

Welcome Back Newsletter Notice
Term 1 Calendar Dates
Friday 10th February 2023

Kia Ora Koutou, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia Orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Ni Sa Bula Vinaka, Na Maste, Ni Hao and warm pacific greetings to all our whaanau/families.

Welcome Back!

Nau mai! Haere mai! Afio mai!

Welcome back to all of our MBS whaanau and families. It is great to see our children start back at school this week especially after the effects of the floods in Tamaki Makaurau. We started the year with our School Poowhiri led by Matua Jordan and Matua Te Pe'a for all of our new staff and students. It was a great opportunity to meet the new families and we look forward to ensuring your child is provided with aroha, atu angitu where we care, we learn, we succeed!

Student Inquiry Theme

This year our student inquiry theme is 'Growing our future together' - 'Te whakatipu tahi I to tatou heke mai' which is all about growing our community, our gardens, our knowledge, our hauora and most importantly our future. Our leadership team are planning and launching the student inquiry theme in their whaanau teams and for Term 1 the Concept/Topic is 'Hauora' and the curriculum area focus is Health and Physical Education. We look forward to our tamariki taking part in a range of inquiry learning that aligns with the Curriculum achievement objectives and sharing their understanding about 'Hauora'

New Staff 2023

We again, warmly welcome our new staff Luana Bennion who is the new Year 3 and 4 classroom teacher in Room 9. We are also pleased to announce the new classroom teacher Lynn Lolokini Pavihi who will be teaching the Year 5 and 6 class in Room 12. We have also appointed Theodore Adams our new caretaker/groundsman who has made a great start to looking after our school property and maintenance. We would also like to thank Alex who retired and took on the Caretaker role during the interim and did a great job.

Property, Grounds and Maintenance

Thank you to Pete who has made a start on mowing our school grounds so that our lawns look more presentable and tidy. The fence on Coronation road has now been repaired after having temporary fencing on site, we also are following up the damage to one of our resource rooms at the back of Tuuii classrooms and next to the auditorium where the carpet has been removed and damaged furniture and resources.

Communication and Contact Details

We continue to ask parents/caregivers and families if you have any questions about your child's learning or concerns to speak with the classroom teacher. We appreciate the support of our whaanau and have an 'open-door' policy where you are welcome to come and learn more about your child's learning as well as any questions that you might have at the beginning of the year. If you can please email any changes to your contact details to the office.

Sun hats/pōtae and water bottle

We have had great summer weather this week and would like to remind parents to please make sure your child comes to school with a sunhat and with their name on it. It is important every child wears a sun hat to school every day so that our children are sun safe.

Our Sun safe policy is that during Terms 1 and 4 all children must wear a sunhat during break times or they will need to sit under the shaded areas. We also encourage each child to bring a water bottle to school every day to help them keep cool throughout the day.

Be prepared for another significant weather event

We are aware there has been an announcement of another significant weather event and for the Auckland region to prepare and be ready over the next few days due to the potential impacts caused by Tropical Cyclone Gabrielle. The Auckland Emergency Management is working closely with MetService, Auckland Council and other partner agencies to ensure we are well prepared. We ask that you take care this weekend and stay safe. They also encourage that kerbs, inlets and stormwater drains are clear of leaves and debris and to avoid adding anymore flood-damaged items that are being collected.

Important Dates

Term 1 -2023

Week 2

Powhiri for new students – Tuesday 31 January 9am in the auditorium

Newsletter – Friday 03 February

Week 4

New Entrants visits – Thursday 23 February, 9 – 11am

School Assembly – Friday 24 February, 2pm in the auditorium

Week 5

New Entrants visits – Tuesday 27 February, 9 – 11am

New Entrants visits – Thursday 29 February, 9 – 11am

Board Hui – Thursday 2 March, 6pm

Week 6

Powhiri for new students – Monday 6 March, 9am in the auditorium

Community Fono (Meet and Greet) – Monday 6 March, 6pm in the auditorium.

School Assembly – Friday 10 March, 2pm in the auditorium

Week 7

MBS Swimming Sports – Friday 17 March

Week 8

School Assembly – Friday 24 March, 2pm in the auditorium

Week 9

New Entrants visits – Thursday 30 March, 9 – 11am

Week 10

New Entrants visits – Tuesday 4 April, 9 – 11am

New Entrants visits – Thursday 6 April, 9 – 11am

Last Day of Term 1 – Thursday 6 April. School finishes at 3pm

Once again, welcome back to you all and we look forward to 2023 being a great year of learning for our tamariki.

Ngaa mihi nui, Fa'afetai tele lava, Fakaue

Bernice Mata'utia

Tumuaki - Principal

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