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Kia ora koutou and kia orana!

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope you all had a lovely break during the school holidays with your whaanau.

Our new students who are starting this term were welcomed on the first day with a karanga by our very own kaiaawhina Alana J Harris for the poowhiri. It was great to see our families take part and thank you to Reuben Mariu (Benjamin's Dad) who responded on behalf of the manuhiri.

Although the winter weather has impacted on some of our children it was great to see students returning to school engaged and happy to see their friends and especially their classroom teacher.

This term our students are continuing with their inquiry over the next 4 weeks. It is also 'Netsafety week' and as a school, we believe it is important for our community to understand how we can support our students with online safety. There are lots of resources that can help you and your whaanau which you can access through the Netsafe website. We also look forward to celebrating Cook Islands language week in week 2, where students will participate in language experiences in their classrooms. Our whole school assemblies will begin in Week 6 as we continue to monitor and review our health and safety measures due to the current high spread of winter illness so thank you for your cooperation and support.

After great consideration the opening of the playground will now be held on Friday 2nd September so, please ensure to put this on your calendar as we invite our community and sponsors to be part of this special day. Remember it is not too late to sponsor a log, so please see the school office. A friendly reminder for parents who are interested in being nominated as a parent representative on the board to see our Recruiting Officer Kathleen Phelps for more information or refer to the Board Election Notice that was sent out during the holidays.

We look forward to another great term of celebrating our children's learning.

Ngaa mihi Bernice Matautia Tumuaki/Principal



Week 2

- Cook Islands Language Week
- Scholastic Book Fair 3rd to 9 Aug
- BOT Nominations Close Wednesday, 3 Aug
- BOT Hui Thursday, 4 Aug, 6.30 pm

Week 3

- Soccer Zones Tuesday, 9 Aug Selected Y5 and 6 students
- Book Character Costume Parade Wednesday, 10 August
- Newsletter Friday, 12 Aug

Week 5

- Student Inquiry Technology Day Monday, 22 Aug
- Fun Run Fundraiser Launch Monday, 22 Aug
- Rippa Zones Wednesday, 24 Aug Selected Y5/6 students
- Daffodil Day Thursday, 25 Aug Gold coin donation, wear yellow

Week 6

- Poowhiri new students Monday, 29 Aug
- Pasifika Fono Monday, 29 Aug, Time TBC
- BOT Hui Thursday, 1 Sept, 6.30 pm
- School Assembly Friday, 2 Sept, 2 pm in auditorium by Rms 1 & 10 TBC
- Newsletter Friday, 2 Sept

Week 7

- Tongan Language Week
- Rugby Zones Tuesday, 6 Sept Selected Y5 and 6 students
- BOT Election Day Wednesday, 7 Sept
- Wig Wednesday Wednesday, 7 Sept 3 teachers will be shaving their heads for Kids Cancer
- Tongan Assembly Friday, 9 Sept, 2 pm in the auditorium TBC

Week 8

- Te Wiki o Te Reo Maaori
- School Assembly Friday, 16 Sept, 2pm in the auditorium by Rms 3 & 12 TBC

Week 9

MBS Fun Run - Thursday, 22 Sept TEACHER-ONLY DAY - Friday, 23 Sept

<u>Week 10</u>

Chinese Language Week
Newsletter - Friday, 30 Sep
School Assembly - Friday, 30 Sept - 2 pm in the auditorium by Rms 11 & 13 - TBC



School Policies

We have some policies that are up for review this term. They will be in every newsletter, to make them more manageable to look at. This time you can review Child Protection and Abuse Recognition Reporting.

You can view the Policies/Procedures at http://mangerebridge.schooldocs.co.nz/ (note that there's no 'www')

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New Students

We would like to express a very warm welcome to all our new tamariki who have started this term. We hope you love MBS as much as we do.

Room 1 - Seth Dahanayake, Room 2 - Devoe Bishop, Room 3 - Sini Tohi, Daniel Va'a, Room 6 - Jemimah Daniel, Benjamin Mariu, Wolf Lavea, Room 7 - Sandii-Laine Paul, Room 16 - Vindi Dahanayake.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS WITH LEARNING

We love having your tamariki at school every day and making learning happen. Our attendance shows that Covid and winter illness have made this difficult at times for you and your whaanau.

We are here to work with you to support your tamariki being at school every day. If you need help in any way to ensure the wellbeing of your tamariki and your whaanau give us a call, touch base with the teacher, talk to the team leader, Ms Bills or Mrs Mata'utia and our team can be in touch:



Our Mangere Bridge School Kaiarahi Tamariki

Whaea Elaina: as a Kaiarahi Tamariki I work to form a nurturing relationship with the child and to listen and provide counselling support. I work with other professionals in the school and participate in our weekly Help Hui where together we contribute to the best outcome for the child.



Our Health Team

Desma is our nurse who comes Monday and Wednesday to check the health of our children. She is also able to make a home visit. If you have health concerns and would like your child to see the nurse, please contact the school office.



Our SWIS

Robert McFarlane: Rob is here to help your family in a time of need. He will talk to you and assess how he can help support and advocate in the areas of housing, separation, immigration, Work & Income support, providing parenting programs and assisting with referrals to community agencies. Please don't hesitate to call or text on 021792032 alternatively you may contact via email: robert@mefsc.org.nz





The opening of the playground has been postponed and will now be held on

Friday 2nd September

More information will be coming soon. Thank you for your understanding.

Sponsors

You may have noticed a special project happening in your neighbourhood at Mangere Bridge School. For the past four years, our tamariki, staff and whaanau have been discussing, designing and fundraising for a unique new playground - which is now very nearly completed! We just need a final push from sponsors to get us over the finish line.

Our playground builders have stepped up to our kids' challenge to tell the stories of Mangere Bridge School and the local area that are unique to our community. In our playground, you can find and explore our Maunga, our harbour, and (if you look closely) our first resident, Hape, arriving on his taniwha Kaiwhare! The design and layout of the playground are inspired by Hape's journey across Te moana nui a Kiwi to Aotearoa.



Feather seat \$3000

Your company our school, a shared project to enrich our community



A plaque with your company name could be added to the playground. Our school will promote and support your business for the next 12 months by including your logo on our website, Facebook page, at all events and gatherings and school newsletters.

Fort 1 \$4000

Climbing posts \$1000







Birds Nests \$2000





Now the exciting part - you too can join in this shared project to enrich our community for years to come! The attached brochure shows how you can purchase a feature within the playground and have your company's name associated with that feature. We hope you feel as inspired as we are about finishing and officially opening this special and unique space.



Last term we had a sports initiative programme called Haaora Hauora in place during some break times. We would like to say a massive thank you to the coaches who came in to teach the tamariki skills and how to play certain sports. The children got to learn about Basketball, Volleyball, Tag, Turbo Touch, Hungerball and dance.

We felt like this would be an awesome opportunity to tamariki to learn or grow skills, try something new, play with different children and have fun. But don't take out word for it.

EJ - turbo touch - I loved it! Because we could run around and I learnt new things. The coach was nice. I would do it again.

Rosemarie - I went to basketball and volleyball. It was challenging but fun. They taught me how to get my game skills up and now I can step up more. I would try more sports next time. I feel like I am better in a game of basketball now.

Abraham - tag, basketball, volleyball, turbo touch - I liked it. The activities that you got to do were fun and I learnt lots about hungerball. It was a good opportunity for us and I would do it again.

Beau - volleyball - I liked it because my dad used to be in a team and it's really fun. I learnt how to spike and face pass.

Ezekiel - I did dance. I loved all the hip hop. I learned lots. I felt nervous but excited and I would do it again. The instructor was nice and kind.

















It's Netsafety Week, and this year's theme is -

"Diversity Matters. Online Safety Done Together"

The week is about understanding different communities' online safety perspectives and promoting respect and positive relationships online. Linewize has partnered with MBS to help promote online safety resources to share with our community.

Please click on the link below to access the Mangere Bridge school safety hub.

Linewize Cyber Safety Hub





Cyber Safety Parenting Quiz

Complete the cyber safety parenting quiz to receive a safety rating for your family and useful hints and tips on areas that you can focus on to keep your family safe online.

Click here for the quiz

Community

We currently have some vacancies at Mangere Bridge Kindergarten for children aged 3 to 5 years. We visit Ambury Farm every Monday, and have a buddy programme with Waterlea and Mangere Bridge Schools as part of our focus on transition to school.

You are welcome to visit the Kindergarten to find out more at 36 Lindis Place, Mangere Bridge. You can also phone us on 636 9552, or email mangerebridge@aka.org.nz







Out of Zone Enrolments close on Wednesday 7 September 2022

Out of Zone Ballot Date is Wednesday 11 September 2022



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INFORMATION

Year 6 Students' Invitation

PEN MORNINGS:

Tuesday 9 and Thursday 11 August - Visitors meet in the

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING:

f you would like a meeting with the Principal, Associate

Louise Broad - principal@kowhai.school.nz Barbara Cloonan - ap@kowhai.school.nz James Graham - jamesgraham@kowhai.school.nz

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www.sKids.co.nz/Mangere Bridge





