



# Muritai Beacon

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

Friday 12 April 2024,

Kia ora koutou Muritai whānau,

And just like that, it is the end of an action-packed Term 1! Yesterday our Senior Leadership Team met together for the day to plan ahead into Term 2. We started the hui reflecting on the term that has been and celebrating the wonderful learning and events that have taken place in the first 11 weeks of the year - there was a long list to be proud of! One of the key highlights has been our Term 1 Inquiry - Safe in our Place, which has given all the classes the opportunities to connect their learning in the classroom to our local environment. Exploring our beach and bush puts the learning into an authentic context for our ākonga and helps them make connections with the wider world around them. In addition to this we have had a busy event schedule which included our Days Bay Picnic, swimming at Eastbourne Pool (including swimming sports), Makahika camp for Kererū, our first Mihi Whakataurua for 2024 to name just a few.

Speaking of events, we also hosted our Year 3-8 Cross Country at Eastbourne Rec this week. This was an optional event and it was impressive to see the high participation levels across all year levels. Congratulations to everyone that participated, in particular our top runners that qualified for the Zone Cross Country events next term. Check out the results further down the newsletter. It was wonderful to see all of our 'BEST' values on display, a healthy sense of competition and a marvellous House spirit! A big thank you to Jamie Power and the Tūi teaching team who organised this event for us all.

We are all adjusting to having our Kāhu team join the main campus over the past week. Ka pai to all the Kāhu students and teachers for your hard mahi in making the move across the road, this included all your furniture, equipment and learning resources too! It has made our playground during break times much busier but we have been super impressed with the way our senior students are continuing to show outstanding leadership and are sound role models for their younger peers.




With our 3 Kāhu classes on the main site and Room 3 opening for our next roll growth class next term, we will be at full capacity for the next wee while. The timeline for the Senior School building project is likely to take at least all of Term 2 so we will be nice and cosy together as we move into the winter months. This project is to address weathertightness remediation which is long overdue. The final result may not look too dissimilar to what we have now but it will make the buildings a healthier, more comfortable place to work and learn in. While the building work takes place, our Senior School site will be off limits. This is due to health and safety so please respect the fenced off areas of this part of the school while construction takes place.



Speaking of property, the interior of our hall project is finally completed! We are just awaiting the final stage of the exterior cladding to be completed and the final sign off from the Council. This has been a VERY drawn-out process to get to the finish line so I thank you for your patience as we get the final boxes ticked. All going to plan these new bathrooms and kitchen will be available to use from the start of Term 2.

### **ENROLMENT BALLOT**

At our last Board meeting, we agreed to hold an enrolment ballot for our 5 year old intake for Terms 3 and 4 this year. This means, students that live outside our enrolment zone can apply for the ballot for the opportunity to enrol in Terms 3 and 4. If you have friends or family that live outside our enrolment zone and are interested in joining our kura, please direct them to the information below or contact Jo Bentley in the school office.



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**MURITAI SCHOOL**  
**OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS UP TO 17 DECEMBER 2024**

Muritai School Board now invite applications from parents of out of zone New Entrant students who wish to enroll at Muritai School up to 17 December 2024. Application for enrolment must be made on the official form available from the school office.

If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot, to be held on Thursday 23 May 2024.

The Muritai School Board have determined that Muritai School is likely to have a few places available for out of zone students.

Closing date for applications is  
Friday, 17 May 2024 at 3:00pm

Ballot Date is Thursday 23 May 2024

**Muritai School**  
Ph: (04) 562 8409

### **SCHOOL SPORTS/CULTURAL UNIFORMS AND HOODIES!**

With the introduction of our new school logo last year we have some exciting changes coming next term regarding our Muritai uniforms that are used by our students when they represent our school. This is often for sport but also for cultural events too. These new uniforms will be available to purchase from the school office from next term and will cost the same as our existing uniforms.

There is no need to purchase a new uniform immediately. As we transition fully to the new uniform we will have a window of time where both uniforms can be worn. **By the end of 2025 our old uniform will be completely phased out** and all students will be asked to wear the new design.

We are also pretty excited to hear that our Home and School Team will be selling Muritai School hoodies for students to purchase at the start of Term 2. The prototype looks pretty smart and we think our students will look equally smart in them! Keep a lookout on the School app for information on how you can purchase these hoodies early Term 2.

### ANZAC DAY

If you are around in Eastbourne on ANZAC day during the school holidays, I encourage you to join us for the Eastbourne ANZAC service on Muritai Road. This is always a lovely service where Muritai School students play a key role on the day.

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

As mentioned earlier, this has been a rather busy term. Most of the students are noticeably quite tired so hopefully you are all planning some time to relax and switch off from school life for a couple of weeks. Enjoy the break from your usual school routine and I hope the weather is kind to you, wherever you may be. Look after each other and we'll see you all back at school on the first day of Term 2 - Monday 29th April.

Ngā mihi nui  
Stu Devenport, Principal

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received a Principal Award at our Assembly on 22 March:

Leo Moodie, Lara Hamilton	Room 1
Lily Ramsey, Archer McCaul Taratoa	Room 2
Tom Davis, Harrison Chaston	Room 4
Oscar Merten, Abe Shaughnessy	Room 5
James Naylor, Tighe Field	Room 6
Eddie Evans, Tessa Hayward	Room 8
Hudson Bodden, Kea Ellwood	Room 9
Adorna Paulik, Billy Spencer	Room 10
Soraya Farndale, Toby Thomson	Room 11
Olive Orbell, George Troup-Paul	Room 12
Emerson Livingston, Frankie Gulliver	Room 13
Nikau Anderson-Budd, Isaac Nicholls	Room 15
Willa South, Arlo Drager	Room 16
Moritz Seiler, Zen Dewilde	Room 21
Theo Longson, Zachary O'Neale	Room 22
Ava Richards, Neo Dean	Room 23

The lucky winners of a fish and chip lunch with Mr Devenport are George Troup-Paul, Abe Shaughnessy, Tessa Hayward, Adorna Paulk,



And for this week, 12 April:

Nadia Negrulescu, Ollie Owen	Room 1
Keanu Marquet, Olive Hall	Room 2
Charlie Sumner, Harvey Tubbs	Room 4
Sienna Martin, Hunter Bradshaw	Room 5
Emily Barker, Fintan Dicaprio	Room 6
Liam Riley, Nicole Bradley	Room 8
Darlene Tareha Smith, Hunter Grant	Room 9
Ollie Reed, Harry Sellars	Room 10
Keegan Field, Cooper Ellwood	Room 11
Lachie Blair, Olivia Merten	Room 12
Ted Fahey, Juliette McMahon	Room 13
Molly Lenahan, Ramon Travaglini Medina	Room 15
Ruby Spicer, Kasra Meikle	Room 16
Noah Fogarty, Tess McIntosh	Room 21
Billie Holmes, Toitu Singh	Room 22
Tui Jensen, Freddie Gulliver	Room 23

Lachie Blair, Keegan Field, Billie Holmes and Hunter Grant. Well done everyone.



## Touch

### Muritai Touch Rugby

The Touch season has come to an end. All the teams did really well and enjoyed having a run around on a Thursday and Friday night.

Congratulations to the Year 6 Boys team and the Year 4 Boys team that came first in their grade.

### Other results:

Year 5 Boys team - 2nd

Year 4/5/6 Girls team - 3rd



## CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Congratulations to our first, second and third place getters. They will be going to the SE Zone Cross Country along with the top 10 from years 4-6 and top 5 from years 7 and 8. Our year 3 students do not go onto Zones:

Year 3 Boys : 1st Jack Phipps, 2nd Lachie Blair, 3rd Joey Holmes

Year 3 Girls: 1st Skylar Filemu, 2nd Juliette McMahon, 3rd Emerson Livingston

Year 4 Boys: 1st Ted Fahey, 2nd Sebastian Good, 3rd Harry Parker

Year 4 Girls: 1st Eva Te Whata, 2nd Annika Bailey-Rotman, 3rd Sadie Scott

Year 5 Boys: 1st Harri Hayes, 2nd Bjorn Roff, 3rd Denver Gilbert

Year 5 Girls: 1st Molly Innes, 2nd Emma Gellatly, 3rd Freya Davidson

Year 6 Boys: 1st Keegan Field, 2nd Jed McMahon, 3rd Fraser Halman

Year 6 Girls: 1st Mary Richards, 2nd Mahinarangi Barker, 3rd Frankie Duffy-Searle

Year 7 Boys: 1st Tiago Meikle-Rodriguez, 2nd Alfie Orbell, 3rd Ben Neilson

Year 7 Girls: Georgia Gellatly, 2nd Sofia Water, 3rd Flora Noergaard

Year 8 Boys: 1st Benji Farndale, 2nd Timothy Prebble, 3rd Noah Delaney

Year 8 Girls: Peira Dent, 2nd Ruby Fenwick, 3rd Molly Mackintosh

Important Dates	
Date	Event
29 April	First day of Term 2
8 May	Home and School AGM at 7.30 in staff room
28 May	South East Zone Cross Country
30 May	South East Zone Cross Country pp day
31 May	Teacher Only Day
3 May	Kings Birthday holiday
10 - 26 Ju	Dental Van visiting
2 July	Regional Cross Country
4 July	PP day for Regional Cross Country
5 July	Last day of term 2

## 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

### Hutt Valley High School Open Evening

Mark your calendars for Wednesday 15 May from 6-8pm for Hutt Valley High School's annual Open Evening.

This event is an excellent opportunity for parents, caregivers and students interested in attending in 2025 to take a guided tour around the school and see learning areas on display. The Open Evening starts in the school hall at 6pm with an introduction from Denise Johnson (Principal). Guided tours will then run till 8pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend; no registration is required. To learn more about HVHS, visit their [website](#) or follow them on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

**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 Term 2 enrolments for pupils in years 3 to 8. It is educational, and 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](mailto:charleshazlewood1@gmail.com)

## School Holidays Super Special – KIDS ARE FREE!



Kids are free when you stay at Ngā Manu on our new Overnight Wildlife Experience Package. Options for 1 and 2 adult families and your choice of bird tour. The selection of tours is between the Kiwi Night Encounter or the Native Bird Close Encounter. From \$270 – save up to \$90

What you get in this package:  
An overnight stay in Theo's Cottage for 2 adults and up to 2 children – kids are free (usually \$15 each), AND  
Kiwi Night Encounter – for 2 adults and up to 2 children (children must be aged 7+) – kids are free (usually \$30 each) OR  
Native Bird Close Encounter – for 2 adults and up to 2 children (children must be aged 7+) – kids are free (usually \$20 each)

Have the reserve to yourself after hours  
Do a night time forest walk  
Unlimited reserve entry during your stay  
Late check out at 11am  
To book – call 04 2934131 or email [hello@ngamanu.org.nz](mailto:hello@ngamanu.org.nz)

Part-time Administrator Job Opportunity  
Are you looking for a part-time job that offers flexibility and the chance to be make a difference in the local Eastbourne community?

You could join our Eastbourne St Alban's Church team as the Office Administrator. Based in the church office in Ngaio Street for 12 hours/week. This primarily involves responding to telephone and mail inquiries, preparing material for Sunday services and community events, formatting and sending newsletters and maintaining rosters. Competence in Microsoft Office and an eye for detail is required. Please email you CV to [office@stalbankschurch.nz](mailto:office@stalbankschurch.nz). Applications closing 19 April 2024

**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**  
**0275664856**

 **@greenwoodstudioeastbourne**

## MOVIE NIGHT

Join Emma, Michael and Isabella for a glass of bubbles and nibbles and be entertained by



**MICHAEL CAINE** **GLENDIA JACKSON**


**THE GREAT ESCAPER**  
 INSPIRED BY A TRUE LOVE STORY

(M) OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE AND SEXUAL REFERENCES

**LIGHT HOUSE PETONE**  
**52 BEACH STREET**

**SUNDAY 28TH APRIL 5.00PM**  
**ARRIVE AT 4.30PM | TICKETS \$25**

Proceeds will be contributing to educational resources assisting students at the school they will be volunteering in Zambia.



**TO BOOK TEXT MICHAEL 021 474 975**  
 Looking forward to seeing you there

## Learn how to play badminton




		
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 10-12pm	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 10-12pm	Badminton Hall, Vogel Street, Naenae
		
School years 3 – 8	\$7 per person per session ( <b>cash on the day only please</b> )	Racquets and shuttles provided

To register email Nikki: [developmentofficer@bhv.org.nz](mailto:developmentofficer@bhv.org.nz)  
 Please provide: player name, age, school year, emergency contact number, which session attending

## BLUE CLOUD DANCE

### TERM 2

Contemporary Dance  
 Class for 9-12 year olds  
 Wednesday's 3.15 - 4.15  
 @ Muritai Yacht Club

Suitable for all levels of dance experience.  
 Focus on the mechanics of movement and having a good time learning fun moves!

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