



Friday 11 November 2022

Kia ora e te Muritai whānau,

What a magic run we have been having with the weather over the last week... Summer is definitely feeling like it is just around the corner! It has been wonderful to see our Muritai tamariki make the most of the sunshine during their play and learning time.

There have been several highlights from the past couple of weeks at our kura. Our Year 3-8 annual Athletics Day was a great success. Congratulations to all our students who have been selected to represent Muritai at the upcoming Zone event on Tuesday. It was also great to acknowledge our students who received Sportsperson Awards and Year Group Champion Awards at our last assembly. Please see below for these recipients.

Our Year 6 students who are making the transition over to Kāhu in 2023 had their first visit to the Senior School and got the opportunity to get a taste of their technology and arts programme. Robotics, Drama and Learning languages were all on offer. They also had an opportunity to learn more about how the Kāhu team runs from our Head students. By all accounts there was a lot of excitement in the air!

The weather also played its part this week for Kererū's first EOTC trip to Battle Hill. These students were able to explore the environment, feed the eels, make camp fires and even toast marshmallows! A big thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers who helped out with supervision on the day.

I had the pleasure of judging Kāhu's Debating Final yesterday, along with Sue Fieldes and Gil Hoskin. There were some seriously impressive and convincing arguments on both sides of each debate! Congratulations to Tilly Enge, Elodie Dent and Fin Diamond who made up our Year 7 winning team, with Elodie Dent taking out our top Year 7 Debater. Elizabeth Longhurst, AJ Durant and Mia Sclater were convincing winners of the Year 8 Debate and a huge congratulations



to AJ Durant who was awarded our best Year 8 Debater, therefore recipient of the Pointin Speech Cup!

MURITAI MARKET IS COMING!

Excitement is continuing to build for the Muritai Market and no doubt there are loads of conversations happening at home about what the students are creating to contribute to the day. All the teachers are incredibly impressed with the creativity that is being demonstrated across the classes. More so, we are thrilled to see great examples of collaboration, negotiation, and reflection that is happening while the children are working together on a common goal.

Our Kapa Haka rōpu will be performing to open our Market and all whānau are welcome to come along!

We will be updating our Muritai Facebook page over the next 3 weeks with information on products available for sale and other information.

WACKY HAIR DAY!

Top job everyone with your efforts with our fun Wacky Hair Day today - we had some impressive creations! Thank you all for your contributions to Nourish, we made a total of \$455. This will directly help families across the Hutt Valley have food on the table for the festive period. Well done Muritai whānau!



WHEN

Week 6
Friday 25th November
From 1:30pm - 2:45pm



WHERE

All the market stalls will be located on the Muritai School Courts.



WHAT

EVERYTHING WILL BE FOR SALE USING \$1 COINS. PRICES OF ITEMS \$1 - \$5

CHILDREN WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN MONEY. PLEASE PROVIDE A SAFE WALLET OR CONTAINER

WHANAU ARE WELCOME TO COME AND CELEBRATE

KAPA HAKA WILL BE OPENING THE MARKETS AT 1:30PM

PLANTS, TOYS, GAMES, JEWELLERY, XMAS CRAFT, CANDLES, BOOKS, ART AND A WHOLE LOT MORE!

Come and celebrate how the children have Explored, Connected and Contributed



PAID UNION MEETINGS FOR TEACHERS

On the afternoons of Tuesday 15th and Monday 21st of November our classroom teachers will be attending Paid Union Meetings to vote on their latest pay offer from the Government. Rather than closing the school for teachers to attend, we are managing cover for classrooms across the two afternoons so teachers can attend a meeting.

If you prefer, you are welcome to collect your child at 12.30pm on **Tuesday 15 or/and Monday 21 November**. Please ensure that you have signed your child out at the school office on these days if you choose to do this.

STAFFING UPDATE

Recently Charlie Parsons has made the decision to move to the Kapiti Coast to buy her first home and is also looking to seek other work opportunities in education. We will all miss Charlie as she is a great classroom teacher and given valuable contributions to the Muritai Team over the past 18 months.

I am pleased to announce that the Senior Leadership Team have made some excellent appointments and we are excited to have these new teachers join the Muritai team for 2023:

- **Nicolette Fisher:** Many of you will know Nicolette having worked here previously in the Junior Team. Nicolette brings a wealth of expertise in the pre-school and new entrant areas of the school having recently worked at East Harbour Kindy and currently as a New Entrant teacher at Eastern Hutt School
- **Carly Stanford:** Carly is currently a part time teacher with us. Carly is an experienced teacher with several years teaching in Newlands Primary and also in the UK. Carly brings strengths in Literacy and Numeracy.
- **Carmen MacDonald:** Carmen is an experienced teacher from San Antonio and is also a Muritai School parent. Carmen brings strengths in Inquiry learning and Environmental Education. Being from a small school, she is also well versed at differentiating the programme to match the wide range of needs in the class!
- **Max McAlpine:** Max is a beginning teacher, currently working at Nelson Intermediate. Max has strengths in Maths, Music and coding and is also a keen skateboarder and rock climber!

We still have a couple more pieces of the staffing puzzle to complete before we can confirm the teaching team structure for 2023 but I hope to be able to share this with the community soon.

125TH CELEBRATIONS

Planning is already underway for our 125th Anniversary Celebrations on **24- 25 March 2023**. There is a strong committee of parents, staff and community members who are working together to make the celebrations really special. Keep an eye out for future communications on ways you may be able to support us with these celebrations. As we get closer to the date, there will be plenty of jobs to do so we would love to have everyone pitching in! A big thanks to Verity Mackintosh who has created this great logo to help promote the event over the next 6 months!



PRINCIPAL AWARDS -

Term 4 Week 3

Congratulations to the following students who received a Principal Award at our last assembly. We are so proud of you all!

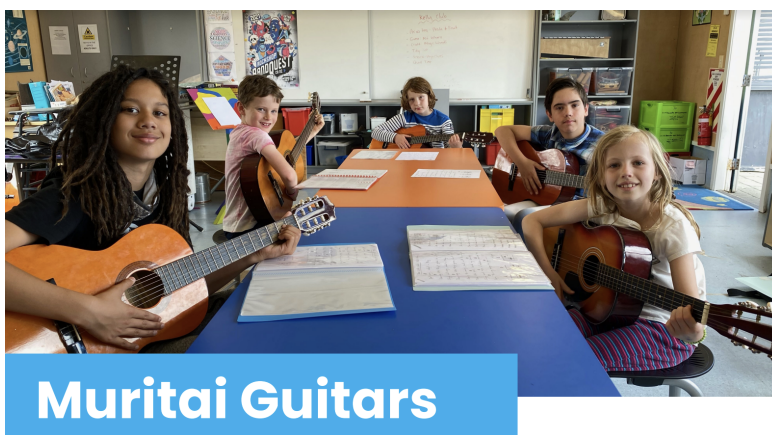


Room 1	Lachie Blair, Helena Sauri
Room 2	Arlo Drager, Nikau Anderson-Budd
Room 3	Harvey Tubbs, Zorah Zandi
Room 5	Charlie Buckley, Willa South
Room 6	Robin Seiler, Sebastian Good
Room 7	Tom Davis, Maxwell Fleming
Room 8	Tess McIntosh, Peira Dent
Room 9	Zac Moore, Toitu Singh
Room 10	Aaron Pretorius, Billie Holmes
Room 11	Isla Warnes A'Court, Lily Cathie, Timothy Prebble, Georgia Parker
Room 13	Ollie Reed, Caius Martin
Room 14	Frankie Duffy-Searle, Jed McMahon
Room 15	Adorna Paulik, Nicole Bradley
Room 21	Flynn Houston, Finn Diamond
Room 22	Jagger Lissette, Dilyan Kusnadi
Room 23	Amy Mouat, Finlaeic Forde

At each of our assemblies, four children receiving Awards will be picked out of the hat to have a fish and chip lunch with me. The lucky four at this assembly were: Arlo Drager, Jagger Lissette, Tom Davis and Charlie Buckley. We're looking forward to seeing who else will join us.

MURITAI GUITARS

On Monday 28th of November our Muritai Guitarists who are tutored by Charles Hazlewood will be performing at our local Eastbourne Library at 3.30pm. This is a great opportunity for these students to showcase their musical talents! Everyone is welcome to join the audience at the library.



Muritai Guitars

Eastbourne Library
Monday 28 November, 3.30pm

Come along to listen to an amazing performance from the Muritai School guitar group!



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Ngā mihi nui

Stu Devenport, Principal



ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all our tamariki who were placed in the top 3 of any of the events at our annual Athletics Days in Week 3. After some complex calculations, we are pleased to announce our overall athletics champions from each age group.

Year 3 - Harri Hayes and Cashel Cross
 Year 4 - Keegan Field and Darlene Smith
 Year 5 - Hugo Thompson and Georgia Gellatly
 Year 6 - Zaiden Filemu and Hannah Park
 Year 7 - Lars Meyer-Westfeld and Elodie Dent
 Year 8 - Christian Catchpole and MaKenzie Reddaway

Careers Visits



On Tuesday 1st and Thursday 3rd November, we had some Kāhu parents come in and talk to us about their careers. We really appreciate the time

and effort that they put into their presentations and the advice about how high school and university subjects can help you find your passion and shape our careers. We had a climate scientist, an architect, an app and software developer and a bacteriologist who works on policies for NZ Beef and Lamb. Kāhu students were able to ask the speakers questions and gain an insight on how to develop a successful career.

On behalf of everyone in Kāhu, thank you to Dr. Jocelyn Turnbull, Johnathan Calder, Chris Houston and Jane Lloyd-Evans for giving up their time.

Flynn Houston

Congratulations to Oliver Sutcliffe

Oliver Sutcliffe, a previous Muritai student, has recently been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship. Oliver aims to study for a combined Master of Public Policy and Master of Science in Public Policy Research.



Distinguished Professor Dame Jane Harding, New Zealand Secretary for the Rhodes Trust, Governor-General Her Excellency The Rt Hon Dame Cindy Kiro and Scholarship recipient Oliver Sutcliffe.

LOWER HUTT FOODBANK

In the last two years the demand for food parcels from the Lower Hutt Foodbank has doubled. In the last financial year the foodbank supplied 3,588 food parcels to whanau households. The cost of living increases are having a big impact on people's lives in the Hutt Valley.

To help, Muritai School will be holding a can drive starting next week, 14 to 18 November. A collection box will be at school in the office for anyone who would like to donate.

The Lower Hutt Foodbank's Wish List is as follows but they are happy to take any food you would like to donate:

- Tinned fruit and veges
- Tinned Fish, Chicken or Beef
- Soup (cans or packets)
- Spaghetti/Baked Beans
- Dried pasta/noodles
- Jam, Peanut Butter, Marmite
- Tea, Coffee, Milo
- Cereal (Weetbix, Cornflakes)

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

Important Dates	
Date	Event
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:	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.



Fundraising

BAKE SALE

Sat 12th Nov, from 9am

Outside Professionals in the
Village

Cash Only

EASTERN HUTT SCHOOL

TWILIGHT GALA

COME AND JOIN US!
53 KINGS CRESCENT
LOWER HUTT

THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER
4.00PM - 7.00PM

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