



Friday 4 August 2023

Kia Orāna kōtou kātōatoa,

It's Cook Island Language week this week!

Thank you to everyone who made the time to meet with their child's classroom teacher for Learning Conversations this week. The teachers really enjoyed connecting with you all to share more about the progress the ākonga have made over the first half of the term.

A reminder, you are welcome to connect with us at any time about your child's learning, even if it is outside these formal reporting window opportunities.

The classes across the school have settled nicely into the learning programmes for Term 3. It is always a treat visiting the classrooms and observing the variety of learning experiences that are taking place. I've been very impressed with the solid routines all the classrooms are in, particularly our youngest learners in Kororā. They are focused on their learning and have a good understanding of what it means to be a successful learner.

One of our key focuses for Muritai School this year has been promoting what it means to have a positive behaviour for learning (PB4L). There are a number of initiatives we implement to ensure we have success with this, all of which are connected to our Living 'BEST' Values of Being KIND, RESPECTFUL, RESILIENT with a sense of TOGETHERNESS. We are very proud to promote these values and endeavour to use them in our everyday language to promote success and achievement. We also use them for when things don't go so well or conflicts arise, and to help restore relationships or grow our learners. Throughout the year we have been unpacking what these values mean and how they look and sound in different contexts. Our PB4L Team has created some useful videos that help explain each value in more detail. You can check them out by clicking on the link [here](#)



Staffing Update

Today we farewell the wonderful Holli Williams who is heading off to teach at an International School in the UAE. On behalf of everyone at Muritai School, I thank Holli for her dedication to her classes over the past 6 years. Holli has been incredibly appreciated by many Muritai children and their families due to her hard work, friendly nature and natural ability to connect with her learners. She will be greatly missed here at Muritai and we wish her and her family all the best for her next adventure!

Sarah Bleier will be joining the Room 10 whānau next week as their classroom teacher. Sarah has already spent time with Holli and the learners so we hope the transition will be seamless for everyone.

Property Update

All going to plan, we hope to see contractors on site next week to start our much anticipated hall project. As reported in the last newsletter, most of our hall will be out of action for the term ahead while construction takes place. Our school wide assemblies are 'on pause' while this is happening. Kelly Club will also be relocated to the Green Room (the room at the back of the hall). Drop off and pick up will be from the Green Room too (Muritai Road entrance by the pedestrian crossing is the best access point for this).

Contractors will also be cordoning off areas just outside the hall that will be off limits to the public. Please adhere to the cordons that will be in place around the hall.

Disco Fun!

Excitement is building as we prepare for the school disco happening tonight! A huge thank you to our Home and School Committee for organising this fun event for everyone - it is great to see the return of this event after several years of Covid interruptions. This will be the final school event with the hall in its current state before renovations begin!

Looking ahead to 2024

Thank you to the families that have contacted us to share their intentions for 2024. A reminder our Senior Leadership Team will be starting the process of planning for 2024 this term. A key part of this is having a clear picture of how many students we will have in each year level as our teacher funding depends on the number of students at our kura.

If you know your child will not be with us next year or you have a new child joining us, please email me or the school office as soon as possible so we can factor this into our planning for 2024.

Dodgeball

We had several students from Year 3 - 8 represent Muritai at dodgeball tournaments over the past week. This has been an exciting addition to the sporting calendar and has been enjoyed by all who attended. A big thanks to all the parents who supported the students for these events.

A visit from Toastie!

Last week Team Kororā had some special visitors from the Wellington Dog Handlers Team. Lynne, Virginia and Toastie the dog came along to share how to behave around our canine friends. Living in Eastbourne, we are all bound to be running into dogs of all shapes and sizes so there are some important life skills to remember to keep us safe.

Teachers Only Day

Last term you may have noted I communicated with you all that we had set a date for a Teacher Only Day in Term 4 on Friday November 24th. This day has been provided by the Ministry of Education to allow teachers time to get familiar with the new content from the New Zealand Curriculum that is being refreshed.

Now that I have further detail on the timeline of Term 4, I have made the decision (with consultation with our Board of Trustees) to shift this date to earlier in the term to **Monday 13th November**. Please mark this new date in your calendar as school will be closed for instruction on this day.

2024 Term Dates

Speaking of dates, I can confirm the term dates for the school year in 2024:

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

Public Holidays:

Waitangi Day: Tuesday 6 February

Good Friday: 29 March

Easter Monday: 1 April

Easter Tuesday: 2 April

ANZAC Day: Thursday 25 April (falls within the school holidays)

King's Birthday: Monday 3 June

Matariki: Friday 28 June

Labour Day: Monday 28 October

PRINCIPAL AWARDS - Term 3 Week 2



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

Room 1	Frida McDonald, Tighe Field
Room 2	Abe Shaughnessy, Blake Russell
Room 3	Arlow Grace, Isobelle Bargiacchi
Room 5	Emerson Livingston, Georgia Ledingham
Room 6	Isla Fabish, Matai Webby
Room 8	Ada Ludbrook, Alys Hayes
Room 9	Toby Frances Moore, Keira McKeagg
Room 11	Cooper Ellwood, Liliana Hilton
Room 12	Florence Ashby, Ashley Caudwell
Room 15	Aleks Churchouse, Lucy Sherwin
Room 16	Sebastian Good, Ondine Lidgard
Room 21	Sadie Scott, Lennox Carroll
Room 22	Harri Hayes, Frida Reed
Room 23	Hugo Melville, Nathan French
Room 24	Finlay Drummond, Stephan Szabo

The four lucky children having fish and chips with Stu are: Isobelle Bargiacchi, Ashley Caudwell, Ben Mitchell and Florence Ashby. Well done everyone!

Chickenpox

Chickenpox has been going through Muritai for a couple of weeks now. Please be vigilant and note that, if children have been vaccinated, their symptoms will be very mild with perhaps just a few spots on their torsos and not feeling very well.

Please keep children at home if they are unwell, especially if you do suspect they have chickenpox.

If you suspect your child may have chickenpox, contact your family doctor or call healthline on 0800 611 116 for free advice from a registered nurse.

Up-to-date information on chickenpox is available by visiting the websites.

- [Ministry of Health | Chickenpox](#)
- [Health Navigator | Chickenpox](#)

Important Dates	
Date	Event
8 Aug	Year 5/6 Wellesley Exchange
15 Aug	Y 1 and 2 Fundamental Movement
16 Aug	Year 5/6 Chilton and EHS Netball Exchange
16 Aug	Starting School at 5 meeting at 7pm
17 Aug	PP Y 1 and 2 Fundamental Movement
23 Aug	Chilton Year 6 Netball Exchange
24 Aug	Whole School Dance with the Dance Curriculum
1 Sept	Inter Zone Swimming
4 Sept	Pizza Monday
5 Sept	Floorball Year 5-8
6 Sept	BOT Meeting at 6.30
11 Sept	Pizza Monday
18 Sept	Pizza Monday
18 Sept	Kororā visiting Little Theatre
22 Sept	Last day of Term 3

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PROPERTY TYPE AND LOCATION

Property type: Townhouse
Available: 25 July 2023
Term available: Fixed Term Only

ROOMS

Bedrooms: 3
Dining room: Open Plan
Lounge details: Open Plan
Laundry details: Alcove in Kitchen
Bathrooms: 2

DETAILS

Heating: Not specified
Kitchen details: Open plan
Furnishing: Unfurnished with whiteware
Appliances: Dishwasher, Rangehood, Heat Pump, electric oven, Fridge/Freezer, Washing machine, Dryer

OUTDOORS

Pets: No
Garage: 0
Carports: 0
Off street parking: 1

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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

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