

EBBETT PARK SCHOOL**EXCELLENCE, PRIDE & SPIRIT****THINGS TO NOTE****Care for each other**

Given the recent events in Christchurch we are going to have to be aware of how everyone is feeling. This event has had a devastating effect for all New Zealanders. With this in mind Nathan Wallis (a NZ neuroscience educator and child development expert) had this sound advice about how we can support our tamariki around this event:

1. Turn off tv and media - it will reinforce the trauma
 2. Show you are concerned like them, but still feel safe now. If you feel safe, they are likely too
 - 3 express confidence in how quickly the police responded and their ability to protect us.
 - 4 be esp aware of how your "tween" is responding. Eleven is a very vulnerable age for loss and grief and our eleven yr olds have already been traumatised by the quakes
 - 5 Give them a sense of agency by telling them that people are wearing red to show their support of Muslim people and chch people in general. The red stands for a united Canterbury and also signals love. A simple gesture like this can move them into action mode and help to relieve the victimisation feelings linked to trauma.
- Pamper them, cuddle them, support them. If they are responding particularly badly - take them to a safe place out of chch if u can - the sooner the trauma stops for them the better they will recover
- Kia ora Whanau

If you are concerned about how your child/children are 'managing' this event please **DO NOT HESITATE** to make contact with your child's teacher as we have access to support.

A note from Ebbett Park School Community: The terrorist attack at the Masjid Al Noor Mosque and Linwood Masjid Mosque is an appalling tragedy for the families and friends of the 50 children, men and women killed on Friday. Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Christchurch during this tragic time, and in particular with the children and families of the Muslim community. Arohanui Ebbett Park School Staff.

**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.

**Skool Loop**

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

SCHOOL HOURS and SIGNING STUDENT OUT

Please beware that our school hours are 8.45am - 2.45pm. If, for any reason, you need to take your child/ren out of school early PLEASE follow the protocol which is to sign them out of the office and collect the appropriate 'Signed Out' card. The card is then taken to the classroom teacher. This card informs the teacher that you have followed the process. If you do not have the 'signed out' card please DO NOT BE OFFENDED if the classroom teacher does not release your child/ren. This protocol is put in place as a safety for our students, staff and families. Please be respectful of this request.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Please beware that we have a school 'Breakfast Club' that runs every day of the school week. It is available to any and every child in the school. Weetbix and fruit are always available. I understand that there are times in the morning when home life is busy and breakfast is late or a struggle so please take advantage of our own 'Breakfast Club' rather than giving kids a pie. Let's work towards sustainable energy breakfast that will fuel our kids' brains in the morning.



Early Close for Ebbett Park School - POSTPONED

This means school will finish at the normal time on Wednesday rather than early.

At the request of member leaders in Christchurch, NZEI's National Executive has decided to postpone all primary paid union meetings this week. We'll advise members of new arrangements for them to consider and vote on current employment agreement offers as soon as possible. A decision on paid union meetings due to be held for Area School members in the week of March 25th will also be made this week. ❤️



Pizza Lunches

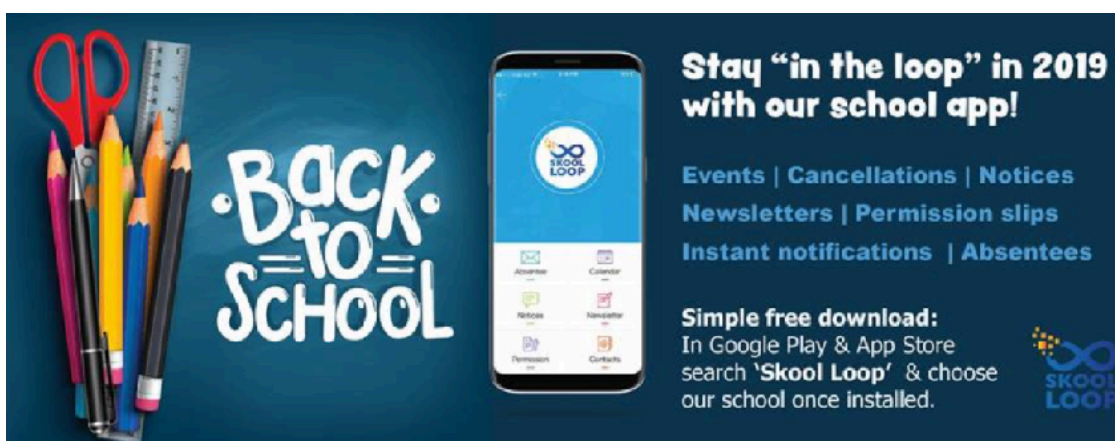
This year we will be offering Pizza Lunches **every Friday**. Each term the money raised will be going to a particular venture: This term we are focusing on beautification of our school grounds. Please see the attachment at the end of this newsletter: Orders and Monies MUST be in by Friday 9am.

School Hats

Part of the required uniform for this term and term 4 is a sun hat. Students will not be allowed to play outside without one of these. The hats are BLUE bucket hats. There are some of these available from the school office. We will NOT be accepting anything except the regulation hats from week 2 onwards. Please ensure you purchase one as soon as possible.

Skool Loop App

Please ensure that you have signed up to Skool Loop App to stay in touch with what is happening.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Leg Up



We have a group of students that are currently participating in activities through the Leg Up Trust. They enjoy visiting their horses and forming relationships with them. It has been a pleasure to see the smiles and energy in these students upon their return to school after each session.



Class Champions for Week 5.



Congratulations to: Aaryan, Isabella, Kazuya, Tangaroa T, Ardie J, Tearoa, EK and Faimafili. Demonstrating Excellence, Pride and Spirit through outstanding bookwork, being a team player, following our school expectations, being a role model and trying hard during challenging tasks. You are AMAZING - keep it up.

WHAT'S COMING UP

Values Focus for this week: Taking Pride in our learning and our books.

Students will be looking at the expectations of workbook set up and presentation. They will actively work on this during the week.



Girls Singlets

We have been lucky enough to be gifted a number of singlets and knickers. We have already sent some home with our families and still have more available. If you wish to have more, sizes 8 -16 these will be available to purchase \$1 a piece via the school office. Multiple colours available: grey, black, orange, green, pink and black.



Pizza Fundraiser

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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Public Notices



Your chance to try a bunch of cool sports, learn new skills & get information for free. **Come along and have a go!**

HAVE A GO

FREE family sports day
#concuSSIONwise

HB Regional Sports Park
Sunday 24th March • 10am - 2pm

'Have a go day' is an opportunity for Tamariki to try different sporting opportunities, with Fit4Football, HB Basketball and other sporting organisations running skill sessions that provide an opportunity for families to have a go.

DATES TO REMEMBER: TERM 1 2019

Week 7: ~~Wednesday 20th - Paid Union Meeting: EPS early finish at 1.30pm~~ **POSTPONED**

~~Thursday 21st - Primary Beach Fives Tournament (Date Change)~~

Week 8: Wednesday 27th - Mitre 10 Tough Kids Challenge

~~Thursday 28th - BoT Meeting; 6.15pm (Date Change)~~

Friday 29th - Magic Show: Be Bright Eat Right: Whole school: 9.30am

- Duffy Book Show: afternoon

Week 9: Monday 1st April - Friday 5th April: Safe Spark Programme for all classes.

Wednesday 3rd April - Beach Fives Tournament (New date)

Thursday 4th April - BoT meeting: 6.15pm (New date)

Friday 5th April - Wear your gumboots to school for child mental health (gold coin donation)

Week 10: Friday 12th April: School Show Case: School Open for terms work to be show cased to family and friends. All Welcome.

TERM 1 ENDS: Friday 12th April @2.45pm

PLEASE ATTACH THIS TO YOUR FRIDGE AS A VISUAL REMINDER