



Friday 28 October 2022

Kia ora e te Muritai whānau and welcome to Term 4,

Wow! What a great first couple of weeks I have had at Muritai School. A huge thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome. From the emotional powhiri on the first day of term to the friendly smiles in the playground and classrooms, I am already feeling at home at this special kura.

A special thanks to Maureen Buckley who has done an outstanding job at steering the ship as Acting Principal for the last two terms. It was very reassuring to know the school was in safe hands while you were all waiting for me to arrive.

As many of you will know, Muritai is a very special place to me as I worked here previously as a teacher and leader. I am also still a Muritai parent with my youngest daughter attending the school. I am incredibly excited to return and to lead the school into the future. I love this unique environment we live and learn in and can't wait to make use of the wonderful resources we have on our doorstep to enhance the learning for the Muritai students. I am really looking forward to meeting you all as the year progresses. Please be patient with me as I get to know all your names - there is a lot to learn! Don't be shy to introduce yourself when you see me out and about in the playground!

Like all schools Muritai has a very busy Term 4 ahead. The classroom teachers have planned some very exciting learning opportunities for their tamariki across all curriculum areas. If you haven't already, please take the time to read through the syndicate newsletters that have been sent home, this will give more detail as to what is happening for your child/ren. It is always valuable to keep a close eye on the [school community calendar](#) which will give you an idea of events that are happening throughout the term.

All the teams across the school are full swing into the learning programmes. This week Kererū held their annual speech competition and I had the honour judging the





finals along with our Librarian Sue Fieldes. We were both very impressed with the extremely high calibre of presentations - the content and delivery was top notch! Congratulations to Josh Hosking who was our Year 6 winner and overall winner and to Georgia Gellatly our Year 5 winner.

Yesterday we took part in the nationwide 'SHAKE OUT', which involved all the classes taking part in an earthquake drill, then making the hiko up McKenzie Road to evacuate from the risk of a tsunami. This is always a useful drill to review to remind our tamariki and staff of our procedures. We all

made it safely up the hill in just over 10 minutes which is pretty impressive for over 400 people! Well done team!

Excitement is already building across the school as the classes prepare for our Muritai Market later in the term. This involves students working collaboratively to develop a product to then sell during the market day - watch this space for more information soon!



Thank you for finding alternative supervision for your tamariki last Friday so the Muritai staff could gather for a Teacher Only Day. This was incredibly valuable for me personally as it gave me an early opportunity to get to know the team more. It was also valuable at a team wide level as we dedicated time to review our strategic plan which gave the staff an opportunity to feed into what we should focus on in 2023. Maureen Buckley also provided professional development to all staff about children with specific learning and behavioural needs across the school. Jon Mackie and Jamie Power also ignited our creativity with a brainstorming session for ideas for our 125th Celebrations in Term 1, 2023. So overall, a highly productive day! Thanks again for your support in making it happen.

Another thank you to whānau who have provided either Maureen Buckley or myself with information for your child's classroom placements for 2023. The deadline for these requests have now closed and the Senior Leadership Team and teachers will be commencing the intricate process of classroom placements over the next few weeks.

It was a very fun lunchtime on Thursday last week with the staff taking on the students at Netball! The first match was against the Year 5 and 6 students, followed by Year 7 and 8. Both matches were high energy with a strong sense of friendly competition! Thankfully the staff managed to come out victorious in both matches but overall Netball was the winner on the day! A special thank you to Holli Williams and the Kahu netball girls for making it happen!

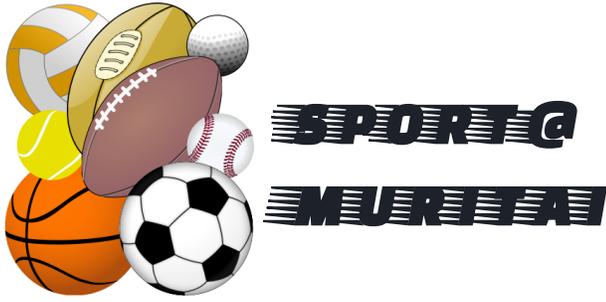


STAFFING UPDATE

At the end of this year we will be saying goodbye to three talented classroom teachers from Muritai. Greer Dalziell and Sophie Bence are heading off on their big OE, both making their way to the United Kingdom to teach and travel. Ruth Hooke will also be relocating, heading to Mount Maunganui to be closer to family and friends. This will be a very sad departure at the end of the year as all 3 teachers have made great contributions to the school and are highly respected by their colleagues and students.

The Senior Leadership Team are currently in the process of recruiting new teachers for and confirming the structure of the teams for the year ahead. I hope to be able to share this information with you in the next few weeks.

Ngā mihi nui
Stu Devenport, Principal



School Dates for 2023:

- Term 1 Wednesday 1 February to Thursday 6 April
- Term 2 Monday 24 April to Friday 30 June
- Term 3 Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September
- Term 4 Monday 9 October to Friday 15 December

Tennis Tournament



Isla Gellatly played in the Hutt Valley Intermediate Schools Tennis Tournament recently where she came 3rd.



Sterling Tito played yesterday and came 1st in the Hutt Valley Primary Schools Boys Tennis Tournament. Won the final 4-1, 4-0.

Great results for both Isla and Sterling.

Kapa Haka

Kapa Haka sessions for whānau and any year 1-8 child is open and continuing from 8:30 - 9am in the school hall every Wednesday.

Calendars

Your child will have brought home a calendar order form recently. Orders close on Tuesday 1 November. The order form has instructions and codes for viewing your child/ren's artwork as well as how to order. Codes are individual to each child not per family.

If you have any issues, please contact Jo in the office.

Important Dates	
Date	Event
27 Oct	Year 7-8 Touch Rugby starts
28 Oct	Year 3-8 Athletics
28 Oct	Year 1-6 Touch Rugby Starts
1 Nov	Year 3-8 Athletics Postponment day
2 Nov	Sue Allman Photos for Room 3 and Year 7/8 funny photo
2 Nov	BOT meeting at 6.30pm
3 Nov	Kererū at Battle Hill
11 Nov	Kererū Touch Session 10-12.30
15 Nov	SE Inter School Athletics
18 Nov	Kererū Touch Session 10-12.30
21 Nov	Kererū El Rancho Day
22 Nov	Interzone Athletics
27 Nov	Community Carols at 1.30
30 Nov	BOT meeting at 6.30 pm
1 Dec	Kererū Triathlon
1 Dec	Starting School at 5 (7.30pm)
2 Dec	Kererū Assembly
6 Dec	Regional Athletics
6 Dec	Road Patrollers Pool Party
13 Dec	Kererū Day Bay Day
13 Dec	Year 8 Formal
15 Dec	Last day of the year - finishes at 1pm

Public Holidays:

- Monday, 6 February: Waitangi Day
- Friday, 7 April: Good Friday
- Monday, 5 June: Queen'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.

**PETONE CENTRAL SCHOOL
FUNDRAISER PLANT SALE**

**EFTPOS
AVAILABLE**



5th November, 10:00-1:00

**Petone Central School,
16 Britannia Street, Petone**

PIC•COLLAGE



Kia ora! I wanted to let our community know that 48 Muritai dancers are performing in the Opera House on Sat 5th Nov in the Pump Dance show, 'Roll The Dice'.

Imagine Jumanji vs Monopoly, where the board comes to life and players must play their way out. The Eastbourne dancers would absolutely love your support.

Sat 5th Nov (3pm show and 7pm show), Wellington Opera house.

Suitable for ages 5+ (but plenty of 4 year olds are coming!)

Tickets available through Ticketmaster:
<https://www.ticketmaster.co.nz/pum.../event/24005D3BD99115BD>
Libby George (Poppy's Mum)