



MURRAYS BAY
— PRIMARY SCHOOL —
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23 September 2026 | Newsletter #15 Term 3

Message from our Acting Principal....

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

As we reach the end of a busy Term 3, I want to share a few recent highlights and extend my sincere thanks to you all as we head into the holidays.

First, congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 students, Mrs Jessica Young, and all the staff and parents involved in Time After Time. The performance showcased the huge effort put in behind the scenes, and we appreciate everyone who came along to support the show.

Our sports teams also represented MBPS brilliantly at the Super Cluster Football day. A special congratulations to our Girls Year 6 Team 1 for taking 1st Place for the third year in a row! Our Boys team placed 3rd, and Girls Team 2 finished 4th. Thank you to our coaches and supporters for making the day such a success for our tamariki.

Looking ahead, we will be sending home information early next term regarding school devices and screen time use at Murray's Bay Primary. This should assist families considering purchases toward the end of the year, while also outlining our ongoing commitment to keeping screen time at school limited, purposeful, and clear in focus. Please also take a moment to check out the Term 4 Reminders section below for important information as we prepare for the return to school.

On a personal note, as my time as Acting Principal concludes this week, I would like to say that leading Murray's Bay Primary School over the past two terms has been a privilege. My genuine thanks go to our dedicated staff, to our tamariki for their daily energy, and to our parents and caregivers for your support during my time in the chair. We are all looking forward to welcoming Mr Iles back for Term 4.

We would like to wish Mrs Zoe Stenhouse all the very best as she begins her maternity leave in preparation for the arrival of her new daughter. We are all looking forward to seeing the baby photos!

I hope you all enjoy a safe and restful break with family and friends. We look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed for the final term of the year.

Ngā mihi nui

Paul Hoffman

Tumuaki Whakarite - Acting Principal



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UPCOMING EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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					
WEEK 1	12 OCTOBER First Day of Term	13 OCTOBER	14 OCTOBER	15 OCTOBER	16 OCTOBER Y1&2 Assembly Ice Block Sale 3pm \$2each 
WEEK 2	19 OCTOBER	20 OCTOBER Photolife School Photos PTA Meeting	21 OCTOBER Photolife School Photos	22 OCTOBER Y4 to Howick Historic Village	23 OCTOBER Y4 to Howick Historic Village Gymnastic Zone Training Day Y6 Surf Trip Y3&4 Assembly Ice Block Sale 3pm \$2each 

Thank you for supporting our iceblock sales,
we are raising money for our school
counselor

TERM 4 REMINDERS



SUN HATS COMPULSORY IN TERM 4!

Children must wear their
school bucket hat everyday.



SHOPPING FOR SANDALS?

If you are shopping for sandals over
the holidays, we strongly recommend
choosing sandals with a
heel strap to keep
children safe when
running and playing!

ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAYS & SEE YOU IN TERM 4!

Term 3 Principal's Award Recipients

Principals Selection Remy Wang

Ruru 3 Kobi Power

Ruru 4 Freya Robertson Buckton

Pūkeko 1 Lucas Tran

Pūkeko 2 Nathan Coakley

Pūkeko 3 Amyrah Tharani

Pūkeko 4 Lana Vasic

Kārearea 1 Oriana Liu

Kārearea 2 Tom Saxon

Kārearea 3 Penny Procaccini

Kārearea 4 Asher Dixon

Tūtī 1 Emma Ong

Tūtī 2 Ella Lory-Ingleton

Tūtī 3 Lucas Liu

Tūtī 5 Hardus Jacobs

Kererū 1 Joa Park

Kererū 2 Alyssa Lin

Principals Selection Max C Zhang

Kererū 3 Conner Coakley

Pīwakawaka 1 Zac Lei

Pīwakawaka 2 Seowoo Park

Manutara 1 Amy Pang

Manutara 2 Micah Lucas

Manutara 3 Rico Chen

Manutara 4 Mae Grigor

Kororā 4 Martin Yang

Kororā 5 Noah Zhou

Manutara 6 Evelyn Wong

Manutara 7 Jade Huang

Manutara 8 Ian Han

Manutara 9 Ruby Ware

Kererū 4 Max Romeo

Kererū 5 Mila Tsui



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- 3/. Enter your child's room & name when prompted



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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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.



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



Time to COLLECT Yummy apple stickers for our schools share of

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The more we collect, the more gear we get!



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[Download your sticker sheet here](#)

PhotoLife™

20 & 21 October



To request a sibling photograph, please complete
and submit this form before photo day.



SIBLING FORM

Without a completed form, our photographers are not
authorised to take a sibling photograph.



PTA Meeting
20 October
7pm
Staff Room

Whittakers Fundraiser update
We only received a small number of chocolate boxes this year and unfortunately some students have missed out.

As we get unsold boxes returned we will redistribute them to students as quickly as possible.

Please help us by returning unsold chocolates & money as soon as possible.

Thanks for supporting our fundraiser!



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



SCHOOL FUNDRAISER
STARTING 24 August

MON-FRI | 12 PM-5 PM

Treat Yourself. Support Your School.

15%

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

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

OUR HOLIDAY COURSES

- Creating videos using AI
- Develop Games with Roblox
- Let's learn Makey Makey
- 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 Gamemaker
- Code that Robot using Edison

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



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Holiday Programme Bonus - Get \$50 Towards Term 4



Helping kids find their voice

SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Interactive, high-energy holiday programmes:

- Speech & Drama
- Public Speaking
- Debate
- Theatresports
- Screen 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 1-10 students.



INTERESTED? SCAN HERE



TERM 4 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.



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

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Saturdays 9:30 - 11:00am
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Murrays Bay Primary School

PROPOSED TIME:  **Wednesday 3:00 - 4:00pm** 

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- VOCABULARY & GRAMMAR**
Build strong language skills step by step.
- SPEAKING & LISTENING PRACTICE**
Improve your confidence through real conversations.
- CULTURAL INSIGHTS**
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CLASS TIMES

TUESDAYS
3:05 - 4:05PM

In the Ruru 1

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Improves focus, memory and concentration.
- 2 BUILDS CHARACTER**
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- 3 DEVELOPS SKILLS**
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Identify what support parents and families need



What would be most helpful to you and your family?

12 October
7PM

If you would like to find out more or attend, please contact Glenys Harwood
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