



Muritai Beacon

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

Rāmere 21 o Hui-tanguru,

Kia ora koutou,

It is wonderful to see our classes across the school settled into the term now, making the most of the learning opportunities on offer. We are impressed with the smooth transition the students have made into their new classrooms, in particular our Year 3, Year 5 and Year 7 students moving to a new syndicate. It is great to see them step up to different challenges and expectations.

Yesterday I had the pleasure of meeting the Year 8 students who expressed an interest in Head Student roles for 2025. This year we have 24 Year 8s put their hand up to take on the challenge - what a remarkable bunch of rangatahi! What impressed me the most was their ability to articulate the skills set they could offer and their willingness to give back to the school. Our Senior Leadership team has a tough decision ahead of us, narrowing down our selection out of such an impressive group. Watch this space for the announcement later next week!

Classes across the school have been enjoying visiting Harold the giraffe in the Life Education bus over the past couple of weeks. Each syndicate has had a different Health focus; from Change, Feelings and Digital Safety. We had a special surprise with Harold jumping out his van today and joining in the fun in the playground!

Down at the other end of the school, our Kororā syndicate hosted our first school assembly of the year last week. In attendance were some special visitors, Lisa & Bodhi from Tupua Horo Nuku who joined us to unveil the new signs the students from Kororā '24 created with the help of a past Muritai student, Hazel Devenport. The signs were created as part of the student's inquiry into beach life in Eastbourne last year.

The signs will soon be installed by the Eastbourne RSA to remind the public we share the space with our little kororā friends from the sea. Tino rawe!



Speaking of Tupua Horo Nuku, this coming Sunday Muritai students are welcome to join us at Whiorau Reserve in Lowry Bay at 9.45am to celebrate the half-way point of the shared pathway construction. Our students have been invited to support the speakers with waiata for this event. A notice has gone out today via our app with further information. Please complete the google form attached to this notice if you would like your child to be involved.

It will be a busy day this Sunday, as our Home and School Team will also be hosting the annual Car Boot Sale on the school grounds. This will be a great opportunity to collect some bargains and tasty treats. Make sure you come down to show your support!

Well done to everyone who represented us at Sladden Park for the Non-stop Cricket tournament on Thursday. A big thanks to all the parents who helped out with transport too!

Attendance

Many of you will be aware that one of the Government’s priorities is to improve student attendance rates nationwide. All schools are required to implement the Stepped Attendance Response (STAR) to track attendance from the start of the year. Our goal is to have 80% of students attend regularly, that is to attend school more than 90% of the time.

A MURITAI SCHOOL HOME & SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2025*

10:00AM - 1:00PM

MURITAI SCHOOL, EASTBOURNE

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED MORNING OF BUYING AND SELLING!

Grab a coffee, sausage sizzle or candy floss and browse the 40 odd vendors selling an eclectic mix of preloved goods - you name it, someone is likely selling it!

Free entry and plenty of street parking around the school. Please bring cash and your own bags!

Raffle with amazing prizes from local businesses!

Come and support the school and score some bargains!

To register for a spot email muritaihomeandschool@gmail.com.

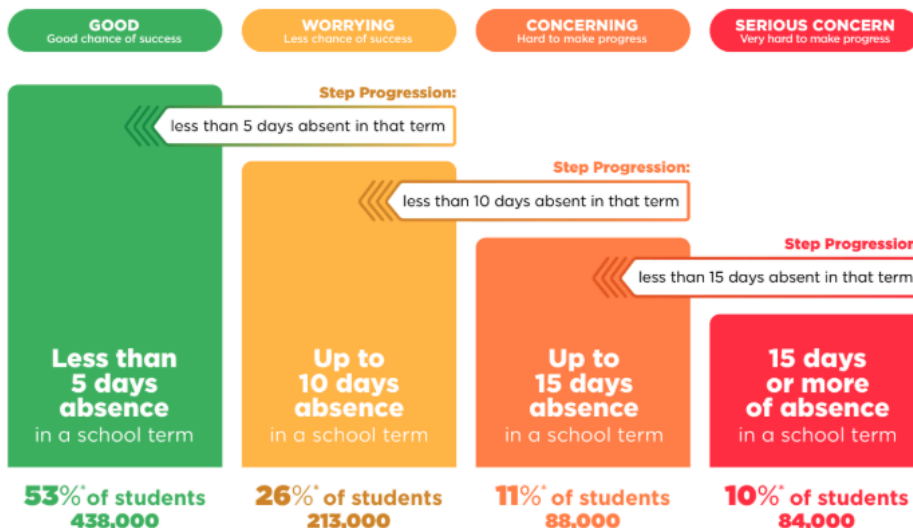
*Postponement day Sunday 2 March

Stepped Attendance Response – STAR

Responding to all absences



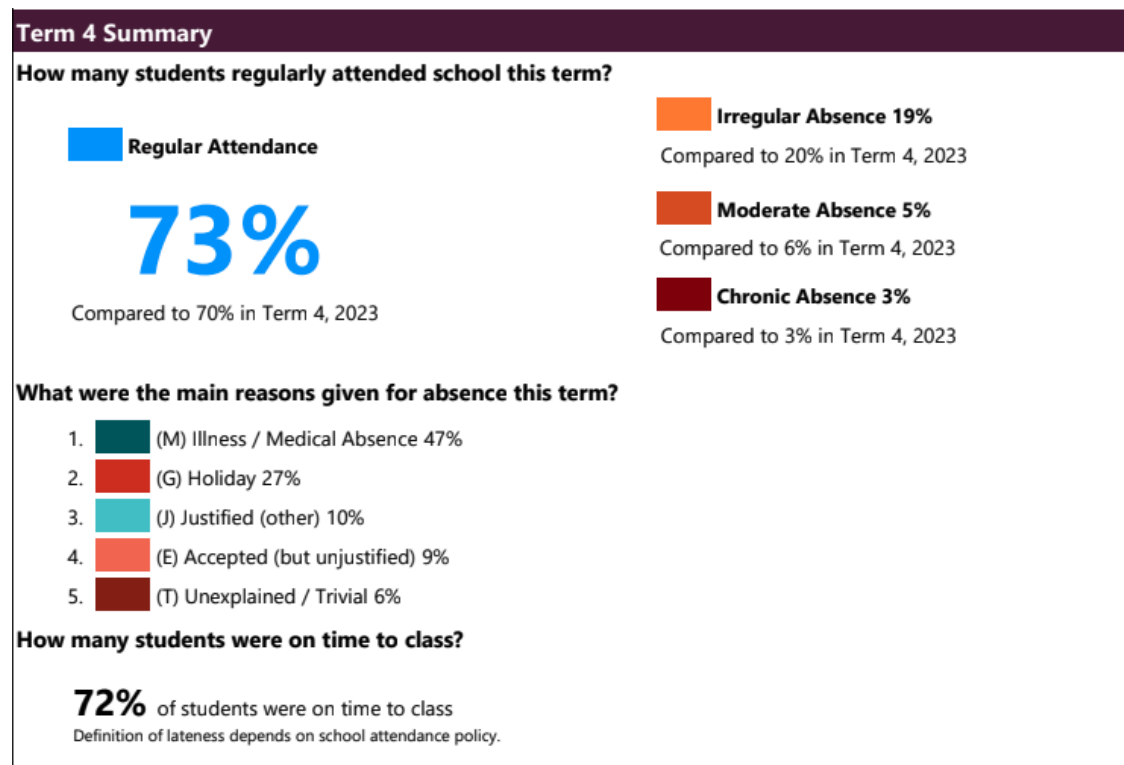
The Government’s target is for **80% of students to attend regularly**, that is to attend school more than **90% of the time**.



* These approximate numbers of students are based on the numbers of students in the regular attendance categories in Term 2 2024.

In Term 4, 2024 we were close to reaching this target, with 73% of students attending regularly. This is pleasing but there is clearly room for improvement. We also have some work to do around arriving at school on time. We will be tracking our progress closely throughout the year and connecting with whānau that may require support in improving attendance.

Muritai School Attendance data for Term 4, 2024



Rob Cope Cyber Safety

Thank you to everyone who attended our Cyber Safety Parent Evening with Rob Cope last night - we had close to 120 attend! It was confronting, entertaining, but most of all, informative. I hope it provided you with an opportunity to reflect on the impact of screen time in all our lives. It is an incredibly complex world to navigate, but the key message for me as a parent was the importance of taking control, taking the lead in your child's screen consumption, and setting consistent boundaries. Rob has provided you with many useful tools, which are free for you to access. He will also be providing us with resources for the senior classrooms, along with regular tips we can share with you to support your efforts at home.

My other suggestion for those who attended last night, make sure to spread the word to others in the community so we can perhaps have a shared approach to tackling this.

Missed Rob's Talk? Watch the Video Version!

For parents who couldn't attend Rob's in-person session, the video version of his talk is included in the Informed and Empowered programme. Many schools have seen over 90% parent participation by offering sessions at different times (e.g., 3 PM and 6 PM over a couple of evenings).

Every parent who attends a video session will receive a free 12-month subscription to Parenting in an Online World 101 (normally \$99 per family!).

Ngā mihi nui,
Stu Devenport



We have lots of lost property already from the first couple of weeks of school. To help us reunite items with children,

can you please put names in your children's clothes, hats on their lunch boxes, etc.

Anything named is given back to the child.

Lost property is under the stairs leading up to Room 12. Feel free to go check for anything your child/ren has lost.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS - Term 1 Week 2



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

Thomas Fleming, Pia Ludbrook	Room 1
Anja Kendall, Ari Ryburn	Room 2
Leo Moodie, Mia Mason	Room 4
Fintan DiCaprio, Sophie Peterson	Room 5
Hendrix Vincent, Pippa Salmon	Room 6
Ondine Lidgard, Theo Morwood	Room 8
Denver Gilbert, Poppy Bonifant	Room 9
Mae South, Harri Hayes	Room 10
Ischia Wong, Eva Te Whata	Room 11
Joshua Grigg, Lula Bates	Room 12
Ari Dewilde, Olivia Drummond, Rohan Bailey Rotman, Dylan Hayward	Room 13
Sebastian Hill, Olivia Haidon	Room 15
Ryder Parris, Maggie Fahey	Room 16
Tui Jensen, Arabella Hill	Room 21
Jonny Claridge, Emreis Armstrong	Room 22
Hudson Bodden, Lucia Lovell	Room 23

The following children will be having a Fish & Chips lunch with Mr Devenport soon: Olivia Haidon, Ari Dewilde, Ryder Parris, Anja Kendall



We are holding a sausage sizzle at the Car Boot Sale and as part of our sausage sizzle sponsorship agreement with Hellers for schools we needed to make a banner that will be displayed on Sunday at the car boot sale. Thanks to these keen artists for our wonderful sign - Zen Dewilde, Quinn Forde and Mana McCabe de la Pena. They did an amazing job!

Important Dates	
Date	Event
20 Feb	Rob Cope Cyber Safety Evening at 7pm-9pm
26 Feb	BOT meeting 6.30-9pm
28 Feb	Whole school assembly led by Kererū
3 Mar	Road Patrol Refresher 9.30-11.30
12 Mar	Mihi Whakatau
14 Mar	Year 4-8 Swimming Sports
17-18 Mar	Sue Allman Photos - whole school
26-28 Mar	Kererū Camp Makahika
2 Apr	BOT meeting 6.30-9pm
10 Apr	Last day of term for students
11 Apr	Teacher Only Day and our last day of Term 1

2025 Term Dates

Term 1 Tuesday 4 February - Friday 11 April

Term 2 Monday 28 April - Friday 27 June

Term 3 Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September

Term 4 Monday 6 October - Wednesday 17 December

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 Football Club

Registrations are open for 2025.





Returning Members - check your email for your 2025 registration form OR visit website.

New Members Welcome – For all the info you need head to the registration page on our website:
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/eastbourneafc/registrations-2025>

Or have a chat with the relevant Convenors:
 George for Juniors / Scarlett for Women / Dazza for Masters.
 Contact them via Eastbournefootballclub@gmail.com


Be Part of our Fun, Friendly, Cool, Community Eastbourne Football Club

Learn To Sail 2024 - Muritai Yacht Club

Starts 10 February
 Mondays 4:30-7pm | Ages 9 - 15
 10 week course | \$350 includes MYC membership


WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?
 How to sail your own dinghy! Have fun on the water! Learn how to go fast! Sail to an island! Race with your friends!
 Level 1 Sailing skills including a Yachting NZ Certificate

WHAT DO WE PROVIDE?
 Club boats – Optimists and RS Fevas
 Great Yachting NZ qualified coaches
FUN!



FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION OR ANY QUESTIONS
 Contact the Junior Bosun - Daniel Benton
juniors.myc@gmail.com or 022 477 6394

WHERE TO AFTER THE COURSE?
 Keep sailing with us!
 • Regular Junior Sailing on Mondays
 • Club racing on Saturdays



FUN French for children!

Boost your child's brainpower!

FUN French language class for primary ages lessons after School in Eastbourne on Tuesdays starting T1 2025

Lessons in the village
 After school pick up available











For more information message me, Steff on 021 178 2099 or email me stef@lcclubs.co.nz

EPUNI SCHOOL

TWILIGHT GALA

Friday 7th March 2025
 4 - 7.30 pm
 313 Waiwhetu Rd, Fairfield

**FOOD
GAMES
STALLS**

Fun for the whole family



Butterfly Creek Theatre Troupe are performing Shakespeare's Richard 111 this March at Muritai school.

Thursday 6 March - Saturday 8 March 7.30pm.
 Thursday 13 March -Saturday 15 March 7.30pm.

Tickets for BOTH Thursday nights are being offered FREE to school staff.
 Just email bctt.org.nz@gmail.com to get your ticket.
 Gather a group and come see some great talent perform this fast paced, entertaining play. Full of betrayal, power struggles, villainy, with some great humour thrown in...
 (It's also been shortened so not the full length original).

For those staff bringing a friend/ family member go to Eventfinda for extra tickets.

Any queries text Nicola 0211890661.