

# EBBETT PARK SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE, PRIDE & SPIRIT



## What's been happening

### YEAR 6 EOTC Activities and Year4/5 Bike Safety Training

What a busy week of activities last week!



Over a period of 3 days we had both our year 4/5 classes take part in the bike training, our year 6 class visited the Aquarium and rocky shore and then took room 8 to Te Mata peak where they learnt the structure of a powhiri, built huts and ensured the sights and sounds of local nature.

It was so lovely to watch our tamariki grow in confidence during the bike training, those that had little or no experience on a bike were able to enjoy a number of rides around the track at Mitre 10 sports park while those that were confident and experienced were put to the challenge to stay on the bike and bike around as a circle boundary was slowly decreased.

Te Mata provided the tamariki with an amazing walk into the Redwoods, a lovely place to eat lunch, learn about nature, develop an understanding of a powhiri and hut building. Best of all was the photo right at the top - just as we were getting ready to take a photo the heavens opened and the rain came down - the excitement, laughter and giggles and then the sprint back to our vehicles was such a fun way to end an amazing day. Everyone had so much fun!



### Edible Arts Project

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 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 absences.



### Seesaw

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



## Celebrating Success

Due to Teacher Only Day on Monday we did not have an assembly today. This is why there are no celebration results.

### House Challenge

CONGRATULATIONS TO **Tawhirimatea** who won the house competition last week.

## Values Focus

This week we are focusing on EXCELLENCE

Juniors: Look after property

Seniors: We look after personal and school property.

### MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC

## The Mobile Dental Clinic is at school!

If families change their address, do let the school know so we can update our records.



KEEP CALM  
AND  
LOOK AFTER  
SCHOOL PROPERTY

# CALENDAR

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

**Week 7: Monday 23rd: TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**

**November Tuesday 24th: NYLD trip (Selected learners only) and Road Patrol training -newbies**

**Wednesday 25th: Road Patrol training - Refresher**

**Friday 27th: School Athletics Event**

**Week 8: Monday 30th: 2020 Road Patrol Splash Planet Trip**

**November/ Wednesday 2nd: ASSEMBLY - Class Awards (Time to be confirmed)**

**December Thursday 3rd: ASSEMBLY - Service Awards (Time to be confirmed) Leavers dinner (time to be confirmed)**

**Friday 4th: ~~ASSEMBLY - PRIZE GIVING 11 - 12pm~~: Moving of Classes**

**Reports go home**

**Week 9: Monday 7th: ~~Moving of Classes~~: ASSEMBLY - PRIZE GIVING 11 -12pm**

**December Tuesday 8th: Moving of Classes**

**Wednesday 9th: Transition visits to 2021 classes**

**Thursday 10th: Kahurangi Dance Performance Group in**

**SCHOOL ENDS 12pm - END OF YEAR 2020**

## PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE TO THE TERM CALENDAR:

Due to a clash with another school we have had to change the day for our final assembly. This will now be held on MONDAY 7th DECEMBER 11am - 12pm.

## 2021 Academic School Year.

Term 1: 1 February - 16 April

Term 2: 3 May - 9 July

Term 3: 26 July - 1 October

Term 4: 18 October - 14 December

These dates will only change if Teacher Only Days are put into the school calendar.

# Community Notices

## How to talk about: The Christmas List

*All I want for Christmas is you.* That's all very well for Mariah Carey, as that hit alone has made her over \$60 million in royalties – a sweet little nest egg that grows significantly every festive season. Kids, materially speaking at least, tend to want for a bit more.

Consumerism – an obsession with buying new stuff. Materialism – a preoccupation with possessions. The difference between needs and wants. Do we really have to talk to our kids about these things? Sounds kind of dull. No, you don't *have* to. But, as malls across the country drag the decorations out of storage and Santa makes himself all too available for consultations, our kids start formulating their lists ... and it helps to be prepared.

Giving our kids gifts can be delightful. It can also be expensive and even fraught with disappointment. A few good chats in the lead up can really help.

### Where to start

Unlike some trickier topics (hello **sex, porn and technology**), this conversation is pretty easy to get started. Your kids will be busting at the seams to talk about Christmas shopping. And I know it feels like it gets earlier and earlier each year, but plenty of build-up does have its advantages – with a bit of advance dialogue, you hopefully won't have to negotiate your way out of buying a pony on the 24th of December.

Talking to our kids about their expectations around presents – realistic or otherwise – is good for everyone. Short-term benefits include a more joy-filled Christmas Day. Long-term benefits include greater well-being – excessive consumption is proven to be bad for our health!

Okay, let's get practical. Taking big ideological concepts and reformatting them as kid-friendly conversations is one of the great challenges of parenting.

You could start with the difference between needs and wants – needs are the essentials for a healthy life, wants are the lovely extras that are nice to have. You could quiz your kids on what's a 'need' and what's a 'want'. Fruit and vegetables? Need. Chocolate ice cream? Want. Vegan 100% plant-based sorbet? Grey area.

It's also helpful to talk about gratitude – not in the 'You should be grateful you get anything at all' sense, but with a gentler 'How fortunate are we to have all these good things' vibe. It also helps to talk about those who don't have enough, especially at Christmas, and perhaps ask your kids what ideas they have for how your family could help others.

This is really a conversation about perspective and guiding our kids to live gratefully in a culture of consumerism that relentlessly tells them they need more.

Kids are deep thinkers. The following questions could set some powerful ideas in motion.

- What are some different things we can do with our money?

- What are your favourite Christmas memories from previous years?
- What do we really need to make Christmas awesome?
- What can we give that could make a difference in someone's life?
- How does it affect the planet when we buy stuff? What might eco-friendly shopping look like?
- What can we give away that we no longer need (and someone else would actually appreciate), before we get a whole bunch of new stuff?
- And, come to think of, do we really need a bunch of new stuff or would we be better off living with less?

## Money talks

Putting a plan in place for Christmas shopping and establishing some boundaries or limits is a really good idea. This will look different from family to family. 2020 has been a tough year, and many families will be feeling the impact financially. Without causing your kids anxiety, have an age-appropriate conversation about how much money is available for Christmas presents this year, and talk about ways to spread the budget across all the holiday spending – the needs and the wants! Again, ask your kids for their ideas here.

## Strategic shopping

I used to spend way too much time wondering if I'd shopped fairly and would our three daughters have equal piles of presents come Christmas Day? That, and the reality that they really didn't need piles of presents at all, led us to adopt the following strategy (a brilliant idea I found on the internet somewhere and can take no credit for).

There'll be presents from relatives and a stocking stuffed with little treats (and 'exciting' consumables like sunscreen and a new toothbrush), but from us parents – each child only gets four things..

- Something you want
- Something you need
- Something to wear
- Something to read

A simple plan and fairly self-explanatory, but I can't stress enough how much easier this has made Christmas shopping. And it's been a great conversation starter too. We've done it since the kids were quite little and they've really appreciated it. I think the limit of four things has helped them navigate the overwhelming temptation of Christmas marketing, and made them think carefully about what it is they really want. Which in turns helps them appreciate their gifts and value their possessions.

Conscious consumption is important on many levels. Is it beyond our kids? No, I don't think so. My kids have been invited to birthday parties recently where the invite clearly stated 'No presents please'. One child asked instead for donations to save the turtles. One asked for just a homemade card. And no, we don't live in Utopia. Rather these parents had guided their kids to think about things from a fresh perspective. Quite possibly these great ideas started with a simple conversation. "All I want for Christmas is..."

# **Final 2 weeks of school for 2020: please put this on your fridge**

## **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> November**

Normal school day with students involved in classroom activities that may include the removal of work off the walls, clearing and cleaning of desks/tote trays and the packing up of classrooms.

## **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December:**

Normal school day with students involved in classroom activities that may include the removal of work off the walls, clearing and cleaning of desks/tote trays and the packing up of classrooms.

## **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December:**

Normal school day with students involved in classroom activities that may include the removal of work off the walls, clearing and cleaning of desks/tote trays and the packing up of classrooms.

1.30pm: Class Awards (all whanau and friends welcome)

## **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December:**

Normal school day with students involved in classroom activities that may include the removal of work off the walls, clearing and cleaning of desks/tote trays and the packing up of classrooms.

1.30pm: Service Assembly (all whanau and friends welcome)

2.00pm: Prizegiving Assembly practice.

6.00 – 7.00pm: Year 6 Leavers Dinner – at Ebbett Park School. Invitations will be sent out.

## **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December:**

1<sup>st</sup> session of classroom pack-up and move.

## **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December:**

normal school day

10.10 – 10.30am early morning tea (eating 10.30 – 10.45)

11.00am – End of year final prizegiving (all whanau and friends welcome)

12.30pm – lunch

Afternoon programme in classroom. Reports to be handed out to go home at the end of the day.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December:**

2<sup>nd</sup> session of classroom pack-up and move.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December:**

Normal School day

9.00 – 11.00: in new classes with current 2020 teacher

11.30 – 12.30: 2021 transition session: 2021 class with and teacher visit

Afternoon as per usual

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December:**

Early finish at 12.00pm

Kahurangi Dance Group

9.00 – 10.00: performance

11.00 – 12.00: workshop

No LUNCH TODAY

Enjoy your Christmas holiday break

The 2020 academic year begins MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> February

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> GETTING CONNECTED –  
book in sessions with your 2021 teachers (via skoolloop  
which will be open as of Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December) - Booked  
in sessions only

Full School will start on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February



### Camberley Kindergarten

Kia ora koutou, we are excited to share with you that from 2021 Term 1 (Monday 18 January), our kindergarten will be extending our session hours. We will be open from 8.00am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday as well as open through the term breaks (excluding Christmas break). This means in 2021, we will run from Monday 18 January through to Friday 17 December 2021 offering the following sessions:

<b>Monday to Friday</b>		
<b>Extended Day</b>	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>
8:00 - 3:30 pm (7.5 hours)	8:00 - 12:30 pm (4.5 hours)	12:30 - 3:30 pm (3 hours)
8:30 - 2:30 pm (6 hours)	8:30 - 12:30 pm (4 hours)	

Please contact the kindergarten on (06) 876 7896 / 027 3508925 or email [camberley@hfka.co.nz](mailto:camberley@hfka.co.nz) to secure your child's place for 2021.

## YMCA Holiday Programme

The YMCA is operating a pre-Christmas holiday programme at Taradale Primary and Raureka Primary from the 17<sup>th</sup> December to the 24<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and then we have six exciting holiday programmes in January across HB. In January we are based at Taradale Primary, Marewa School in Napier, Raureka School in Hastings and from the Hastings Sports centre. We are open from 7.30am till 6.00pm each day from the 5<sup>th</sup> January to 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 offering daily activities in a safe and fun environment.

We are also very excited to be offering ADVENTURE CLUB again after a successful programme in October. This programme is an outdoor based programme for 11-14 year olds and will be held 11<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.