

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

As I put together this term 2 week 1 newsletter from the comfort of my couch I can honestly say that I am missing our tamariki and hope that you are all safe, sound and managing this very weird and unprecedented situation.

It is important to acknowledge our essential workers and the amazing job that they are doing for our community. - a huge THANK YOU from Ebbett Park to you ALL.

This newsletter is mostly about our plans our students learning and our aim to provide as much structure and routine as possible to keep essential learning happening.

We have been working with the Ministry of Education to support the families who are not in a position to access online learning. As a result I have requested that 'paper packs' are provided to EVERY family at Ebbett Park School. These should be coming out to you as shortly (we are not sending them so please understand that we can not give details about when you can expect them).

While I know that the Ministry of Education has talked about sending devices out to families PLEASE understand that primary school's are at the lower end of the list and CAN NOT be guaranteed that we will receive them. This, again, is being organised by the MoE so NO staff member is able to confirm that a) you will receive one, and b) if you are lucky enough to be receiving one when it will happen. - This is the reason that the paper learning resources have been selected for all of our students.

**I will be sending out Newsletters every week as usual**

**EXCELLENCE**  
Matatau

**PRIDE**  
Kaha

**SPIRIT**  
Mana

**Vision**

Empowering ako to be culturally inclusive and engaged community members of the future. Striving to excel, standing with pride and connecting with spirit.

**Mission**

Ebbett Park School will challenge students to excel and provide them With all they require to be lifelong learners.

## School Apps

### ClassDojo

A free app we use to reward students and an easy way to communicate with your Childs 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 absences.



### Seesaw

A free app to access your child's learning and experiences while at Ebbett Park School.



## Online Learning

Every teacher has been working to set up online learning activities. These activities can be accessed through the SEESAW app. If you have having difficulty accessing these please email your child's classroom teacher and request tasks via email.

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Please contact the teacher directly so that they can action what they can.

## Congratulations to RONGO House.

Congratulations to Rongo House for winning the House Trophy in Term One. Well deserved. Don't forget house point are still up and running while we are at home.



## Introduction of New Staff Member: Whaea Kelly (Room 8)

Kia ora Ebbett Park Whanau and tamariki,

I am so excited to become a part of the Ebbett Park teaching team. I love being a teacher and working with the amazing minds of our young generation. I play lots of sports and love being active, but I also love a good movie or snuggle inside, too! It's a bit of a crazy time at the moment with us trying to navigate this new way of learning, but I just want to say that I am here for you and your families and I can't wait to get back into the classroom to meet you all again, as soon as we can. I will be working with Mrs Hutana to help you out, so feel free to message us or send us pictures of what you have been up to.



See you soon!

Whaea Kelly

## Growing Through Grief Programme - Spaces Still available! Get in quick!

This is due to start during week 7. If you feel your child would benefit please email me so that I can email you back the very simple paperwork for enrolment.



is a program run by Growing Through Grief Hawkes Bay. It's for children from 6yrs who have experienced change and loss. The educational program aims to strengthen the social and emotional well-being of children who are dealing with significant life changes such as separation, death, moving school, parent in prison, illness and other changes impacting on daily life.



Ebbett Park School are looking at running this program at school next term. If you would like your child to be considered or to know more please contact the principal

# switch on safety

Switch on Safety is a great New Zealand website with ideas on how to keep our children safe while they spend more time on devices with their learning. It is well worth spending some time explore the simple steps in keeping everyone safe.

<https://switchonsafety.co.nz/>

phone: 06 878 9599

email: [admin@ebbettpark.school.nz](mailto:admin@ebbettpark.school.nz)

## Our PB4L Skill for Week One.

This week for our PB4L focus we are focusing on being respectful by listening to others. With this being our first week back at 'school' it is important that we think about how we pay attention (body language), show respect and show our 'active listening' skills.

What is an active listener? Ask your child as this is a life skill we have discussed quite a few times.

Active listening means you are giving your full attention to someone that is speaking and are not worrying about what you want to say. When we are listened to we feel valued and a sense of belonging. It is important that everyone gets to feel this at our school. Listening to others also ensures we are making the most of our learning time and opportunities at school and at home.

<http://www.momentsaday.com/communication-skills-for-kids-free-printable/>



ATTENTIVE EYES



RESPECTFUL VOICE



LISTENING



OPEN MIND



KIND HEART



PATIENCE

