



Muritai Beacon

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

Friday 14 June 2024,

Kia ora koutou Muritai whānau,

The term is certainly racing by. With just 3 more weeks of Term 2 there is still much to look forward to!

Our Whānau Rōpū and staff are in preparation mode for our Matariki celebrations coming up on Wednesday 26th June. We are excited to provide our students and community the opportunity to feast on hangi for the evening. The rōpū and classes will be fully involved in the process from gathering driftwood for the fire, preparing vegetables and digging the pit for the hangi pit. Are you interested in ordering a pack for yourself? Click on the link below to order and pay for yours:

<https://forms.gle/3hRF48vXKELT7YVA7>

Keep a look out over the next week for further information on how you can contribute to our vege store and volunteering to help out in week 9 of this term. In addition to yummy kai, our two Kapa Haka rōpū will be performing and our classrooms will be open for you to visit with your child for a 'celebration of learning' evening. It's sure to be a great evening so make sure you come along!

On Wednesday we had the pleasure of hosting Korokoro School for our Kapa Haka exchange. This is now the second time we have brought the two kura together so it is now officially a tradition!

Both school performances were exceptional and it was wonderful to see and hear the talent and leadership on display. This of course is a perfect opportunity to showcase our performance before heading to the big stage at Walter Nash Stadium in Week 10 of this term! A huge thank you to the parents who helped out with kai in the kitchen, uniform preparation and distribution and supporting us with our performances.

Last week we also hosted our termly Mihi Whakatau to welcome our new students and families to our Muritai whānau. It was a pleasure to have a small group of



tamariki from East Harbour Kindergarten attend too, to hand over their 'graduates' to us.

It was impressive to see that our Muritai School athletes achieved great things once again this week, this time at the Interzone Cross Country event at Trentham Memorial Park. Well done to everyone who represented us and a special congratulations to the following students who have qualified to attend the Regional event later in the year:

Y4 Girls - Blake McCorkindale 6th

Y4 Boys - Ted Fahey 7th and Seb Good 9th

Year 6 Boys - Keegan Field 3rd, Harri Hayes 4th and Hugo Livingston 9th

Year 7 Boys - Tiago Meikle-Rodriguez 6th

Y8 Girls - Peira Dent 7th

Learning from across the school.

I had a very interesting experience earlier in the week as I visited the classrooms upstairs... all of our Tūi students were 'in their zone' creating exciting things either by coding, sewing or dancing for Tūi Time! It was great to see our students explore their passions.

I also know our Kāhu students are in the depths of their own inquiry through their Personal Passion Projects. It is always wonderful to see the huge variety of topics our senior students choose to explore and I can't wait to see their final outcomes at the end of the year. Keep up the great work everyone!

It's also pleasing to see our Kāhu students explore the technology curriculum through the use of our robotics resources.

I see our youngest learners have also been getting creative in the classrooms with some very cool art work and even stitching... very impressive for our 5 year olds!!

New classroom signage.

If you've popped into school lately you may have noticed some new signage outside our classrooms. We are pleased to have te reo Māori for this, which was an initiative that was mooted by our Head Girl Elodie Dent in 2023 so it is great to see it finally come to fruition! A huge thank you to our Home and School team for funding this project!

Attendance

As many of you are aware, the Ministry of Education is making school attendance a priority.

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.



You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are considered 'unjustified' reasons for being absent. I do understand that at times this can not be avoided. We ask that if you are planning a family trip away, you contact me via email to request permission. This is aligned to our school policy.

We know that autumn has certainly brought its crisp mornings and winter is coming with all its chills, bugs and colds. Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school can be tricky at times. Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora have refreshed their guidance for schools and parents to use to help make that call. Check out the Ministry of Education website for more information. If you are still unsure, get in touch with us.

At our school we have strong processes and hygiene practices in place to make sure our school environment is as healthy as possible for our students and our staff.

If you're struggling at home with getting your child to school, talk to us! Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school and building a culture that fosters excellent attendance.

The Ministry of Education now provides us with a term report summarising our attendance. Check out our stats, [here](#).

Ngā mihi nui
Stu Devenport, Principal

A BIG THANK YOU TO EASTBOURNE BAYS TRUST

We would like to thank the Eastbourne-Bays Community Trust for donating money to the school to enable us to buy new Basketball singlets. We have been able to buy enough singlets to kit out 8 teams for basketball in term 3, and plan to use them for 11 teams playing touch rugby in the summer. A wonderful resource for the school so thank you Eastbourne-Bays Community Trust!



GRANTS FOR GOOD AND PUB CHARITY LIMITED

We have also been extremely fortunate to have received funding for updating some of the technology across the school. Over the last term we have been working with Grants for Good to try and secure some funding and have received a grant from Pub Charity Limited of \$5000 to go towards updating the digital technology in the Kereru Syndicate. We have purchased 20 new Chromebooks to be used by the year 5/6 children. This grant would not have been possible without

local venues partnering with Pub Charities to generate funds for our local community.

The children are already using this technology to connect with others and create digital learning outcomes.



BUS STOP MOVING

Metlink have informed us that a bus stop is to be temporarily moved due to construction of a seawall and shared path along Marine Drive (It is bus stop # 8843 Marine Drive near Sunshine Bay)

It is to be moved 100m south towards Day Bay from Monday 17th June until November. The map below shows the stops.

Here is the link to their website with all the information customers may need. [Metlink - Stop departures Marine Drive near Sunshine Bay.](#)



LUCKY BOOK CLUB

Issue Four of the Scholastic Lucky Book Club, for 2024, is now available. Orders will be closing at Noon on Monday the 17th June. Your order can be done on the following website <https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/Login.aspx>.

The whole school order is processed on the closing date.

We greatly appreciate your support as the school is able to gain rewards through purchases you make which enables us to add books to our school collection.

For Year 8 Families / Enrol Now at HVHS for 2025, Apply Online

Enrolments at Hutt Valley High School for 2025 are open for in-zone and out-of-zone applications. All enrolment applications are now completed online. Please go to the [enrolment page](#) to find the online application form and key enrolment deadlines.

Parents and caregivers are strongly encouraged to enrol their children as early as possible. This allows Hutt Valley High School to plan for their learning needs and ensure a smooth transition to high school.

An added benefit of enrolling now is that your child will be in the first group to receive the email with subject selections (many subjects have limited spaces).

Public Holidays & Teacher Only Days 2024:

Tuesday, 6 February:	Waitangi Day
Friday 29 March:	Good Friday
Monday 1 April:	Easter Monday
Tuesday 2 April:	Easter Tuesday (School holiday)
Friday 31 May:	Teacher Only Day
Monday, 3 June:	King's Birthday
Friday, 28 June:	Matariki
Friday 25 October:	Teacher Only Day
Monday, 28 October:	Labour Day

School Dates for 2024:

Term 1	Thursday 1 February to Friday 12 April
Term 2	Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July
Term 3	Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September
Term 4	Monday 14 October to Tuesday 17 December

Important Dates	
Date	Event
10 June - 26 July	Dental Van visiting Muritai
10 June	Pizza Monday
11 June	Inter Zone Cross Country comp
13 June	PP Inter Zone Cross Country comp
17 June	Pizza Monday
19 June	Korokoro School Kapa Haka Exchange
21 June	Whole School Assembly
24 June	Pizza Monday
26 June	Matariki Celebrations 4pm to 7pm
28 June	Matariki Holiday
2 July	Regional Cross Country comp
4 July	PP Regional Cross Country comp
5 July	Whole School Assembly
5 July	Last day of Term 2

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.

Enrol for Term 3 now!

**Greenwood Studio
after school
& school holiday
jewellery workshops
FOR KIDS**

If you are looking for something fun and creative for your kids these school holidays please get in touch. I am offering morning and afternoon jewellery workshops.

Ages 8-13 years
Muritai Rd, Eastbourne

Find us on Facebook & Instagram
[@greenwoodstudioeastbourne](#)

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
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St Alban's Anglican Parish of Eastbourne

**Saturday 6 July
4-5pm**

HOW MY KORO BECAME A Star

Drama*, crafts, puzzles and kai for Matariki
San Antonio School Hall

*With performers from 'Speak Again'
Based on the book by Brianne Te Paa

Celebrate
Matariki WEEKEND

**Ngā Manu
Nature Reserve**
10am – 5pm
Friday – Sunday

- + Fun for the whole whanau
- + Meet a Moa (Fri)
- + Daizy Design Face Painting (Fri)
- + Star hunt nature trail
- + Make your own seed bomb
- + Sausage sizzle and hot drinks

www.NgaManu.org.nz
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