



THE MURITAI BEACON

Friday 25 November 2022

Kia ora e te Muritai whānau,

It's hard to believe we are in the final few weeks of the school year! This time next month we will be celebrating with friends and family for Christmas 2022! Over the final 3 weeks there will be many events to celebrate the end of the year, along with recognising our Year 8 graduates who will be leaving us.

Congratulations to the Kōroa Team for an outstanding job at hosting our whole school assembly last week - it was wonderful to see you share your learning with us all. The highlight for me was definitely the great creations you have made for our Muritai Market which is happening today.

What a wonderful atmosphere today in the playground for our student led market. The event started with another strong performance from our Kapa Haka rōpu. A big thank you to Whaea Hilary and Mrs Hooke for leading them once again. We then had a hive of activity as our ākonga spent the afternoon buying and selling their wares. Of course, today was the conclusion of many weeks of learning in the classrooms where students worked through the design process of creating a product or activity to sell. It involved developing skills from across the curriculum including literacy with advertising the product, and numeracy with working out expenses and potential profits. Most importantly, it gave our students the opportunities to refine their 'soft skills' of cooperation, sharing, collaborating and negotiating - all important skills for 21st century learning!

Kererū Team had a fun albeit a bit wet day at El Rancho on Monday this week. Horse Riding, rock climbing, the confidence and water slide were all on offer. It was great to hear the weather didn't dampen their spirits! A huge thank you to all the parents who volunteered to help out on this big day - we could not have done it without you all!



Congratulations to all our students (close to 70!) who represented Muritai School at the recent South East Zone Athletics competition. It was wonderful to hear of the outstanding behaviour and sportspersonship that was demonstrated by our tamariki. Thank you for representing us with pride! Thanks also to our parents and teachers who helped with supervision and coordination on the day. We have over 50 students that were selected to represent our Zone at the Inter-Zone competition next week. This is a great achievement! Best of luck to all involved.

It was a hive of activity in Room 7 yesterday with our youngest ākonga on the tools! A big thanks to Willie Davies who volunteered his time and expertise to help the class construct a Tee-pee and a toolbox for everyone. I'm sure Willie is already eyeing up some future apprentices from this lot!



STAFFING UPDATE

Our Kererū Team Leader and teacher Jess Richards has accepted another job opportunity in a Wellington school. Congratulations Jess, we wish you all the best for the next step in your career.

I am pleased to announce we have appointed two experienced teachers to replace Jess and Charlie Parsons in 2023:

- **Lisa Allen** is returning to Muritai after close to five years working at Wellesley College. Many of you may remember Lisa as she has a long history of working at Muritai School working in several areas of the school from Year 5-8 and also in our Learning Support team. Lisa has strengths in The Arts, Structured Literacy and Inclusive Education.
- **Phil Rodley** will be joining the team from Cashmere Ave School. Phil is currently the Associate Principal at Cashmere Ave and has been so for many years but is looking at having a break from leadership to focus on the classroom. Phil has strengths in Maths, PE & Sport and EOTC.

With all our full time teaching positions confirmed, I can now confirm the learning teams structure for 2023. We are so pleased to have such a talented group of teachers working at our kura next year!

Kōrora Team	Tūi Team	Kererū Team	Kāhu Team
DP: Maureen Buckley Nicolette Fisher Nadia Henderson Emma Gill Sheldon Wilson Gabrielle Health	AP: Jamie Power Kate McLean Elena Furlong Carly Stanford	TL: TBC Holli Williams Lisa Allen Phil Rodley Carmen MacDonald	AP: Jon Mackie Kea Martiz Amy Newman Max McAlpine
Felicity Lovell (Transition Teacher)	Jess Davidson (Release teacher)	Hilary Bevin (Release Teacher)	Eve Owen (Release Teacher)

Brenda Nisbitt is also returning in 2023 to provide learning support across the school.

With classroom teachers confirmed we are in the final stages of confirming the class lists for 2023. In the last week of the term, students will have the opportunity to meet their class and teacher for the new year. It is also great to meet the people they will be working closely with for the year ahead!

CONGRATULATIONS

This week our staff had a special celebration to congratulate Sophie Bence and Charlie Parsons who have completed their two years of provisional teaching and are now fully registered teachers! We are so proud of these two teachers. Starting your teaching career over the past couple of years has added extra challenges with Covid so we commend you on your dedication and commitment to the teaching profession!



THE FINAL 3 WEEKS OF THE YEAR...

School life always starts to get busy in the lead up to the end of the year. Make sure you keep across all the comings and goings by keeping up to date with our school calendar and email updates that are coming home. All the classes will be commencing swimming lessons at the local pool from next week along with several EOTC experiences either outside or within school. It will be important to ensure your child is prepared for these experiences with the appropriate gear and plenty of food and water to keep their energy running! Plenty of sleep will also be an essential factor for success too!

PRINCIPAL AWARDS - Term 4 Week 5

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

Room 1	Quinn Laurenson, Jack Dawson
Room 2	Lula Bates, Dylan Hayward
Room 3	Josh Fanning, Charlotte Ashe
Room 5	Eva Te Whata, Marlin Kvale
Room 6	Eva Christensen, Levi McLeod
Room 7	Taj Morwood, Arlo Andrew
Room 8	Orion Cummings, Michaela Carrington-Hector
Room 9	Daniel Tucker, Julia McKay
Room 10	Stirling Tito, Honor Velvin
Room 13	Poppy Bonifant, Cooper Pitt
Room 14	Eve Wyatt, Darlene Smith
Room 15	Lucas Langlands, Betty McDonald
Room 21	Isaac Beckett, Alfie Clench
Room 22	Mason Kereopa, Guy Marshall
Room 23	Olivia Hallam, Zoey Ramones



At each of our assemblies, four children receiving Awards will be picked out of the hat to have a fish and chip lunch with me. The lucky four at this assembly were: Olivia Hallam, Isaac Beckett, Orion Cummings, Cooper Pitt.

What a treat it was to have lunch with this awesome bunch of students yesterday!

Ngā mihi nui
Stu Devenport, Principal





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TENNIS

Stirling Tito had an awesome day of tennis last week, taking out 3rd place in the Central Region Primary school championship in Palmerston North.

He beat the much higher ranked 2nd seed 4-0 4-1 to get into the semis and just missed out on getting into the final, going down in a super tie break against the 3rd seed who went on to win the tournament.

The standard was incredibly high and so were the temperatures on court - he did a fantastic job and represented Muritai School like a champion.

Next up, Stirling has just been selected to represent Hutt Valley Tennis in the annual Bob Brown Rosebowl match against Wellington on December 4. Game on!

NETBALL MENTORING



This term, we have been trialling a mentoring program where Kāhu students connect with our younger learners and teach them about a particular sport. Isla Gellatly,

Elodie Dent and I have taken on a co-coaching role for Kororā's Muritai Flyers Netball Team. Every Friday this term, Elodie and Isla have held 15 minute long sessions, where the children can have fun while being active with their friends. The girls focus on teaching body control, ball skills and how to have fun as part of a team. These

sessions are open to any Kororā children wanting to join and will continue to run for the remainder of the term.

A big thank you to Charlotte Claridge, AJ Durant and Molly Carroll who have also contributed to various sessions, and a huge well done to those Kororā children who come along and always give their best effort!

Mrs Maritz



MURITAI MARKET DAY

Wow - what a day for our Muritai Market day. Our Kapa Haka rōpū gave a great performance to open the Market day. Thank you to everyone who took the time to come down and join in with the market and make it such a special day for all our tamariki.



Important Dates	
Date	Event
27 Nov	Community Carols at 1.30
28 Nov	Swimming Starts
28 Nov	Y7 Adrenaline Forest and Pools
29 Nov	Inter-zone Athletics
30 Nov	BOT meeting at 6.30 pm
1 Dec	Kererū Triathlon and Picnic
1 Dec	Starting School at 5 (7.30pm)
2 Dec	Kororā Fun Swimming and Beach Day
2 Dec	Kererū Assembly
6 Dec	Kororā Athletics practice on the field
6 Dec	Regional Athletics
6 Dec	Road Patrollers Pool Party
6-9 Dec	Year 8 Camp at Forest Lakes
8 Dec	Kororā Bush Walk
7 Dec	Year 7's at Capital E
9 Dec	Year 7 Pool and Park day
9 Dec	Tui Park and Pool day
12 Dec	Kororā Wheels Day
13 Dec	Kererū Days Bay Day
13 Dec	Tui Wet and Connect Day
13 Dec	Year 8 Formal
15 Dec	Last day of the year - finishes at 1pm

School Dates for 2023:

Term 1	Wednesday 1 February to Thursday 6 April
Term 2	Monday 24 April to Friday 30 June
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
Monday, 5 June:	King's Birthday
Friday, 14 July:	Matariki
Monday, 23 October:	Labour Day

El Rancho

Kereru Syndicate had an awesome day camp at El Rancho on Monday. Students were able to choose a range of activities to complete on the day. Some favorites were: soft archery, the swimming pool, the water slide, kayaking in the rain, the very muddy burma trail, rock climbing and horse riding. It was a great day despite some afternoon rain and a bus break down. Thanks to all the teachers and parents who helped on the day!

Room 11 have written some poems this week to describe a place or moment from the day, we hope you enjoy!

Crates sliding on top of each other going higher
and higher and then crash they all fell down
When they fell it felt like I was going to splat on the
floor, but then I didn't
I was suspended mid air and softly floated to the
ground
Before I knew it my harness was off
By Gabe

The rain still coming down
Children playing outside
A wall waiting for a climber to climb
A belt like a strap around my waist, I hesitate, the
others have already started to climb
I try to step forward but my legs won't let me, my
arms reach out, they clasp around the first few
grips, I can do it!
By Danika

I waited patiently, nervous and excited
The line slowly moving, they were speeding down
I stood watching until my friend Tom went down
It was time
I jumped in and went, closing my eyes until I
smashed into water
It was freezing but really fun
By Cooper

Mud tickles my toes as we crawl camo style through
the mud
Kid's screaming "I'm having fun!"
Darkness everywhere as the soft fabric pressed my
nose
By Freddy

Children bobbed up and down like buoys in the tide
smiling as if the rain clouds had rolled away to
reveal the glimmering sun
A rush of cold water swallows me

My smile grows as I realize I am doing it,
conquering my fear.

By Isla

My heart beat speed increasing thud, thud
thudding in my chest as I wait in the long long line
listening to the other kids scream with joy as they
slide smoothly down the big long waterslide
As the line gets smaller I get more and more
excited

Finally this was my chance

I sat on the wet slippery slide pushing on the sides
with my hands swoosh, I was off, zooming as fast
as lightening

Down, down, down I went

Suddenly I was stopped by the big puddle of water
at the bottom.

I pull my drenched head out of the water

My smile as big as a rainbow

By Emmy

Black Ferns Writing by 9

Black Ferns

All the players dart across the field.

People cheer like a war cry till their throats hurt.

I cling to my neighbour's shoulder till it turns
red.

The smell of fresh face paint of black and
white wafts through the air.

But all of this is worth it.

...at last, victory!

By Elsie Room 9

Black Ferns

I sit down with my soda, my heart skipping a beat
waiting for the game to begin.

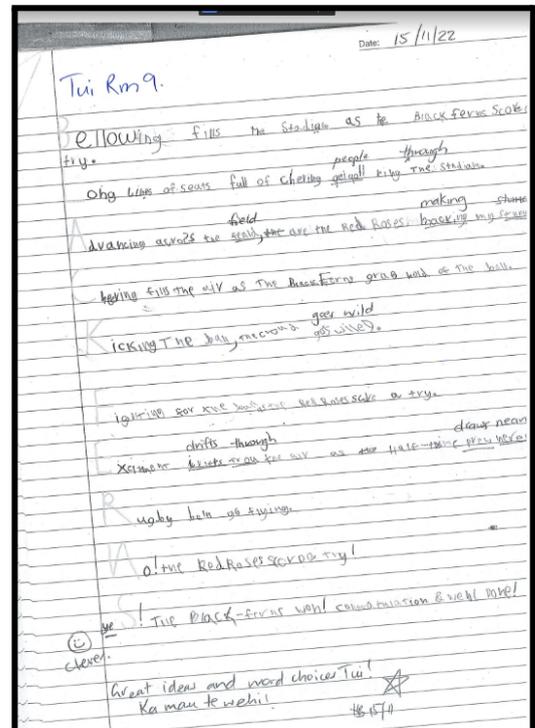
The smell of sweet churros and hotdogs invades
my nose.

I take a bite of my donut and my mouth waters
over the vanilla glaze and the tangy cherry center.

Clouds lie in the aquamarine sky.

The cheering of the crowd echos and the Black
Ferns win their first try.

By Eirinn Room 9



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.



Eastbourne Swim Club will be back on 1 December!

Now is the time we start getting organised behind the scenes before the Eastbourne summer pool opens on 26 November. The Eastbourne Swim Club runs affordable lessons for children aged 4.5 - 12 years on Thursdays during the summer terms. It is a local club run by a committee made up of volunteer parents. The volunteers have tasks and roles shared between them. It is a great part of the community's summer calendar and a wonderful way to enjoy the best of our summer evenings as a community.

We are experiencing a record number of registrations which is super fantastic and means we need coaches!! Our coaches include past and previous swimmers who are parents or teenagers 14 years old and above. Coaches are both in the water and poolside. If you'd like to get involved we'd love to hear from you!

Most of our classes are full, but we do have some spaces left in level 1, 4, 5 and 6 (Level 1 is beginner, 6 more squad style training).

For enrolment or coaching roles please get in touch via the email: eastbourneswimclub@gmail.com

The last order of the year, Issue eight of the Scholastic Lucky Book Club, for 2022, is now available. Orders will be closing at Noon on Friday the 25th November. 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.

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.

KIDS
Christmas Sewing Classes

19TH NOV - 21ST DEC

AGES 7-14

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9 Burrows Avenue, Karori, WGTN

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CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT GALA
6 RAILWAY AVE, ALICETOWN
FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER, 4 - 7PM

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT SHOWCASING OUR SCHOOL & LOCAL COMMUNITY
DELICIOUS HOT FOOD AND TREATS | FANTASTIC RAFFLES AND PRIZES
MARKET STALLS FROM LOCAL ARTISTS | A WIDE RANGE OF FUN FAMILY ACTIVITIES
PLUS STALLS HOSTED BY OUR VERY OWN STUDENTS

Hutt Central School Christmas Twilight Gala