EBBETT PARK SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE, PRIDE & SPIRIT



Whats Been Happening

Te Whawhewhawhe and Te Marama Performance



Toitoi Hawke's Bay Arts and Events Centre, Kahurangi Maori Dance Company and Mary Kippenberger have collaborated to create a unique performance called Te Whawhewhawhe and Te Marama. This piece explores anxiety in our young people through the character of Te Marama as she journeys through our beautiful New Zealand Native Bush.

This performance is a gift (Taonga) to our community as we are all increasingly aware of the challenges and struggles our

tamariki face on a daily basis. The piece blends both Te Reo and English through stereotypical characters based on different aspects of our personalities. For example, Te Whawhewhawhe (the gossip), Te Maminga (the trickster) and Haupukeri (the egocentric).

Te Marama journeys through the forest meeting these personalities and with Te Whawhewhawhe, acting as her overbearing protector, finds how challenging the world can be. After working themselves into a frazzled state of mind Raupukeri (the peaceful one) encourages Te Marama to work back through her struggles and teaches her ways to deal with her anxieties.

The piece is framed with waiata and uses a soundscape of New Zealand's beautiful wildlife. The set, like Te Marama, falls apart progressively as each character is introduced.

Our tamariki were engaged in the performance and had this to say afterwards: 'Wow, that was awesome" "I loved how it was cultural", "It was cool because they all did amazing", "I liked how they connected to our school houses", "I really liked it cos it showed how we shouldn't fear anything"

EXCELLENCE Matatau

PRIDE Kaha SPIRIT Mana



Vision

Empowering akonga 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.



Leg Up Trust

We have a lucky group of learners heading off to Leg Up Trust on a Tuesday afternoon and last week was their first session. After the session I received a lovely email from the trust telling me about an amazing event that took place with our tamariki and I believe that it is worth sharing with you all.

"Most of you know that Sprite, the equine partner of Homefree-riding for Leg-Up Trust fame who recently completed a six year circumnavigation of New Zealand's coastline with her human, Larissa Mueller, has come to us to learn a new role as a



therapy horse. We decided she needed a long rest with lots of pampering and time to make permanent friendships with some of our other horses, so she's been enjoying the lovely autumn weather with her new horsey mates.

Well! Yesterday she made a statement!

We took a group of new children into her paddock to meet the horses and to our surprise, Sprite peeled off from the other three and sauntered over to meet the kids. She dropped her nose into a proffered palm and hung out with them, eyes soft, head down to their level. It was a very moving moment, and we now know she's ready to move into the next phase of her life. Not a dry eye in the house..."





What's Coming Up....

NZSL Week

At EPS we will be **celebrating NZSL week.** During the week we will have daily challenges for the tamariki (and Staff) to up-skill themselves in New Zealand Sign Language. Today they are learning to sign the days of the week.

On Friday we will be holding a **Signed Singing House Competition**: this will start at 11.30am in the hall - EVERYONE WELCOME...there may even be a SPECIAL performance!

LOUD SHIRT DAY is also on Friday. Learners are to wear their school uniform shorts, pants but are to come in a LOUD SHIRT - a shirt that makes a statement and support the deaf community. (No money required for this event)

Netball Begins this week

Year 3/4 play Wednesday 3.30pm

Ebbett Park School Mana Vs Mayfair Manawaroa - played at Mayfair School

Year 5/6 play Thursday 3.30pm

Ebbett Park School Matatau Vs Ebbett Park School Kaha - Played at Ebbett Park School

Netball Teams 2021 Season Year 5 and 6 Team Details EPS Matatau (Excellence) EPS Kaha (Pride) Te Ohorere Kirat Cobby Tyler Azaariyal Gaby Lilly-Rose Training Day: Monday 3-4pm @EPS Training Day: Thursday 12.30 - 1pm @EPS Year 3 and 4 Team Details EPS Mana (Spirit) Aalivah-Latu Aaliyana Katelyn Charlie Training Day: Tuesday 3 – 4pm @EPS



Things to Consider...

SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Please remember that we are, and will continue, to use both gates for morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.

Family Name A - L are to enter and exit school through Oliphant Road Gate

Family Name M - Z are to enter and exit school through Wall Road Gate

Please do not use a mixture of both.

This has remained since lockdown last year as we have seen a decrease in congestion on Oliphant Road resulting in improved safety for all of our community.

POLICY Review

This term we have one policy review for whānau and that is around 'Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement'. We will be sending home the policy with a feedback sheet that we would appreciate each whānau completing. - Please out watch for more details!

HELLZ PIZZA Reading Challenge



All learners are encouraged to participate in this as it is also a house challenge this term.

The pizza challenge is happening this term. Read lots of books and bring your book to the library every Wednesday lunch time. When your wheel has been signed seven times you will get to come to the pizza party. This is a house competition and the more wheels you complete the more points you earn for your house, so GET READING EVERYONE.

CALENDAR: TERM TWO

PLEASE CHECK CLOSELY AS SOME EVENTS HAVE CHANGED DATES

Week 2: Monday 10th: NZSL WEEK (activities all week focusing on sign Language

MAY Wednesday 12th: Ripper Rugby Competition (Year 3/4) and Year 3/4 Netball begins

Thursday 13th: Ripper Rugby Competition (Year 5/6) and Year 5/6 Netball begins

Friday 14th LOUD SHIRT DAY and House Challenge - Sign Singing @11.30am(Hall)

Week 3: Monday 17th: Ripper Rugby Competition Year 3/4 (new Date)

MAY Tuesday 18th: Ripper Rugby Competition Year 5/6 (new Date)

Thursday 20th: Board of Trustees Meeting 6.15pm at Ebbett Park School

Friday 21st: PINK SHIRT MUFTI DAY - gold coin donation

Week4: Thursday 27th: Ladies Pink Reading Breakfast 7.30am Hall: wear

MAY pink, gold coin donation (PLEASE RSVP for this event for catering purposes)

Week 5: Wednesday 2nd: Junior Tough Guy/Gal Challenge

JUNE

Week 6: Monday 7th: QUEENS BIRTHDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

JUNE

Week 7: Monday 14th: IEP WEEK and Duffy Assembly 11.20am

JUNE Tuesday 15th Class and Individual photos for 2021

Week 8: Thursday 24th: Board of Trustees Meeting 6.15pm at Ebbett Park JUNE School

Friday 25th: TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Week 9: Wednesday 30th: Netball Year 3/4 ends

JUNE/JULY

Week 10: Friday 9th: Last Day of Term: school ends at the normal time. Reports will go home.

JULY



RSVP REQUIRED

Name and contact details and the number that will be attending

Please RSVP via the office or to Mrs Bush (email address is at the bottom of the page)

abush@ebbettpark.school.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Parenting Programmes Term 2

Building Awesome Whānau:

• **Day:** Tuesday 18 May – 22 Jun - from 9:30-11:30am

Tweens & Teens:

• **Evening:-** Thursday 20 May – 24 June from 5:30pm – 7:55pm

Both programmes are being held in the Red Room at St Andrews (corner of Lyndon Rd & Market St) in Hastings.

There are plenty of spaces available at present but that can change very fast once school goes back so please get your referrals in asap.

Contact Family Works: 06 8762156 for further details

Vaping Legislation

From 11 May 2021 under the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products (Vaping) Amendment Act 2020, all schools, kōhanga reo, ECEs and kura must, in addition to the existing requirement to display 'no smoking' notices, display 'no vaping' notices. These notices must be displayed at every entrance to premises and buildings or enclosed areas on the premises (this excludes buildings and areas not usually in use).

Schools, kōhanga reo, ECEs and kura will be sent (free of charge) no vaping/smokefree stickers between 30 April and 3 May 2021 in order to meet this legislative requirement. The stickers are double-sided and can be used on windows and doors, including wooden doors.

If your school, kura, ECE or kōhanga reo require more stickers than you have been delivered they **will be** available for order after 5 May from this link.

