



MURRAYS BAY

— PRIMARY SCHOOL —

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29 July 2026 | Newsletter #11 Term 3

Message from our Acting Principal....

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

It has been a wonderful start to Term 3 at Murrays Bay Primary School! It was fantastic to see our students return after a well-deserved break, rested and ready to learn. I have been so impressed with how quickly everyone has settled back into their daily routines and school life.



We kicked off the new term with a heartwarming Whakatau on our first Monday back, where we formally welcomed our new pupils and their families into our school community. We hope you all had a wonderful first week and are enjoying your time at Murrays Bay Primary. As many of you likely noticed, we had a brand-new astroturf installed outside the Pūkeko block over the school holidays. It has been a huge hit already, and it's been brilliant watching the children, especially our juniors, having so much fun playing on this great new space.

Another fantastic addition to our grounds over the break is the new artwork along the Aotearoa Walkway. The murals were installed towards the end of Term 2 and look absolutely amazing! A massive thank you to former student Grace Hollins, her supporting artist Kim Wyatt, and all the other talented artists involved for their hard work.

It was also lovely to welcome over 100 parents and community members to our second Parent Hui in the hall today. Thank you so much for your attendance, your genuine interest, and your thoughtful questions regarding our ongoing journey with the Science of Learning. Your partnership makes a world of difference.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We are looking forward to a fantastic term ahead.

Ngā mihi nui

Paul Hoffman
Tumuaki Whakarite - Acting Principal



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Term 2 Principal's Award Recipients

Principals Selection

Kai Abaz
Ruru 3
Ruru 4
Pūkeko 1
Pūkeko 2
Pūkeko 3
Kārearea 1
Kārearea 2
Kārearea 3
Kārearea 4
Tūt 1
Tūt 2
Tūt 3
Tūt 5
Kererū 1
Kererū 2

Danson Liu
Carter Inger
Luca Andrews
Stevie Douglas
Camela Fei
Etan Cheung
Mikey Ngata
Isla Rowe
Austin Lin
Charlotte Wu
Duncan Huang
Evie Zhang
Spencer Zheng
Jai Rachakonda
Elliott Wang

Principals Selection

Aiden Hang
Layla Inger
Amber Chen
Daniel Chen
Michael Nawaia
Noah Bouzaid
Zoey Jia
Akein Bandara
Irvina Song
Owen Roberts
Elsa Feng
Lana Zakovski
Skylar Reichert
Brian Du
Yihan Wang
Emilia Willets



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

Enrol Now

www.murraysbay.school.nz/enrol/

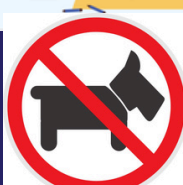


Term Dates

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



**NO DOGS ALLOWED
AT ALL TIMES**

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR SCHOOL
CLEAN & HEALTHY FOR OUR STUDENTS



*except service dogs

UPCOMING EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 2	27 JULY	28 JULY Y3 Stardome Visit PTA Meeting	29 JULY Y3 Stardome Visit Parent Hui Workshop	30 JULY ECB Ripper Rugby Festival	31 JULY Y6 Stardome Visit Y1&2 Assembly
WEEK 3	03 AUGUST Y6 Stardome Visit	04 AUGUST Y6 Stardome Visit	05 AUGUST Board Meeting	06 AUGUST	07 AUGUST Y3&4 Assembly
WEEK 4	10 AUGUST	11 AUGUST	12 AUGUST	13 AUGUST	14 AUGUST Y5&6 Assembly Book Character Dress Up Day



A warm welcome to our new students



Year 1's 100 Days of School Celebration!!



100





Matariki Festival



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To provide these services, personal information about students, parents, caregivers and staff may be disclosed to and collected by Hero on behalf of the school. This information may include contact details, enrolment information, attendance records, achievement and assessment information, wellbeing information, health information provided to the school, and other information necessary for the delivery of educational services.

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9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28

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★ MURRAYS BAY SCHOOL PRESENTS... ★

TIME *after* TIME

A Celebration of Music
THROUGH THE AGES



**BLOCK OUT
YOUR DIARY!**



**8TH – 10TH
SEPTEMBER 2026**



**TICKETS AVAILABLE
IN TERM 3**





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PRESENTS

BEATS *by* BINGO

Silent Auction,
Live Auction,
Quick Fire Raffles
& much
more!

50% tickets
sold

- Don't miss
out!

04
SEPT

\$30PP
get a group &
buy a table of 8
or join a table!

Browns Bay Bowling Club

Doors open at 6:30pm - Bingo from 7:30pm
with a DJ to conclude the evening

A Night of Music, Bingo & Fundraising Fun!

R18 event | Licensed bar

Pre-book a platter or BYO platter



To book tickets scan QR code or
email pta@murraysbay.school.nz



ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT THE MURRAYS BAY PTA



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



The Bargain Hunter's Best Friend

FAMILY MOVIE AFTERNOON



Register here



The Magic Faraway Tree

Sunday 23rd August

Doors sales open 140pm

Movie starts at 2:00-3:50pm

Children MUST be collected at 3:50pm from the hall

\$10 per person cash at door
2 slices of pizza included

Where: MBPS School Hall

MBPS pupils and their
families welcome



Snacks:
\$2 chips, drinks
\$3 lolly bags

PTA Meeting
25 August 7pm
Staff Room

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Delivery 3: **10% off** your delivery

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MURRAYSBAY2026

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Community Notices

CHESS IS BACK

at MURRAY'S BAY SCHOOL

A fun and engaging way for your child to learn, grow and thrive.

TERM 3 COACHING PROGRAM STARTS TUESDAY 21 JULY

Give your child the skills for life with

CHESS!

Chess builds critical thinking, boosts confidence and helps kids make smarter decisions – on and off the chessboard.

JUST \$224 FOR THE TERM

CLASS TIMES

TUESDAYS
3:05 - 4:05 PM

In the Ruru 1 Room
code: #2582# Parking next to the hall.

WHY CHESS?

- 1 SHARPENS MINDS**
Improves focus, memory and concentration.
- 2 BUILDS CHARACTER**
Teaches patience, resilience and good sportsmanship.
- 3 DEVELOPS SKILLS**
Enhances problem solving, creativity and strategy.

REGISTER TODAY!

Spaces are limited

Register at: www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration

QUESTIONS?

Visit: chesspower.co.nz
Click Parents Centre

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MATH AND READING CONFIDENCE

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KUMON ALBANY EDUCATION CENTRE

FREE ASSESSMENT

The initial assessment determines the starting point and the study projection tailored to your child's needs.

ABOUT KUMON METHOD

- Designed to help students work ahead of their school level.
- Focuses on Math and Reading Excellence
- Encourages self-learning and independence

MONTHLY TUITION

Enrolment Fee: \$ 100
Monthly Tuition: \$160

AUGUST

ENROL TODAY! **FREE TRIAL** **Enquire today!**

Terms & Conditions APPLY.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK AN ORIENTATION

Contact: Anita Gokal
Call: 02904301662
Email: Albany.kumon1@gmail.com
T 86 Bush Road, Albany

Our Favourite Time of the Year... Show Season! 🌟🎭

Term 3 is here, and that means it's our favourite time of the year... **Show Season!**

Now is the perfect time to join Pform as we begin rehearsals for **The Confidence Project** at **Q Theatre** on **Sunday 23 August**, along with our spectacular end-of-year production, **RISE**, at the **Bruce Mason Theatre**.

Over the next few months, students will build confidence, develop performance skills, make wonderful friendships and experience the excitement of performing on a professional stage.

Show season is always better with a buddy! If your child has a friend who has been thinking about giving Pform a go, this is the perfect time to join. They'll rehearse together, share the excitement, and create memories that will last long after the final curtain falls.

Come along and trial a class over the next two weeks. We'd love to welcome you into the Pform whanau!

🌟 Visit www.pform.nz to find your nearest venue and book a trial class today.



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

Community Notices



BIG CONFIDENCE STARTS HERE.

We help kids find their voice, speak with confidence and build skills for life.



TERM 3 PROGRAMMES

Small group classes running weekly throughout the school term — structured, purposeful skill development, and taught by trained coaches who know how to develop confident communicators.

Speech & Drama — build confidence, creativity, performance, and communication skills

Public Speaking — structure ideas, speak with impact, and present with confidence

Debate — think critically, argue persuasively, and respond confidently under pressure. Every student speaks every lesson.

Build skills for life. Real progress, every term. For Years 1-13 students.



INTERESTED? SCAN HERE

OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Interactive, high-energy holiday programmes:

- Speech & Drama
- Public Speaking & Debate
- Leadership
- Theatre sports
- Acting

Holiday coaching that builds important skills for life:

- Speak with confidence
- Build creativity & imagination
- Debate with confidence
- Deliver powerful speeches
- Perform with presence

Ideal for new and current students. Book for real progress -fast. For Years 1-13 students.



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INCREDIBLE YEARS PARENT PROGRAMME

Incredibly uncertain, incredibly different, yet also incredibly enlightening and promising. Incredible Years Parent programme for parents and caregivers of children aged 3-8 years

Incredible Years Parent Programme 2026 North and West Auckland Region

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Introducing Russell Su'a, Donna Southworth and Susie Talimalo-Ikilele of Hear Our Story Limited. We are a team of specialist teachers, parents and grandparents with a passion for empowering families to create positive change from the inside out. We work as a team and tailor our approach to meet the needs of our families, communities and partners.

About IY Parent

The Incredible Years programme for caregivers is based on 30 years of research. Developed by Dr Carolyn Webster-Stratton, it provides caregivers with strategies to navigate and thrive through the unknown and diverse behaviours. It's evidence-based, meaning there's a wealth of research proving its effectiveness.

Sign up with Hear Our Story Ltd

You are welcome to bring a partner, close friend or relative. You can also encourage your child's teacher to attend the Incredible Years teacher programme for a consistent approach.

Cost: Free
Time: 2.5-hour sessions
Length: 14 weeks
One session per week

What you'll learn

You will learn strategies to communicate and have a positive relationship with your tamariki who may see the world in a different way. Often this is less about the child and more about your response as a caregiver. You'll learn to reflect on your behaviour and play at their level to meet their needs.

Who is the course for?

Any parent or caregiver who is finding their child's behaviour challenging (ages 3-8 years) is welcome to join our programme. Whether your child experiences big emotions, distress, or meltdowns, this is a judgement-free space with no comparisons. If you're feeling unsure, isolated, or worried, please know you are not alone. Enrol now to secure your place.

For more information about IYP Click on the link below:
<https://inb4tlk.org.nz/incredible-years-parent/>
<https://incredibleyears.wpengine.com/programs/parent/>

Where and when?

When: Tuesday (See dates)
From: 9.30-12pm
Duration: 14 Weeks

Where: Windsor Park Baptist Church 550 East Coast Road, Mairangi Bay, Auckland (Use the Noel Williams Drive entrance.)

Start Date: 28 July 2026
Finish Date: 10 November 2026

2026 IYP Dates: Tuesday

July: 28
August: 4, 11, 18, 25
September: 1, 8, 15, 22
October: 13, 20, 27
November: 3, 10
NB: No IYP on public holidays

Hear Our Story IYP 2026 Enrolment form.docx

Click on the link, download the enrolment form, complete it and email to hearourstory3@gmail.com

If you have any further questions please email hearourstory3@gmail.com and or contact Susie

CONTACT Mobile
Susie 021774016

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