



Friday 21 July 2023

Kia ora koutou Muritai whānau,

Welcome to Term 3! It's hard to believe we are halfway through 2023! I hope you all enjoyed the school break - it was lovely to have this continued settled weather in Te Whanganui-a-Tara!

It is great to see all the Muritai children back to start the new term. We have 9 new entrant students joining us, along with another 4 students joining us in other classrooms across the school. A total of 402 students currently in the Muritai whānau!

We also welcome a couple of new staff to our team. Sally Ingram and Kristi Field are our new Room 3 teachers and Nicola Tod has joined our Teacher Aide team. It is great to have you all with us!

We have another exciting term of learning planned ahead. Look out for syndicate newsletters that will give you more detail on the learning programmes happening in each team.

We also have some exciting property developments happening this term. All going to plan, our long awaited hall refurbishment project will get underway at the beginning of August. This will mean we will have limited access to the hall for the majority of Term 3 and into Term 4, which will have implications for some of our normal processes. Primarily, We will be unable to host whole school assemblies in Term 3 and Kelly Club will be relocated to another space. We will continue to give fortnightly Principal Awards but this will be presented in another setting. I'll keep you posted with developments as the term progresses.

### **Learning Conversations - Week 3.**

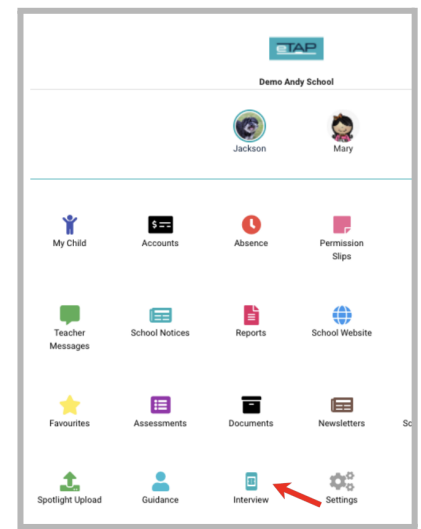
On August 1st and 3rd, we will be hosting Learning Conversations for parents and caregivers. This is an opportunity for you to book a time with your child's classroom teacher so they can share more about their progress and achievement over the first half of the year.



I encourage you to bring along your child's recent academic report with you to these hui.

To avoid two late nights at school for our teachers and to ensure we make time for everyone, we are starting these sessions at the earlier time of 2:15pm. **If you are able to, we would really appreciate it if your child/ren could be collected from school at the earlier time of 2pm, so teachers are available to meet with parents who have booked earlier times.** We will still be providing supervision for children who are unable to be collected for the last hour of each day.

To book a time with your child's teacher, you will need to use the 'Parent Interview' function on our new caregiver app. You will receive a notification on your app shortly. Click on the interview icon and follow the instructions to book your times. Please note that Room 7 children and most of Room 1 will not have interviews due to the length of time they have been at school.



This is the first time we will be using this function so we hope it runs smoothly without too many hiccups! Further instructions on how to book a time can be found [here](#)

### Community Consultation

Thank you to everyone who has completed our Community Survey over the school break. There are still a couple more hours to complete this if you haven't shared your view already. Please click on the link to access this: <https://forms.gle/doZbHHprRjrBferB7>

### Looking ahead to 2024

I understand this is the time of the year that many families may be thinking ahead to 2024. This may mean moving away from Eastbourne or looking at other education options for older children. Like you, our Senior Leadership Team will also be starting the process of planning for 2024 this term. A key part of this is having a clear picture of how many students we will have in each year level as our teacher funding depends on the number of students at our kura.

If you know your child will not be with us next year or you have a new child joining us, please email me or the school office as soon as possible so we can factor this into our planning for 2024.

### School Donations and Activity Fees

As we enter the second half of the year we have really appreciated the additional financial contributions whanāu has made to the school. Firstly, thank you to our families that already contributed with school donations. This money has allowed us to employ additional teachers, thus keeping our class sizes small across the school - most under 25 students. Without this contribution, many classes will have over 30 students. We know this is so appreciated by students, staff and you at home!

Secondly, thank you for paying your child's activity fee. This fee goes towards additional opportunities we offer for our learners. An example of this is our Shuttletime programme that is happening currently. All classrooms are learning badminton skills by an external instructor over the next two weeks. Such fun!



A reminder, there is always the option to make these payments at any time throughout the year, either full or partial payments.

We are also incredibly grateful to everyone who has contributed to our Kapa Haka uniform GiveALittle page. We have almost reached our target for \$10,000! There is still an opportunity to contribute, feel free to click on the link to make a donation: <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/muritai-school-kapa-haka-performance-ropu>

## Scholastic Lucky Book Club

Issue five of the Scholastic Lucky Book Club, for 2023, is now available. Orders will be closing at Noon on Friday **the 28th July**. Your order can be done on the following website:

<https://my.bookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/Login.aspx>

The whole school order is processed on the closing date and it usually takes approximately a week for orders to be delivered. 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.



## HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY!

LUNCHTIME - 28TH JULY

\$2

Bring your own reusable cup & get an extra marshmallow!

**Supporting the Muritai Meerkats netball team to compete at the AIMS Games in Tauranga!**



## LEGO CLUB

A huge thanks to the Bradshaw and Cowley whanaū for their very generous donation of Lego. They have supplied extra bricks and figures to use in our Lego Club which operates on Thursday at lunchtime. They have also provided large containers of Lego for our Korora classrooms along with more sets of Lego to use in our Lego Therapy sessions.

We use Lego Therapy as an intervention that involves building LEGO models in small groups of three where the students take on different roles and work together. It supports communication skills, turn taking, and joint problem solving.

Important Dates	
Date	Event
24 July	Pizza Monday
25 July	Dodgeball for year 3-6
31 July	Pizza Monday
1 Aug	Year 7-8 Dodge Ball
1 Aug	Learning Conferences - School finishes at 2pm
2 Aug	BOT meeting at 6.30 pm
3 Aug	Learning Conferences - School finishes at 2pm
8 Aug	Year 5/6 Wellesley Exchange
15 Aug	Y 1 and 2 Fundamental Movement
16 Aug	Year 5/6 Chilton and EHS Netball Exchange
16 Aug	Starting School at 5 meeting at 7pm
17 Aug	PP Y 1 and 2 Fundamental Movement
23 Aug	Chilton Year 6 Netball Exchange
24 Aug	Whole School Dance with the Dance Curriculum
1 Sept	Inter Zone Swimming
4 Sept	Pizza Monday
5 Sept	Floorball Year 5-8
6 Sept	BOT Meeting at 6.30
11 Sept	Pizza Monday
18 Sept	Pizza Monday
18 Sept	Kororā visiting Little Theatre
22 Sept	Last day of Term 3

### Public Holidays 2023:

Monday, 6 February: Waitangi Day  
 Friday, 7 April: Good Friday  
 Tuesday, 25 April: ANZAC Day  
 Monday, 5 June: King's Birthday  
 Friday, 14 July: Matariki  
 Monday, 23 October: Labour Day

**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.**

Would you like to play the drums this year at Muritai School!!

You can be taught with a current professional working musician!!

We need year 7 and 8 drummers especially!! Please contact Peter Elliott, as spaces are limited.

Contact: [peterelliott.drums@gmail.com](mailto:peterelliott.drums@gmail.com)

**BIG BANG DIRT DUATHLON SERIES**  
 NAVIGATE ON FOOT AND BIKE, DAY & NIGHT

Join us for the Dirt Duathlon adventure race series 2023.  
**Race 1:** June 18th - Horowhenua  
**Race 2:** July 23rd - Greater Wellington  
**Race 3 (in the dark!):** - August 19th - Kapiti  
 Grab your team and enter now!

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

### School Dates for 2023:

Term 1 Wednesday 1 February to Thursday 6 April  
 Term 2 Monday 26 April to Friday 30 June  
**Teacher Only Day: Monday 24 April**  
**ANZAC Day: Tuesday 25 April**  
 Term 3 Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September  
 Term 4 Monday 9 October to Friday 15 December