Macleans Primary School

A message from Acting Principal, Mrs Wendzich



TEACHING AND LEARNING

We kicked off Term 3 with a smooth beginning in teaching and learning. The students arrived at school on the 20th July 2026 with an enthusiastic and motivated attitude towards learning. They continued their learning through Inquiring into Changes in Food and Kitchen Science. The students were so excited to start with experiments and to follow the Scientific Method in Science. They are all engaged in the learning process and they have roles and responsibilities within groups which they thoroughly enjoy.

We have some International Students who started with us on the 20th July 2026 and they have also had a great start to their learning journey at Macleans Primary School. They are looking forward to the Kiwi experiences and a taster of the New Zealand education system. Mrs. Yim and Mrs. Dean will be providing them with some Kiwiana activities in the afternoon blocks on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We are positive that they are going to enjoy their time at Macleans Primary School.

100 DAYS AT SCHOOL CELEBRATION:

On Wednesday the 22nd July 2026 we had our a celebration of 100 days at school. The students were creative in dressing themselves to represent 100 days of school. We had a dress up parade on Wednesday morning and all students were part of the parade to showcase their outfits. The teachers then organized some exciting activities in the classroom for the students to enjoy 100 days at school. The teachers and students had decorated their classrooms to create a festive vibe in the school. What a great way to kick off Term 3.



LOCKDOWN PRACTICE:

On Friday 24th July 2026 we are having a Lockdown Practice at Macleans Primary School. This is ONLY A PRACTICE so that teachers and students have a clear understanding of what to do in case we have to go into a LOCKDOWN situation.The office staff will notify all parents about the Lockdown on Friday so please don't stress when you get this notification on your phone. We will also notify you once the practice is over.
Teachers will prepare the students before Friday so that students are aware that this is only a practice.

INFORMATION AFTERNOON:

On 28th July 2026 there will be an Information Afternoon at 2:00 pm in the Staffroom to inform future parents and students about our school. If you know of some families who are interested in sending their children to our school please invite them to this information afternoon so that they can hear more about our school.

WELLBEING AT MACLEANS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our teachers are going to have Wellbeing sessions with Kathy Harding as part of their professional learning. She is a fantastic facilitator to guide and support teaching staff in how to look after their own wellbeing so that they can assist and support their student's wellbeing in the classrooms. \

STAFFING:

We would like to congratulate Mrs. Lynn Berry and her husband on the exciting news that they are going to have a baby boy. Mrs. Lynn Berry will support the Room 21 students until the end of Term 3 and in the mean time we will employ an experienced teacher to take Room 21 through to the end of the year.

TRAFFIC IN THE MORNING AND TRAFFIC IN THE AFTERNOONS:

The traffic outside the school in the mornings during drop off and in the afternoons during pick up time is horrendous. Please parents can you be considerate of others and follow the rules such as;
When you stop in the drop off or pick up Zone you MUST ONLY TAKE 2 minutes please. Not stop your car and leave it unattended while you go and fetch your child.
Please do NOT STOP ON THE YELLOW LINES and let the traffic build up in Wycherley Drive. I truly appreciate your support in this matter.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Angelique Wendzich



CALENDAR ART



It is calendar art time of the year!

Your children will be busy creating artworks using a range of materials and techniques that can be transformed into calendars, greeting cards, diaries, mouse mats and sketch pads. These personalised items will make excellent Christmas gifts, and are a great way for you and your families to continue supporting our school.
GREAT GIFTS. GREAT CAUSE!

JUNIOR SCHOOL UPDATE

We wrapped up Term 2 with our Year 1s getting cozy with a special PJ and Fort day, while our Year 2s put together a wonderful Hangi to celebrate Matariki.

Across the Junior School, all our classes have been diving into the scientific method with some really fun food experiments. This has actually sparked some incredible writing from our learners! Our superstar writers have been loving sharing their work with the Senior Leadership team, earning some well-deserved principal stickers to celebrate their success.

A massive shoutout to Charley Deng! Charley is one of our Year 2 students who headed down to Hamilton over the school holidays and made us all incredibly proud. He brought home a bunch of certificates for his fantastic efforts: Very Highly Commended for his Restricted Solo, Highly Commended for Character in Costume, and Commended for both his Own Selection and Folk Song. Way to go, Charley!





MUSIQ HUB



SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATE

We have had a fantastic start to Term 3.
Children have come back to school ready to jump straight back into learning. In the senior school we are busy with poetry recitals and speech competitions. We have our speech and poetry finals on Wednesday 29 July. Your child's teacher will be in touch to invite you to the final if your child makes it through to the finals.

Inquiry learning is well underway and the children are loving all the experiments which we are doing for kitchen science. I am sure that the children are coming home buzzing about all the fun learning activities the teachers have planned.

We had a really great 100 Days of school celebration on Wednesday - there were so many fun activities planned.

Next week we have our school cross country day. If you are able to come along and help please get in touch with Mrs Hunkin (a.hunkin@macleansprimary.school.nz) and if you would like to come and support your child, please do. We will be starting just after 11am. Children are to please come in their house colours next Friday and running shoes as well as their drink bottle and a warm jacket for after..

Lastly, I know that our year 6s are looking forward to their Chelsea Sugar Factory trip in a few weeks time. Please make sure you fill in the forms sent home from Mrs Lefevre.

We are so excited for a fun and busy term 3!





SKIDS NEWS

Get ready for Term 3 at sKids – packed with adventure, creativity and fun!

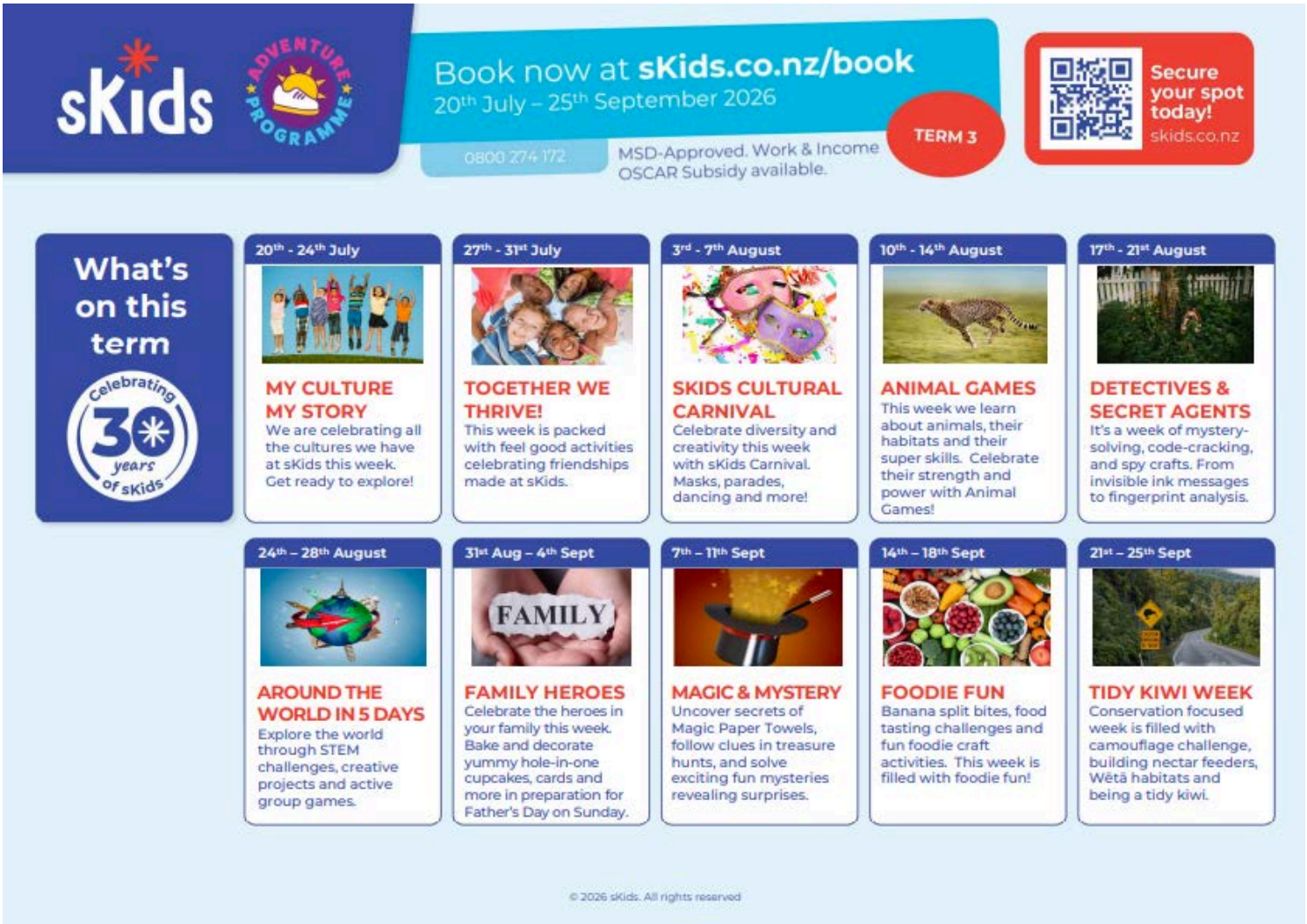
From a vibrant cultural carnival and magical mysteries to foodie fun and animal adventures, Term 3 is packed with exciting crafts, games, STEM challenges and creative activities. Children will make friends, explore the world and celebrate family heroes with Father's Day-themed fun. Plus, two more exciting new programmes launching at our Stay and Play sessions on Wednesday!

From 5 August, Passport to Play is learning about the world we live in, different countries, people, cultures, languages and food. Children will receive their very own passport to be stamped as we make our way through the global activities.

Then, from 2 Sept, Inventors Lab invites you to step into a world where innovation meets imagination! Children become real inventors as they explore how ideas take shape through building, designing and hands-on experiments.

Plus, we are celebrating our birthday all year round! To celebrate 30 years of sKids, sites will enjoy themed celebrations including talent shows, art projects, dress-up days, cultural events and sports challenges, with opportunities to share photos, videos and stories nationwide. Check out the sKids website for more details.

Book Term 3 today at sKids, where play meets potential.
www.skids.co.nz/locations/macleans/



Thursday, July 23, 2026

JUMPING JUNE - THANK YOU



A massive thank you to everyone who got involved in the Jumping June Fundraiser. We raised $649.80 as a school for this very worthy cause!

HEALTH AND SAFETY BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

After-School Supervision and Routine

We have noticed a large number of children staying behind after school to play on their devices, the courts, and the playgrounds. Please ensure your children head straight home when the 3:00 PM bell rings, as they are unsupervised during this time. Teacher supervision duty officially ends at 3:15 PM; any students still at school after this time will be brought to sit safely outside the main office to wait for their parents. If you are running late for pick-up, please call our wonderful office team ahead of time so they can pass a message along to your child and ensure they know where to wait.

Carpark and Road Safety Reminders

For the health and safety of our entire school community, please remember that the staff carpark is strictly off-limits to families. For their own safety, parents and children must not walk through the carpark, nor should it be used for vehicle drop-offs or pick-ups. This area is reserved exclusively for our teachers, learning assistants, and admin staff. Additionally, if your children walk, scoot, or bike home, please take a moment to remind them about using the designated pedestrian crossing and staying alert on the roads. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our kids safe!

YUMMY FRUIT STICKERS

Did you know that as a school we collect the Yummy Fruit Stickers and labels? At the end of the year we send these in and earn some really cool sports gear for our school. You can help us by:

- Getting a yummy fruit sticker sheet from the school office and putting your fruit stickers on there.
- Asking your neighbours and friends to keep their stickers for you.
- Returning your stickers to the school office.
- There are also sticker collection sheets in all classrooms so you can put your stickers in there.



THE MORE STICKERS WE COLLECT THE MORE SPORTS GEAR WE WILL GET!

SPORTS NEWS

Competitive Boys Football
Although the Boys' Competitive Football Competition was reduced to a single day due to the weather, it certainly didn't dampen the spirits of our team.



Our team of 12 demonstrated outstanding skill, determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship as they competed against 25 other highly competitive primary schools. While the results didn't quite fall our way this year, the boys finished the tournament on a high with a well-deserved win over Botany Downs Primary in their final match.

It was a fantastic day of football, and every player should be incredibly proud of the way they represented Macleans Primary. Well done, boys!
Team: Connor Munro (C), Bilal Dean (VC), Janyl Patel, Curtis Chan, Romeo Garcia, Gabriel Ebrahem, Harper Ybanez, Sanav Prakash, Stephen Lyn, Jeremy Cowan, Veer Sharma, Denula Kariyawasam

YEAR 2 MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS

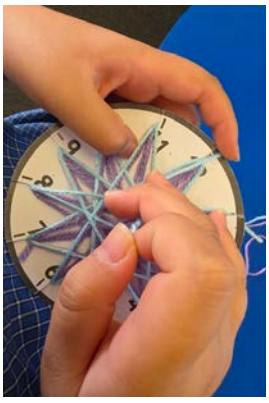
Our Year 2 - Motutapu Team - had a phenomenal Matariki Celebration at the end of term 2 this.

This included fun arts activities, heaps of learning and then their very own Hangi to enjoy at the end of the week.















100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

Our 100 Days of School Celebration was nothing short of phenomenal and so much fun was had by all!













IMPORTANT TERM 3 DATES

Week 1:
Friday: Lockdown Practice with Harrison Tew.

Week 2:
Tuesday: "Think and Be Me" show for all students
Wednesday: Senior School Speech finals at 9:15am
Thursday: HPPA Dance Festival
Friday: Junior and Senior Cross Country Day, Senior school assembly

Week 3:
Monday: Howick Intermediate Production for Year 6 students.
Tuesday: Epro8 Competition
Wednesday: Epro8 Competition
Friday: Junior School Assembly

Week 4: Maths Week
Tuesday: HPPA Cross Country
Wednesday: Year 6 Chelsea Bay Trip
Thursday: Senior School Mathex Comp
Friday: Junior School Poetry Recital, Senior School Assembly