# EBBETT PARK SCHOOL

## EXCELLENCE, PRIDE & SPIRIT



# Principal Message

It seems that we are not going to be experiencing much of a summer here in the beautiful Hawkes Bay this year. Lets hope that this means we have a mild winter this year.

Despite the rain Ebbett Park School is currently open and we are monitoring the weather and situation to determine if closure is required later this week.

We appreciate and understand the concern everyone has for their tamariki and thank those whānau who have registered your child's absence on Skool Loop. Please continue to do this as it makes our recording process that much easier.

If any changes are made in regards to school closures a notification will be sent out on Skool Loop as soon as possible.

There is work available online for most classrooms so please ensure your child accesses this to stay up to date with their work.

If you have NOT already done so please connect to Skool Loop, Seesaw and Dojo. The instructions on how to do this can be found on the next page. Skool Loop will be the first platform informing whānau of school events and closures so it is ESSENTIAL that you are ALL connected.

In the meantime take care of each other, stay safe and dry.

Kia Kaha

Kate Medlicott



#### 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.

EXCELLENCE Matatau PRIDE Kaha SPIRIT Mana



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# SCHOOL APPs and how to access

**Skool Loop** 

#### Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school
  or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.





#### Here's some tips to ensure you receive notices and push notifications

- When you download the Skool Loop App you will be asked if you would like notifications
  please tap yes. Some devices don't ask this question and automatically tick yes for you.
  This can be changed in your settings
- If your notifications are turned off in your device settings, some phones apply that to all apps
  when downloading. In the phone settings please make sure your notifications are turned on
- Check your App Store or Google Play regularly for any outstanding updates
- There are 2 different notices school will send out: **push notification** (banner and ding) or a **notice** (visual alert only)
- You will only receive a push notification if you are not using the app at the time
- If your volume is off you will not hear an alert
- You will see a visual alert if a notice has been posted. You will not hear a ding
- You will only hear a ding if the school sends a push notification.







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# Welcome to Seesaw!

#### Connect Families on the Seesaw app

#### Seesaw is where your child's learning lives.

It's where home-school communication lives. All in one place! Let's get you connected.

#### **Steps to Connect**

Look for a printed, email, or text invite and follow





instructions! Download the Seesaw

app or go to

app.seesaw.me on a computer

Click 'I'm a Family Member'

Printed Invites: Scan the QR code Text/Email Invites: Click the link

Follow the prompts to create an account or sign in

#### **How to Use Seesaw**







Adjust Account Settings and connect to Seesaw Journals for additional children

View and engage with all recent posts from all of your children using Seesaw

View posts from one child or class (vs. all recent posts in the Home tab)

Use Messages to Communicate with teachers

#### Connected family members see only their own child's learning

Learn more at web.seesaw.me/privacy

Once downloaded contact your child's teacher for your printed invite or text/ email invite if you have not yet received one.



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#### Class Dojo

#### How Do I Connect to My Child's Class?







#### From the Web

To connect to your child's class(es), you will need to create a parent account using your e-mail address or login to your existing parent account. Once logged in, there are several ways to connect to your child's class:

#### **School or Class Link**

If your teacher has shared their School or Class link with you, you will want to copy and paste this into your Google Chrome browser. After following the prompts, you will be connected to your child after the teacher has accepted your request to connect. For more detailed steps on this process check out the class link instructions or school link instructions for our website.

#### **Parent Code**

Your parent code will be unique to your child. This will be an 8- or 9-digit code you receive from your child's teacher. If they have not sent this code your way, you can contact them directly and ask them for this Parent code so you can properly connect. For more detailed steps on this process, check out the instructions for connecting using a parent code.

#### **Email Invite**

If your child's teacher has sent you an email invitation, you can tap on the link in the email. After clicking the link, this will take you to a screen to either sign up or log into your existing account. Once you have logged into your account, you will see that you are connected to your child's class. For more detailed steps on this process, check out our instructions on connecting with an email invitation.

#### **Teacher Search**

If you have not received an invite code or email link, you can still search for your child's school and teacher in order to request to connect to the class. After you have requested to connect, you will see a pending connection within your account. Once the teacher accepts your request, this will become active and you will see a "New Class Connection" post within your Story feed. For more detailed steps on this process, check out our instructions on making a connection request.



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# PUM: PAID UNION MEETINGS

As required by employment contracts teachers, who are part of the Union, will be attending a Paid Union Meeting on **Friday 3rd March**.

This means that **school will be closing at 12.30pm on this date**. Please make arrangements for early pick ups on this day.

Exiting on this day will work as follows:

12.30pm: Whānau Group

12.40pm: Single Children

We are currently working with OSCAR programmes to determine the best plan for the children and programme in regards to the early finish. Any updates will be communicated as soon as possible.

# Up and Coming Events

#### 2023 Road Patrol Refresher

Any Learner that is currently on Road Patrol will be participating in a 'Refresher Training' on **Thursday 23rd February**. We will endeavour to ensure learners do not miss out on their Kapa Haka and Kiwi Can sessions as much as we can. They must have their school hats and covered shoes on this day.

#### **Loud Shirt Day**

**Friday 24th February**: Wear your brightest OR way out there SHIRT to school (with your school shorts) on this day. In order to do this you MUST bring a GOLD COIN that will donated to....



# What Has Been Happening

#### Whānau Hui and BBQ

THANK YOU to all our whānau that attended the Hui/BBQ on Friday. It was wonderful to see so many of you here.

It was an informal event. Staff were introduced, whānau reminded about connecting to the school apps and a brief introduction was given about Reporting to Whānau and the changes ahead.



To ensure that you are informed about the changes to our school reporting system workshops will be provided, both during and after school hours. I highly encourage you to take note of the registration information when it is provided in the school newsletter and attend a session.

We are aiming to provide more current and 'living' reporting of student achievement and progress beyond a single midyear report. It is an exciting change that we are looking forward to implementing.

### **School Uniform**

Thank you to whānau who have replaced the old uniform with the new one. Please ensure that your tamariki is in CORRECT uniform so that they can be included in all school activities.

Please understand that the old uniform of skorts and cotton shorts are no longer acceptable to wear and your child does run the risk of not being included in activities if they continue to wear any of the old uniform.

When you receive your hoodie you will find a care guide included in the package. Read this carefully and then store in a safe place for any future reference. For those that already have their hoodie but did not receive care information it is included below.





#### Our Term One Classdojo Leaderboard

Each week our students are busy showing off their awesomeness and earning Classdojo points. As a parent you can also see how many points they are getting and what they are getting their points for. If you are not connected to Classdojo please contact your child's teacher and they will help you.

## Term 1 House Results



Week Nine Week Ten Term One Winner

# **Public Notices**

# **NEED A PAINTER?**



DREAM PAINTS

Interior and Exterior Painting New builds, Residential & Commercial Water Blasting

Contact: 022 392 3210

SUPPORT A LOCAL AND WHĀNAU OWNED BUSINESS



Te Rā o Ngā Tamariki Children's Day | Sunday 5 March 2023 1pm-4pm | Civic Square & Hastings War Memorial Library

This is a celebration of children across the district for Te rā o Ngā Tamariki Children's Day 2023, with lots of activities during the day in the library and outside in Civic Square, plus a workshop for adults and parents in the evening. There will be:

- · Bouncy castle
- Te Waka Tākaro
- Tumbling Tots zone
- Drop-in Art Space
- Lego and Duplo
- & more!

#### **NUTURE OUR TAMARIKI WORKSHOP**

Join us for a **FREE** seminar by the Brainwave Trust. Learn about the importance of healthy brain development in the early years, and how we as adults can help children reach their full potential.

Sunday 5 March 1 4.30pm-6.30pm (doors open 4.15) Light refreshments and snacks will be provided. Nau mai haere mai, everyone welcome.

Participants will be given information that is likely to affirm much of what you are already doing; encourage you to do some things differently; and, perhaps challenge some of the ways we think about young children, in order to help every child get the best start in life.

Brainwave Trust Aotearoa aims to reach people with vital information on what is happening inside babies' brains in the first critical years, and how this impacts on adulthood.

If you wish to attend the Seminar please email: <a href="mailto:kmedlicott@ebbettpark.school.nz">kmedlicott@ebbettpark.school.nz</a> for the registration link.

# EBBETT PARK SCHOOL TERM ONE CALENDAR

<b>WEEK</b>	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
30 Jan-3 Feb	30 JAN. TERM I BEGINS GETTING CONNECTED DAY 1/2: 9AM - 5PM BOOK ON SKOOL LOOP	31 JAN. GETTING CONNECTED DAY 2/2: 9AM - 5PM BOOK ON SKOOL LOOP	I FEB ALL LEARNERS BACK AT SCHOOL – WELCOME POWHIRI: 8.30AM		3 FEB EPS CELEBRATION DAY @FRIMLEY POOLS
2. 6 Feb-10 Feb	6 FEB WAITANGI DAY HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED	7 FEB MUSIC SESSIONS START (RM 8, 9, 10)		9 FEB Kapa haka sessions Start	IO FEB WHĀNAU HUI WITH BBQ 4.30PM START
3. 13 Feb-17 Feb			I5 FEB WEETBIX TRI (CANCELLED)	I6 FEB Bot meeting #1 @5.30PM	
4. 20 Feb-24 Feb				23 FEB FULL DAY ROAD PATROL REFRESHER HBRU ACADEMY VISIT TO EPS	24 FEB LOUD SHIRT MUFTI - GOLD COIN DONATION INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING
5. 27 Feb-3 Mar	27 FEB PALS TRAINING GROUP OF 12-16 LEARNERS @ HSP.				3 MARCH HOUSE CHALLENGE: SWIMMING. SENIORS 9 - IIAM JUNIORS II - 12.30PM TEACHER PAID UNION MEETING FINISH AT 12.30PM
6. 6 Mar-10 Mar					IO MARCH Teacher only day Kahui day
7. 13 Mar-17 Mar	13 MARCH TERM I IEP WEEK	IY MARCH TERM I IEP WEEK	15 MARCH TERM I IEP WEEK	I6 MARCH TERM I IEP WEEK	17 MARCH TERM I IEP WEEK
8. 20 Mar-24 Mar			22 MARCH MITRE IO TOUGH KID CHALLENGE DAY I/2	23 MARCH MITRE 10 TOUGH KID CHALLENGE DAY 2/2 POOL SIDE SESSIONS BEGIN 3/4	24 MARCH POOL SIDE SESSIONS 2/4
<b>q</b> . 27 Mar-31 Mar	27 MARCH POOL SIDE SESSIONS 3/4				31 MARCH House Challenge. Tabloid Sports
10. 3 Apr-6 Apr	3 APRIL POOL SIDE SESSIONS END 4/4.		- 1	6 APRIL END OF TERM I CULTURAL DAY CELEBRATION	7 APRIL GOOD FRIDAY

#### **TERM 2 DATES:**

WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL - FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL: TEACHER ONLY DAY AND TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL; ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY