



Muritai Beacon

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



Friday 28 March 2024,

Kia ora koutou Muritai whānau,

It's hard to believe that the Easter break is upon us already! It is not often that the Easter break falls outside the normal Term 1 school holidays so it is a welcome treat for people at school. A reminder that all schools will be closed on **Tuesday 2 April** as well as **Good Friday (29 March) and Easter Monday (1 April)**. First introduced in 1954, Easter Tuesday is part of the Education Act legislation. The Tuesday following Easter is a school holiday (not a statutory holiday), meaning schools must not open. We will be open for business again on Wednesday 3rd of April.

Today we welcomed back our Kererū campers who have spent an amazing couple of nights at Camp Makahika. The buzz in the air this afternoon sounds like they all had a brilliant few days away from home. Camp always provides a multitude of learning experiences. Most importantly, it provides opportunities for our tamariki to develop their key competencies, particularly self-management, relating to others and participating & contributing. A huge thank you to all the parents that have helped out at camp this week. Thank you also to our Kererū teachers who have given up so much of their own family time to provide this opportunity for our Year 5 and 6 students. A special thanks to Phil Rodley who stepped up to lead the camp and Trish Theobald who stepped in to cover Room 11 this week. Incredible people, doing incredible things!

No doubt all of the campers will appreciate their own beds tonight!

This week I received confirmation that the property work on our Kāhu site is set to commence in Week 11! This is very exciting but also involves a bit of logistics as we need to relocate our 3 Kāhu classes (including all their furniture and resources) to the main site. Thankfully at this time of the year, we have capacity with 3 spare classrooms to accommodate them. Below are the new locations for our Kāhu classes while work is carried out in the Senior School:



Room 21 & Kea Maritz > Room 14
Room 22 & Jon Mackie > STEM Room
Room 23 & Sarah Bleier > Room 7

Vacating the Senior School site entirely while building work is happening means the contractors will have the place to themselves which will potentially speed up the construction process. Once work begins, the site will have restricted access for the duration of the work.

We are super excited to have everyone together on one site for a wee while but there will also need to be some adjustments to our routines to ensure everything operates smoothly. A 'settling in' time in the final week of the term will be useful so we can hit the ground running at the start of Term 2!

In Week 11 we are looking forward to hosting our annual Year 3-8 Cross Country event at the Eastbourne Rec on April 10th. Keep a lookout on your Caregiver App for more details on this event very soon!

I hope you all have a relaxing Easter break with friends and family this extended weekend. Hopefully the weather is kind to us all!

Ngā mihi nui
Stu Devenport, Principal

Relay for Life

We had a small contingent of Muritai tamariki take part in the annual Relay for Life event at Trentham Racecourse last weekend.



Emergency Food Packs

If you have not already done so, can you please bring an ice cream container to school for use in an emergency. These can be filled with:

- 1 small meal (eg can of spaghetti/baked beans to be eaten cold)*
- 2 small tins of fruit*
- 3 snack items (muesli bars, chippies, etc)
- 6-10 barley sugar type sweets (need to be wrapped)
- 1 plastic/wooden spoon

*tear top or easy opening cans are recommended

School Dates for 2024:

Term 1	Thursday 1 February to Friday 12 April
Term 2	Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July
Term 3	Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September
Term 4	Monday 14 October to Tuesday 17 December

Public Holidays & Teacher Only Days 2024:

Tuesday, 6 February:	Waitangi Day
Friday 29 March:	Good Friday
Monday 1 April:	Easter Monday
Tuesday 2 April:	Easter Tuesday (School holiday)
Friday 31 May:	Teacher Only Day
Monday, 3 June:	King's Birthday
Friday, 28 June:	Matariki
Friday 25 October:	Teacher Only Day
Monday, 28 October:	Labour Day

Important Dates	
Date	Event
29 Mar	Good Friday
1 April	Easter Monday
2 April	Easter Tuesday (School holiday)
10 April	Muritai School Cross Country
12 April	Whole School Assembly - Tuī led
12 April	Last day of Term 1
29 April	First day of Term 2

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.



CAPE EGMONT VIRTUAL HALF MARATHON 2024

Want to walk or run in your own time, but also be part of a fantastic event? Then we would love you to join us.

The Cape Egmont Virtual Half Marathon offers three distance options - 5 km, 10 km and 21 km. Which can be completed any time anywhere from the 1st to the 31st of July 2024. Simply record your time via Strava, Map my run, Fit Bit or screenshot and upload through our website. Every finisher receives a medal and all money raised goes to the Taranaki Cancer Society and the Taranaki Men Can Exercise Group. To help those in our province affected by cancer.

ENTER AT: www.capeegmonthalf.com
ENQUIRES capeegmonthalf@gmail.com

HUTT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL BUSINESS STUDIES GROUP

I am a former Muritai student who is part of a year 13 Hutt Valley High School business studies group participating in the Young Enterprise Scheme!

This year, our product is an environmental activity kit that we wish to sell. This will include an informative booklet with many fun activities to educate children about protecting our environment so that the next generations can enjoy it as much as we do! Our target market is children aged between 5-10, so we are interested in contacting primary schools. We would appreciate if you could take the time to complete our survey [HVHS Business Google Form](#)

Thank you so much for your time, Charlie, Tiana, Lilith, and Xavier

Education Resources Needed

Emma Gibbs (our wonderful relief teacher) is still looking for books, bottle tops, puzzles, etc for her trip to Zambia which can be dropped off at school. She is also holding a movie night - check out the poster here and book your tickets.

MOVIE NIGHT
Join Emma, Michael and Isabella for a glass of bubbles and nibbles and be entertained by

THE GREAT ESCAPER
INSPIRED BY A TRUE LOVE STORY

(M) OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE AND SEXUAL REFERENCES
LIGHT HOUSE PETONE
52 BEACH STREET
SUNDAY 28TH APRIL 5.00PM
ARRIVE AT 4.30PM | TICKETS \$25

Proceeds will be contributing to educational resources assisting students at the school they will be volunteering in Zambia.

TO BOOK TEXT MICHAEL 021 474 975
Looking forward to seeing you there