

# EBBETT PARK SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE, PRIDE & SPIRIT



## Whats Been Happening

The school calendar at the back of this newsletter has been **UPDATED** - Please read through it carefully to see the updates

### Tamariki Wananga

On Thursday, four lucky Ebbett Park students joined Whaea Kelly and participated in the Kāhui Ako Tamariki Wānanga. These Wānanga take a small group of students from local Kāhui Schools and provide a space for them to connect with others whilst completing challenges and learning about

their area. The challenge was to create a Hāpu and build a Pā. They had to think about all of the things a Pā would need as well as naming their hāpu, maunga, awa, tipuna and anything else they deemed valuable to their challenge. The EPS kids mixed themselves up with other learners and built some awesome pā sites while making new friends. We were buzzing from all the learning and challenges they were able to participate in.



#### 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.

EXCELLENCE  
Matatau

PRIDE  
Kaha

SPIRIT  
Mana

## 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.



## School Damage

Over the weekend we experienced some damage in and around the school. I would like to ask the community to keep an eye out around school please. If you see or notice anything or anyone within the school ground behaving inappropriately and disrespecting the school property please contact us with the details.

Sadly, the damage that others do to school results in our kids missing out.

## Classroom Champions: Week 3

### CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS: Teegan, Etana, Lily-Rose, Stylee, Harlem, Karaitana and Maiana



Well done to Week 3's recipients of Classroom Champion Awards

This bunch of VERY COOL KIDS have all demonstrated our school values. Some have gone above and beyond, some have stepped up and showed their true capabilities and ALL of them have made us proud.

Our school values live in each and everyone one of you - YOU ROCK!

# A parent's guide to TikTok

If your kid has been significantly more 'dancy' recently, then it probably has something to do with TikTok.

According to the first link that I found after a dismal Google search, TikTok is "a Chinese video-sharing social networking service owned by ByteDance. It is used to create short dance, lip-sync, comedy and talent videos." (I know what you're thinking – 'I sincerely hope his reference to the app being Chinese is relevant.')

Essentially, TikTok is a social media platform that enables users to create and watch short videos. The videos are often some type of performance, like a dance or a lip-sync or sometimes just a joke with a backing track. "Jokes are way better when they have a backing track," is essentially TikTok's trademark slogan.

## Good things about TikTok:

- Young people might get better at learning and performing dances."
- They may also improve their dramatic skills, as well as learn some basic videography."
- Young people may creatively come up with funny concepts that the world might approve of."

## Bad things about TikTok:

- Heaps of the content isn't necessarily filtered or age-appropriate."
- It over-sexualises pretty much everything."
- Literally anyone can end up watching anything, which includes strangers being able to watch your kids videos and then send messages to them."
- The Chinese government might end up owning all of your data. (Phew, it was relevant)"

## Neither good nor bad:

- TikTok is commonly the sound associated with clocks, however the app has very little to do with clocks."
- Tik Tok is also a relatively well-known song by Ke\$ha."

## The same, but different

The big difference between Instagram, Facebook and TikTok is that on both Facebook and Instagram, a user essentially curates their own 'feed', that is your feed is built around the types of people and things that you follow. With TikTok, however, the feed is called the 'For You Page', and essentially TikTok

curates this page ‘for you’. What this means is that the content the user ends up seeing is chosen based on the most popular videos on TikTok. And that means young people are often exposed to humour, ideas, dances and content that they may not have stumbled upon in more traditional forms of social media.

If you feel lost about what your child is even doing on this app, or any app for that matter, then familiarise yourself with it. This might mean having a scroll through TikTok on your child’s device or perhaps even downloading it for yourself. (Unless you don’t want to risk the Chinese knowing all your secrets.)

The modern smartphone is an incredibly powerful device, but you have an even more powerful device – your fully developed adult brain. You can see risks better than your young person and you have the wisdom that a Google search doesn’t. Your voice is still important when talking about social media, even if you don’t feel relevant.

### To TikTok, or not to TikTok...

The internet is a scary, entertaining and informative place full of talented dancers and creepy strangers. The best way to help your children learn how to navigate this new world is to stay involved in *their* world. Some people think that if you just never let your kids use TikTok, then they will be safe. Some people think that kids need to work it out for themselves so they give their 10-year-old an iPhone, send them to their room and hope for the best. Somewhere between those two options seems to be the best place to be.

So stay connected – not to the internet, but to your child. Stay informed, not by TikTok or the Chinese government, but by articles like this. And stay classy, like Ron Burgundy or Kevin Costner in *The Bodyguard*.

## School Fundraiser - Icon Photography

Thank you to all the families that took part in this fundraiser during the weekend.

**Viewing date: Thursday 13th August      4 - 5.30pm**

# SPORTS

Netball: Week 4, Thursday 13 August

Year 5/6 Games at 4.30pm

EPS Pride vs Raureka White playing at Raureka School

EPS Legends vs Peterhead Vipers playing at Ebbett Park School

Year 3/4 Games at 3.30pm

EPS Excellence vs Raureka Stars playing at Raureka School

EPS Spirit vs Mayfair Mystics playing at Mayfair School - DEFAULT due to parent Interviews

## Netball Results for Week 3

EPS Legends Vs Raureka Blue - WIN to Ebbett Park School

Players of the Day: Jorja (absent for photo) Most Improved: Inspire-Lee

EPS Pride vs BYE - automatic WIN

Player of the Day: Holly (acknowledged for her development during training this week.) (absent for photo)

EPS Spirit vs Kura Waenga - WIN to Kura Waenga

Player of the Day: Cobby Most Improved: Aaliyana

EPS Excellence vs Mayfair  
Mystics - WIN BY DEFAULT

Player of the Day: N/A. Most  
Improved: N/A

## Basketball

Players of the Day: Lorenzo and  
Kauri.



# CALENDAR

Gate's Open: 8.15am for learner arrivals. Learners go straight to classrooms.

**Week 4: 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' Police programme in at school**

**Monday 10th August - Keeping Ourselves safe programme begins**

**- Year 6 visit to Hastings Intermediate School**

**Tuesday 11th August - NZ String Quartet in at EPS (Cancelled)**

**Week 5: 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' Police programme in at school**

**Tuesday 18th August - Year 6 visit to Heretaunga Intermediate School**

**Week 6: 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' Police programme in at school**

**Tuesday 25th August: Heretaunga Intermediate Open Evening (Year 6 students)**

**Wednesday 26th August - Keeping Ourselves Safe programme ends**

**Week 7: Tuesday 2nd September - Heretaunga Intermediate Ballot closes**

**Wednesday 3rd September - Tamariki Wānanga, 8.30 - 2.30pm (selected students only)**

**Week 8: Monday 7th September - School Photo envelopes sent home**

**Wednesday 9th September - WACKY WIG WEDNESDAY - Mufti and Wigs worn \$2 (funds going to Child Cancer) - NEW ENTRY!**

**Saturday 12th September: EARLY ELECTION POLLING BOOTH @EPS**

**Week 9: Tuesday 15th September - Junior Gym Festival (Hastings)**

**- Tohea Trophy Competition (Netball, Rugby, Football)**

**Wednesday 16th September - Senior Gym Festival (Hastings). UPDATED INFO.**

**Friday 18th September - TEACHER ONLY DAY - School is closed to learners**

**Saturday 19th September: ELECTION POLLING BOOTH @EPS**

**Week 10: Monday 21st September - Friday 25th September - BOOK WEEK (more details to come)**

**Thursday 24th September - School Photo Day**

**Friday 25th September - TERM 3 ENDS (normal day finish at 2.45pm)**

**TERM 4 begins Monday 4th October @ 8.15am**

# Water is the best choice any time, any place, any activity



**We don't need sports or energy drinks to fuel a busy day**



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# Public/Community Notices

LULU AND MAX

## We have after school care spaces available

We have space available in our Hasting  
centre. Contact us to find out more.

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