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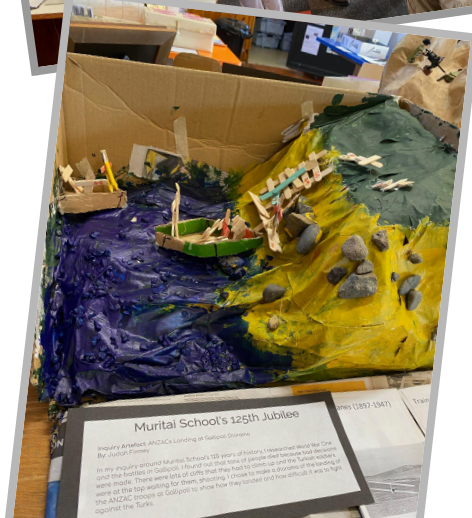
Kia ora koutou Muritai whānau,

What an EPIC couple of weeks it has been at Muritai School! This time last week we were in the throws of our big celebrations of reaching the impressive 125 milestone. Milestones like this provide us with a wonderful opportunity to delve into our kura's history and that's exactly what our ākonga have been doing over the past term. Our school was transformed into our 'Era Expo' with a rich variety of learning artefacts from across the school on show. Our school library was transformed into our 'Muritai Museum', detailing the school's rich history over the decades. Even our playground had a transformation, with a large marquee to host our gala dinner and later vendors for our Boutique Fair. It certainly was a huge couple of days.

The highlight for me was the opportunity for the school to open its doors once again to our community, including our past students and staff. The moments to connect and to learn more about the special memories, tragedies, high jinx, love stories, learning experiences and friendships that were made at Muritai was a real treat.

Like all of our staff, I was incredibly proud of our tamariki throughout our celebrations. From producing amazing learning artefacts, hosting and speaking at powhiri, performing Kapa Haka, being school tour guides and even helping out on stalls, everyone who contributed did an outstanding job. Most of all they were stirring ambassadors of our Muritai values to ensure our Muritai manaakitanga was felt by all.

The 'Time to Travel' Raffle was a great success with the first prize being won by Chris Bunning, second prize the Bonifant family and third prize going to Virginia Barker. Well done to you all and we hope you enjoy your prize.



As you can imagine these celebrations involved a huge undertaking by many of our staff, parents and members of the Eastbourne community. Thank you all for your time, generosity and support you gave to make the 125th a real success!

SPECIAL THANK YOUS.

In my speech on Saturday, I acknowledged many special people who supported us. I'd like to acknowledge them again below.

- Community members who have contributed to our Muritai Museum, and shared their local knowledge to support the students' learning.
- All the volunteers who have helped out over the past couple of days, whether it be erecting marquees, sourcing tables, selling raffle tickets, running a bar, serving food, running bbqs - whatever it may be - thank you for offering your time and energy to support us.
- A Special thanks to Sue Fieldes our wonderful school librarian, and Ali Carew from the Eastbourne Historical Society who have been instrumental in creating our Muritai Museum in the school library. How lucky are we to have such amazing resources in our local community to tap into!
- The outstanding Jo and Carole in our school office who have worked incredibly hard with so much of the organisation to prepare for this celebration. Many, many hours have been put into this, on top of your usual busy work schedule. Thank you for all the 'extras' you have had to do over the past few months. You are both outstanding!
- Lastly, a special mention to Verity Mackintosh who has taken on the important role of project manager for this special occasion. You have always been incredibly cool, calm and collected even through the most stressful periods of organisation. From fundraising ideas, organising marquees and convincing us a boutique fair was a good idea. Thank you for your creativity, coordination, and calmness from woe to go. You are amazing!



KERERŪ CAMP AT MAKAHIKA

As our Year 5 and 6 campers left school on Tuesday, winter seemed to have arrived! Thankfully the rain won't stop them from doing most of the fun activities that are planned for camp. I visited the camp on Tuesday and it was wonderful to see the Muritai students enjoying themselves in the natural environment. Self management skills and resilience are essential at Makahika and it was great to see this on show during the day. Most importantly, it was great to see students supporting each other with the various challenges they may be facing. I'm sure they will all be looking forward to being home soon, telling you all about the adventures they have been on. No doubt the washing basket will be at capacity on the weekend!

Thank you to our awesome parent group who volunteered to support our tamariki while at Makahika. We appreciate that many

of you have had to shuffle work or family commitments to make it work so thank you for helping us make it happen.

A special thank you to our wonderful Lisa Allen and the rest of the Kererū teachers who have given up their own family time to attend camp, along with many, many extra hours in the preparation for this week. These types of adventures don't just happen, the paperwork and communication is immense. Thank you for all the 'extras' you have done to provide this opportunity to our Year 5 and 6 students.



Muritai School Spotlights

Muritai School is a place that is focused on our vision of Being The Best We Can Be. We embrace research and evidence to ensure the best teaching and learning approaches for our learners. Our focus for this week's newsletter is **Transition to School** [Click here](#) to learn more about our 'Why' 'What' and 'How' in supporting our 5 year olds start school at Muritai.

Spotlight on Muritai School
Transition to School

What is Transition to School?
We believe that a child's first teacher is their parents and that their early education at home, Kindergarten, ECE, day care and play centre is their foundation for school. As a school we have great relationships with our local Kindergarten, daycare and play centres to help foster connections and facilitate sharing and an effective transition to Muritai School.

Why is it Important?
We believe that relationships are essential for learning and fostering these relationships are critical to enabling your child to have a settled and happy start to school. We really want to get to know you and your child and work together to successfully transition your special child into our care. He waike eke noa, we are all in this together.

Links to Research

Links to our Learning Dispositions

WELL DONE MIRIAM!

Recently, Miriam Water was selected to represent Muritai Yacht Club in the RS Feva class at the SailGP competition in Lyttelton. She had a fantastic time and got to meet Team New Zealand members, tour the tech area, and race their RS Feva on the same days as the F50s. Nice one Miriam!



ANZAC DAY POPPIES

Our Charity Ambassadors will be at the gates with poppies next week and on Tuesday they will go

around the classrooms for any donations from children. Please give your child/ren a gold coin so that they can take a poppy. There will also be poppies available in the office.

KAPA HAKA AT MURITAI

Kapa Haka is on Wednesdays and it is so nice to see whanau joining us and participating.

The first rōpū is for any child in year 1-8 who would like to participate and is from 8:30 - 9:00 in the school hall. It involves learning Te

Reo, waiata-ā-ringa (action songs), hīmene (hymns) and kēmu (games).

The second session will be a focused performance rōpū for **Years 3 - 8 Only**. **These students must also attend the 8:30 - 9:00 session.** This rōpū is one they can choose to be a part of but must commit to. Performance rōpū will be from **9:00 - 10:15am every Wednesday morning.** Students can trial the rōpū in Week 9 and 10 of this term, starting Wednesday 30th March, **but must commit from Term 2.**

A google form has gone out to parents of year 3-8 children for any child who would like to be part of the performance rōpū. The link to this form is:

<https://forms.gle/G7pUzxxhUn7zqQgwQ9>

This needs to be completed by Thursday 6 April.

Important Dates	
Date	Event
6 April	Last Day of Term 1
24 April	Teacher Only Day
25 April	ANZAC Day
26 April	First Day of Term 2
9 May	SE Cross Country championships
11 May	PP day for SE Cross Country
17 May	BOT meeting at 6.30
24 May	Starting School at 5 mtg at 7pm
13 June	Inter Zone Cross Country
14 June	BOT meeting at 6.30
15 June	PP day for Inter Zone Cross Country
27 June	TBC Regional Cross Country
29 June	TBC PP day for Regional Cross Country
30 June	Last day of Term 2

School Dates for 2023:

Term 1	Wednesday 1 February to Thursday 6 April
Term 2	Monday 26 April to Friday 30 June Teacher Only Day: Monday 24 April ANZAC Day: Tuesday 25 April
Term 3	Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September
Term 4	Monday 9 October to Friday 15 December

Public Holidays 2023:

Monday, 6 February:	Waitangi Day
Friday, 7 April:	Good Friday
Tuesday, 25 April:	ANZAC Day
Monday, 5 June:	King's Birthday
Friday, 14 July:	Matariki
Monday, 23 October:	Labour Day



TOUCH RUGBY

Great work year 7/8 Muritai Senior Crusaders, runners up in the mixed competition! After losing a few players who moved on to high school, Crusaders had a new look team for 2023 with some exciting year 7 players (and 1 year 6) joining the team this year. New dynamics and differing skill sets meant a coaching challenge for Mike but they connected together well and stormed through to the A grade final in a tough competition of 15 schools. Amazing result team!

ATHLETICS

Tino pai to 3 of our Muritai students who competed at the Wellington Championships over the last two weekends. The final competition of the National athletics season draws young athletes from all over the region to compete at Newtown in an exciting, fun event.



Great results and sporting attitude for Harry Sellars, 60m, 100m, 200m finalist, 4th in discus and Gold in the 4 x 100m relay. Albie Sellars giving lots of events a go in the 60m, 100m, 200m, long jump and shot put and Elodie Dent taking Silver in high jump, 200m and 400m. 4th in 800m and Bronze in the medley relay.

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.



FUN Sticks

FUN Sticks is an 8-week hockey programme designed for children aged 5-6 years (school Years 1 & 2). 2023 FUN Sticks will focus on individuals' movement and motor skill development, helping build a young person's physical literacy and preparing them for sport. Hockey skills will be taught through fun, games-based activities.

Festival Day:

On the last week of the programme, there will be a festival day held at the National Hockey Stadium on the morning of Saturday 1st July. FUN Stick participants will be able to play games with players from different locations.

Where:

- FUN Sticks is run at the following locations across Wellington:
- National Hockey Stadium (NHS), Wellington = 10:00 am - 11:00 am - Saturday starting 6th May
- Hutt (Fraser Park) - 10:00 am - 11:00 am Saturday starting 6th May
- Porirua (Elsdon Park) - 3:45pm - 4:45 pm - Tuesday 9th May
- Kelburn (Kelburn Normal School) - 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Tuesday 9th

The cost for the 8-week programme is \$50.

Register using the following link for the Player registration system PlayHQ

<https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/5a8236>

Please contact Regan Fricker, Development Officer (Umpires) regan@wellingtonhockey.org.nz if you have any questions.

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2023

CREATING A CHARACTER

This super fun workshop will focus on the process of developing a character through various techniques used by professionals and practitioners the world over.

SUITABLE FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 4 - 8

The workshop costs \$120+GST

TUESDAY 18TH APRIL 2023

10.00 AM - 4.00 PM

PETONE COMMUNITY HOUSE

and...

WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL 2023

10.00 AM - 4.00 PM

EASTBOURNE LIBRARY

REGISTER NOW: WWW.SPEAKAGAIN.CO.NZ

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

KIDS YOGA CAMP

9am-3pm
19th April, Ages 4-7
20th April, Ages 8+

St Ronan's Church Hall
 234 Muritai Road, Eastbourne

\$60/day

yogagenerationnz@gmail.com