

EBBETT PARK SCHOOL**EXCELLENCE, PRIDE & SPIRIT****What's been happening?**

This week we had a group of students start a number of different programmes.

The first was a group involved in working on a web-based literacy programme called 'Steps Web'. They have had support from RTLB and teacher assistants to get this up and running. The group loved working with the iPads and working through a programme that helps them develop confidence and ability in literacy.



The other programme was a group of 15 senior students working with a lovely lady Kristyl on the 'Confident Me' programme. These students are working on developing confidence in what they do and taking ownership of their own responses and feelings. It teaches them to rely on their own thoughts and teaches them to have faith in themselves. They are developing their own voice through drama and dance.

Tuakana Teina at its best!

I just had to share this with you all. I walked out to the playground on Wednesday last week and happened to look down the back driveway where the students all scooter. And what did I see?...Tuakana Teina at its very best! Our senior students riding rip-sticks with our Junior students. The smiles and joy from both was just gorgeous.

**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.

'We Feed Wednesday' continues to be a great success. **This week we will be having chicken and vegetable risotto.** Perhaps bring a spoon or fork to school would be a good idea for those that wish to eat this.

'Pizza Lunch' Camp Fundraising will be taking place every week this term. They happen on a **FRIDAY ONLY**. Order forms can be found at the back of each weeks newsletter. This can be paid by EFT POS if you would prefer.

Pending Union Strike

Information for school whānau

You may have heard that at Paid Union Meetings last month, primary principals and teachers voted overwhelmingly to reject the Ministry of Education's pay offer, as it did not address workload issues, extra learning support or ways to stem the growing crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

*At those meetings we voted to hold strike action on **Wednesday 15 August from 1.30pm**. Many of us felt that this action did not go far enough to show the Government the seriousness of the workload and underfunding we face in our schools.*

There was a strong groundswell for the strike action to run for the entire day, and our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, is now undertaking consultation with the membership on this possibility.

It appears that the strike will be for a full day rather than the afternoon as originally planned. We will advise the school community as soon as possible about what the final details are.

We appreciate the inconvenience of strike action on families, and our member teachers do not take the decision lightly. Primary teachers have not taken industrial action in New Zealand since 1994 and the fact that we are taking such a step shows the grave concerns we have for the future of quality public education if courageous steps are not taken now.

Classroom Champions



Well done to last week's classroom champions: Nia, Lilly-Rose, Jahzaeya, Tamati, Manaia and Jordan

A HUGE congratulations to these students that have had a great start to term 3 by living the Ebbett Park School values in every way.

'Keeping it Green' Assemblies

There is going to be 2 special assemblies this week to celebrate those students that kept their cards to green during last term. The senior classes (rooms 6, 7 and 8) will be having theirs on Tuesday at 12.00pm while the junior classes (rooms 2, 3, 4 and 5) will be having theirs on Wednesday at 12.00pm. Please feel free to join us.

School Wide Behaviour Focus

Week 3 Focus: We are learning to eat our food following the appropriate guidelines.

This may seem like a strange value to teach but with the change of eating time and everyone now eating as a class group it seems a great time to discuss why eating together is important. During the lessons this week the teachers will share this little bit of history: (<https://teara.govt.nz/en/eating>)

Sharing meals allows families to spend time together and children to learn good eating habits.

Hospitality – sharing meals and food with visitors – is a New Zealand tradition. Māori call it manaakitanga. In the early days of European settlement, accommodation and food were not always available, so it was expected that people would feed visitors.

Social events often involve eating – including morning and afternoon teas, dinner parties, picnics and, from the 1950s, barbecues.

Māori held hākari (feasts) to mark important events, and 19th-century Pākehā had formal public dinners to celebrate people and events. People from other ethnic cultures share traditional foods on special occasions.



REDUCING SCREEN TIME

Sitting and watching screens for long periods contribute to poorer health outcomes for children. We encourage active play including eye-tracking activities.



Here are some tips to limit screen time:

- ★ Discourage screen time for under-2s and limit screen time to less than one hour every day for children aged two years or older – less is best!
- ★ Provide regular activity breaks to limit the amount of time a child spends sitting
- ★ Be a role model by reducing your own screen use
- ★ Replace TV time with reading time, story time or doing jigsaw puzzles together
- ★ Eye-tracking activities e.g. bubbles or ball play
- ★ Do not have screens in any bedrooms
- ★ Store DVDs, consoles, tablets and electronic games out of sight
- ★ Include plenty of opportunities for active play – both inside and outside
- ★ Alternative activities to the screen should be fun, engaging and challenging.

For more information, visit heartfoundation.org.nz

DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 3:

Tuesday 7th - Thursday 9th August: Interviews for senior rooms 3 -5pm over these 3 days.

Friday 10th August - session 1/4 tennis (seniors)

Week 4: Wednesday 15th August: Proposed teacher strike (More details to come)

Friday 17th August - Session 2/4 tennis (seniors)

Week 5: Monday 20th August - Y6 students to Heretaunga Intermediate School

Tuesday 21st August - Y6 students to Hastings Intermediate School

Thursday 23rd August - Y5/6 Netball season ends

- Hastings Intermediate Open Evening 6.30pm start.

Friday 24th August - session 3/4 tennis (seniors)

Week 6: Wednesday 29th August: Heretaunga Intermediate Open Evening 6.00pm start.

Friday 31st August - session 4/4 tennis (seniors)

Week 7: SENIOR CAMP - Room 8: Monday - Wednesday/Room 7: Wednesday - Friday

Pizza Fundraiser

To raise funds for Rooms 7 & 8 children to go to camp, we will be having pizza lunches on Fridays in Term 3 until they go to camp.

All classes can order a slice of ham and cheese pizza for **\$2 per slice**.

Money and orders can be brought to the office during the week but ***must be in by 9am on Friday.***

Pizza Orders

Name: _____ . Rm _____ Quantity _____

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