



Muritai Beacon

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

Rāhina 18 o Mahuru,

Kia ora Muritai whānau,

I am currently in Auckland connecting with school leaders from across the globe at the International Confederation of Principals (ICP) Convention. It has been an inspiring week of learning and reflection.

Two major highlights so far have been our keynote speakers, Dr Hana O'Regan and Sir Ian Taylor. Their messages strongly reinforced the power of curiosity in learning and reminded us that strong, authentic relationships with our students form the absolute foundation of meaningful education.

Beyond the keynotes, the absolute standout highlight was witnessing the amazing school performances. The passion, energy, and authenticity displayed by the young performers on stage from schools across Auckland was deeply moving and a powerful reminder of why we do what we do every single day.

Back at school today, our annual Haka Off took place (I'm gutted to have missed it!) A huge thanks to our three parent judges Brad Shields, Rob Wilson and Brooke Davis who had the tough decision on choosing our winners for 2026. Congratulations to Charters House for taking it out this year!

It has also been another busy couple of weeks with several student groups out and about extending their learning beyond the classroom. Students across Tūi and Kererū attended the Lower Hutt Futsal tournament earlier in the week. Congratulations Willa from Room 16 for winning a pair of gloves for being one of the best goalies!

Kāhu students also attended the dress rehearsal for World of Wearable Arts on Wednesday night at TSB Arena. Lucky students!



Muritai World of Wearable Arts!

Speaking of Wearable Arts, our very own WOW show will be taking place next Wednesday in our school hall. The students have been working incredibly hard preparing their creations for this day and they can't wait to share these with you. It is one show only, so make sure you get yourself to school on Wednesday 23rd at 1.30pm to watch the show!

Year 8 Transition Visit to HVHS

Earlier in the week our Year 8 students had an opportunity to visit HVHS to get a taste of what next year will look like at High School. This is a great opportunity to get more familiar with the much bigger campus and all that it offers.



**ENROL NOW
FOR 2027
APPLY ONLINE**

Subject selections for enrolled Year 8 students and bookings for enrolment conversations are now open. We strongly recommend that families enrol early!

 **Hutt Valley High School**
Te Kōwhiri Kōwhiri o Te Aorangi

<https://hvhs.school.nz/how-to-enrol/>



www.beeinthecity.org.nz

Bee in the City

Our Bee is now on display, pride of place, in the Wellington Public Library. Make sure you head there in the school holidays to check it out, along with all the other bees across the city!



Ngā mihi nui,
Stu Devenport



**Eastbourne Hoop Club
WE'RE BACK!!**

Muritai School
Term 4, Sundays from 10 AM
Ages 5-12

If you're interested, get in touch:
Eastbournehoopclub@gmail.com

Or visit our website:
Eastbournehoopclub.com





Term 3 Basketball Round up

Muritai Magic (Year 5/6) had a great Term 3 competition. They only lost to one team - Avalon in an epic final, 24-18, so finished second in their pool grade. Awesome team work, attitude and heaps of fun was had!

Muritai Pistons (Year 3/4) had a great Term 3 competition also and they won the A grade. Congratulations to players and coaches.

Muritai Suns (Year 7/8) Boys Basketball Team finished 4th in the A Grade in Term 3. Highlighting we stepped up from the B Grade in Term 2 and it was a significant step up in ability. But the boys did a great job and improved significantly with stronger competition.

Well done to all of our teams.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

We have a Teacher Only Day on Friday 23 October. Please put it in your diaries now. Thank you

2026 Dates:

Term 3 Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

Term 4 Monday 12 October to Wednesday 16 December

2027 Dates:

Term 1 Tuesday 2 February to Friday 9 April

Term 2 Tuesday 27 April to Friday 2 July

Term 3 Monday 19 July to Friday 24 September

Term 4 Monday 10 October to Thursday 16 December

Important Dates	
Date	Event
21 Sept	Pizza Monday
23 Sept	WOW Performance
23 Sept	BOT meeting at 6.30pm
24 Sept	Dance Curriculum
25 Sept	Last day of Term 3 (normal finishing time).
12 Oct	First day of Term 4
19 Oct	Year 3-8 Athletics
22 Oct	Postponement day Year 3-8 Athletics
23 Oct	Teacher Only Day
26 Oct	Labour Day Holiday
27-29 Oct	Year 7/8 Careers Parents morning
3 Nov	Wairua Zone Athletics
5 Nov	Wairua Zone Athletics PP day
17 Nov	InterZone Athletics
24-27 Nov	Oxted H&S Sale in STEAM Room
1 Dec	Regional Athletics
3 Dec	Regional Athletics PP day
7-11 Dec	Y8 Abel Tasman Week
14 Dec	Y8 Formal
16 Dec 11am - 1pm	Y8 Leaver Assembly
16 Dec	Last day of the year - finishing at 1pm

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.

Learn to Sail 2026/27 – Muritai Yacht Club

myc.org.nz

Spring course begins 12 October | Summer course begins 1 February
Mondays 4:30 – 7:00 | 10 weeks | ages 9-15 | \$350

Learn the lifelong skill of sailing!
Course fee includes:

- ✓ Yachting NZ qualified coaches
- ✓ Weekly session of fun on the water
- ✓ Use of club boats
- ✓ Club T-shirt!

<https://tinyurl.com/fpnyuhku>

Or contact Dean Riley
at: juniors.myc@gmail.com for more information.

 *Register here*

EASTBOURNE SCOUTS FUNDRAISER

FOR JAMBOREE IN DECEMBER 2026

Jessie's Roti

10 ROTI FOR ONLY \$20

ORDERS CLOSE **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH**

PICK-UP FROM THE **EASTBOURNE SCOUTS HALL**
THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER
BETWEEN 5:30PM AND 8PM

SCAN TO ORDER

Questions?
EastbourneScoutsJamboree@gmail.com

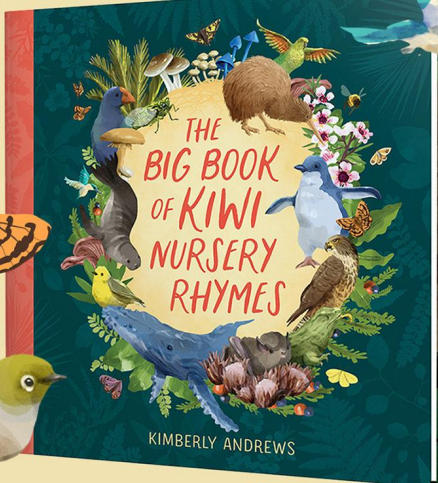
HARTspace school holiday creative arts programme

Come to one or more sessions, whole days or continuous sessions will have break time supervision
(children will need to bring food, drink and warm clothing)

28/09 Monday	9:00 - 10:30 Silly Sock Puppets 11:00 - 12:30 Sock babies 1:30 - 3:00 Fabric Flower Posy	05/10 Monday	9:00 - 10:30 Painted Seashells 11:00 - 12:30 Mermaid Mobiles 1:30 - 3:00 Steampunk Seahorse
29/09 Tuesday	9:00 - 10:30 Jellyfish Laterns 11:00 - 12:30 3D Collage Birds 1:30 - 3:00 Hungry Caterpillar Still Life	06/10 Tuesday	9:00 - 10:30 Felted Feathered Friends 11:00 - 12:30 Fabric/Wool/Felt Birds 1:30 - 3:30 Wet Felting (2hrs \$40)
30/09 Wednesday	9:00 - 10:30 Flax Stem Rafts 11:00 - 12:30 Seaside Wind Chimes 1:30 - 3:00 Driftwood Streets	07/10 Wednesday	9:00 - 10:30 Painted Driftwood Lighthouse 11:00 - 12:30 Driftwood & Fabric Sailboats 1:30 - 3:00 Painted Stone Fish
01/10 Thursday	9:00 - 10:30 Caterpillar Leaf Creepers 11:00 - 12:30 Moving Bugs 1:30 - 3:00 Mr Fox Split Pin Puppets	08/10 Thursday	9:00 - 10:30 Yayoi Kusama canvas Painting 11:00 - 12:30 Hundertwasser Canvas Painting 1:30 - 3:00 Kandinsky Canvas Painting
02/10 Friday	9:00 - 10:30 Peg Creatures 11:00 - 12:30 Magical Wands 1:30 - 3:00 PomPom String Puppets	09/10 Friday	9:00 - 10:30 Frida Kahlo Plates 11:00 - 12:30 Tiny Bear in a Bed 1:30 - 3:00 Felt Flower Gardens

\$30 per session or \$100 for full day with break time supervision
Book early! numbers limited 6 to 8 students per session
Contact clare on 021 057 4487 or clare.hartspace@gmail.com

Walker Books warmly invites you
to the launch of



THE BIG BOOK OF KIWI NURSERY RHYMES
KIMBERLY ANDREWS

SUNDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 3-5 PM

UNITY BOOKS
57 Willis Street, Wellington

WALKER BOOKS

SCOUTS
Aotearoa



PALLISER ESTATE



Eastbourne Scouts are fundraising to help send our next generation of leaders to the New Zealand Scout Jamboree at Mystery Creek, Waikato, at the end of 2026.

We've partnered with Palliser Estate, producers of award-winning wines, to offer a selection of quality wines at excellent prices (saving of 20-27% off already discounted cellar door prices), available in 6- or 12-bottle packs.

These wines are perfect for Christmas celebrations, staff Christmas functions, gifts, birthdays, and other special occasions, or simply as a treat for yourself. Thank you for supporting Eastbourne Scouts and helping our young people attend this incredible once-in-a-lifetime experience.



[Click here for the live order form](#)

- Orders close **Sunday 4th October**
- Collection from the Eastbourne Scout Hall between 5:30 pm and 8:00 pm on Thursday, 22 October
- For a \$10 donation, we can deliver your order to your door within Eastbourne and the Bays, Petone, and Lower Hutt areas.

Please note: Only persons aged 18 years or older may place an order or receive wine purchased through this fundraiser.



Hutt Valley Fencing Club Holiday Programme



8 - 9 October 2026

Chilton Saint James School Gymnasium
Lower Hutt 9am - 12 noon

Register now for a 2 day introduction to fencing.
\$90 book before October 1 or \$100 after.

Best suits ages 7+

Electric fencing mini competition at the end of the session. Give it a go!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

www.huttvalleyfencingclub.com

huttvalleyfencing@gmail.com

The Addams Family
young@part®

Only \$10pp

6-10 October 2026
Wainuiomata High School
Auditorium

**Attend opening night - 6 October -
in costume, to be in with a chance to
win some cool spot prizes!**

<https://www.trybooking.com/nz/BEXZ>




GCA | Golfer's Collective
Academy
Learn • Develop • Play

**6 Week
Junior Golf
Programmes**

Small Groups | fun | Beginner friendly | progression support

5-8 Years old	9-12 Years old	13+
A supportive, game based approach to golf where having fun is the most important part. Learn basic skills and begin the golfing journey or further your skillset	A structured, supportive game based programme designed to teach skills, grow participation and build a strong foundation for their golfing journey.	Whether a beginner or been playing golf for a while, further your knowledge and understanding of golf, your swing and follow a game based programme to improve and grow

Visit www.golferscollective.nz to book your spot now



Golf Warehouse, Driving Range
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