



MURRAYS BAY
— PRIMARY SCHOOL —
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29 April 2026 | Newsletter #6 Term 2

Message from our Acting Principal....

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

As we begin Term 2, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all of our students, staff, and families. It has been a lovely start to the term, with classrooms quickly settling into routines and a positive energy around the school. As many of you will already know, Mr Hayden Iles has now begun his sabbatical this term. We wish Hayden all the very best for this valuable opportunity and look forward to welcoming him back later in the year.



Last week, we held a special Whakatau in Waipapa to welcome the new students and families who have joined our school community. It was a wonderful occasion and a fitting way to begin the term together. A special welcome to Mrs van Zyl, who joins our Year 6 team, and welcome back to Mrs Ramsamy, who joins us as our new Year 0 teacher. We are delighted to have them as part of the Murrays Bay Primary School whānau.

Yesterday, we gathered for our ANZAC Assembly, where students reflected respectfully on the importance of remembrance, service, and gratitude. I was extremely proud of the way our children participated and represented our school values throughout the occasion. Last night also saw another successful MindPlus Pizza and Board Games Evening. Thank you to everyone involved in organising and supporting this enjoyable event for our students.

A reminder that our Top Team Whānau House Sports Day will be held this Friday. This promises to be a fun-filled day of teamwork, house spirit, and friendly competition. Parents are warmly invited to come along.

Finally, a kind reminder to all families about the importance of safe routines before and after school. Please continue to use designated crossings, follow traffic signage, and take extra care around our busy drop-off and pick-up areas. If your child walks, bikes, or scooters to and from school, please ensure they understand safe travel expectations. We also ask families to remember that children are not able to remain at school after 3.00pm unattended or without a clear after-school plan in place. Your support in helping us keep all students safe is greatly appreciated.

Wishing everyone a happy, successful, and settled Term two ahead.

Ngā mihi nui

Paul Hoffman
Tumuaki Whakarite - Acting Principal

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NEW WORLD
Browns Bay

Term 1 Principal's Award Recipients

Principals Selection Charlotte-Rose Hazelden-Mergler

Ruru 4

Roah Lee

Pūkeko 1

Ava Zhu

Pūkeko 2

Noah Christianson

Pūkeko 3

Mac

Kārearea 1

Nicco Fretwell

Kārearea 2

Evan Zhu

Kārearea 3

Mila Zakovski

Kārearea 4

John Jia

Tūt 1

Maeve Lanning

Tūt 2

Simon Hurley

Tūt 3

Inaia Moller

Tūt 5

Andisheh

Kererū 1

Domii Yang

Kererū 2

Cayden Huang

Kererū 3

Abbigail Chang

Principals Selection Aria Duffy

Pīwakawaka 1

Joanna Chen

Pīwakawaka 2

Melanie Shi

Manutara 1

Oscar Burt

Manutara 2

Daniel Hiramatsu

Manutara 3

Phyo Kyi Sin Soe

Manutara 4

Alana Glance

Kororā 4

Mayah

Kororā 5

Fleur Cooney

Manutara 6

Edwin Bibin

Manutara 7

Josh Weng

Manutara 8

Carter Tana

Manutara 9

Amaia Randell

Kererū 4

Sheldon Lam

Kererū 5

Otylia Jiang




REMINDER

We know how wonderful our students are but ask that you do not photograph or film them on school grounds or publish photos on social media that include other children



UPCOMING EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 2	<p>27 APRIL</p> <p>ANZAC Day Observed School Closed</p>	<p>28 APRIL</p> <p>Mindplus Board Game & Pizza Evening</p>	<p>29 APRIL</p>	<p>30 APRIL</p> <p>ECB Rippa Rugby Festival</p>	<p>1 MAY</p> <p>Y3&4 Assembly PTA Top Team</p>
WEEK 3	<p>4 MAY</p>	<p>5 MAY</p> <p>Y4 Kelly Tarltons Sleepover</p> <p>Nth Shore Swimming Comp</p> <p>PTA Meeting</p>	<p>6 MAY</p> <p>Y4 Kelly Tarltons Sleepover</p> <p>Kidz lit Quiz</p>	<p>7 MAY</p> <p>Y4 Kelly Tarltons Sleepover</p>	<p>8 MAY</p> <p>Y5&6 Assembly</p>
WEEK 4	<p>11 MAY</p>	<p>12 MAY</p>	<p>13 MAY</p> <p>Board Meeting</p>	<p>14 MAY</p> <p>NYLD</p> 	<p>15 MAY</p> <p>Y1&2 Assembly Pink Shirt Non Uniform Day</p>

A warm welcome to all our new staff and students



Congratulations to Varro and Remmy Wang who recently competed at the U.S. Kids Golf 2026 Hawaii State Invitational with outstanding results - Remy came 3rd and Varro came 4th.



Congratulations to Taylor Liu! During last months national BMX championships, Taylor finished 10th place nationally, earning a qualification for the World Championships later this year.

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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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

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FOR THE DAY?

WHO WILL
WIN BEST
DRESSED?



WHICH HOUSE WILL
WIN THE ULTIMATE
PRIZE?



SIGN UP NOW

POPSTAR DISCO

THURSDAY 28TH 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

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

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

Get your team/name/costume of 4 sorted and be in for a fun afternoon of bowls.

SIGN UP HERE



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.



FOLLOW

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

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CLASS TIMES

Tuesdays
3.05 - 4.05pm
in Ruru 1



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TERM 2 2026

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Now with 30 extra minutes of core coding! Our upgraded Junior Robotics classes give young learners more time to build confidence, explore programming, & level up with hands-on learning.

LEARN REAL-WORLD AI CONCEPTS

Explore Artificial Intelligence through robotics coding! In this hands-on programme, students will gain understanding of how AI works in everyday technology while developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

JUNIOR
ROBOTICS

THURSDAYS

Start date: 30th Apr

Location: Pukeko Breakout Space

3:15pm – 4:45pm

Term Fees: \$400

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.

AI EXPLORER

THURSDAYS

Start date: 30th Apr

Location: Pukeko Breakout Space

3:15pm – 4:45pm

Term Fees: \$420

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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