



# Muritai Beacon

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

Friday 15 March 2024,

Kia ora koutou Muritai whānau,

Wow! It has been another busy fortnight at Muritai with so many exciting learning experiences happening both in and out of our kura!

As part of our Term 1 Inquiry - *Safe in our Place*, ākonga across the school have been exploring our local environment, learning about ecosystems, the tides and so much more. Kororā, Tūi and Kererū have been making the most of the fine weather and our new shared pathway to gain access to the rock pools at Windy Point. They have been discovering what creatures live in these spaces and the interactions they have with one another. Tūi and some of the Kererū classes also had the opportunity to get involved with the relocation of the native ngārara (lizards) that currently live at Windy Point, moving them to Camp Bay. What a special experience to be a part of - all the classes came back buzzing about their adventures!

Kororā have also been further afield this week, jumping on the bus to visit the Island Bay Marine Centre. This is another great hands-on experience where the children had the opportunity to explore the touch pool and get up close with the small marine creatures.

A huge thank you to our teachers for organising and providing all these exciting opportunities for our students. A massive shout out also to all the parents and caregivers who have helped out with supervision for these experiences - we simply can't do this without you!

Speaking of connecting with our environment, our Kāhu students are having a ball exploring the bush behind their classrooms during break times - turning the space into 'bush city' while also doing a great clean out of rubbish that has accumulated over many, many years!



We had a great day today at Huia Pool for our annual Year 4-8 Swimming Sports Competition. It was great to see great House spirit and fair play and healthy competition on display for the day. Congratulations to all our students who won their races and/or achieved their personal best today - we are all very proud of you! Thanks to all the parents who came down to support our tamariki at the pool. A special thanks to Jon Mackie for organising the event for us this year.

With the swimming programme concluded, Year 3-8 classes are now in training for our annual Cross Country at the end of Term 1. We have brought this event forward this year so we have more of a buffer between our school event and Zone events at the start of Term 2. Keep a look out for additional information on this event in the next couple of weeks.

The Kererū teachers are in the final stages of prepping for our Year 5-6 Makahika Adventure in week 9. No doubt these families will be in preparation mode also, checking they have everything on the gear list and starting some pre packing. It is worth getting your child involved in this preparation as much as possible as they will be required to demonstrate a lot of self-management skills while they are away at Makahika.

This week we had a group of around 20 students participate at a Cricket Festival at Fraser Park. It sounds like a fun day out with many of our students receiving fair play awards for their efforts on the day. Once again, thank you to the parents who provided support on this day and Carly Stanford for overseeing the day.

### **Mihi Whakatau**

Last week we held our first Mihi Whakatau for 2024, officially welcoming all our new students, staff and whānau to Muritai School. It was great to see our Head students take the lead during this ceremony. We also had a small group of students from East Harbour Kindergarten to join the manuhiri 'hand over' their latest 5 year old graduates to us. They also sang their special kindy waiata to us all during the ceremony!

### **Whānau Hui**

A big thank you to all the whānau who joined us for the first Māori whānau hui of the year. It is great to have an enthusiastic bunch of parents to support us with some exciting initiatives ahead. Keep a look out for updates on happenings for our Matariki celebrations at the end of Term 2!

### **Movin' March!**

It is wonderful to see everyone join the Movin March initiative this month. Our bike and scooter stands are chocker block with various modes of transportation! I also see many of the passports are getting completed! Make sure the kids keep popping them into the box in the office so they can be in the draw to win a spot prize!

Ngā mihi nui  
Stu Devenport, Principal



## Sandpit

We are looking for any pots, pans, saucepans or utensils that you no longer need. They will be given a new lease of life in our mud kitchen in the sandpit. Please drop off at the office.



## Non-Stop Cricket

Tūi and Kererū tamariki had an absolute blast at the cricket festival on Tuesday. There were lots of huge hits and many runs scored. Most importantly, everyone had fun! Muritai School was commended by the event coordinators on their positive attitudes and sportsmanship. Many fair play 'Spirit of Cricket' awards were received by our cricketers.

## Registrations

Registrations are open for Year 5-8 [Netball](#) and Year 1-8 [Basketball](#). Please complete the forms by clicking on these links - you don't want to miss out!!

## SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB

Issue Two of the Scholastic Lucky Book Club, for 2024, is now available. Orders will be closing at Noon on Friday **the 22nd March**. 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.

## Educational Resources needed

Kia ora Muritai community,  
My name is Emma Gibbs, a local here in Eastbourne. I am lucky enough to work as a relief teacher with your great students at Muritai school. You may have seen me around and no doubt over the last three years, I have possibly taught your child. I have been teaching in the Hutt Valley for 30 years whilst raising four children. In May/June this year my husband, daughter and myself are heading to Zambia, to voluntarily teach at a School in Livingstone, Eliray Rose School for 2-12

year olds. This has been organised through an agency based here in NZ, IVHQ- International Volunteer Headquarters. It will be an incredible experience and a wonderful opportunity to give back.

My theme for relieving with my NZ students this term is learning about Africa and of course, Zambia. So far, the students have been very engaged and enthusiastic about my volunteering role and gaining more knowledge about Africa. I'm also keen to connect both schools. Eliray Rose Primary School is in desperate need of educational resources and are keen to create a library for their students. We will each take extra luggage, so we can bring over what we manage to collect for their classrooms. Muritai School library has already kindly donated some unused reading books.

If your family has any unwanted books, puzzles, posters or any educational resources that you would be happy to donate, the students and staff at Eliray Rose School would be extremely appreciative, as would we. Milk bottle lids are useful too, as these make great number and alphabet counters.

Thank you Mr Devenport for your support as we embark on this humbling journey. It is a privilege to be able to help others and a great opportunity to share this experience with the students and their families, here in Eastbourne. I will be keeping the Muritai students updated...



Thank you in advance for anything you might be able to donate. (Any resources to the office for collection)



### 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

### Emergency Food Packs

A reminder to please bring an ice cream container to school for use in an emergency by Thursday 28 March. These can be 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

| Important Dates |                                 |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Date            | Event                           |
| 18 Mar          | Pizza Monday                    |
| 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) |
| 10 April        | Muritai School Cross Country    |
| 12 April        | Whole School Assembly - Tuī led |
| 12 April        | Last day of Term 1              |
| 29 April        | First 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.**

## Eastbourne Junior Rugby

Registrations Now Open!!



Friday Nights - Pre School 3yrs - 5yrs

Saturday Mornings:

Years 1 & 2 Ripa Rugby

Years 3 - 8 Tackle Rugby

[www.eastbournerugby.co.nz](http://www.eastbournerugby.co.nz)

Enrol for Term 2 now!

### 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!

Years 5/6 & 7/8  
Tues & Wed 3.15 - 5pm  
Muritai Rd, Eastbourne

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT  
[RACHEL@RACHELSTICHBURY.COM](mailto:RACHEL@RACHELSTICHBURY.COM)  
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## COMMUNITY RESILIENCE EXPO

Is your family and community prepared for disruption, emergencies and climate change?

This FREE expo will include demonstrations, activities, training, information, products and services to help you get ready.

Go in the draw for SPOT PRIZES for you and your community group!

**MURITAI SCHOOL** | 10AM TO 3PM  
166 MURITAI RD, EASTBOURNE, LOWER HUTT | SUN 24 MARCH

FIND OUT MORE & REGISTER FOR UPDATES AT [eastbourne.nz/resilience-expo](http://eastbourne.nz/resilience-expo)

**Fire & Emergency NZ (FENZ)** - Appliances from Eastbourne and Seaview brigades, kitchen fire live demo truck, **kids inflatable escape maze, VR fire escape** (& more)

**Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office (WREMO)** - Hub Refresh and Practices, **Emergency Radio demos and instruction** (& more)

**Wellington Free Ambulance (WFA)** - Ambulance, CPR and AED demonstrations and instruction (& more)

**Wellington Electricity (WE\*)** - Bucket truck (unconfirmed), information on our electrical infrastructure and resilience, **give-aways and**

**spin-for-a-prize** (& more)

**Neighbour Hood Support** - Creating safe, resilient, and connected communities - and **face painting!**

**Hutt City Council Emergency Management** - Hazards to expect and prepare for in Hutt City, how the city responds in an emergency.

**Red Cross** - DIY Go-bags

**Eastbourne Community Board** - Emergency Radio network, Residents Assns., water tanks & more

**Bunker Box** - Bunker Box offers an extraordinary collection of tools, lighting, cooking supplies, first aid, hygiene products, and specialised survival solutions.

**NZ Survivor** - Supplying and assisting Kiwi homes and businesses with Civil Defence emergency training, stocking the full range of workplace emergency survival equipment.

**AA NZ** - Emergency Preparedness/Being Prepared for Life's Unexpected Journeys is a core piece of our identity.

### PRIZES:

**WREMO** - 200l emergency water tank or Go-Bag

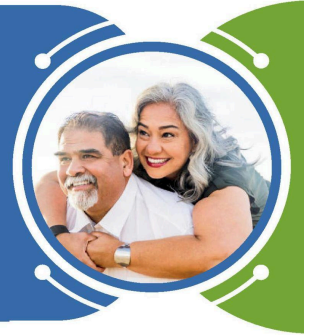
**Bunker Box**- 1 x Sawyer 1 gallon gravity fed water filtration system. \$50 discount / on the day special price offer on all Bunker Boxes

**NZ Survivor** - 1 person 3-day emergency bag and 20% discount code for purchases of emergency bags.

**WE\*** a variety of give-aways plus a spin-to-win prize machine



**Weight loss clinical study for people living with overweight/obesity**



**To be eligible participants must:**

- Be 18 Years or older,
- Have **established cardiovascular/heart disease** with a BMI  $\geq 27$ , or
- Have established **chronic kidney disease** with a BMI  $\geq 30$ .

For more information  
 Call P3 Research Lower Hutt



CONTACT US  
 Ph: 04-595 1451

VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
 www.p3research.co.nz



**Would you like to make Easter Hot Cross buns?  
 with apple, raisins & cinnamon**

Now, any primary school age 5-12yrs. 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.  
 29 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@stalbanchurch.nz](mailto:Office@stalbanchurch.nz)

Cost Koha for St Alban's Earthquake strengthening.