

Mangere Bridge School Newsletter





Te 'Epetoma o Te reo Kuki 'Airani COOK ISLAND LANGUAGE WEEK CELEBRATIONS

- Kia Orana!

An outstanding Week showcasing the best of Cook Island Language Culture and Identity. We started the week off with the raising of the Cook Island Flag, singing of the National Anthem then followed by a Tuoro by our dynamic

Papa George and Ali George. Workshops were set up during the week where children were able to experience drum dance, how to tie a pareu, and were shown traditional culture wear of the Cook Islands. Amongst other experiences we had special visitors including Hon Alfred Ngaro Minister of Pacific People's who spoke about the importance of keeping our languages alive in our homes and knowing who we are, Mrs Roseline Blake-Consul General,Vodafone Warriors player Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad, radio presenter Bernard Tairea, Mama Teina who shared traditional stories of the Cook Islands, the amazing Rahui Tautape Samson ex-pupil of MBS who came in to share his talent and the dynamic Drums of the Pacific. Our very own MBS Cook Island group performed tutored by Shevalyn Maika Poimafiti & Sara Phillips. We would also like to Thank our Amazing Whaea Max for pulling it all together, coordinating us, weaving together our school and families. We wish to acknowledge all who contributed to making this week AMAZING from the beautiful tivaevae and decorations that filled our auditorium with colour and love to the amazing cooks for the delicious food that was prepared for us all.

Meitaki Ma'ata to all those amazing parents who helped drive this Week - Sharing your expertise, love and contacts in all areas.

Such an amazing experience learning about the Cook Island Language and culture.



In week 7 of this term we celebrate Tongan Language week followed by Maori Language in week 8. If you are interested in celebrating your culture and language in some way, please feel free to send us an email and we can get the conversation started. We rely on parent knowledge, expertise and contacts to make it happen.

Term 3 – Week 3 Thursday 10th August

COMING EVENTS TERM 3 Week 4 Tues 15 Aug Community Swim for Kereru Whanau Wed 16 Aug PTA Movie night in the Auditorium 5-7.30pm Fri 18 Aug Assembly hosted by Rms 3 & 13 Week 5 Tues 22 Aug Community Swim for Kereru Whanau Thurs 24 Aug Newsletter Fri 25 Aug Daffodil Day

PTA News/Notices

PTA presents MOVIE NIGHT @ MBS

<u>Now Sold out</u> <u>Children must be</u> <u>accompanied by an Adult</u>

Join us for an early evening of fun and laughter as we watch "Trolls" in the school auditorium.

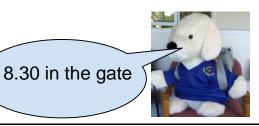
Come dressed in your Pyjama's or Onesie and bring a blanket or bean bag to stay comfy and warm.

Thank you for the ongoing support and we hope to see you all there.

Wednesday 16th August 6 - 7:30pm (Doors Open at 5pm) Mangere Bridge School Auditorium We will have Pizza \$2, Drinks \$2, Ice Blocks \$1, Juice box \$2, Water \$2 for sale on the night. Please bring change.

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TRACKER UPDATE

JUST A LITTLE BIT LATE DOESN'T SEEM MUCH BUT....

He/She is only missing just	That equals	Which is	and over 13 years of schooling that's
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a Year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 Year</u>
Half and hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 and a Half Years</u>
1 Hour per day	1 Day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half Years</u>

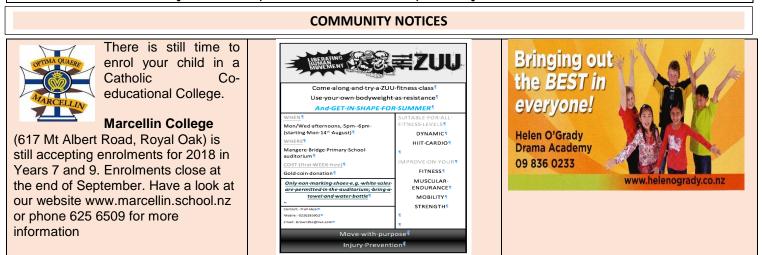
Holidays taken during Term Time

We have noticed a big increase in children taking holidays during Term time. Too much time away affects progress and on return to school children are often struggling to catch up on missed learning. While we understand that families often plan important trips for significant family events during school term, you need to be aware of the following:

As per the Ministry of Education the Principal can exempt the student from attending school for a period of no more than 5 school days.

Ministry of education Attendance rules regarding overseas holidays:

Holiday during Term time: When a student is on a New Zealand or Overseas holiday during the school term, the absence is Unjustified. A parent's note does not provide justification.



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