCOMING EVENTS

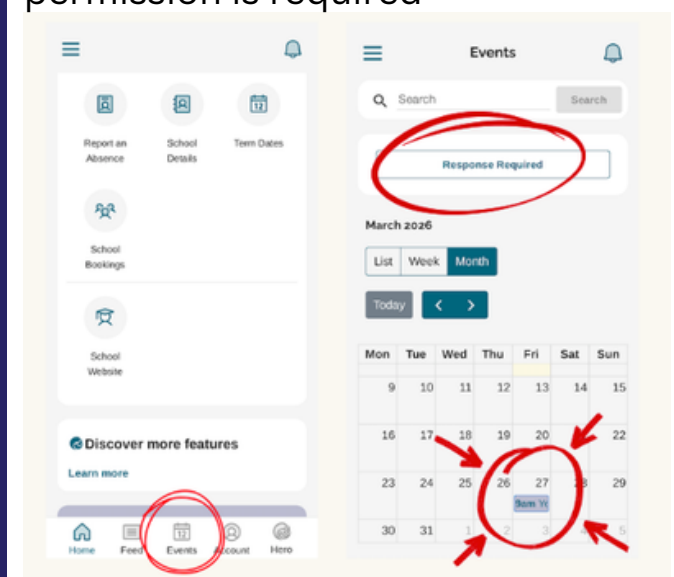
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 6	09 MARCH Y5&6 Assembly	10 MARCH	11 MARCH	12 MARCH Super Cluster Tennis	13 MARCH Y1&2 Assembly
WEEK 7	16 MARCH	17 MARCH Y4-6 Swimming Sports - Northern Arena PTA Meeting 7pm	18 MARCH	19 MARCH Netball Trials	20 MARCH Netball Trials Y3&4 Assembly
WEEK 8	23 MARCH Y1 Outdoor Education Day	24 MARCH Cricket Zone Day	25 MARCH Board Meeting 7pm	26 MARCH PTA Disco	27 MARCH Y5&6 Assembly Y3 Beach Tip



NEW! Events Feature

Our school is now using a new feature on the HERO app for school events.

Notifications can be found in the Event tab. Please respond if permission is required



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



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

SECOND CHANCE
SCHOOL 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



MURRAYS BAY SCHOOL
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**SAVE
the DATE**



PTA Lawn Bowl Tournament - 16 May 2026
Browns Bay Bowling Club
2:00pm-6:00pm

Look out for event registration in future newsletters.
Get your team/name/costume of 4 sorted and be in for a fun afternoon of bowls.

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.



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

Community Notices

TERM 1 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

7-17 April 2026 (2 Weeks)

Make this holiday count!

Our Holiday Programme is designed to help students build confidence and strengthen their writing foundations through focused paragraph development and guided practice.



Holiday Power Writing Course

This course is designed to align with the new New Zealand curriculum's focus on **structured literacy**. Students strengthen **essential writing skills** and build strong foundations in clear and well-organised **paragraph writing**.

Students will produce their own writing to enter the **Queen's Commonwealth Writing Competition 2026**.

- 7-17 April (9 days)
- 3:00-4:30 pm



10% Early Bird D/C
by 24 March

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Build confidence, creativity and academic excellence

- ✓ Creating videos using AI
- ✓ Develop Games with Roblox
- ✓ Let's learn Makey Makey
- ✓ Introduction to Developing Websites
- ✓ Learn to Code in Python
- ✓ Learn to code using Scratch
- ✓ Let us Learn 3D Printing
- ✓ Minecraft - Develop your own Mods
- ✓ Building Games with Gamemaker
- ✓ Code that Robot using Edison
- ✓ Minecraft Modding Junior
- ✓ Let Us Code
- ✓ Code that Robot using Mbot
- ✓ Machine Learning for Kids



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APRIL 7TH - 17TH, 2026

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HOLIDAY PROGRAM

SPORTS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

\$60 PER DAY

Are you keen to keep the kids active these school holidays? SportsCamps4Kids Workshops run a 2-day program, offering fun, high-energy sessions led by trained teachers and focused on building confidence and fundamental skills. Running from 9:00am to 2:30pm each day, it's a great way for kids to stay active, make friends, and develop their skills.

RUGBY
5-13 years old
7th & 8th April
East Coast Bays Rugby

RUGBY
5-13 years old
13th & 14th April
Takapuna Rugby Club

VOLLEYBALL
11-15 years old
7th & 8th April
Harbour Beach Volleyball

NETBALL
8-15 years old
15th & 16th April
Pinehurst, Albany

Register at sportsamps4kids.co.nz

Advertise in our Community Section - \$25+gst per edition

Adverts need to be relevant to our School Community - email office@murraysbay.school.nz for more information

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