



Mangere Bridge School Newsletter



Term 4 – Week 9
Thursday 14 December

Tena tatou katoa.

It's hard to believe that we have reached the final day of 2017 and what an awesome year it has been. The days, months and terms have passed so quickly and we had an amazing journey of learning and fun along the way.

Thank you for placing your faith in us to deliver a high quality learning and teaching programme. This week has been a week of celebration as we reflected back on our 4 terms of rich inquiry learning all linked by the value of Kaitiakitanga Guardians of the Future.

It was a proud week as we gathered in the auditorium to celebrate our award winners, our graduates and to watch presentations taking us back over the incredible year's inquiry outcomes.

- Term 1 Poetry Slam- How can we preserve the past to protect the future?
- Term 2 Comic Con- How can we ensure a healthy community for all?
- Term 3 Production- What makes a good leader and how do we choose one?
- Term 4 Bird Art Installation- How can we be kaitiaki of our taonga?

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Judging by the happy state of our children, the levels of engagement throughout the year and their progress and achievement we feel that we have delivered and have already turned our sights to planning for an even more outstanding 2018. Keep your eye on our website and Facebook page in the new year for updates and information.

Today your children visited their new classroom space and teacher for 2018. Check their bag for an introduction letter from their new teacher.

Lastly we would like to say a special farewell and mihi aroha to Miss Elisa Patterson our Tui Whanau Leader and teacher of room 9. Elisa has given us 5 ½ years of loyal, high quality service. We congratulate her on her promotion to the role of Deputy Principal at Te Kura o Waatea.

Mr Don Biltcliff affectionately known as our Mr B has been given a unique opportunity for 2018 to work with Dr Bobbie Hunter of Massey University as a facilitator of their Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities (DMIC) programme. Don will be taking one year's leave to take up this commitment.

Although we will miss him greatly in 2018 we see it as an awesome opportunity to advance his skills in mathematical inquiry teaching which he will be able to bring back and share with the MBS school community in 2019.

COMING EVENTS

TERM 4

Week 9	
Fri 15 Dec	Meet your new Teacher
Fri 15 Dec	Last Day of 2017 – Happy holidays
Fri 15 Dec	School finishes at 1.00pm
Term 1 2018	
Week 1 2018	
Wed 31 Jan	First day of 2018. School starts at 8.50am
Wed 31 Jan	Powhiri at 9.15am

PTA News/Notices

To all Mangere Bridge School Families, Staff and Sponsors

On behalf of the PTA we would like to thank you for your participation and support with all events and fundraisers this year.

Working together we were able to host fun family and community events, encourage reading and support our school with technology and equipment to name just a few, and as a result of your ongoing support, we were able to make a significant difference at MBS and raise over \$20k this year.

The PTA would also like to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge each past, present and departing members of the PTA that have devoted their time and expertise to making 2017 a successful one.

**School starts Wednesday 31 January 2018.
8.30am in the gate and you won't be late**

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Kaitiakitanga: Guardians of the future

E koekoe te tūi, e ketekete te kākā, e kūkū te kererū

The tūi chatters, the kākā cackles and the kererū coos. **How can we be the kaitiaki of our taonga?**



We have had an incredible learning year at Mangere Bridge School and we would like to thank all our whanau and community helpers who have made it all possible. This last term has really flown by but we managed to squeeze in a fabulous inquiry into our native birds. We opened our outdoor exhibition on Monday and we are very proud of our art work. All students painted a bird and they are all on display in the school grounds so please bring your families down during the holiday to visit the birds.



REMINDER – STATIONERY 2018

Stationery packs for Mangere Bridge School will be available for parents to purchase online at Paper Plus from December 15th 2018 for delivery from 15th January 2018. Go to

www.paperplus.co.nz/backtoschool click on the link for school stationery and then click on Mangere Bridge school. Stationery packs are also available in store at Paper Plus, Onehunga. 239 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga from **January 15th 2018. Receive Fly buys with purchases or donate to the school's Fly buys account**

You have the choice to either buy the pack at the Paper Plus store or you can purchase packs online. Free freight for all online orders over \$50. Packs include a \$15 material fee.

The packs must be bought as whole packs.

The packs are in Year Levels so please make sure you know what Year level your children will be in 2018.

If you are unsure what Year Level your children are in this year, please check with your children's teacher.

My child in 2017	My child in 2018
New Entrant	Starter Pack
Year 0	Year 1
Year 1	Year 2
Year 2	Year 3
Year 3	Year 4
Year 4	Year 5
Year 5	Year 6

UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPEN IN THE HOLIDAYS ON THURSDAY 25TH AND FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY 2018

Term Dates 2018

<i>Term 1</i>	<i>Wed 31 Jan</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Fri 13 Apr</i>
<i>Term 2</i>	<i>Mon 30 Apr</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Fri 6 Jul</i>
<i>Term 3</i>	<i>Mon 23 Jul</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Fri 28 Sep</i>
<i>Term 4</i>	<i>Mon 15 Oct</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Fri 14 Dec</i>

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