

EBBETT PARK SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE, PRIDE & SPIRIT



THINGS TO NOTE

Before getting into the nitty gritty I would like to welcome everyone back to term 2 and hope that you all had a lovely Easter Break.

It was so lovely to see everyone back, looking refreshed and with beautiful smiles this morning. We welcomed a number of new students to EPS and know that they will settle in well.

Values Band Recipient

It was with great pleasure that we were able to award our very first Values Band this morning. The band that was awarded was an 'Excellence' band and was awarded to Humane Baldwin-Devine. This meant that during term 1 she has received the required number of Excellence Values Vouchers to allow her to reach the award. Congratulations to her. This is an outstanding effort and one that we hope we will see more over during this term.



Reporting to Parents

As you know we are required to report to parents twice a year about your child's progress. With the change in Government the previous reporting against National Standards is no longer required. There has been no formal directive from the current Government about what is expected. It is therefore been left to schools to plan how and what assessment and reporting looks like.

Ebbett Park School has decided that assessment is going to be based around the New Zealand Curriculum (reverting back to what it was prior to National Standards). This also means that rather than reporting on the anniversary each child will receive a written report at the end of term 2 and 4. It also means that every child will have a '3-way conference' (parent, teacher, student meeting) at the end of term 2. During this meeting you will be



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.

discussing where your child is at, what they have been learning, what they need to learn and how we can work together as a team to help your child reach their learning goals.

I will provide the details about the 3-way conference, dates and times of when these will happen next week.

In regards to the reporting the Ebbett Park School Report format has also changed. It now connects to the New Zealand Curriculum and allows for tracking of progress throughout the time they are at Ebbett Park School. While I understand that this might take some getting use to the staff will be more than willing to help you understand the report during the 3-way conference. For this reason reports will be sent home prior to the conferences and will be expected to be brought in to help with discussion. We will also be asking for feedback regarding the new report format during this time.

Staff Acknowledgment

As you all know Sophie Kereama is currently on maternity leave. This leave has been extended and it means that we get to keep Mrs Kaur for the rest of the year. We miss Miss Kereama but understand the feeling of not being ready to leave your babies when they are so young. She is loving being a mum and it is such a pleasure to see. We wish her all the very best for the rest of the year.

Hell Pizza Reading Challenge: Term 2

We are, once again, challenging our students to read for pleasure. There is a reward attached to this challenge. Every Tuesday Lunchtime during term 2 students will be invited to join Mrs Bush and her amazing helpers in the library where they will share what they have read and discuss the story. During this time they will also get their 'Hells Pizza Card' marked off. At the end of the term those that have completed a card will be joining the reading team in a free pizza lunch. This is such a fun and worthwhile event so please encourage your child/children to join in.

HELPERS REQUIRED: If you are interested in being a helper on the Tuesday's please contact Mrs Bush via email: abush@ebbettpark.school.nz and let her know your availability.

READING TOGETHER PROGRAMME

It is a great programme to get into and allows parents/caregivers to develop strategies to support children reading at home. This then takes the stress and strain out of home reading.

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.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Netball

During the holiday break a local principal has been very busy working hard setting up a new netball league. This is a 7 aside competition for our year 5/6 students rather than the 6 aside games that are being organised through Hawkes Bay Netball. We have elected to join this league and are very excited about it. It will held on Thursday afternoons and will take place as a round robin tournament. The games will be played at schools rather than the courts. When all the details are confirmed these will be sent home to all netball players. Best of all this means that there are no fees attached to netball this year.

WHAT'S COMING UP

Values Focus for this week: Classroom Learning Expectations

Students will be working together to brainstorm and collate the learning expectations in classrooms. This is a chance for students to have their say about what they need to happen in the learning environment so that they can optimise their own personal learning.

Paid Union Meetings

The meetings that were postponed in term 1 due to the events in Christchurch are taking place next week. This means that we will be **closing school early on Friday 10th May**. School will finish at **1.15pm on this day**. Please ensure that you have made alternative arrangements for your child/children as all teaching staff will be off site and attending these meetings. I have informed a number of our after school care programmes of this early finish.

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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DATES TO REMEMBER: TERM 2 2019

Week 1: Monday 29th April: Term 2 Starts

Friday 3rd May: Special Guest: 11.30 juniors, 11.50 seniors

Week 2: Friday 10th May: Paid Union Meeting for EPS staff. School will be closing at 1.15 so that staff can attend this meeting.

Thursday 9th May: Year 5/6 netball Super League begins

Friday 10th May: Badminton Sessions for year 4, 5 and 6 students begins.

Week 3: BULLY FREE WEEK

Wednesday 15th May: Reading Together programme begins

Thursday 16th May: BoT meeting @ 6.15pm

Friday 17th May: PINK SHIRT DAY - Gold Coin Donation

Week 4: Tuesday 21st May: Young leaders Conference in Palmerston North (Mr Dufty and Mrs Bush)

Week 6: Monday 3rd June: QUEENS BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND - no school on this day

Wednesday 5th June: Duffy Theatre 11.20pm Full school

Friday 7th June: Badminton Sessions end and Rugby Sessions begin for year 4,5 and 6s.

Week 7: Thursday 13th June: Barefoot 7's Tournament

Week 8: Monday 17th June: Gymnastics Competition - Juniors

Tuesday 18th June: Gymnastics Competition - Seniors

Thursday 20th June: BoT meeting @6.15pm

Week 10: Thursday 4th July: Books, Blokes and Breakfast

Friday 5th July: Rugby Sessions end, School Show Case Day and last day of term

School Show Case: School Open for terms work to be show cased to family and friends. All Welcome.

TERM 2 ENDS: Friday 5th July @2.45pm

Public Notices



Open Day

Come along to

Ebbett Park School Hall

Sunday 5th May

1.30-2.30

We are recruiting for the new season and looking for girls from ages of 7 and up who are interested in learning more about our competitive performance sport. Meet our girls and coaches, watch demonstrations, have a go and learn about all the opportunities marching with Buckingham Guards has to offer.

Mental Agility
Fitness

Team Work

Friendships
Fun

Come and join in the fun of marching!!

To learn more or enrol for the new season contact

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