



Muritai Beacon

'Be The **Best** We can be'



Rāhina 19 o Pipiri,

Kia ora Muritai whānau,

We are getting to the pinch point of Term 2 with loads of exciting events happening around our kura. Excitement is building for our annual involvement in HuttFest at Walter Nash Stadium next Tuesday (23rd). Once again we have two large rōpū performing on the big stage. This year will be a little different with the dress rehearsal and performance both happening during school time. If your child is involved in this day, please keep a look out for detailed comms on the Hero app so you are aware what is happening and how to collect your child at the end of the performance. An important note to mention is **your child needs to be collected from Walter Nash Stadium as there is no return bus back to school after the performance.**

We can't wait to see our Muritai ākonga perform on Tuesday as they have dedicated many hours and loads of energy towards the event. Of course, last week we got to have a sneak peek of the senior rōpū performance during our annual Kapa Haka Exchange with Korokoro School. It was great to host our friends from up on the hill again. We enjoyed watching their slick performance as much as we enjoyed sharing ours.

Today we announced our student kaia for each performance rōpū. This is always a challenging process as the quality of our student leadership is top notch! Congratulations to Grace Davis and Finn Anderson-Budd who are our Senior Kaia and Tom Davis and Frida McDonald who were awarded our Junior Kaia.

Our top runners have been competing once again this week. This time at the Interzone Cross Country event in Petone. Over 30 students from Years 4-8 qualified for this event, competing against other students from across Lower Hutt. A special congratulations to the 15 students who have qualified for Regionals, to be held on Tuesday 30th June at Harcourt Park, Upper Hutt. We wish you all the very best as you take on the next challenge!



Year 4

- Annabelle Parker (7th)
- Sienna "Sissy" Martin (8th)
- Taj Morwood (3rd)
- Theo Thomsen (4th)

Year 5

- Juliet Bennett (8th)
- Skylar Filemu (9th)
- Joey Holmes (2nd)
- Teddy Innes (6th)

Year 6

- Blake McCorkindale (8th)
- Sadie Scott (6th)
- Ted Fahey (7th)

Year 7

- Cashel Cross (9th)

Year 8

- Lilibeth Tomescu (9th)
- Mahinarangi Barker (8th)
- Fraser Halman (6th)

Reserve:

- Lucia Lovell (11th Reserve)

Reporting to Student Achievement

A reminder that at the end of Term 2 you will be receiving your child's mid year academic report from their classroom teacher. This will be informing you on the progress and achievements your child has made over the first two terms of 2026. A reminder there are several changes to this reporting format and expectations this year. At the beginning of Week 11 (Monday 29 June) keep a look out for more information about these changes ahead.



Check out the Hero app regularly as we will be having Learning Conversations at the beginning of next term. You will be able to book a time to meet with your child's classroom teacher on either **Tuesday 28th or Thursday 30th July**. This will be a great opportunity to talk more about the information written in the report and how you can help at home.

Matariki Celebrations

MATARIKI AT MURITAI
UPDATE
2026
WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY
4.00pm – 7.00pm

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!!!

4.00pm – 5.15pm – Celebration of learning in your child's classroom

4.30pm onwards – sausage sizzle and hot chocolates available to purchase (BYO Keep cups)

5.30pm – Kapa Haka performance on the main outdoor stage

6pm – Serving the Hangi in the hall

We have had to change the date of our Matariki celebrations which will now be held on **Wednesday 1 July**.

We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday where you can see your child's learning in their classroom as well as watching the Kapa Haka ropū and of course having some hangi.

Please use the link below to order your hangi: [Hangi Order Form 2026](#)

We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

Community Consultation

Also during our Matariki Celebrations on 1st July, our Board of Trustees will be hosting an opportunity for you to provide feedback about the school as part of our Strategic Planning review. This will be taking place in Room 9.

In addition to this, there will also be a survey where you can provide your feedback online. Keep a look out for our Community Consultation Survey which will be shared on

Monday 22nd. This survey will be 'live' for two weeks. We look forward to receiving your constructive feedback to help us shape our direction for the next 3 years.

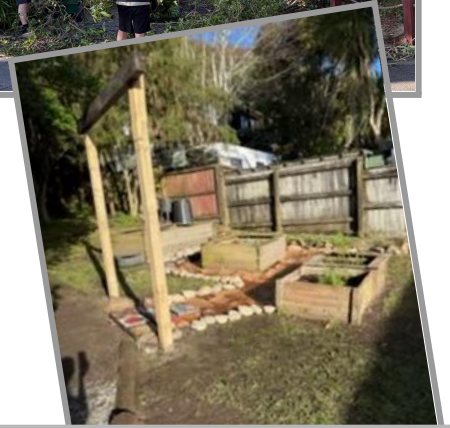
Garden Working Bees

Not only has Muritai been busy during the week, it has also been busy on the weekend too! A huge thank you to the parents and staff who contributed to two garden working bees over the past fortnight. Firstly, the gardens behind the Kāhu classrooms had a great spruce up and last weekend the garden at the Oroua Street entrance received some much needed TLC. There is still work to do, mulching all the branches but it's off to a great start!



Kororā Kaitiaki

Today, a small group of Kororā students visited the kororā nesting areas by William Shortt Park. Once there they met with Parker Jones from MIRO to check their nests to see how the little kororā are settling in. A huge thank you to the parents and caregivers who helped out with the visit to the beach!



Thanks Mike!

You'll recall in one of our previous newsletters that Mike Lovell from Luxe Realty generously sponsored the 'Luxe Cheeseburger' at O'Malley's Bar and Kitchen. Every burger sold, \$5 came to Muritai School. Last week Mike kindly presented us with an initial cheque for \$1,525! How cool is that! Thanks heaps Mike!



Ngā mihi nui,

Stu Devenport



The Muritai School **WHERE IN THE WORLD? Travel Raffle** is live!

This is Muritai School's Home & School Committee's major fundraiser this year - aiming to raise much-needed money for the replacement of the junior playground.

There are three INCREDIBLE prizes up for grabs:

1ST PRIZE: \$15,000 Travel Credit + \$5,000 spending money!



2ND PRIZE: Luxe Wairarapa Getaway - worth \$2,500 (thanks to Luxe Realty!)

Including: \$1,500 Pārehua Resort voucher, \$300 The Palliser Kitchen voucher, \$300 Cool Change Bar & Eatery voucher, and \$400 P&K General Store voucher - all in Martinborough

3RD PRIZE: It's Show Time! (worth over \$800)

Including: \$500 QT Hotel Voucher + 2x A-Reserve Tickets to 2026 World of WearableArt (WOW) Show: GLO! (thanks to WearableArt (Wow))

Tickets are \$25 each and available here www.galabid.com/muritaischool or through the QR code on the flier. The raffle closes 12:00pm Friday 3 July (unless sold out earlier) and winners will be drawn at 1:45pm Friday 3 July 2026.

Please share – it takes a village, and we need your help!

If you would like some printed posters to put up at your work, leisure, social, sports centres etc, please grab some from the school office from Monday.

WHERE IN THE WORLD would you travel?

Principal Awards

Congratulations to the students listed who all received a Principal Award at our assembly today. Well done to you all! Sovaan Stewart, Poppy George, Olive Orbell, Emma Gellatly were chosen for fish'n' chips with Mr D!



Coco Maguire, Fraser Pobjie	Room 1
Ziggy Stemp, Barclay Blair	Room 2
Elliot Small, Isla Owen	Room 3
Brayden Dave Connolly, Orla Maguire	Room 5
Harry Easton, Marnie Te Whata	Room 6
Olive Miskimmin, Max Hawkins Beck	Room 7
Archer McCaul Taratoa, Evie Eglinton	Room 8
Rohan Bailey Rotman, Charley Shields	Room 10
Josh Grigg, Sienna Martin	Room 11
Mila Machet, Jack Dawson	Room 12
Paddy Keenan, Poppy George	Room 13
Eleanor Chalfant, Theo Morwood	Room 15
Olive Orbell, Jeremy Machet	Room 16
Cassie Treadwell, Emma Gellatly	Room 21
Ischia Wong, Liam Riley	Room 22
Dune Armstrong, Sovaan Stewart	Room 23

Important Dates	
Date	Event
22 June	Pizza Monday
22 June	Community Consultation survey will be sent out on-line.
23 June	Hutt Fest
30 June	Regional Cross Country
1 July	Matariki Evening
2 July	Regional Cross Country postponement day
3 July	Last day of Term 2
3 July	Whole School Assembly
20 July	First day of Term 3
28 July	Learning Conversations 2-6pm
30 July	Learning Conversations 2-6pm
27 August	NIWA Science Fair
28 August	Daffodil Day - Dress in yellow
3 Sept	Dance Curriculum day
11 Sept	Boostrix 2nd Dose Y7
14-18 Sept	Māori Language Week
16 Sept	BOT meeting at 6.30 to 9
16 Sept	WOW Dress Rehearsal Kāhu
23 Sept	WOW Performance
25 Sept	Last day of Term 3
12 Oct	First day of Term 4

2026 Dates:

- Term 1** Wednesday 4 February - Thursday 3 April
- Term 2** Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July
- Term 3** Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September
- Term 4** Monday 12 October to Wednesday 16 December

COMMUNITY NOTICES - Please Note - the following notices have been requested to be published and are not necessarily endorsed by us as a school. In the spirit of community we include these digitally for you to peruse.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY STEAM
12TH JULY 2026

Steam & Diesel Hauled **RETURN** Train Rides starting at either Paekakariki & Porirua!

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LIONS BOOK SALE

Eastbourne Lions are running their very popular 'Recycled Reading' book sale again from 1-16 August at San Antonio School. The theme for this year is 'Books for Kids', with profits being distributed to a range of youth literacy and reading groups around the Hutt Valley. So if you and/or your tamariki are having a bit of a tidy up and would like to donate any books that are still in good condition:

- there will be a collection box in the Muritai School foyer,
- collection box in Eastbourne Library foyer, or
- contact Eastbourne Lions on EastbourneLionsNZ@gmail.com if you have larger quantities to drop off or would like to arrange a pickup. The sale in August will be open 10am-4pm each day allowing plenty of scope for after school buying trips to re-stock your books.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A FUNDRAISER SCREENING ON THE OPENING NIGHT OF

LIGHT HOUSE PETONE
52 BEACH STREET

THURSDAY 30TH JULY 5.45PM
ARRIVE FROM 5.15PM | TICKETS \$25
TICKET INCLUDES A LOLLY BAG AND A SOFT DRINK

Fundraising for Eastbourne Scouts to attend the National Scout Jamboree Dec 2026

Payment to Eastbourne Scout Group
BNZ 02 0544 0191132 00 include particulars MOVIE
reference YOUR NAME

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