



Friday 18 August 2023

Kia ora koutou Muritai whānau,

Wow! The term is racing by. It's hard to believe we are halfway through Term 3 already. The colder weather recently has seen a large volume of absence across the school over the last couple of weeks. It sounds like there are a lot of nasty bugs and viruses floating around at present. Many thanks for keeping your tamariki at home if they are unwell.

No doubt you would have heard the news this week that the Government has now lifted all of the remaining Covid restrictions for the country which means the 7 day isolation period has now been lifted. Of course the advice still remains that if your child is unwell they should stay at home to stop the spread of any bug. Ministry of Health guidelines still recommend you isolate for at least 5 days if you test positive for Covid-19.

It has been great to see our senior students out and about recently, making use of the great opportunities the capital city offers. All the classes in Kererū enjoyed visiting the Dowse Art Gallery in Lower Hutt last week where they were taken through the "Unhinged" exhibition followed by a workshop where they made a personal taonga, inspired by what they enjoy and the people and places that are important to them. The Kahū team visited Parliament last week as part of their 'I AM' unit which feeds in nicely to thinking about young people's place in society and how we all engage with services within the community.

Last week a large group of students from Kererū headed to Days Bay to take part in a sporting exchange with Wellesley College. Hockey, Football and Rugby were all on offer and it was wonderful to hear about the great sportsmanship on display across all the sports. It was also pleasing to hear Muritai earned 4 wins out of 4 games played! A fantastic result from our teams - well done everyone. We also had a netball team represent Muritai at a small sporting exchange with Chilton and Eastern Hutt - very busy bees!



Team Kāhu also visited our local beach last week to take part in a litter literacy survey. They also had Olivia from Sustainable Coastlines join them to share more about the impact of rubbish on our waterways and beaches.

It was also a treat visiting the classes in Tūi this week. On Tuesday they held a special 'Makers Day' with a whole lot of creativity on display. After making detailed plans, ākonga then created dream houses, marble runs and scenes made from lego and cardboard. Many then made stop motion animation using their creations. What a magic day for our young learners!

Well done to everyone who participated in our Pyjama Day last Friday - it certainly was a great day for keeping warm in cosy night attire! Thank you to everyone who brought along a gold coin to donate to Ronald McDonald House - a total of \$352.90 raised altogether!

Speaking of money, we are incredibly grateful to the Eastbourne Lions who have kindly donated \$4000 to go towards new kitchen appliances for our new hall kitchen. Our marvellous Home and School Committee will be topping up the rest to ensure we have new stoves, dishwashers, rangehoods and fridges in this new space. How exciting!

### **Muritai Masked Parade is coming!**

Our art focus for Term 3 is mask making. Our teachers and students will be linking this to our 'I AM' Inquiry unit, with each child creating their own mask to share for our exciting mask parade on **Thursday 21st September**. Look out for more information closer to the date - you'll all be welcome to join the parade!

### **Health/PE Consultation**

At least once every two years, boards of trustees are required to produce a written statement about how the school will implement health education. The legislation requires schools to:

- inform the school community about the content of the health education components of the curriculum
- consult with members of the school community regarding the way in which the school should implement health education
- describe, in broad terms, the health education needs of the school's students.

We would really value your feedback on this important component of the New Zealand Curriculum. Please click on the link below to share your thoughts: <https://forms.gle/v3mPDTtbWGHUaCAf8>

### **Māori Whānau Hui**

Part of our annual review we endeavour to connect with our Muritai Maori whanau to gather some feedback on how we can further enhance our environment and learning programmes to reflect our bicultural society. We want to ensure that the content of our te reo Māori teaching and learning programme is relevant and appropriate, acknowledging that te reo Māori is a taonga for Māori under the Treaty of Waitangi. In order to do this, it is important to build strong connections between home and school to ensure whanau have a voice in some of the strategic decision making in our kura. We have pencilled in **Thursday 7th September** to invite whanau to gather and collaborate on ideas. More details will come out soon but for the meantime - save the date!

Nga mihi,

Stu Devenport





## Win a Hei Tiki for our Kura!

The Reo Maori recruitment competition is underway for Māori Language Week which is coming up this term.

Three years ago Reo Māori made history with the biggest Māori language event, with over one million people signing up to celebrate te reo Māori on the same day, at the same time. Help us get even more people on board by joining the movement and sign up to Te Wā Tuku Reo Māori 2023 - Māori Language Moment 2023!



The top 10 group recruiters (groups like our school Muritai!) will win a Reo Māori prize pack including a hoodie and other goodies. These will be used as prizes for tamariki showing great Te Reo at our kura! The group at the top of the leaderboard by the end of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (17 September - Week 9 of this term) will win a hei tiki neon lamp (as seen at Te Matatini) to put up in our school! How great would that be for Muritai!

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## How to join in?

1. Get our Muritai group's unique referral link here:  
[https://www.reomaori.co.nz/pledge?recruiter\\_id=126272](https://www.reomaori.co.nz/pledge?recruiter_id=126272)
2. Make sure you click Group and add yourself to the Muritai group!
3. Please share it with your colleagues, friends or whānau so they join us too!
4. Our school group get a point for each person who signs up using your link
5. Watch the [leaderboard](#) to keep track of our Muritai school score

Karawhiua! Kia kaha te reo Māori!,  
Hilary Bevin

## 2024 Term Dates

<b>Term 1</b>	Thursday 1 February – Friday 12 April (96 half days) - 11 week term
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July (96 half days) - 10 week term
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September (100 half days) - 10 week term
<b>Term 4</b>	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

## Lucky Book Club

Issue six of the Scholastic Lucky Book Club, for 2023, is now available. Orders will be closing at Noon on Friday **the 1st September**. Your order can be done on the following website <https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/Login.aspx>.

The whole school order is processed on the closing date and it usually takes approximately a week for orders to be delivered. Scholastic have been having a few supply problems amidst a move to a new Warehouse, but Issue 5 was complete and on time so it looks like they are coming to grips with their early problems.

We greatly appreciate your support as the school is able to gain rewards through purchases you make which enables us to add books to our school collection.



## PRINCIPAL AWARDS - Term 3 Week 5

Congratulations to the following students who received a Principal Award this week. We are so proud of you all!

Room 1	Margot Ancelet, Indi Stemp
Room 2	Jackson Incedon, Finley Quinn
Room 3	Leela Verhaeghe, Harvey Tubbs
Room 5	Rosie O'Connor, Rowan McKelvey
Room 6	Remy Andrew, Skye Paulsen
Room 7	Stella Scott, Asher Nicholls
Room 8	Rowan Johnson, Lauryn Bullock
Room 9	Fraser Halman, Sovann Stewart
Room 10	Zac O'Neale, Will Christensen
Room 11	Sadie Wilkins, Mila Kereopa
Room 12	Charlie Buckley, Evie Batup
Room 13	Olivia Dawson, Eben Harris
Room 15	Mia Moodie, Emma Cotsilinis
Room 16	Jeremy Machet, Ruby Ferns
Room 21	Maukau Meister, Ruby Coleman

Room 22	Ruby Fenwick, Orion Cummings
Room 23	Chamber Pearce, Eli Wylie
Room 24	Finn Diamond, Ava Richards

The four lucky children having fish and chips with Stu are: Maukau Meister, Mia Moodie, Stella Scott & Eben Harris

## Meerkats Netball Fundraiser

Mr Devenport has agreed to 'take one for the team' - The Muritai Meerkats netball team that is. Raffle tickets will be sold next week on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtimes beside the library. Get your ticket to win the top prize of throwing a pie at Mr Devenport. I hope it's a tasty pie at least!



## Wellesley College Sports Exchange

On Tuesday half of Kereru syndicate went to Wellesley College for a sports exchange. We played hockey, football, and rugby. There were two football games, one rugby game and one hockey game. Muritai won all our games even though Wellesley played very well. In hockey the score was 6-1 to us, in football we won 10-2 and in the other

game it was 6-3. In the rugby game the score was 43 - 29. In class we've been talking about being good sorts and on Tuesday we were good sports! They were fair players and we all tried our best! Betty got Player of the Day for Rugby, Mahina got it for hockey and Daniel and Johnny got it for football. Thanks!

*By Darlene and Adorna*



Important Dates	
Date	Event
23 Aug	Chilton Year 6 Netball Exchange
24 Aug	Whole School Dance with the Dance Curriculum
25 Aug	Mihi Whakatau Daffodil Day
1 Sept	Inter Zone Swimming
4 Sept	Pizza Monday
5 Sept	Floorball Year 5-8
6 Sept	BOT Meeting at 6.30
7 Sept	Whanau Hui
11 Sept	Pizza Monday
12 Sept	ArtSplash at MFC
13 Sept	DanceSplash at MFC
18 Sept	Pizza Monday
18 Sept	Kororā visiting Little Theatre
21 Sept	Mask Parade
22 Sept	Last day of Term 3

**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.**

#### Lunch time French!

- For children at Muritai School
- Experience French learning the fun way! Children speak French from the first lesson
- Ages 5-10, lessons once a week, lots of fun interactive activities: active games, drama, music, cuisine, a bit of writing, quiet grounding activities
- Free trial lesson is available
- Contact Stefi 021 178 2099 or email [stefi@lcfclubs.co.nz](mailto:stefi@lcfclubs.co.nz)

#### 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