



Rāmere te tekau o Whiringa-ā-rangi,

Kia ora koutou Muritai whānau,

Today was very special at Muritai School. This morning we gathered together to unveil our new logo for our school. There are many parts to the meaning behind the new logo. First, it is based on the Pencarrow Lighthouse not far from the school. Over the years this has become a symbol for Muritai School and is shown here front and centre - the hub of the community. It stands proud and strong - able to withstand the elements. Behind it are the hills alluding to native hillside that forms the backdrop for the school. It symbolises whānau and community coming together in support of the school. At the base is the sea representing te Whanganui-a-tara - Wellington Harbour. Behind the lighthouse are four lines that curl up into a koru form. These represent not only the sea breeze (Muritai) but also the four BEST Values that help students grow to become the BEST they can be. The colour of the lines change as they go through the lighthouse. This symbolises the transformational power of the values in the lives of students.

At our special assembly this morning, our Head students unveiled the new logo while also acknowledging the significance of the old logo, which has been in place for close to 30 years. Thank you to our Kapa Haka rōpū who acknowledged the day with waiata and a karakia. What better way to celebrate new beginnings than with cake! A wonderful way to conclude the occasion!



# Muritai School

'Be the **BEST** we can be'

## **TEACHER ONLY DAY - Monday 13th November**

A reminder that this **Monday 13th November school is closed for instruction as it is a Teacher Only Day** for report writing.

### **SLEEP IS GOOD!**

Many teachers across the school have noted how many children are coming to school very tired and stating they have had late nights doing various things. We know the transition to summer months can be tricky for sleep as the days are longer, but it is super important that our ākonga have a solid night's sleep to set them up for a successful day of learning at school. There is some useful information and resources [here](#) if you'd like some support on sleep routines at home.

### **EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM**

As is tradition at Muritai, the last half of Term 4 sees many of the classes take their learning outdoors, whether that means using our school grounds or local community or going further afield. All the teachers are planning exciting opportunities which will require parent support for supervision. We are always grateful to the parents who offer to help out to make things work. Keep a look out for communications about what is happening and check in with the community calendar so you can keep ahead of the events!

A couple of opportunities worth mentioning is our Year 8 Camp to Abel Tasman which is going ahead in the first week of December. This has been a long standing tradition at Muritai but for the last two years the camp has been cancelled due to Covid. It is exciting to see it back on the calendar for 2023 as it is a great way for our Year 8 graduates to celebrate their time at Muritai.

It is also exciting to see a new opportunity for our Year 4 students this year - an overnight stay at school! This will be a great way of building confidence in staying away from home before next year when they head to Makahika Camp in the Kererū syndicate.

### **NEW SHADE SAIL IS UP!**

We have a new addition to our playground! A beautiful new shade sail has been installed over our outdoor stage which will provide us with much needed shade over the summer months. The colour also matches our new logo - nice one! A big thank you to our Home and School Committee for funding this project for us - it is a welcome addition to our outdoor space.



### **TUPUA HORO NUKU - MA KOROMIKO OPENING 19 NOVEMBER**

We, like many of you I'm sure, we are super excited to finally see the first section of Tupua Horo Nuku opening soon! On Sunday 19th November the Te Ara Tupua Alliance will be officially opening Ma Koromiko on Days Bay beach. We have been working closely with the Alliance so our ākonga can be involved in not only the opening, but also connecting our learning to the project for 2024.

On Wednesday our Kapa Haka rōpū had special visitors from the Alliance to watch them in action. We are keen to have a strong Muritai presence at



the opening as we have been asked to perform and tautoko the Mayor - Campbell Barry. There will of course be the opportunity to finally take a trip on the new section of the path which will create a safer path between school and Days Bay for all, including our tamariki. Keep a look out in your inbox next week for more information on the opening and how to get involved.

One of our Muritai parents, Vida Christeller is also organising a 'bike bus' opportunity for families to travel to Days Bay from the surrounding bays. If you'd like to get involved in this bike bus opportunity, read the blurb from Vida below on ...

*Mā-koromiko, the first section of the shared path is opening on Sunday the 19th of November! To celebrate this and the great Mahi of the Tupua Horo Nuku team we are arranging a community "Bike Bus" starting at Point Howard - I hope many of you will join our multigenerational family of grandparents, parents and kids in this celebratory ride! The bike bus will leave Point Howard at 9:20 am heading south around the bays and we would welcome anyone of any age to join us along the way. For more information contact Vida: [vidachristeller@gmail.com](mailto:vidachristeller@gmail.com)*

### **BIKE MAINTENANCE CHECK - Friday 17th November**

Linked to the shared pathway project, Hutt City Council are also offering free bike maintenance checks for our students on Friday 17th November, during the lunch hour. Your child is welcome to bring their bike along to school to be involved in this initiative - good preparation for a potential bike ride along Ma Koromiko on the weekend!

### **FUNDRAISING FOR NOURISH**

Many of you will be aware of the wonderful charity Nourish which provides Christmas hampers to needy families across Wellington every year. Last Friday we had a special Dress Up Day to raise money for this worthy cause. Over \$600 was raised in gold coin donations from whānau. We also had students from Room 11 taking it to the next level by organising a lemonade stall to raise additional money. Because of your kindness and hard work they managed to raise another \$700 for Nourish through this initiative - so over \$1300 altogether! Room 11 students would like to thank the Shepherds Arms, 4 Square in Eastbourne and the lovely Room 11 parents who supported them through this process.

### **KĪ O RAHI FOR KERERŪ**

20 Kererū kids had a fantastic time learning a basic form of Kī o rahi at Waterloo School on Friday. They ran, passed, ripped and defended their way against the Waterloo Year 5/6 class. They are now ready to teach the game to the rest of their syndicate!

Kia pai tō rā whakatā,  
Stu Devenport





MURITAI HOME & SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

# OXTE D WAREHOUSE SALE

PRODUCTS AT WHOLESALE PRICES  
HOMEWARES, GIFTLINES, STATIONERY  
CHILDREN'S GAMES AND TOYS  
GREAT GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS (& TEACHERS!)

WED 22 NOVEMBER 2:30-7:00PM  
THURS 23 NOVEMBER 2:30-7:00PM  
FRI 24 NOVEMBER 2:30-6:00PM

IN THE GREEN STEAM ROOM  
....NEXT TO THE FIELD....  
MURITAI SCHOOL

.....EFTPOS ONLY.....  
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BAG

MERI MERI, BURGON & BALL,  
BORDALLO, ST EVALS CANDLES,  
HOUSE OF MARBLES TOYS



## HOME AND SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Our wonderful H&S Committee has one last fundraiser before the end of the year (apart from Pizza Fridays).



## PIZZA LUNCHES

Okay folks, slight change of plan - introducing...  
**PIZZA FRIDAYS!**

Due to a few conflicting activities at school, we've moved the last three pizza lunches to Fridays - which let's be honest is still AH-MAZING!

**NEW DATES:** Friday 17 November, 24 November and 1 December.

Same deal as always - it's all or nothing (as we order for the full three weeks).

Orders are open now and close **9:00am Wednesday 15 November.**

All information you need is on the order form here

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfgz7K5Ukw60AxDni52xiNrpMXwVZ0lpS-zdAoqw0FKJUmRgQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfgz7K5Ukw60AxDni52xiNrpMXwVZ0lpS-zdAoqw0FKJUmRgQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Any problems, please email [muritaihomeandschool@gmail.com](mailto:muritaihomeandschool@gmail.com)

Follow us on Facebook for updates on all our fundraising initiatives and pizza reminders etc... Search *Muritai Home & School* or click here: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094690887305>

## 2024 Term Dates

- Term 1** Thursday 1 February – Friday 12 April (96 half days) - 11 week term  
**Term 2** Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July (96 half days) - 10 week term  
**Term 3** Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September (100 half days) - 10 week term  
**Term 4** Monday 14 October – Tuesday 17 December (92 half days) - 10 week term

**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.**

Important Dates	
Date	Event
13 Nov	Teacher Only Day
21 Nov	Inter Zone Athletics
23 Nov	Inter Zone Athletics postponement day
29 Nov	BOT meeting at 6.30pm
4 to 8 Dec	Abel Tasman camp for year 8's
5 Dec	Inter Zone Athletics
6 Dec	Road Patrol Pool Party
7 Dec	Inter Zone Athletics postponement day
8 Dec	Kereru syndicate - Youhtown
12 Dec	Regional Athletics
12 Dec	Kereru Fun Swim afternoon
13 Dec	Year 8 formal
14 Dec	Regional Athletics PP day
15 Dec	Year 8 Assembly at 11am
15 Dec	Last day of the year - <b>finishes at 1pm</b>



Get ready for a festive and delightful experience this Friday, 10 November from 3pm - 8pm at Knox Church for the Lower Hutt Christmas Market!

Immerse yourself in the holiday spirit while exploring a curated selection of artisanal creations and unique handcrafted treasures.

Support local artisans and makers as you stroll through the market, enjoying the ambiance of twinkling lights, music, and the aroma of freshly

baked goods. Whether you're searching for the ideal Christmas gift, seeking to add a touch of holiday magic to your home, or simply looking to indulge in some festive treats, the Lower Hutt Christmas Market is the place to be.

We can't wait for you to join us at this exclusive twilight event!

Eastbourne Swim Club will be back on Thursday 30 November!

Now is the time we start getting organised behind the scenes before the Eastbourne summer pool opens on 25 November. The Eastbourne Swim Club runs affordable lessons for children aged 4.5 - 12 years on Thursdays during the summer terms. It is a local club run by a committee made up of volunteer parents. The volunteers have tasks and roles shared between them. It is a great part of the community's summer calendar and a wonderful way to enjoy the best of our summer evenings as a community.

Our registration numbers are strong again this year, which is fantastic and means we need poolside coaches so if you or someone you know would like to pass on their knowledge we'd love to hear from you! We are a community club and our coaches come from all walks of life. Please get in touch for a chat or any questions.

Most of our classes are full, but we do have some spaces left in level 1, 4, 5 and 6 (Level 1 is beginner, 6 more squad style training).

For enrolment or coaching roles please get in touch via the email:

[eastbourneswimclub@gmail.com](mailto:eastbourneswimclub@gmail.com)