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Message from our Acting Principal....

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

Term 3 continues to be an exciting and action-packed time at Murrays Bay Primary School! It has been wonderful to see the weather start to improve this week, allowing our students to get outside and enjoy more outdoor play. Fingers crossed this is the beginning of a long, warm summer!

Please take a moment to read the information further in the newsletter about healthy eating at our school .



School Production: Time After Time. A huge highlight for our school community is officially underway! Yesterday, our Year 5 and 6 students performed their performed their matinee show of Time After Time. I would now like to wish Mrs Jessica Young, our supporting staff, and especially the children all the best for what will undoubtedly be two successful show nights ahead tonight and tomorrow night. We are so proud of all their hard work and dedication!

Trees for Survival: On the 19th of August, Mrs Claudette Allen's Year 5 class (Manutara 3) participated in our annual Trees for Survival planting event. A huge thank you to Mrs Allen, our parent volunteers, and the students in Manutara 3 for their massive efforts in planting so many trees to support our local environment!

Netball Success & Celebrations: Well done to our Year 6 Team 1 who achieved great success at the Netball North Harbour Field Day, winning the A Grade competition, while all of our other teams represented the school exceptionally well. A special mention also goes to our junior netballers in the Kidzplay Winter League, including our Murrays Bay Magic Year 3 team, who have been invited to receive an award at the Kidzplay Prizegiving this Saturday!

As we fast approach the end of yet another busy term, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. We look forward to seeing many of you at the production shows over the next two evenings!

Ngā mihi nui

Paul Hoffman

Tumuaki Whakarite - Acting Principal



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UPCOMING EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 Ice Block Sale 3pm \$2each 
WEEK 9	14 SEPTEMBER	15 SEPTEMBER Super Cluster Football	16 SEPTEMBER	17 SEPTEMBER	18 SEPTEMBER Y2 Stardome Trip  Y3&4 Assembly Ice Block Sale 3pm \$2each
WEEK 10	21 SEPTEMBER	22 SEPTEMBER PTA Meeting	23 SEPTEMBER	24 SEPTEMBER Y4 Show	25 SEPTEMBER Y5&6 Assembly Ice Block Sale 3pm \$2each  End of Term - school closes 3pm HOLIDAY



We want to say a massive thank you to New World Browns Bay who have kindly donated 550 ice blocks to assist our fundraising to keep our school counsellor

thank you!

LIBRARY BOOK DONATIONS WANTED

We're building our collection of childrens good quality used **Mandarin and Korean** books for our Library!

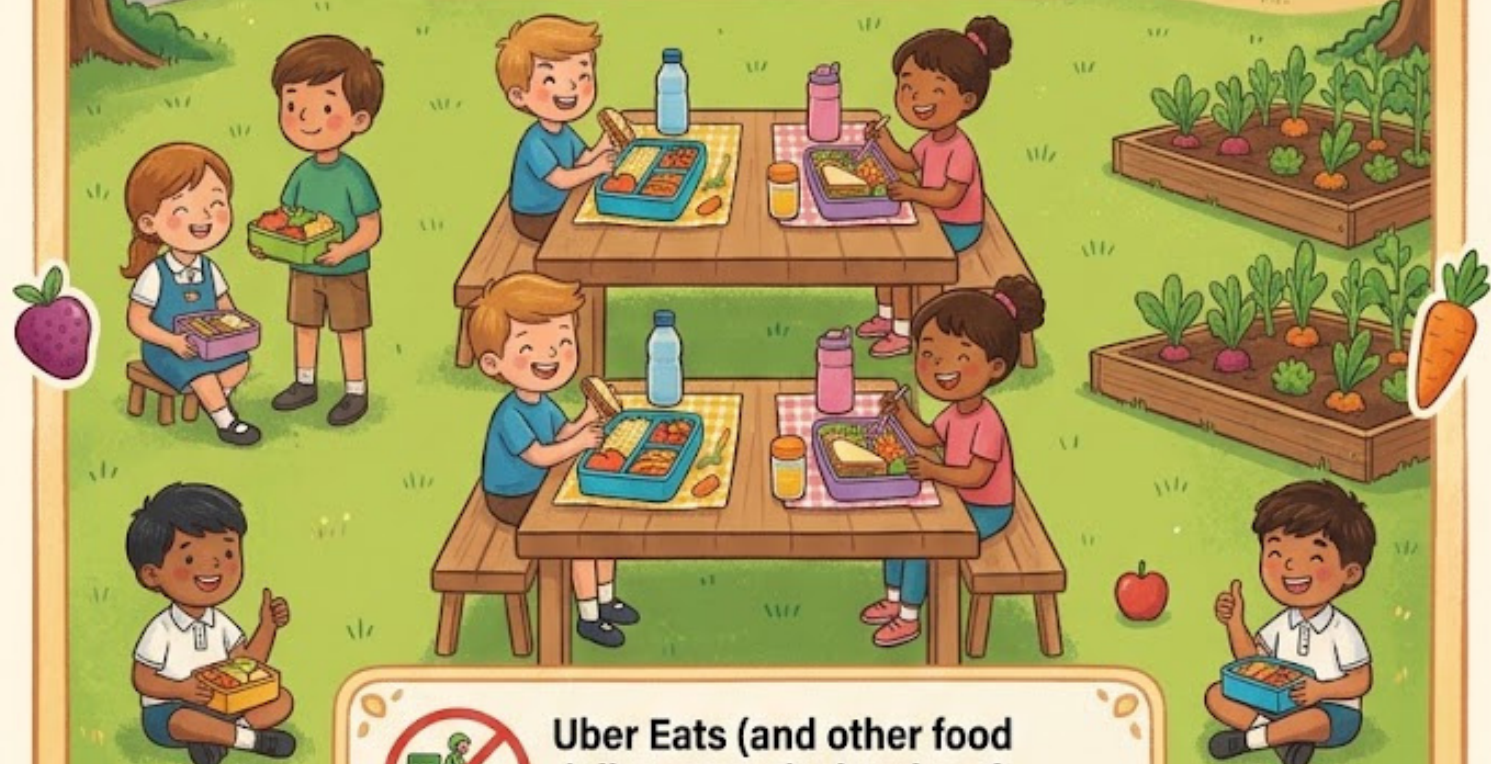
Help us by dropping off your Mandarin and Korean books at the school office.





HEALTHY EATING AT OUR SCHOOL

As part of our commitment to **promoting healthy habits and wellbeing**, we kindly remind families of our school's **Healthy Eating Policy**. We ask that all students bring a **nutritious, balanced lunch** from home each day to keep them energized for learning.



Uber Eats (and other food delivery service) orders for students are strictly not permitted.



Additionally, we respectfully ask parents and carers **not to drop off fast food** or takeaways—such as McDonald's or KFC—for student lunches.

Thank you for your support and partnership in helping us foster a healthy environment for all our children!





The Case of the Missing Stars Written by Hannah Liu - Year 5



You wake up early on Matariki morning. You yawn and jump out of your bed, rushing to your window. But when you look up there's nothing in the dark sky! The Matariki stars are missing! You can feel your heart pounding in your chest, your instincts are screaming at you to run to your parents. Just as you turn away from the window, something blue catches your eye. A blue, glowing footprint on the floor, beside your window. You see more leading across your lawn and into the forest.

As you walk downstairs, a creamy scent touches your nose. On the table, your favourite crocodile milk. "Oh, Mama! Thank you for the food, but I'm not hungry," You say when you see Mama carrying a tray of donuts. "Are you sure, Clara? Do you need some fresh air?" Mama asks. You nod, not wanting your mama to worry. You head to the door, but Mama calls to you, "Don't forget your coat, Clara!" You respond, "I won't Mama!" You grab the coat hanging on the door, it's navy blue colouring suits you perfectly. As you put it on you feel something in the pocket. A flashlight! "Perfect!"

The freezing outside air bites your skin, you shrink into the warmth of the coat. The trail of footprints can be seen clearly under the moonlight. You turn on your torch, following the trail into the forest, you can see more trails joining the first set of footprints, all glowing a soft eerie blue. It feels like you've been walking for hours when you finally reach a cave. You can hear voices calling for help inside, a soft blue glow lights up the cave. You can see nine shapes huddling against each other. "Who are you?" Their tinkling voices asked, "Who are you?" The voices echoed back like a mirror reflecting sunlight. You call back, "I'm Clara, I mean no harm. Please don't be scared!" The biggest figure replies, "We are the Matariki cluster, help us, please Clara!" You shine the torch's light on the floor. "Follow the light!" You say, guiding the light out of the cave. The lost stars follow, as they reach the moonlight they say, "Thank you Clara, we'll never forget." And floated up to the night sky.

Back at home you think to the stars, I'll never forget too. You think you can hear voices saying thank you, and fall into a wonderful dream, where you meet Hiwa-i-te-rangi...



Thank you for supporting our
Daffodil Day Fundraiser,
together we raised \$996.30





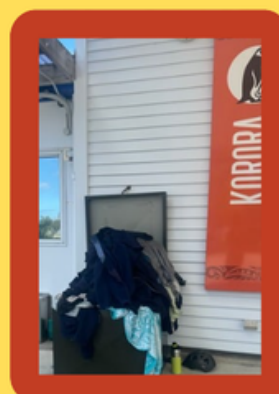
HOW TO PRINT A TAX DONATION RECEIPT VIA HERO

1. Log into Hero via a **web browser**. Note: Receipts cannot be printed from the Hero Mobile App
2. Select **FINANCE** from the menu to view the statement of your student/s
3. Click **VIEW ALL PAYMENTS**
4. Click **VIEW DONATION RECEIPTS**.
5. Click the **Tax Receipt** button for the year you require. This will download as a protected (uneditable) Word document.



Congratulations to year 5 students Eric Chen, Mitchel Wang, Oliver Ziao, Cyrus Wang who won the Auckland Primary Chess Championship last weekend - what a fantastic achievement!!

LOST PROPERTY



The lost property box is overflowing with school uniform items.

Please take the time to retrieve any lost items.

Any uncollected items at the end of the term are donated to our PTA Second Chance Uniform Shop

DON'T FORGET TO NAME YOUR ITEMS



Jam Jam Competition

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

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>

Whittaker's Chocolate Box Fundraiser
Boxes distributed last week Term 3



Prizes up for grabs

Top individual sellers each year group:
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Random Spot Prizes:
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PTA Meeting
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7pm
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A huge thank you to everyone who supported our first Beats by Bingo fundraiser; it was such a fun night. We're still tallying up the funds for a final confirmed amount but it's looking like we've raised approx \$8k a massive result for our first Beats event. A big thanks to NZ Home Loans Northern Bays and to our star organiser Naj for pulling the night together. We can't wait to see you at next year's event.

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PROGRAMME DATES: September 28th – October 9th, 2026

OUR HOLIDAY COURSES

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| Creating videos using AI | Learn to code using Scratch | Minecraft Modding Junior |
| Develop Games with Roblox | Let us Learn 3D Printing | Let Us Code |
| Let's learn Makey Makey | Minecraft – Develop your own Mods | Machine Learning for Kids |
| Introduction to Developing Websites | Building Games with Gamemaker | Code that Robot using MBOT |
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28th & 29th Sept
Pinehurst, Albany



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