

EBBETT PARK SCHOOL**EXCELLENCE, PRIDE & SPIRIT**

Whats been Happening

As we have progressed through the term I have realised that I have not yet met some of you so I thought it might be an ideal time to introduce myself to those that I have not yet met and share a little about myself.

My name is Kate Medlicott. I have been in education for over 20 years now and have loved every minute of it. Before entering tertiary education I was fortunate enough to spend a year working in England at a girls' school just out side of Watford. This is where I developed my passion for teaching. I do come from a background in education, my mother was a teacher for many years at a high school in New Plymouth. My father was in medicine.

I have one sister who is younger than me and has her family in Wellington.

I have a daughter, her name is Izobelle but is better known as Belle. She is in her final year at primary school. This is the first time in her schooling that she has not been at school with me. I kept her at Mayfair School and I am enjoying having a very separate work and personal life in this regards.

Before taking on the principalship at Ebbett Park School I was DP at Mayfair School. I moved to Mayfair School from Tutira School where I was a first time principal. It was a lovely environment to get my 'teeth' into the job.

Prior to moving to Hawkes Bay I spent 10 years in Hamilton (I know! Please do not hold this against me). During my time there I was a classroom teacher, team leader and then specialist teacher and team leader of the technology department at Peachgrove Intermediate School. Before moving to 'The Bay' I had only ever taught at Intermediate Schools. The move to primary education has been both a challenge and enjoyable. It is such a lovely age to work with. Making a connection with students and families, I believe, is the key to great success both academically and personally.

In the six weeks that I have been at Ebbett Park School I have been over whelmed by the warm and welcoming atmosphere I have received. The students have been great, coming up and chatting with me, sharing their stories and telling me how they are going. We have great kids here and they



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.

are such a pleasure to see each day. This is credit to the wonderful staff and supporting whanau that we have in the community.

Thank you for entrusting your tamariki to me.

If, at any time, you have questions, concerns or would just like to say 'Hi' please feel free to do so.

Regards

Kate Medlicott

Classroom Champions

Congratulations to last weeks classroom champions: Starr, Zaiden, Aaria, Isabella, Jahzaeya and Hine. Last week this group of students showed focus, responsibility, academic improvement and hard work. Proud of you all



Principal's Award

Some of you may have noticed that the principal's award has been missing from the newsletter. This is because I have made a minor change to this. Rather than having a weekly selected student I am looking for 14 fabulous students to join me for a morning of fun at the end of term. This concept is called "The Fabulous 14". Two students from each class will be selected by their classroom teacher. It is a chance for students to be recognised for their hard work, work commitment/ethic, improvement and/or generally reliability. I am looking forward to our first 'Fabulous 14' session at the end of this term...so watch this space!

Reports and Interviews

With Hamish Dufty returning to the classroom this term I have pushed back the interview times until term 3. This will take place early in the term for those year 4, 5 and 6's. The other year levels should be seeing a report and having an interview at or around their anniversary date.

Policy/Procedure Review

It is that time of the term when we have a number of policies that need to be reviewed and we need your input in reviewing 'Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement'. We have this set up on school docs. If you have access to the internet please follow the directions below:

If parents/caregivers are involved in this review, send them the following instructions:

1. Visit the website <http://ebbettpark.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (ebbettpark) and password (eps).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

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.**



Thriving through Change, Challenge and Stress

RESILIENCE is the ability to bounce back and move forward from adversity, anxiety, trauma, loss and disappointment; and the intensity of just being, in today's world.

'Ultimately, RESILIENCE is going to be the only ability that counts.'

Parent Information Evening

In response to a request from school principals

6.30pm, Tuesday 12 June 2018

C3 Conference Centre, Southampton Street

(Opposite the stock yards)

Stortford Lodge, Hastings

Presenters:

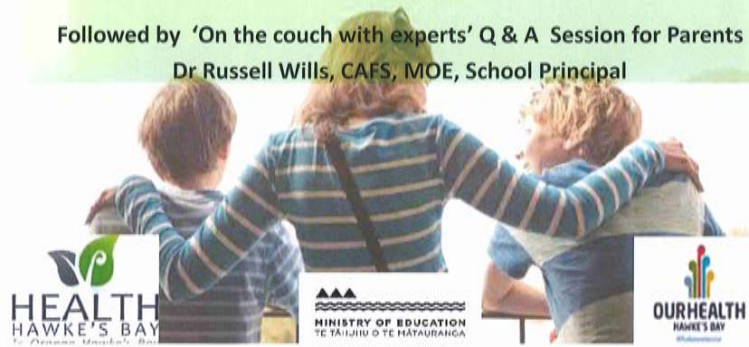
Anita Johansen - Clinical Psychologist

Edmond Otis - Health Educator & Licensed Psychotherapist

Followed by 'On the couch with experts' Q & A Session for Parents

Dr Russell Wills, CAFS, MOE, School Principal

There is no RSVP for this. There are 400 seats so it is in a first in first served basis. If you are interested in attending all that is required is to turn up on the night.



DATES TO REMEMBER

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

- Fabulous 14 Celebration Day

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)