

**EBBETT PARK SCHOOL****EXCELLENCE, PRIDE & SPIRIT****Whats been Happening**

Last week we used our values lessons to focus on the theme 'Bully Free'. The students spent time identifying what the definition of a bully was and then how they can look after themselves and others if/when they see bullying happening. The key message was around a hurtful, mean and purposeful action being repeated and not a one off situation. The students are encouraged to use the **3 C's** when having to handle a bully:

**C = Cool.** Act like it doesn't bother you.

**C = Calm.** Suck in your emotions, don't use an angry or scared voice.

**C = Confident.** Stand up, lift your head up and look the bully in the eye, hold your hand or hands up and say..."Whatever" and walk away.

And Talk to a trusted adult/teacher/parent/friend about what is going on.

The students also got actively involved with an interactive online storybook that aims to teach children about empathy, acceptance and tolerance: Oat the Goat. It is a great interactive site that focuses on bullying. If you are interested in visiting the site the link is: <http://www.oatthegoat.co.nz/>



It was great to see the sea of PINK on Friday. A celebration of our learning.

**Seesaw**

A free app to access your students learning and experiences while at Ebbett Park School.

**ClassDojo**

A free app we use to reward students and an easy way to communicate with your child's teacher.

**Schoolstream**

A free app for us to share notices, for parents to sign permission slips and to inform us of your child's absence.

## Classroom Champions



Congratulations to last weeks classroom champions: Tiare, Kacius, Ekengarangi, Amelia Ngapine, Mar-Lee, James and Charkayla. They all had an awesome week working hard, showing the school values and making the most of the opportunities available to them.

## Something to Celebrate

Well done to Kaejen, Toni, Courtney, Saphire and Azlyn-Renee (absent for the photo) who all gained their violin licences last week. Very proud of them all.



## OPSM



You may not be aware but if you hold a Community Services Card you are in the position to use the Government fund Enable to cover the cost of your child's eye test and new glasses until they are 16 year old. This means that, in many cases, your children's eye care is free at OPSM.

## Community Notices

**Raureka Community hub** have a series of legal workshops available to our community. These workshops are free for those that wish to attend. They are all held at the Raureka Rangatahi Centre. The workshops run from 12midday - 2.30pm. A light lunch to start with is provided

The next work shop is: **Friday 8 June: Topic is Tenancy - landlord obligations and the tenants' rights, and the process in the beginning to the end.**

# DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 6: Monday 4th June - Queens Birthday (Long weekend)

Week 9: Thursday 28th June - Duffy Assembly

Week 10: Tuesday 3rd July - Year 3/4 Netball Season finishes

Thursday 5th July - Last day of term 2 for Ebbett Park School students

Friday 6th July - Teacher Only Day - Professional Development Day for Staff

(Please note: the Teacher only day at the end of this term will mean that our final day of school for the 2018 academic year will be: FRIDAY 14th December rather than Thursday 13th as previous planned)

## KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR OUR CHILDREN TO KNOW HOW TO IDENTIFY UNSAFE BEHAVIOUR AND WHAT TO DO IF THEY FEEL UNSAFE.

**Behaviour danger**  
Behaviour danger refers to suspicious behaviour that could make children feel uncomfortable, unsafe or scared. This can take a variety of forms and might be unwanted approaches, inappropriate touching, unwanted stares, or requests on social media for photos or personal information. Statistically, children are far more likely to suffer harm from people who are known to them. Police therefore encourage a behaviour-based discussion around keeping children safe. This means focussing on the **behaviours** and **actions** that are inappropriate, rather than the **types of people** that could cause harm. Children should be encouraged to trust their 'gut instinct' and take action if they feel like something is not quite right.

**Advice for families, whānau and caregivers**

- Have discussions with your children about identifying and reporting unsafe behaviour
- Teach your child how to get safely to and from school and other places they go
- Go to school with your child so you can show them the safest route
- Make clear rules about getting home. Make other arrangements if someone is away
- Teach your child to deal with hazards like narrow footpaths or busy roads
- Meet the parents of the children in your area and keep in touch. Make sure you know who your child walks home with
- Teach your child to walk home in pairs or small groups, not alone
- Encourage your child to take action when they feel uncomfortable, unsafe or scared. They may be able to talk to a trusted adult, a teacher or a Police officer
- Listen carefully to what your child is saying – take notice of anything that's unusual or out of the ordinary and discuss with your child what they can do if it happens again
- If you feel very uncomfortable with something, raise your concern with their teacher.

**Advice for kids**

- Trust your 'gut instinct'
- If you feel uncomfortable, remove yourself from the situation
- Tell someone if you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or scared
- If the first person doesn't help, keep trying until someone does.

If you see anything suspicious, don't hesitate to **call 111**

If you have any information which can assist Police, call or visit your nearest Police station.

0800 555 111  
**crimestoppers**  
speak up, it's anonymous

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