



Muritai Beacon

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

Friday 31 May 2024,

Kia ora koutou Muritai whānau,

The winter chills and illness have started a whole lot earlier this year. It has hit Muritai hard over the past fortnight with large numbers of students and staff away from school. Thank you for keeping your child/ren at home if they are unwell. Like other schools across the country we also have limited relievers for teachers to cover classrooms at times. To keep things running smoothly, at times we have had to merge or split classes which is never ideal but is unfortunately our reality. On the plus side, we are fortunate at Muritai to already have low class sizes, therefore having two classes come together is still workable. We are also privileged to have very flexible staff who can adapt their programme to make things work.

On Tuesday we had approx 60 students from Tūi and Kererū represent Muritai at the South-East Zone Cross Country at Sladden Park. These students were our top runners from our school Cross Country at the end of Term 1. Congratulations to all our finishers, particularly the many students who qualified for the InterZone event later in the term – we are super proud of you! Check out our results further down.

Last week we also had several students from Kererū and Kahū tough it out at the annual Tough Guy and Gal challenge in Wainuiomata. This is a great opportunity to get messy through the mud and challenging obstacles – Ka rawe!

I had the pleasure of attending the Muritai guitar performances at the Eastbourne Library on Monday. What a talented bunch of musicians we have across the school! A big thank you to Charles Hazlewood for his fine tutorship and for organising this event for the students and whānau.

This week Jill Symonds from Learning Matters has visited us again to work alongside our teachers on Structured Literacy development. It is always great to keep upskilling on this approach as we know it makes a



difference for our learners. Jill has commented that Muritai is well ahead of the game which is pleasing to hear.

Thank you to the parents who attended our Kathryn Berkett Community Evening last week at Hutt Intermediate. We hope you all got some helpful tips. Our staff thoroughly enjoyed our sessions with her during the day on understanding the brain and managing behaviour. If you missed Kathryn's presentation or want to hear from her, check out her TEDx talk, along with her quick animations on resilience on her [website here](#).

It has been great seeing our PMP gear being utilised by our Kororā students this term. A huge thank you to Felicity Lovell for kick-starting this programme again at Muritai. Thank you also to our whānau volunteers who help to run the programme every morning – we can't do it without you! Check out these great pieces of writing from some of our youngest writers in the school, sharing what they love about PMP:

In the hall at PMP my favourite was the balancing because I like to surf and my favourite game is catch. 10 is the number of times that we had to catch. PMP makes you strong if you go slow.

By Vivian in Room 2

I like PMP because it gets me fit and strong and better at PMP. I am fast at PMP and my favourite is crawling and catching and rolling.

By Ryan in Room 2

Matariki Celebrations and Hangi

As is becoming tradition at Muritai, we are looking forward to hosting Matariki Celebrations with the community again on Wednesday 26th June. This year we will be opening the classrooms for you to visit with your child/ren so they can share what they have been up to in the classroom. We also plan to have our two Kapa Haka rōpū perform for us (which will be a great opportunity to rehearse before Hutt Fest the following week).

Our Whānau Rōpū are also very excited to be providing hangi for this special occasion where we hope to have the children involved in the learning process as much as possible. Keep a look out next week for more information on this, including ordering your pack and how to contribute to the process. It's a massive job, so we'll need your support to make it happen!

Thank you all for finding alternate childcare arrangements today as the Muritai staff meet for our Teacher Only Day. This is a great opportunity for us to deep dive into some of our key initiatives from our strategic plan; including PB4L work and developing a graduate profile for our Muritai ākonga. Of course, school is closed on this coming Monday too for King's Birthday... see you all back (and hopefully fighting fit) on Tuesday 4th June!

Ngā mihi nui
Stu Devenport, Principal



PIZZA MONDAY ORDERS OPEN FOR 10, 17 AND 24 JUNE - CLOSE 9:00AM FRIDAY 7 JUNE

If you have already ordered and paid for these Mondays, you do not need to do anything as we have your order already.

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If you missed out on SCHOOL HOODIES, we're opening orders again until Friday 7 June!
Dark grey with white graphics (surname optional).

\$55ea or \$65ea with surname.

Kids and adults sizes available - for all sizing and ordering information, visit:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeFpiXgb5jCvzfT9GDGy7bQ76y_6ls1b1SBx9IL67FqlX4ckg/viewform?usp=sf_link

ORDERS CLOSE: FRIDAY 7 JUNE

This year, your support is helping to fund:
teacher discretionary classroom fund top-up | maths classroom equipment | literacy decodable readers | hall sound system | junior basketball hoops | hall curtain track repairs | house / school teardrop flags | basketball singlets | senior school climbing equipment / slack-lines.

Any questions or problems, please email
muritaihomeandschool@gmail.com

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

PRINCIPAL AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received a Principal Award at our Assembly on 10 May:

Jude Taylor, Mia Mason	Room 1
Luna Mayhook, Joe Keenan	Room 2
Arlow Grace, Matthew Nieuwenhuys	Room 4
Molly O'Connor, Josh Fanning	Room 5
Ari Dewilde, Jett Grant, James Naylor	Room 6
Hugo Melville, Tayla Machet	Room 8
Harri Hayes, Freya Davidson	Room 9
Lauryn Bullock, Eleanor Wilkie	Room 10
Rowan Johnson, Evie Phillips	Room 11
Eva-Rose Ngaronga, Levi McLeod	Room 12
Zoe Cornforth-McGregor, Harry Parker	Room 13
Georgia Ledingham, Charlie Buckley	Room 15
Mila Machet, Quinn Burrows	Room 16
Lyla Meikle, Oscar Bull	Room 21
Molly Mackintosh, Danika Stephenson	Room 22
Lucy Sherwin, Zara Renner	Room 23

The lucky winners of a fish and chip lunch with Mr Devenport are Freya Davidson, Quinn Burrows, Josh Fanning and Eva-Rose Ngaronga . Well done!

Important Dates	
Date	Event
30 May	PP day South East Cross Country Comp
31 May	TEACHER ONLY DAY
3 June	King's Birthday holiday
7 June	Mihi Whakatau 10am
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.


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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Has your child received support for
ANXIETY or ADHD?





Tell us about their experiences, and you could
win 1 of 20 \$30 vouchers!

We are researchers and postgraduate students from AUT, currently investigating treatments for anxiety and ADHD. Parents (of children aged 5-11, living in NZ, with anxiety and/or ADHD symptoms) are invited to participate in the anonymous online survey.

Approved by AUTC on 08/04/24 [Ref. 24/43] ✉ amy.kercher@aut.ac.nz

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Term 2
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Greenwood Studio
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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

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