



Muritai Beacon

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

Friday 16 February 2024,

Kia ora koutou, Guten tag, Bula, Nǐ hǎo, Mingalaba, Namaste, Greetings, Sàwâtdee, Hallo, As-salām 'alaykum, Min-ga-la-ba, nín hǎo, Néih hóu, Konnichiwa, Chôm rab suôr, Tālofa, Hola!, Kumusta, Vaṇakkam, Mālō e lelei, Kia orana,

We are at the end of our first full week of Term 1 and things are ticking along nicely. Today we were excited to host our first whole school assembly in our school hall after a long absence. This is of course due to the hall renovation project which is in the final stages of being completed. The Kererū Syndicate were the first team to host this year and they all did a marvellous job. We had a big focus on singing and celebrating how we show RESPECT around our kura. RESPECT is one of our key Living Values and is a great one to focus on at the start of the year. There have been great discussions within the classrooms about what respect looks like, sounds like and feels like in many contexts across our school.

We all had a fantastic day last Friday for our annual school picnic trip to Days Bay. The weather certainly made the day even more magical! It was also an excellent opportunity for us all to travel along the first section of the shared pathway - Mā Koromiko. A huge thank you to everyone who came along to join us on the day. All the staff enjoyed the time to chat with you while the tamariki enjoyed our local environment.

Another thank you to all who made the time to meet with their child's classroom teacher for our Learning Partnership hui. It feels a bit like speed dating for our teachers but we hope you appreciated the time to connect and share information about your child. A reminder there is always the opportunity to connect with your child's teacher throughout the year if you have any concerns. The best way to set this up is via email.



We see you were all able to utilise our Caregiver App to make these interview times with the teachers. With this app up and running, you'll notice we are feeding more communications to you at home using this platform, this includes messages from teachers. A reminder, that this app has notification settings that need to be set correctly in order for you to receive the information in a timely fashion. Check out this [short video](#) on how to do this.

Our summer swimming has commenced this week, with classes making the most of our local pool being in close proximity. It's impressive to see an individual's water confidence develop in such a short time, especially with our youngest learners.

In the Kāhu Syndicate, Technology classes commenced on Wednesday. This involves the senior students taking part in a variety of learning experiences both at Wainuiomata Intermediate and here at school. This includes Cooking, Hard Materials, Art, STEM/Robotics and Japanese. It's great to see them all making the most of these opportunities already!

Our weekly Kapa Haka sessions also commenced on Wednesday. It was wonderful to hear the beautiful waiata coming from the rōpū with Whaea Hilary again. We are continuing with the community Kapa Haka sessions at 8.40am in the school hall. Everyone, including whānau, are welcome at this time. Due to demand, this year we are operating 2 performance rōpū, one for Years 1-4, the other for Years 5-8. We have plans for both groups to perform at Hutt Fest in Term 2 this year. Watch this space for more information. Mīharo!

As we approach the month of March, we are excited to be involved with the Movin' March initiative once again. This is all about getting active and using our feet to get to school. Keep a lookout for more information on how you can get involved on our Facebook page as we get closer to March.

Ngā mihi nui
Stu Devenport, Principal

Scholastic Lucky Book Club

Issue one of the Scholastic Lucky Book Club, for 2024, is now available. Orders will be closing at Noon on Friday **the 23rd February**. 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.

Sandpit

If you have any pots, pans, saucepans or utensils that could be given a new life in our sandpit, please donate them to the school office.

Thank You

A big thank you to Jaene Quinn who made these delicious cupcakes and cookie cakes for the staff on Valentines Day. Jaene has her own business, Leafz, which you can find on facebook if you would like to order something for yourself!



STARTING SCHOOL AT MURITAI THIS YEAR OR 2025?



We are excited to have you join the Kororā team as you begin your journey at Muritai School.

We host parent information evenings so you can come along and meet some of our Junior School staff and learn about the transition to school process.

The dates for this year are...
Wednesday 28 February 7-8pm
Wednesday 29 May 7-8pm
Wednesday 21 August 7-8pm
Wednesday 13 November 7-8pm
 (In the staffroom)

Please RSVP to
 Felicity Lovell
flovell@muritai.school.nz
 Feel free to contact me with any questions or explore our transition information on our school website.
muritai.school.nz

Badminton

Congratulations to Peira Dent who has been selected to play for the U13 Hutt Valley Badminton Rep.team. She's looking forward to meeting new players from across New Zealand and having some great games. She hopes to share some of her passion with other Muritai students keen to try a new sport.



For more information on junior badminton, term time clubs and holiday programs check out the website :
www.bhv.org.nz

PRINCIPAL AWARDS - Term 1 Week 3



Congratulations to the following students who received a Principal Award at our last assembly. We are so proud of you all!

Room 1	Harry Sumner, Nova Innes
Room 2	Maca Blair, Vivien Williams
Room 4	Ellie Lockyer, Jason Quinn
Room 5	Ngahuaia Barker, Theo Thomsen
Room 6	Peta George, Liam Ferns
Room 8	Brodie Drummond, Mae South
Room 9	Quinn Forde, Frida Reed
Room 10	Emilia Hunt, Xavier Adsett Gibson
Room 11	Amelie Freer, Mahinarangi Barker
Room 12	Isla Fabish, Jack Dawson
Room 13	Skye Paulsen, Emily Russell
Room 15	Laura Malcolm, Freddie Spencer
Room 16	Rhyan Hoy, Poppy George
Room 21	Sofia Water, Julia McKay
Room 22	Leila Grenside, Alfie Orbell
Room 23	Isabella Le Roux, Delon Perera

The lucky children who will have a fish and chip lunch with Mr Devenport are:

Rhyan Hoy, Nova Innes, Alfie Orbell and Emilia Hunt

Emergency Food Packs

A notice was sent out with children last week asking that every child bring an ice cream container to school filled with:

- 1 small meal (eg can of spaghetti/baked beans to be eaten cold)*
- 2 small tins of fruit*
- 3 snack items (muesli bars, chippies, etc)
- 6-10 barley sugar type sweets (need to be wrapped)
- 1 plastic/wooden spoon

*tear top or easy opening cans are recommended

These will be held at school in the event of an emergency. Please can we have these by Thursday 28 March.

The Home & School Committee are excited to be holding a **CAR BOOT SALE from 10:00am - 1:00pm on Sunday 25 February** in the school grounds.

If you have stuff you'd like to sell, register for a site here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeqtnsdo_IkF1D2E39w2pwBKF5QexhlkdmRP_hBrGX-4_LnmOQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Otherwise, please come down, grab a coffee, a sausage sizzle, support the school and pick up some bargains. It's looking like an amazingly eclectic mix of goods on offer including: adult and kids clothing and shoes, homewares, tools, bric-a-brac, books, toys, jewellery, plants, baking, camping gear, collectables, records, games, ornaments and more...

Please bring cash!

Facebook event: <https://fb.me/e/1O9If18na>

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

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

Important Dates	
Date	Event
19 Feb	Pizza Monday
20 Feb	Wellington Rugby Event years 3-6
21 Feb	BOT meeting 6.30pm
22 Feb	PP Rugby Event years 3-6
26 Feb	Pizza Monday
27 Feb	Wellington Rugby Event Y7-8
28 Feb	Starting School at 5 - 7pm in staffroom
29 Feb	PP Wellington Rugby Event Y7-8
29 Feb	Tui Swimming Sports
29 Feb	Kororā Swimming Demonstration
1 March	Whole School Assembly - Kororā led
4 March	Pizza Monday
11 March	Pizza Monday
11 - 14 Mar	Sue Allman School Photos
12 March	Road Patrol training
12 March	Cricket Festival Years 5-8
14 March	PP Cricket Festival Years 5-8
18 March	Pizza Monday
25 March	H&S Car Boot Sale
26 - 28 Mar	Kererū Camp
26 March	Move and Grow Years 1-2
29 March	Good Friday
1 April	Easter Monday
2 April	Easter Tuesday (School holiday)
12 April	Whole School Assembly - Tuī led

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.



Guitar Lessons at Muritai School

Do you want to learn to play guitar?

I am now accepting enrolments for Term 1 for pupils in years 3 to 8. The lessons are taken by Charles Hazlewood on Monday or Friday during school time. The tuition is held in small groups according to ability and age. It is educational, and normally a lot of fun!

The school has guitars to use at lesson time, but you will need a guitar to play at home.

I am a very experienced music teacher currently teaching at several schools in Lower Hutt. The cost is \$12 per 30 minute lesson, payable per term. Usually there would be 8 lessons, so the term fees would be \$96.

Please call Charles on 04-934-2759 or 029-9392759 or charleshazlewood1@gmail.com



Would you like to make Easter Hot Cross buns?

... with apple, raisins & cinnamon

Are you 9 -12 yrs old?

We will have dough pre-made. You will shape buns and put on the cross and take home to rise over 2 hrs and bake hot for a late am tea.

Where and when St Alban's Church Hall Kitchen, Ngaio St.
24 March Good Friday 0900hrs

What to bring Apron and a baking tray with sides

To reserve a place or for any queries
Please email St Alban's Office
Office@stalbanschurch.nz

Cost Koha for St Alban's Earthquake strengthening

MADAGASCAR THE MUSICAL
APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
APRIL 16 - 18
St James Theatre
www.madagascar.co.nz ticketmaster®

New Classes!
Greenwood Studio
after school
Jewellery workshops
FOR KIDS

- ✓ Afternoon tea provided
- ✓ Wax sculpting
- ✓ Wire & bead work
- ✓ Metal work & finishing
- ✓ Treasures to take home
- ✓ Creative and fun!

2024 Term 1 workshops open
Years 5/6 & 7/8
3.30 - 5pm
Muritai Rd, Eastbourne

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
RACHEL@RACHELSTICHBURY.COM
0275664856
@greenwoodstudioeastbourne

Eastbourne Karate Dojo

Eastbourne Karate Dojo celebrated its 25th anniversary last year. The dojo has taught many Muritai Primary School students over this period. Over recent years the dojo embarked on a new initiative involving both a parent and their child to train and enjoy a shared experience together. This has proved to be very popular, especially as the pair progressively learn new skills and attend grading examinations to achieve the next ascending colour belt.

Eastbourne Karate Dojo has started a new beginner's class for parents and their children and would like to extend this opportunity to all interested families. Children must be older than 9 years of age.

Karate instruction is provided at the Muritai School Hall on Monday and Thursdays from 6 to 7pm during the school term.



Please text Sensei Lindsay Johnson on 021 844 873 for more information.