



MURRAYS BAY
— PRIMARY SCHOOL —
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25 March 2026 | Newsletter #5 Term 1

Message from our Principal....

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



As we move towards the end of our first term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parent community for the contribution you have made towards your child's education. Your support is greatly appreciated and plays a vital role in the success of our school.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to all parents who have assisted at school events, including swimming sports, classroom support, attending school camps, and coaching sports teams. Your involvement makes a meaningful difference for our students. At this time, I would also like to farewell Mrs Daseul Norling, who will be leaving us at the end of the term. Daseul has been a valued member of our school for the past five years and will be travelling overseas. We thank her for her service, and we wish her and her husband all the very best for the future.

As mentioned earlier this week, this will be my final newsletter before I begin my upcoming sabbatical. I look forward to returning in Term 4. During my absence, Mr Paul Hoffman will take on the role of Acting Principal. For your reference, he can be contacted at: principal@murraysbay.school.nz.

Mrs Sharon Garner will be Acting Deputy Principal for Years 5 and 6. Her email address is: sharon@murraysbay.school.nz.

Mrs Alice Andel and Mrs Claire Fisher will continue in their Deputy Principal roles, with no changes to their contact details. Mrs Anna Clark has been appointed as Acting Special Needs Coordinator. She can be contacted at: annaclark@murraysbay.school.nz.

We are very fortunate to have such an experienced and capable leadership team who will continue to lead our school in the terms ahead.


Thank you once again for your ongoing support. Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday. School will resume for Term 2 on 20 April.

Ngā mihi nui
Hayden Iles
Tumuaki - Principal

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UPCOMING EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 8	23 MARCH Y1 Outdoor Education Day	24 MARCH Cricket Zone Day	25 MARCH Board Meeting	26 MARCH School Disco 	27 MARCH Y5&6 Assembly Y3 Beach Trip
WEEK 9	30 MARCH	31 MARCH Mid Bay Swim Sports	1 APRIL End of term – school closed 3pm	2 APRIL TEACHER ONLY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	3 APRIL SCHOOL CLOSED
WEEK 1	20 APRIL Start of term 2	21 APRIL	22 APRIL	23 APRIL	24 APRIL Y1&2 Assembly

PLEASE DON'T SHARE YOUR FOOD!



Your friends may be **allergic** to the food you share

We all love to celebrate special moments but ask that you assist us to keep our students safe and **not** providing treats for classmates even on your child's birthday



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

Congratulatings Mrs Bush!



Lydia Bush won 2 gold medals (60M & 200M) and 1 silver (100M) at the New Zealand Masters athletics national championships this month in New Plymouth.



We are so proud of you!!!



NEW WORLD
Browns Bay

Baking Club

A huge thank you to Claire and Brad from New World Browns Bay for their wonderful support of our school baking programme. They are kindly donating ingredients for this programme each week. We are incredibly grateful for their generosity and support of our school community.

ARE YOU IN ZONE FOR MURRAY'S BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL?

IS YOUR CHILD OR THE CHILD OF SOMEONE YOU KNOW TURNING 5 IN 2026?

IF SO, ITS TIME TO ENROL THEM

AS OF 2026, MURRAY'S BAY SCHOOL HAS MOVED TO COHORT ENTRY. THIS MEANS THAT WE NOW USE THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION'S 8 SET DATES FOR 5 YEAR OLDS STARTING SCHOOL.

	Cohort No.	Start of Term Date	Cohort No.	Mid-Term Date
Term 2	3	Monday 20 April	4	Monday 1 June
Term 3	5	Monday 20 July	6	Monday 24 August
Term 4	7	Monday 12 October	8	Monday 16th November



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For health and safety purposes, we ask all parents and caregivers to follow the following guidelines

- During school hours please report to the school office, **DO NOT** go directly to your child's classroom
- Students arriving before 8.30am or remaining at school after 3pm **MUST** be actively supervised by an adult



 **REGISTER NOW**



School entries for Shore to Shore 2026 are now closed, but there's still time to get involved... and we've made it a little sweeter.

We're hooking you up with a special discount code to use on the general public registration form:

Use code: "homie26" to score an \$18 General Public ticket (Same as School price)

Whether you're in it for the run, the walk, the vibes, or just the finish line feeling – Shore to Shore is one of Auckland's must-do events, and we'd love to see you there.

Don't forget to look out for our PTA sausage sizzle at the finish line!!!

SAVE
THE
DATE

Raising funds
for new
Manutara
Sunshades

You can access the
fundraising portal and set up
your kid(s) individual page here:
<https://murraysbaytopteam.raiseit.co.nz/>
or scan the QR code in the
poster.

Friday 1st May
12:30-3pm

Top Team

SPOT PRIZES!!!!

2026 TROPHY
UP FOR GRABS!!!!

An exciting afternoon of
competition to see which
Whānau Group will be the
Top Team for 2026!!
Raising money for:
Manutara Sun Shades

Register here:



With the school holidays
coming up, it's the perfect
time to kindly ask family
and friends you might be
catching up with to donate.

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.

TOMORROW!!!

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.

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



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.



FOLLOW

PTA Meeting
05 May 7pm
Staff Room
All Welcome!!

Community Notices

3 + 1 = 4
4 + 1 = 5
5 + 1 = 6
4 + 1 = 5

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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



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- ✓ Creating videos using AI
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- ✓ 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 Gamedmaker
- ✓ Code that Robot using Edison

- ✓ Minecraft Modding Junior
- ✓ Let Us Code
- ✓ Code that Robot using Mbot
- ✓ Machine Learning for Kids

SCAN HERE

Discover the joy of coding and the world of technology!

APRIL 7TH - 17TH, 2026

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

Community Notices

BLFC School Holiday Timetable 2026 Term 1 (Age 5-7)

TIME	MONDAY 06/04/2026	TUESDAY 07/04/2026	WEDNESDAY 08/04/2026	THURSDAY 09/04/2026	FRIDAY 10/04/2026
	STEM Exploration Day	Life skills & positive habits	Strategy Thinking Day	Creative Strategy Thinking Day	Baking FRIDAY
09:00-09:30	签到 + 课前活动	签到 + 课前活动	签到 + 课前活动	签到 + 课前活动	签到 + 课前活动
09:30-10:00	破冰游戏 (找朋友)	趣味中文	趣味中文	趣味中文	古诗诵读课
10:00-10:30	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea
10:30-12:00	科学实验课	良好习惯培养与生活能力训练	数学思维课	音乐鉴赏与节奏训练	烘焙课
12:00-12:30	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time
13:00-14:30	乐高编程手工	跨学科手工 (手工实践课程)	乐高机器人手工	乐高机器人手工	乐高电影故事与讨论
14:30-14:45	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea
14:45-15:45	专注力训练	儿童绘本课	团队益智游戏	体育课	城市寻宝活动
15:45-16:00	Pick Up Time	Pick Up Time	Pick Up Time	Pick Up Time	Pick Up Time

TIME	MONDAY 13/04/2026	TUESDAY 14/04/2026	WEDNESDAY 15/04/2026	THURSDAY 16/04/2026	FRIDAY 17/04/2026
	STEM Exploration Day	Chinese Mythology Day	Global Discovery Day	Discovery Day	Outdoor Adventure
09:00-09:30	签到 + 课前活动	签到 + 课前活动	签到 + 课前活动	签到 + 课前活动	签到 + 课前活动
09:30-10:00	破冰游戏 (找朋友)	趣味中文	趣味中文	趣味中文	趣味中文
10:00-10:30	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea
10:30-12:00	科学实验课	走进上海 (中国城市与文化探索)	古代文明 (Ancient Greek)	AI 基础认知与正确使用引导	Clip n Climp all day (12:00-16:00 时段, 上下午各一节)
12:00-12:30	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time
13:00-14:30	乐高机器人手工	亲子动物手工	乐高积木手工	乐高积木手工	乐高积木手工
14:30-14:45	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea
14:45-15:45	专注力训练	儿童绘本课	乐高运动	乐高运动	乐高运动
15:45-16:00	Pick Up Time	Pick Up Time	Pick Up Time	Pick Up Time	Pick Up Time

玩中带学 度过完美假期班 06 Apr - 17 Apr
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BLFC School Holiday Timetable 2026 Term 1 (Age 8-11)

TIME	MONDAY 06/04/2026	TUESDAY 07/04/2026	WEDNESDAY 08/04/2026	THURSDAY 09/04/2026	FRIDAY 10/04/2026
	Science Experiment Day	Chinese Mythology Day	Strategy Thinking Day	Strategy Thinking Day	Baking FRIDAY
09:00-09:30	签到 + 课前活动	签到 + 课前活动	签到 + 课前活动	签到 + 课前活动	签到 + 课前活动
09:30-10:00	破冰游戏 (找朋友)	趣味中文	趣味中文	趣味中文	趣味中文
10:00-10:30	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea
10:30-12:00	科学实验课	Debating class	数学思维课	Drama class	烘焙课
12:00-12:30	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time
13:00-14:30	乐高编程手工	乐高编程手工	乐高编程手工	乐高编程手工	乐高编程手工
14:30-14:45	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea
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15:45-16:00	Pick Up Time	Pick Up Time	Pick Up Time	Pick Up Time	Pick Up Time

TIME	MONDAY 13/04/2026	TUESDAY 14/04/2026	WEDNESDAY 15/04/2026	THURSDAY 16/04/2026	FRIDAY 17/04/2026
	Science Experiment Day	Discovery Day	Discovery Day	Discovery Day	Outdoor activities
09:00-09:30	签到 + 课前活动	签到 + 课前活动	签到 + 课前活动	签到 + 课前活动	签到 + 课前活动
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14:30-14:45	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea
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HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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- 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
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