

# MBS Paanui

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A quiet Kereru break time

## Message from the Tumaki/Principal



Kia Ora Koutou

Nau mai! Haere mai! A warm welcome to our new whaanau who have tamariki starting school over the next few weeks. Although we are unable to provide a poowhiri for our new families we continue to awhi you and your child to a place where **'Together we care, we learn, we succeed'**. We are now in the first month of autumn and the weather has been slightly cooler, so a reminder for our children to wear something warm in the mornings. A lot of our students have been busy learning and sharing some of their work on Seesaw. It is great to see the creativity of our little ones in Room 5 designing and creating new structures as part of our inquiry.

To all our whaanau who have been impacted by Covid we know it has been a difficult and challenging time and so we ask that you continue to keep the school informed as we support our tamariki. We look forward to seeing all of our students returning back to school this term.

Kia ora rawa atu





# Piiwaiwaka Whaanau



## EXCITEMENT

Last Friday, two of our tamariki, Annelise Prader and Quinton Manuel, received the Piiwaiwaka Principal's Award for Manaakitanga. We all watched and supported them as Mrs Mata'utia presented their certificates.



## SEAWEEK

### By Rooms 3 and 4

Our classes have done some amazing art to celebrate Seaweeek. Room 3 and 4 celebrated all the wonderful animals that live in our sea! We started off pretending we were in a submarine and looking out the windows at the beautiful ocean and spotted all the animals we could! We wrote about what animals we could see! Then we painted our ocean backgrounds and coloured our animals. Finally, we glued it all together to create an amazing ocean scene! We love all the animals in the ocean and want to look after our oceans to make sure we have these animals for years to come!







# Pīwaiwaka Whānau



## SEAWEEK

### Room 1 and 5

We looked at how the ocean animals and ecosystems are essential for our weather and climate. Children were able to create their own sea creatures. They used different methods to create their artwork by sketching, using crayons/pastels then using black markers to make their art pieces "pop" out. To complete their art everyone agreed that dying the background blue would make them look amazing. We encourage everyone to look after our moana.







# Tunii Whaanau



## SEAWEEK Room 7

We have been learning about our emotions/taha hinegaro which links to our inquiry about wellbeing. We liked sharing our feelings in Te Reo Maori.

## SEAWEEK Room 8

We enjoyed celebrating Seaweeek in our class because it was a chance to share our love for our moana and how it connects to our hauora, wellbeing. The tamariki worked in groups to research fun facts about sea life and learnt about the pacific rubbish patch which is the negative impact humans have on our oceans. Did you know it's 6 times bigger than Aotearoa? A group of students made posters to share the message with their peers.







# Tui Whaanau



**SEAWEEK** Room 9



**Keep our Sea Clean' mural**



**Sketching Mango**

## WHARE TAPA WHAA Room 11

We have been creating a kete of things to do to help our overall wellbeing. We enjoyed taking pictures of each other for our kete and captioning them. The kete will be our guide when we need ideas to help make things feel good again!







# Kereru Whaanan



Our inquiry concept for the year is on 'Change'. For this term we have been focussing on change and our wellbeing. Tamariki have been participating in learning to understand things like - Not everyone experiences the same change as me, I can use my words and actions to make change successful, Change is a naturally occurring part of life, I can talk about what types of changes I have seen or experienced over time, and I notice when change happens to me.

## ROOM 15

As part of our school inquiry on "Change" we have been looking at changes that happen in our bodies. We started off by thinking about what makes up our bodies. Here we are drawing in where we think organs, muscles and parts of our skeleton are located.



## ROOM 13

We had a competition to cut out and put together the skeleton and place the organs correctly. The first group to cut, and assemble with organs mostly in the right place and clean up, won. This was a launch to learn about the heart. As you can see the kids have marshmallows with toothpicks in them on the part of their wrist where you feel your pulse. If it is in the right spot, the toothpick will move like a second hand on a clock.







# Kereruu Seaweek



Seaweek – Kaupapa Moana – is New Zealand's annual national week celebrating the sea. From activities and presentations within schools, marine ecosystem field trips and engagements with citizen science – to community beach cleans, kayaking and snorkelling. The hope is to inspire and enable kiwis to take time to connect with the sea. In Kereruu we are hoping promote and support lifelong learning and encourage behaviour that leads to sustainability for New Zealand/Aotearoa.



Krishi, Samuel and Alexander

## ROOM 16

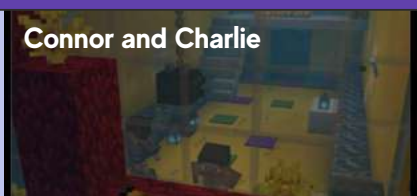
We have been researching different kinds of coral and learning about the impact on reefs due to pollution and global warming. The tamariki coded agents to Minecraft repair and build a new coral reef before building a submarine and research station so they can continue to monitor the ocean.



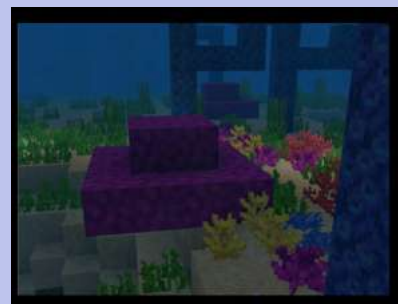
Kiara and Layla



Kiara and Layla



Connor and Charlie



Luka, Rylee and Ysabella

## ROOM 13

We looked at a range of techniques to bring their Seaweek art to life. Their first focus was to create a background by fading shades of blue to illustrate the different levels of the ocean. Black markers were used to create sea plant silhouettes and smudged chalk made their jellyfish look as though it is moving. Lastly it was rounded off with white paint splatter for bubbles.







# Keverun Whale Tale



Just like that the Whale Tale journey is over.

Over the last few weeks a group of tamariki have been spending their break times, painting the design on our whale tail. Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances, it can't be placed at the library just yet. However thanks to Keith the barber at the De Bretts, in Mangere Bridge, our awesome whale tail will be on display for all to see. We are so proud of the students for the effort and the mahi that went into this. A massive ngaa mihi nui kia koe to Whaea Nic for all of the organisation, time and support that she gave during this project.





# Te Hiaroa Whaanau



## NGAA MIHI

E ngaa taikaha maha o te waa, teenaa koutou katoa. Firstly, on behalf of the kaiako who have been isolating and recovering at home, we would like to send a huge thank you and mihi aroha to everyone who sent messages and also offered to help with kai or koha – teenei te roimata aroha e rere atu ana ki a koutou. We would also like to thank the amazing Whaea Bernie for not only looking after our tamariki of Te Hiaroa, but the kaiako as well. Ko te aroha te waka e taataki ana i ngaa wawata, i ngaa hiaroa o teena, o teena o taatou. Tihei mauri ora! It is good to be back whaanau and seeing our numbers continue to grow as more tamariki return to school puts a huge menemene on our faces. Huro!

## MAKING OUR WHARE TAPA WHAA

For pakirehua (inquiry) this term, Maunga Pikitia learnt lots about the Maaori health model – Te Whare Tapawhaa.

We decided to build a strong whare to represent the strong health that we all want to have.

We also wanted to make it big enough for all of our friends to share and play in when their wairua feel low.

Check out our story below of a few amazing tamariki who showed all four of our school values by:

- Showing Whaea Jordan aroha and offering help when she was unsure of what to do – Manaakitanga
- Being kaitiaki of our reo Rangatira by using lots of kupu Maaori – Kaitiakitanga
- Leading our teina to make sure we were doing the mahi properly – Rangatiratanga
- Working together to get the mahi done – Kotahitanga

I had mixed some lovely brown paint to decorate our whare. “Can we help you, Whaea Jordan?” you all said. Cassidy, Nadia, Kimi and Evalynn, you all did an amazing job painting, making sure to spread the paint out evenly by using long ‘up and down’ strokes to paint. Before you could finish painting, you had run out of brown paint. Evalynn, you made me feel better because I forgot how to mix brown paint! You said “Kei te pai, Whaea! We saw you mix the paint. We can help you mix it!” You all sat beside me and said “Kaakaariki, koowhai, kikorangi, whereo, maa!”. At first, the brown that we made was not the same as the brown we had painted our whare. Nadia, you said “I think it needs more whereo?”. Kimi, Cassidy and Evalynn, you also helped me by observing and telling me to add more whereo, koowhai and maa until we got the exact shade. You all worked together so nicely and Evalynn, it was great to see you lead your teina by feeding back to them when they had missed a spot or forgot to spread the paint out. You were all so very proud of your painting and our whare looks amazing! Ngaa mihi moo too awahi, tamariki maa!







# Te Niaroa Whaanau



## TE ARA PUERU

The tamariki have been utilising their skills in maths and technology to try and find a place to put our waka. He mihi nui ki te whaanau o Gracie Harris for offering to help us build it once we have decided where the perfect spot is.



## TE PANE O MATAOHO

For our tuakana, they have been lucky to have Counties Manukau Sports come in to develop their skills in poiuka (softball). He mihi nui ki a Coach Armando moo too awhina.





# Board Talk

Kia ora MBS whaanau!

We've been given a new segment in the newsletter, so we'll start at the beginning with a Board 101. Who are we, what do we do and where can you find out more?

Your Maangere Bridge School Board is made up of parent reps, a staff rep and our Principal. Here we are below:



Simon Hughes, Chairperon  
(1 child from MBS, now in Year 8 at Mt Roskill)



Bernice Mata'utia  
Principal



Rebecca Walker  
Staff Rep



Hamish Peart  
(1 child in Tuuii, and 1 now Year 7,  
at Waikowhai)



Fale Lea'aetalafo'ou  
(1 child in Maunga Pikitea and 1 in  
Te Pane o Mataoho)



Trish Hepi  
(7 kids now Year 7+)



Marisa Maclachlan  
(2 children in Te Ara Puereu, 1 now  
in Year 8 at Mt Roskill)

If you bump into us around the school don't be surprised if we look a bit older – these photos are from before two years of Covid and homeschooling.

We have a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MBSBOT/>

And we have an email: [board@mangerebridge.school.nz](mailto:board@mangerebridge.school.nz)

We meet around once a month to review things to do with budgets, property, school policies, staffing, student achievement and wellbeing. If that sounds like hard work, it's usually not because our principal and senior staff are rock solid and do all the work of pulling all the reports together.

All our meetings are a matter of public record – you can access minutes on the school website:

<https://www.mangerebridge.school.nz/bot-agendaminutes.html>

You can also check out the policies we're currently reviewing, more about this next time.

If you want to know about school boards, there's some information for parents here –

[https://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/getting-involved-in-your-childs-school/your-school-board/.](https://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/getting-involved-in-your-childs-school/your-school-board/)

Ngaa manaakitanga  
MBS Board



# From the P.T.A

The PTA held our AGM hui on Tuesday 8th March via Zoom due to the current outbreak.

I would like to introduce our 2022 PTA to you all.

Senior Management Rep - Bernice Mata'utia

Teacher Rep - Karli Adams

Executive roles:

Chairpersons - Elinor Tomic and Sean Brown

Treasurers - Amelia Jones and Jillian Willmott

Secretaries - Nicole Stowers and Emma Purchase

Committee: Victoria Piggott, Jasmine Hughes, Amanda Jelichich, Jo Bush, Frances Duncan-Peterson, Luke Hedley, Tangi Purcell, Amelia-Jayne Yiakmis and a well known name around the school-Steph Tawha. Welcome to our new members!

Congratulations to all new position holders and thank you to all returning members and position holders.

On behalf of myself and the PTA I want to say a huge thank you to the following people who are leaving executive roles:

Sue Smith for her contribution to the PTA over the last few years as Secretary. Your hard work and donations did not go unnoticed and your wonderful demeanour will be missed. We wish you and your whaanau who have now left MBS all the very best for your futures.

Jasmine Hughes for her contribution over the last 4 years as Event Coordinator. Jas has had something to do with every \$ raised over those years (and before that too as a PTA member).

Jas is not shy to promote the playground cause for our tamariki and as a result has been very successful at securing sponsors and maintaining those relationships, as well as her awesome fundraising events like Pohutukawa Festival, Movie Nights and Discos to name a few. Thank you so much Jas. We are thrilled to have you remaining on the committee as a member though for 2022.

And me! I have been on the committee for 5 going on to 6 years, with 4 of those as Chairperson. Thank you to my family for allowing me time away from home to attend meetings and for always supporting my love of helping out the community and for assisting me with fundraiser setups and clean ups. You guys rock! I have loved being part of the PTA, I have made friends outside of my child's friend group, become friends on a personal level outside of school and even joined a social soccer team with some of them! We have had many laughs and celebratory cheers and felt great about working towards a common goal along the way.

I would recommend joining the PTA to anyone that wants to expand their circle and help the school at the same time.

A thank you to Ellie for coming on board as Co-Chairperson last year to assist me and staying on for 2022 so I can step back. I wish you, Sean and the other exec role holders great success and I will be there beside you guys for support when needed.

I will remain on the committee as a member for this year and continue to be involved with the current playground project.

So this will be my last newsletter post as Chairperson! Thank you all for your support of our events and our PTA.

Ngaa mihi koutou,

Victoria Piggott

Departing PTA Co-Chairperson



# Playground News

The removal of the existing playground will take place on Saturday 26th March and construction of our new playground begins on Monday 28th March!! It's all go whaanau!

"He rau ringa e oti ai". Many hands make light work. We will need our whaanau assistance to make this year's multiple fundraisers a success to pay for the balance of our new playground, so please keep an eye out for events and dates.

A special thanks to the Playground Committee and our parents who have been fully involved in the new playground build project which is very exciting for our school.

## THE NEW PLAYGROUND



How EPIC  
is this?





# Updates

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- There is a 'Teacher Only Day' on Friday 1 April, Week 9.
- Term 1 finishes on Thursday 14 April.

## OUR SCHOOL MANAAKITANGA TEAM

As well as our wonderful teachers MBS also has a team who can help to support you and work with you to keep your children physically and emotionally healthy and able to learn. They are able to support you through this Covid time too. Email if you need support and they will do their best to connect with you and your whaanau to problem solve together.

Or you can call

**0800TURUKI**

if you are isolating and need help and support.



Ko Whaakari te Maunga  
Ko Waiotahi te Awa  
Ko Mataatua te Waka  
Ko Tuhoe te Iwi  
Ko Tamatea te Hapu

### Our SWIS worker

**Mihiata Bush:** Our Social Worker in Schools who comes Tuesday and Friday and fortnightly on Wednesday mornings.

Mihi supports vulnerable children and their families, where concerns about their well being or education needs have been identified. She supports links between school & community support services, Government Agency assistance & advocacy – WINZ, HNZ, CYFs and group programs to support learning & holistic Wellbeing.



### Our Mangere Bridge School Kaiarahi Tamariki

**Whaea Elaina:** Is our school counsellor.

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.

I am also a Teacher Aide providing learning support for a wide range of children.

*Desma is new to the team.  
Watch this space for her photo!*

### Our Health Team

**Desma Temara:** Is our Mana Kidz nurse.

Currently due to Covid Desma is not on site but liaises daily with school to to make contact and meet whanau needs. Desma will phone to connect with you and is able to arrange throat swabs, deal with skin infections and arrange medicine to be delivered. She will also support where needed with advice and guidance on accessing a range of health care for our tamariki.

Contact us on [manaakitanga.mangerebridge.school.nz](https://manaakitanga.mangerebridge.school.nz)



## CANOPY OUTSIDE ROOMS 1 - 7

The outdoor canopy is taking shape. We are getting really excited. Last week was quite noisy for Piiwaiwaka as the beams were erected. We are proud of how well the tamariki coped. Next Monday, the roof will be added. Keep an eye out!

## NEW STUDENTS/TAUIRA

We would like to welcome the following students who have started at MBS over the last two weeks. Nau mai, haere mai to Nadia Strom (18), Johnson Kainuku (3), Arnold Church (5), Mia Alvrez (4), Caetano Allan (3), Saini Iopu (4), Nirvana Otufangavalu (3) and Cassidy Pakinga (18). We are so excited to have you all as a part of our whaanau and look forward to getting to know you and your families.



Cassidy settling in to Room 18.



# Don't Forget

## HATS

Term 1 is a 'Hats' term. This means all tamariki are expected to wear a wide brimmed hat/pootae. These can be purchased from the uniform shop for \$20, or you can purchase a navy blue one elsewhere.



## LITTERLESS LUNCHES

- The goal of a litterless lunch is to have no waste to throw out once the food is eaten.
- Everything leftover in lunch boxes can be taken home and washed before being reused - that means there is no need to buy plastic wrap which can be damaging to the environment.
- Reducing waste and showing kaitiakitanga is an important message that we teach our students

# Community Notices

**Seek the Best**  
**Rapu i Te Pai**



**Y7 – Y9  
OPEN  
EVENING**  
24th March 2022  
6:30pm – 7:00pm

[www.marcellin.school.nz](http://www.marcellin.school.nz)

**MARCELLIN COLLEGE**



## Holiday Programme

19<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
skids Waterlea  
Waterlea School  
15/17 House Avenue, Mangere Bridge

Learn to thrive

Express yourself

Learn through play

Learn through movement

Wellness

<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup></b> <b>CLOSED</b> <b>Easter Monday</b> We'll see you tomorrow.	<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Fall into Autumn</b> Discover how clouds make rain, transform fallen leaves into works of art and become little ants on a log.	<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Go Underground</b> Look at what lives underground, make batfly, test stickle and make hedgehogs prickly with leaves.	<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b> <b>Kites in the Sky</b> Decorate your own designer kite, learn about how wind works, and fly kites in the Autumn wind!	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>Earth Day</b> Honour mother nature and make our own beehive! Wraps, learn about ocean water, make trees for a snack.
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>CLOSED</b> <b>ANZAC Day</b> We'll see you tomorrow.	<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Creative Creatures</b> Snaz make monsters disappear, Snaz make claws to attack, we'll munch on paws and turn imaginary friends into dough.	<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Rock Climbing</b> Explore colourful climbing walls and challenge your friends to the top and reach for the stars!	<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Let's get Cooking!</b> Flavour and protein are attacking the quesadilla towers and fajitas! Who will save them?	<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Fire, Water, Earth and Air</b> Plant edible flowers in pots, fly planes through targets, make jammed fireworks and marvel with water!

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