



Muritai Beacon

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

Rāmere 7 o Poutū-te-rangi,

Kia ora koutou Muritai whānau,

It's hard to believe we are already halfway through Term 1. The classes are well and truly full steam into the learning programmes now. With our swimming programme and Life Education visits concluded, the classes are diving deep into the academic learning with solid classroom routines now in place.

Before I get into my own newsletter blurb, I'd like to draw your attention to a new feature of our newsletter. Further down, you'll find some amazing writing from some of our students who have written recounts of recent happenings from student life around our kura. We hope to have our tamariki continuing to contribute to the newsletter throughout the year, showcasing the many highlights at Muritai. Make sure you check it out further down!

At our assembly last week we announced our Year 8 Head Students for 2025. Congratulations to Lucy Sherwin and Theo Longson who are our Head students. Supporting them as Deputy Heads are Anges Noergaard and Alfie Orbell. This was a very difficult decision for our Senior Leadership Team to make as there were many outstanding Year 8 candidates for these roles. What impressed us the most about these students was their proven track record over their time at Muritai, their clear passion for the role and their dedication to wanting to give back to their school. We look forward to them leading the student group and working alongside our Leadership Team for the year ahead. We are also incredibly excited to see the strong group of Year 8s that have been selected for other leadership roles for 2025. Their passion for these specific roles will be well utilised, I'm sure! Check out all the roles that were awarded further down the newsletter.



It was great to pop down to the Eastbourne pool last week to see Kororā and Tūi host their swimming festivals, demonstrating their great swimming abilities and water confidence. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support too! Next Friday it is Kererū and Kāhu's turn at the brand new Naenae Pool - Te Ngaengae. Once again, we welcome parents to come along to show their support.

We are officially in the Movin' March zone, where we are encouraging active transportation to and from school each day. It is great to see the bike and scooter racks overflowing with wheels! Our Kahū students will be out on the gates, stamping passports for active travellers every day this month.

A gentle reminder, please remind your child to dismount from their bike/scooter once they come into the school gates. This is especially important at the pick up times at the end of the day - no biking or scooting in the school grounds during these times as it is always a busy place with pedestrians (including toddlers) heading in all directions.

Last week our Kāhu students completed their 1st round of Technology at Wainuiomata. This is an exciting change from previous years as rather than going once a week for 90 minutes, they have 4 full days for a week. This gives them the opportunity to really deep dive into their learning in a particular subject. Science, Drama, Food Technology, Hard Materials, Art and Music are all on offer. For more information on this exciting programme, see below.

The Sunday before last was a busy one for many in the Muritai community. Firstly our wonderful Home and School team hosted our second annual Car Boot Sale at school. It was a wonderful atmosphere and raised \$3,300 for the school! Special thanks to the local businesses that donated goods and services to the raffle and sausage sizzle: Eastbourne Four Square, Goldie Home Store, Pause Yoga, Wildfinder, Pics Peanut Butter, Jules Bailey-Rotman at Just Paterson, Tartines and Burger Fuel Lower Hutt.

Also on Sunday, we had a large group of students who joined the midway celebrations of Tupua Horo Nuku at Whiorau Reserve. Our tamariki once again represented our kura with pride, supporting the speakers through waiata. They also had the opportunity to try e-bikes and grab a free sausage on the day!

Our Junior block refurbishment is progressing well. All the roofing work is now completed and most of the exterior remediation has been completed. We are looking forward to seeing new floor coverings and cabinetry being installed in the learning spaces soon. The contractors are currently on track for finishing at the beginning of Term 2.

Well done to everyone who took part in the annual Wharf to Wharf Swim last weekend - I'm aware of many students and staff that competed. A special congratulations to Cashel Cross who was the 1st Local Junior Girl. Ka pai!



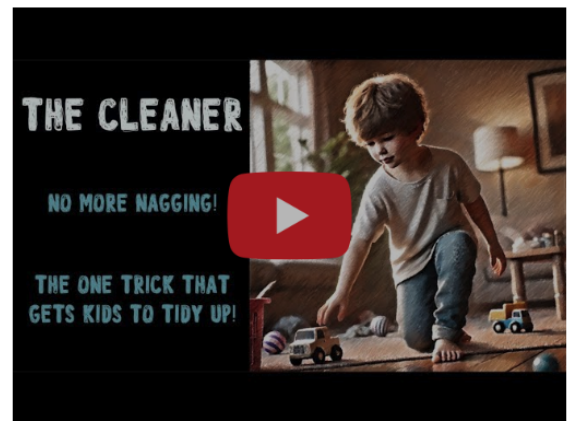
Rob Cope - 2 minute Tuesday Parent Video

The One Trick That Gets Kids to Tidy Up—No More Nagging!

Parenting is hard enough—we don't need to make it harder by constantly chasing our kids to tidy up. The endless reminders, the pushback, the frustration... it's exhausting. But what if there was a way to make tidying up effortless? There's one simple trick that makes tidying easy—no more nagging, no more battles!

Click below to watch:

https://youtu.be/HO7_S3Hj3tQ



Year 8 Student Leaders for 2025.

Congratulations to the following Year 8 students who have been selected for leadership roles for the year ahead! Our Art Ambassadors are still to be confirmed.

Head Students 2025	
Head: Theo Longson	Head: Lucy Shewin
Deputy: Alfie Orbell	Deputy: Agnes Noergaard

Learning ambassadors		
Lucy Sherwin Agnes Noergaard Alfie Orbell	Theo Longson Delon Perera Flora Noergaard	Leila Grenside Liliana Hilton Sofia Water

Sports Ambassadors - Year 8		
Tess McIntosh Flora Noergaard Zen Dewilde Jonny Claridge	Georgie Gellatly Ollie Lamb Delon Perera	Florence Ashby Sofia Water Tiago Meikle Rodriguez Tino Wong

House Captains - Year 8			
Cooke	Sanson	King	Charters
Georgie Gellatly Jonny Claridge	Lily Cathie Delon Perera	Florence Ashby Liliana Hilton	Zara Renner Xolani Lynskey

Assembly Setup - 7 and 8		
Sam Dawson (Captain/Coordinator)	Barney Bourke Neo Dean	Alfie Orbell Freddie Gulliver

Charity Ambassadors - Year 8		
Lily Cathie Liliana Hilton Poppy Kvale Freda Amati	Ivy Levine Lara Corsi Dylan Zang Arabella Hill	Ivy Jurgens Imogen Rand Florence Ashby Mila Kereopa

Enviro Ambassadors - Year 8		
Zen Dewilde Leila Grenside Tui Jensen	Julia McKay Mana McCabe Barney Bourke Neo Dean	Moritz Seiler Danika Stephenson Zach O'Neale

Muritai Media Ambassadors- Year 8 - Sports and events media - Muritai Memories		
Barney Bourke C Poppy Kvale Sofia Water	Zen Dewilde Mana McCabe Ivy Jurgens	Arabella Hill Isla Warnes-A'Court Leila Grenside

Tech/AV ambassadors	Assembly Ambassadors	Kapa Haka Ambassadors
Moritz Seiler Freddie Gulliver Dylan Zang Barney Bourke	Olive Day Ashley Caudwell Mila Kereopa Julia McKay Lara Corsi Arabella Hill Freda Amati	Theo Longson Olive Day Zara Renner Isla Warnes-A'Court Mila Kareopa

Ngā mihi nui,
Stu Devenport

MURITAI MEMORIES

WEEK 5 TERM 1 2025

DAYS BAY PICNIC 2025 BY LILY AND OLIVE

At the end of the first week of school the whole school walked down to Days Bay for a picnic and fun! We walked down with our buddies, it was fun to meet them. When we got there we paddled up to our knees. The big Kahu kids jumped off the wharf. Kids looked for shells and made sand castles on the beach. Everyone played games on the field then had morning tea together. The Tūi kids did the fairy door walk up the hill. Then we had to walk all the way back to Muritai School. I was holding my drink bottle the whole way back. The wind came and had a chilly breeze. It was so fun and we cant wait for next year.



STAFF BIO - SHERRIL PALMER

Kia ora, my name is Sherril Palmer. I am the new Learning Support Teacher at Muritai School. I work Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings supporting students across the school.

I have a wealth of knowledge and experience teaching and adapting programmes for students, of all year levels, who find learning and the classroom environment difficult. If you have any questions or would like to meet me, please email and I will make a time either before school or after 12.30 to meet.



SELF PORTRAITS BY DYLAN

To start the year all of the classes are making self portraits of themselves. Children are using paint, pastel, pencils and digital art tools to make some incredible art work!. Come in to class and enjoy seeing the beautiful art!



FORTS BY BETTY

In Kahu we have a bush up on our side of the school, it's a great home for trees and bugs, but also great for building forts. First we choose a clearing that we think is good for a fort, then we ask Mr Mackie for a tarp for a roof and finally we find some material to put in the fort and around it. Every year we get to make these amazing forts, we love the area and we get so much joy out of it.

SEE ROOM 21s PHOTO COMP



MURITAI SCHOOL CLUBS

Each week we have a range of CLUBS that children can choose to attend during their lunchtimes. On Monday we have board games, chess and cards, on Tuesday we have Lego, on Wednesday we have arts and crafts, on Thursday we have card/collectable trading and on Friday we have enviro. The kids love to attend these and take part in their passions outside of the classroom. These are open for our Year 0 - Year 8 children, so there is always a wonderful mix of Muritai children!



BE KIND RESPECTFUL RESILIENT TOGETHER - EXPLORE CONNECT CONTRIBUTE



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

- Term 1 Week 4

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



Please name all your children's property as we still have lots of lost items - anything named is given back to the child. Please

ask your child to check lost property to see if there is anything belonging to them.

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

Rio Horsley, Matteo Wilson	Room 1
Jay Morwood, Jed Spicer	Room 2
Kai Dean, Ayla Andressend	Room 4
Olive Vaughan, Leo Sewell	Room 5
Theo Sauri, Charlotte Moore	Room 6
Marlin Kvale, Isaac Nicolls	Room 8
Romeo Meyer Westfeld, Eva Richards	Room 9
Emily Russell, Zoe Cornforth McGregor	Room 10
Sophie Bleier, Rhyan Hoy	Room 11
Charley Shields, George Coppell	Room 12
Tess Thomas, Freda McDonald	Room 13
Tom Davis, Max Fieldes De Castro	Room 15
Liam Ferns, Maggie Fahey	Room 16
Toby Frances Moore, Lily Cathie	Room 21
Olive Day, Delon Perera	Room 22
Tayla Machet, Zen Dewilde	Room 23

The following children will be having a Fish & Chips lunch with Mr Devenport soon: Evie Richards, Jed Spicer, Rio Horsley, Lily Cathie, Olivia Haidon, Ari Dewilde, Ryder Parris, Anja Kendall

Looking for a Fish Tank

Is there anyone out there who might have a spare fish tank for Room 2's frogs??

PMP Programme

During 2024 we were delighted to be able to run the PMP programme thanks to the great support from our wonderful helpers. This year we would love to open this up to all members of our school community as a way to connect with, and support, the youngest learners at our kura.

Please use this link to complete the google form if you are able to help us.

<https://forms.gle/MGj1eKBryDyyzo6K7>

Important Dates

Date	Event
11 Mar	Mihi Whakatau
14 Mar	Year 5-8 Swimming Sports
17-18 Mar	Sue Allman Photos - whole school
24 Mar	Pizza Monday
26-28 Mar	Kererū Camp Makahika
31 Mar	Pizza Monday
2 Apr	BOT meeting 6.30-9pm
7 Apr	Pizza Monday
8 Apr	Year 3-8 Cross Country
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 Junior Rugby

Registrations are now OPEN for 2025!

There are options for everyone!

Friday Night Pre-School Gold - Ages 3 - 5 years old
 Friday Night Rippa Rugby (Like touch but with tags) - School Years 3 - 8
 Saturday Morning Rippa Rugby - School Years 1 and 2
 Saturday Morning Tackle Rugby - School Years 3 - 8



Check out our website: www.eastbournerrugby.co.nz
 for more information
 or email Kirsty at eastbournerrugbynz@gmail.com

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