



MURRAYS BAY
— PRIMARY SCHOOL —
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26 August 2026 | Newsletter #13 Term 3

Message from our Acting Principal....

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

Term 3 continues to be a vibrant and busy time at Murrays Bay Primary School, with so many exciting events and valuable learning experiences taking place across the school.

Earlier this term, we worked alongside emergency management specialist Harrison Tew to run our annual lockdown drill. A big thank you to all of our students and teachers for handling the practice so maturely and successfully. We are pleased to let you know that the drill was very successful and Harrison Tew were impressed with our school.



On Friday, 14 August, our school was transformed for our annual Book Character Dress-Up Day, and what a massive success it was! It was wonderful to see the creativity, colour, and enthusiasm on display as students and staff brought their favourite stories to life. Celebrating a love of reading is such an important part of our school culture, and the atmosphere across all classrooms was truly fantastic.

Looking ahead, our next Parent Hui is coming up soon. This session will be led by Mr Liam Cunningham, focusing specifically on Mathematics and our ongoing learning journey here at Murrays Bay. Please keep an eye out for the HERO post to register your interest so we can confirm numbers for the venue. We would love to see you there!

Finally, production rehearsals are really ramping up as our Year 5 and 6 students prepare for their upcoming show. The effort and enthusiasm going into these practices have been incredible, and we are so excited to see our senior students take the stage in Week 8.

A Few Quick Reminders:

- **Traffic Awareness:** Please take extra care around the school gates during pick-up and drop-off times. Staying alert, watching your speed, and utilising safe crossing points helps keep all of our students and families safe around traffic.
- **After-School Use of Grounds:** While we love seeing our school facilities enjoyed, please remember that children using the playground or fields after 3:00 PM must be directly supervised by a parent or caregiver at all times.
- **Illness:** A reminder to please keep your children home from school if they are unwell with signs of a fever, bad or wet cough, severe runny nose, vomiting or diarrhea.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community.

Ngā mihi nui

Paul Hoffman
Tumuaki Whakarite - Acting Principal

This Weeks Featured Business Partner



NEW WORLD
Browns Bay

UPCOMING EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 6	24 AUGUST	25 AUGUST PTA Meeting Lunar House Fundraising Dinner	26 AUGUST North Harbour Netball Field Day	27 AUGUST	28 AUGUST Y3&4 Assembly Daffodil Day
WEEK 7	31 AUGUST	01 SEPTEMBER	02 SEPTEMBER Netball North Harbour Field Day Board Meeting	03 SEPTEMBER	04 SEPTEMBER Y5&6 Assembly
WEEK 8	07 SEPTEMBER	08 SEPTEMBER Y5&6 School Production	09 SEPTEMBER Y5&6 School Production	10 SEPTEMBER Y5&6 School Production	11 SEPTEMBER Y1&2 Assembly

Students are invited to wear non-uniform & bring a gold coin donation to support the Cancer Society for Daffodil Day Friday 28 August



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

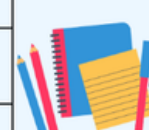
ARE YOU IN ZONE FOR MURRAY'S BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL?

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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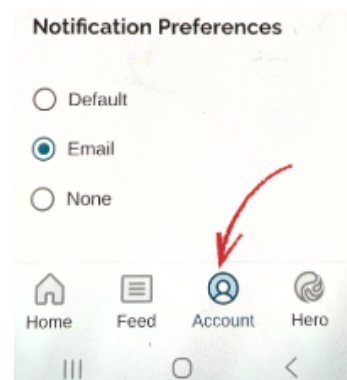
BOOK WEEK 2026





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Bien, gracias.
¿Y tú?

¡TÚ PUEDES!
¡SI SE PUEDE!
¡EXCELENTE!

Let's speak Spanish!

Murray's Bay Primary School

PROPOSED TIME:

Wednesday 3:00 - 4:00pm

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- VOCABULARY & GRAMMAR**
Build strong language skills step by step.
- SPEAKING & LISTENING PRACTICE**
Improve your confidence through real conversations.
- CULTURAL INSIGHTS**
Explore traditions, customs and everyday life in Spanish-speaking countries.
- GAMES, SONGS AND FUN ACTIVITIES**
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¡Hola!

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LIFE AT SCHOOL

INFORMATION EVENING

HOSTED BY MID BAYS KĀHUI AKO & ONEROA SCHOOLS

Thursday 10th September, 2026
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Windsor Park Baptist Church Cafe

This event will help parents & caregivers understand what to expect when their child starts school.
A panel of Deputy Principals will provide information and answers to your questions.

Doors open at 6.15 pm

REGISTER:
<https://bit.ly/LifeAtSchool2026>

YEAR 5 &
YEAR 6



MBPS presents

TIME

AFTER TIME
A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC
THROUGH THE DECADES



1950s



1960s



1970s



1980s



2000s



FUTURE



DATE:

8TH - 10TH SEPTEMBER

TICKET:

EVENING SHOWS \$12

MATINEE \$10

TICKETS
AVAILABLE



Whittaker's Chocolate Box Fundraiser

Boxes distributed last week Term 3



Prizes up for grabs

Top individual sellers each year group:
Calimero Pizza lunch + Clip n Climb Voucher prize pack

Random Spot Prizes:
JBL Bluetooth Speakers, Smart Trackers, Burger Fuel Vouchers + more

Raising funds for new Kapa Haka Uniforms.

Check hero for opt-in details



PTA Meeting
22 September
7pm
Staff Room

**Opt Out extended until
Monday 31 August**

MURRAY'S BAY SCHOOL PTA CHAO'S 文華甜品

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER STARTING 24 August

MON-FRI | 12 PM-5 PM
Treat Yourself. Support Your School.

15%
OF YOUR PURCHASE
WILL BE DONATED TO
MURRAY'S BAY PTA

HOW TO SUPPORT

1. VISIT
Chao's Yogurt, Westfield Albany
2. MENTION
"MURRAY'S BAY PTA" when ordering

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

MURRAY'S BAY SCHOOL PTA

NZHL HOME LOANS | INSURANCE NORTHERN BAYS PRESENTS

BEATS by BINGO

SOLD OUT

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

Murrays 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 MURRAY'S BAY PTA

Apologies to those who registered, unfortunately, we didn't have the number of registrations required to make it feasible to go ahead.

CRACKERJACK
The Bargain Hunter's Best Friend

FAMILY MOVIE AFTERNOON

Register here

CANCELLED

Children MUST be collected from the hall

per person cash at door
2 slices of pizza included

Where: MBPS School Hall

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

MBPS pupils and their families welcome

MURRAY'S BAY SCHOOL PTA

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MATHEMATICS ENGLISH

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MONTHLY TUITION

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ABOUT KUMON METHOD

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

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TRIAL**

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TODAY!**

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today!**

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SCHOOL
HOLIDAY
PROGRAM

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*WHEN REGISTERING
BEFORE 7TH SEPTEMBER

COACHED BY EXPERIENCED TEACHERS!

RUGBY

5-13 years old
28th & 29th Sept
East Coast Bays Rugby



RUGBY

5-13 years old
30th Sept & 1st Oct
Takapuna Rugby Club



HOCKEY

Ages 5-13
28th & 29th Sept
Pinehurst, Albany



NETBALL

Ages 8-14
28th & 29th Sept
Pinehurst, Albany



- 2-day program
- Sessions led by experienced teachers
- Focused on building confidence and fundamental skills
- 9:00am to 2:30pm

FOOTBALL & BASKETBALL

Ages 5-13
7th & 8th Oct
Takapuna Normal Intermediate



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thank you