Issue 04

# MBS PAANU



## MESSAGE FROM THE TUMUAKI



Kia ora koutou parents, caregivers, students and whaanau,

Welcome back everyone to Term 2!

It was so lovely to see our tamariki walk through the gates on Monday morning ready for learning and excited to be back at school. We began the week by welcoming all our new whaanau, families and students on the first day with a poowhiri led by Te Hiaroa tamariki and it was so nice to have this special occasion held in the auditorium for the first time in such a while due to covid. Our new 5-year-olds were keen and ready to meet their class teacher that day.

It was also special to have two representatives speaking on behalf of the manuhiri and share why they have chosen Maangere Bridge school for their children supporting our vision 'Aroha, Ako and Angitu', 'Together we care, we learn, we succeed'.

We look forward to the exciting and special events for Term 2 including our Pacific language weeks, the 'Oke Charity' Saturday Working Bee and planned school trips for our children to engage in new learning aligning with our inquiry theme 'Kuneroa ki te ao hiaroa' 'Be the change that you wish to see' with Term 2's statement 'The challenges of today inspire the technologies of tomorrow'. You will all have noticed some of the changes in the school and one of them is our soon to be finished new playground which is looking amazing as well as our new canopy outside Piiwaiwaka classes which is a great area for our junior students to learn, interact and play. In Orange, we continue to follow the health and safety measures and guidelines of the Ministry of Education. As a school, we will ensure we provide ongoing information to support our whaanau at this time.

Finally, with the winter weather and the drop in temperature, we ask that our children are dressed warmly in the mornings, as experts have predicted the impact of influenza this winter. To continue keeping our school grounds clean and tidy we welcome our new school caretaker, Nau mai! Haere mai! Siona Tauasosi will start in Week 5. During the interim we are pleased to have Alex come back to help around the school, so please say hello to him when you see in him the morning.

We would like to wish all of our mums, past and present, a Happy Mother's Day this Sunday. Let's get ready to have an amazing term together, showing kotahitanga.

Ngaa mihi me te awhi nui. Thanks again parents for all your support.

Bernice Mata'utia Tumuaki/Principal

## **NEW KIDS TO SCHOOL**

This week 9 new tamariki started at our kura. We'd like to say a massive nau mai, haere mai to the following students and their families.

Isaiah Sionemale (R3), Manaema Tofilau (R3), Seren Ffoulkes-Jones (R4), Teu Matangi (R4), Hadessah Paneta (R4), James Smith (R4), Lira Vaa (R13), Ezmah Vaa (R15), and Sovana Vaa (R16), We hope you love MBS as much as we do!

## EID

#### What is Eid?

The religious festival Eid al-Fitr, or the "Festival of Breaking the Fast," is one of two major holidays celebrated by Muslims around the world. It is an occasion for special prayers, family visits, gift-giving and charity, it takes place over one to three days. Eid al-Fitr also marks the end of the fast of Ramadan.

#### Fasting during Ramadan

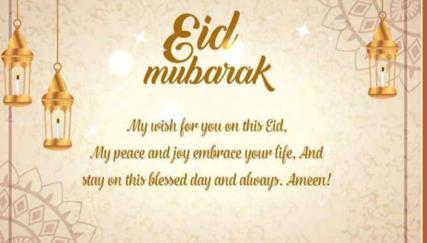
Fasting during Ramadan takes people out of their normal lifestyles and requires them to engage in solemn contemplation and examination. Experiencing hunger and thirst is supposed to heighten people's awareness of the sufferings of the poor, and gain a greater appreciation for what they have. After a month of prayer, devotion and self-control, Muslims celebrate the accomplishment of their sacred duties.

#### **Special Morning Prayers**

During Eid al-Fitr, Muslims take part in special morning prayers, greet each other with formal embraces and offer each other greetings of "Eid Mubarak," or "Have a blessed Eid." They gather with family and friends, give games and gifts to children and prepare and eat special meals including sweet dishes like baklava or Turkish delight in Turkey, date-filled pastries and

cookies in Saudi Arabia and Iraq and bint al sahn (honey cake) in Yemen.

On behalf of MBS we would like to acknowledge our whaanau and community celebrating Eid this year.



# IMPORTANT DATES

#### Week 2

Rotuman Language Week Sign Language Week NZ Road Safety Week School Photos - Monday 9 May <u>Motat Trips</u> Rooms 1, 10, 15, 18 - Tuesday 10 May Rooms 5, 7, 8, 16 - Wednesday 11 May Rooms 3, 4, 9, 12, 19 - Thursday 12 May Rooms 2, 11, 13, 17 - Friday 13 May

#### Week 3

Anti-Bullying Week Netball Zones - Tuesday 17 May TBC Pink Shirt Day - Friday 20 May Newsletter - Friday 20 May Working Bee - Saturday 21st May, <u>8.30 am - 3 pm</u>

<u>Week 4</u> New Entrant Visits - Thursday 26 May

#### <u>Week 5</u>

Samoan Language Week League Zones - Tuesday 31 May New Entrant Visits - Tuesday 31 May & Thursday 2 June Board Hui - Thursday 2 June at 6.30 pm Samoan Assembly - TBC



#### Week 6

Queens Birthday - Monday 6 June - <u>NO SCHOOL</u> Poowhiri for new students - Tuesday 7 June Newsletter - Friday 10 June

#### <u>Week 7</u> International Languages Week Hockey Zones - Friday 17 June - TBC

<u>Week 8</u> Trip - Pacific Dance Maui Show - Thursday 23 June, more info to come Matariki Holiday - Friday 24 June - <u>NO SCHOOL</u>

#### <u>Week 9</u>

Teacher Only Day - Monday 27 June - <u>NO SCHOOL</u> Basketball Zones - Wednesday 29 June - TBC New Entrant Visits - Thursday 30 June Matariki Disco - Friday 1 July, More info to come Newsletter - Friday 1 July

#### Week 10

New Entrant Visits - Tuesday 5 July Board Hui - Thursday 7 July at 6.30 pm End of term - Friday 8 July at 3 pm

#### <u>School Holidays</u> 9 July to the 24 July

First day of Term 3 - Monday 25 July

## REMINDERS



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for being back at school

### at Orange



MBS COVID PROTECTION PROTOCOLS AT ORANGE	
Masks	Masks are strongly encouraged but not required inside at school. All visitors including parents are strongly encouraged to wear a mask.
School entry/exit	All gates will be open for normal drop-off and pick-up times. Entry between 9am-3pm must enter/exit through the office.
Visitors including parents	All visitors allowed; must sign in at the office on VisTab if staying on-site beyond pick-up or drop-off.
Events & activities	No whole school events. Assemblies held in teams.
Gatherings	No limit. Schools are not classified as gatherings unless hosting an event.
Spaces	All teachers and learners move about as normal. All school events carry on as normal.
Library	Open as normal including break times.
Drinking fountains	Encourage use of water bottles to minimise risk of contamination.
Teaching approach	Normal classroom teaching in place. Distance learning (Seesaw) provided for those unable to attend school due to health reasons or if directed to isolate.
Health & safety teaching	Teach and reinforce hygiene and COVID-19 safety through regular reminders and specific MBS Way lessons where necessary.
Physical distancing	Keep 2 metres from anyone you don't know and 1 metre apart when singing.
Playground	Playground open. Normal use of equipment and grounds if hygiene protocols are followed before/after use.
Hygiene & cleaning protocols	Well ventilated classrooms. Regular sanitising/washing of hands. Cough/sneeze etiquette. Disinfect/clean all surfaces before break times and at the end of the day.
Testing & staying home	Staying home if unwell or symptomatic, isolating as a household contact or awaiting test results. Must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning.
Vaccinations	There is no longer a vaccination mandate in place for adults in schools working alongside students. However, vaccination is strongly encouraged by the Ministry of Health for all those who are eligible.
Case management & contact tracing	All staff and visitors should follow our normal protocols when staying on-site at school by signing in/out on VisTab.

## WHAT'S COMING UP

#### WEEK 2

### PhotoLife

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PhotoLife



Your child's school photos will be taken on Monday 9th May 2022 at Mangere Bridge School

#### View and purchase your child's photos online

 Look out for your Child's Photo Keycode that they will bring home a couple of weeks after PhotoDay.

 Use your unique Photo Keycode to view your child's photos at www.photolife.co.nz

 Orders placed before the Free Delivery Expiry Date will be bulk printed and delivered to the school for your child to bring home.

#### **Exciting New Product Online**

#### **Create Your Own Portrait Photo Pack**

Simply purchase the first sheet of portrait photo/s for \$16.00. Go to your Shopping Cart and all the other portrait photo sizes and sheets will be available to you for just \$5.00 per sheet. Order the number and size of photo sheets that YOU want!

#### FAQs about PhotoLife's Online Ordering System

- When will my child's photos be ready to view Online? As soon as you receive your Photo Keycode you can go online and view your child's photographs. Class Group, Portraits, Sports Teams and Cultural Groups (if photographed) will be added into the Photo Keycode over the school year.
- Can anyone else see my child's photo Online? In order to view your child's photos you have to have the unique Photo Keycode. Without this code no one else can see your child's photos.
- 3. How can I make sure I get the FREE DELIVERY offer? PhotoLife gives a "free delivery" period of approximately 3 weeks from the date the Photo Keys are dispatched to the School. It is best to go online straight away and place your order.
- The Expiry Date of the "free delivery" period for your child's school is clearly shown on the website and automatically expires when that date is reached.
- 4. What happens once the "free delivery" period expires? All of the orders placed before the expiry will be bulk printed and then dispatched to the school for your child to bring home. If you missed getting your order in before the expiry date then your order will be dispatched to the address typed in by the person placing the order. A \$6.00 Postage & Packing charge is automatically applied.

#### Sibling Photographs

If your school has approved for us to take Sibling Photographs you need to do the following:

- 1. Pick up a Sibling Photo Booking Form from the School Office **BEFORE** Photo Day.
- RETURN the signed Booking Form listing your children's names and room numbers to the School Office BEFORE Photo Day.
- If there is NO SIGNED FORM OUR PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE NOT AUTHORISED TO TAKE A SIBLING PHOTOGRAPH.

#### We are here to help

If you have any further questions Please contact us www.photolife.co.nz 09 262 1040 or 0800 501 040





The theme for NZSL Week 2022, NZSL is Essential

The meaning behind this theme is multifaceted. As you are aware, the word 'essential" is well used these days and we are drawing on this to put a spotlight on essential workers who are Deaf.



FOUR PILLARS OF WELLBEING 1. Spiritual 2. Physical 3. Mental 4. Social

Pacific

This year's theme for Gasav Ne Fäeag Rotuạm Ta -Rotuman Language Week is Vetạkia 'os Fäega ma Ag fak hanua - Sustaining our Language and Culture.

Road Safety Safety Week Week The theme of Road Safety Week 2022 (9-15 May) is ROAD SAFETY HEROES, celebrating the heroic work of road safety professionals, and explaining how we can all play a part in making journeys safer for everyone.

## **REMINDER 21 MAY**

Growing mighty kids

## Maangere Bridge School Garden Working Bee

Saturday 21st May @ 8.30am

Coronation Road, Maangere Bridge, Auckland 2022

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## WHAT'S COMING UP

#### **STARTING WEEK 2**

### TŪ MANAWA

Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa provides funding for the delivery of activities for chidren and young people. Our application was accepted for a programme we have called HAAORA-HAUORA - WELLBEING HOUR.

This programme will further enable our tamariki access to and an exploration of different sports. There will be opportunities to have a go, to experiment and discover ways in which they can engage with physical activity. The sports we intend to provide are: Basketball, Volleyball, Dance, Touch, Tag, and Hungerball.

We will ensure the providers are role models for our children and are able to facilitate fair play and sporting interaction that is based on exploration and discovery.

Last year our application was granted and we are excited to announce the breaktime sports that will be available to years 4 -6. This will be starting next week and going for up to 8 weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Children in years 4 - 5 will be able to sign up through their teacher to join in on one sport at that time. Some sports have limited spaces.



#### WEEK 3

#### Bullying-Free NZ Week <sup>13-17 May 2019</sup> Whakanuia Tōu Āhua Ake! Celebrating Being Us!



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Bullying-Free New Zealand Week 16 - 20 May 2022.

'Small ripples create Big waves' 'He Kotuinga mahi iti, he hua pai-ā-rau. "If everybody says something we can change everything"









### **PINK SHIRT DAY**

## **SKOOL LOOP**



#### Stay "in the loop" with our communication app!

Events | Cancellations | Notices Newsletters | Permission slips Instant notifications | Absentees Parent Teacher Interviews

Simple free download: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our organisation once installed.

### Don't Get Left Behind This Year!

Download our Skool Loop app to keep up to date with school information. Notices, newsletters, absentee notifications and much more.



#### Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school
  or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.





#### Here's some tips to ensure you receive notices and push notifications

- When you download the Skool Loop App you will be asked if you would like notifications please tap yes. Some devices don't ask this question and automatically tick yes for you. This can be changed in your settings
- If your notifications are turned off in your device settings, some phones apply that to all apps when downloading. In the phone settings please make sure your notifications are turned on
- Check your App Store or Google Play regularly for any outstanding updates
- There are 2 different notices school will send out: push notification (banner and ding) or a notice (visual alert only)
- · You will only receive a push notification if you are not using the app at the time
- If your volume is off you will not hear an alert
- You will see a visual alert if a **notice** has been posted. You will not hear a ding
- You will only hear a ding if the school sends a push notification.





