

Eastern Hutt School

22 February 2023

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Kia ora, Hello, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Ni hao, Ahn nyung, Wei ho ma, Namaste, Hola, Kee haal hai, Vannakkam, Jomreep sua, Sawat dee, Privet, Kumusta, Nabad

We are fortunate at Eastern Hutt to be very diverse with the number of different ethnicities in our school which provides for rich learning opportunities. I often say to people, when you walk into a room it is like the 'United Nations'. We are also very fortunate to have a Bilingual Teacher who supports our students to learn English. Wanwan and Pearl (who is filling this position while Wanwan is on leave) help our students to see themselves as having 'Super Powers' ie: they can speak 2 or more languages, and not to see this as a barrier to them learning English. See the photos and article that was featured in the November Education Gazette [Language as a strength of identity](#)

This week is our Cultural Celebration Week as our tamariki get to know the new members of their class. Culture is about where we are from, our families, our identity and language. The tamariki have been sharing with each other aspects of their culture.

Thanks to Pearl, who has organised a range of experiences for our tamariki this week that classes have opted into: Irish Dancing, Chinese Instrument 'Guzheng' and 'Erhu' Workshops, Lion Dance Workshops by the Chinese Confucius Institute – Victoria University, Japanese Drumming performance. Photos below.



This Thursday at 4.30pm we are looking forward to our first Kura Whakawhanaungatanga and we look forward to a fun Hui, enjoying some games and kai, and seeing our kapa haka and Ngā Manu Piri perform their waiata for us.

We are also looking forward to Friday when we celebrate where we are from by dressing up in special clothes that reflect our culture, staff included! We encourage everyone to dress up for Friday and make it a fun and colourful day. We will have a parade at 10am. It is always lovely to see our tamariki showing much pride in their cultural heritage. We end the end with a performance by the Japanese Drummers, and some of our own tamariki performing their Pacific and Indian dances.

Cyclone Koha



As a community we have shown our care and compassion for the people affected by the Cyclone. We have fundraised \$1160! Ngā mihi nui to Violet and Tawhid who were responsible for collecting and thanking our tamariki today for their generous koha. Each class is also making a card to send to 27 schools in the Hawkes Bay region. Although our donations and cards may seem a small action, it is the collective actions of many across New Zealand that contribute to making a big difference. Card making is reaching out to the children in these schools, and aligns with our Vision: Inspired Empowered Active Citizens—whatever age you are! Thank you everyone – Arohanui.

Lateness

We are having a significant number of students arriving at school either just when the bell is being rung or well after the bell. A reminder that the school bell goes at **8.55am**. If your child arrives at school after this time, they are **late** and must sign in at the school office. This saves us texting and worrying you that your child is not here.

When your child is late, their entry into the class disrupts the teacher and other students as they begin their school day. Students who are late, miss out on the instructions at the start of the day, the social interaction between their classmates before school, and also miss the time to get organised before the bell, eg. hand in notices, take their belongings and drink bottles to their desk or tote tray.

Please make the time in the morning to get your child to school before the bell, preferably by 8.45am.

Ngā mihi nui
Julie Henderson

Term Dates 2023

Term 1: Wednesday 1 February to Thurs 6 April
Term 2: Monday 24 April to Friday 30 June
Term 3: Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September
Term 4: Monday 09 October to Friday 15 Dec.
Monday 6 February Waitangi Day

Teacher Only Day 24 April 2023

Tuesday 25 April Anzac Day
Monday 5 June Queens Birthday
Monday 23 October Labour Day

IMPORTANT – YOU CAN NOW TEXT YOUR ABSENTEES

Children who will be Absent or Late

If your child is going to be **ABSENT OR LATE** from school please ring the absentee line **566 2734** or **text only (we do not answer this phone)** on **027-773-7243** before 9.30am and leave a message which includes name, room number and the reason your child is away or is going to be late.

Late Children – please report to the office so we do not ring your parents.

Remember school starts at 8.55am.

Stationery and School Donation

All children have been issued with stationery so written work can begin straight away. A statement has been sent home with your child **and we would appreciate these being paid as soon as possible**. All money raised through school donation is spent on enriching school programmes, providing resources and additional specialist teachers.

The school donations for 2023 are:

- 1 or 2 children at Eastern Hutt \$275 per child
- 3rd child from same family at EHS \$220
- 4 children or more at Eastern Hutt \$750 annually

At the bottom of your invoice is a space for you to make an additional voluntary donation if you wish. All schools are dependent on the generosity of their community to enable them to buy most of the additional resources in school. This will be receipted with your school donation for tax purposes.

Thank you for this.

Remember all school donations are tax deductible.

Payments need to be made by EFTPOS or Direct Credit or Cash. Please use your child's name as a reference if paying by Direct Credit.

Account Details for Direct Credit payments is ASB Lower Hutt
Eastern Hutt School Board Of Trustees - AC no. 12 3478 0009657 00

Message from Inland Revenue regarding Tax Credits for Donations

There is no need to complete a paper form this year because you can now claim donation tax credits online in myIR account, Inland Revenue's secure online service.

You will receive your refund much sooner

Your receipts can be electronic receipts, or photos or scans of paper receipts

Your receipts can be uploaded anytime during the year.

You can find more information on ird.govt.nz/donations.

Automatic Payments of Fees/Stationery/Camp for 2023

If you wish to start an automatic payment for Stationery, Camp, EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) Activity Related Donations and School Donation, please contact Katherine by email at accounts@easternhutt.school.nz or ring the office on 566 0167. This is an easy way to spread the payments throughout the year.

Direct Credit to our Bank Account. Account Details
ASB Lower Hutt
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EHS **\$2 JUICY FRIDAY**
Fundraising for the Year 6 Camp

Available every FRIDAY lunchtime til sold out
(EXCEPT on a SAUSAGE SIZZLE DAY)

HEALTHSTAR RATING 5

NO ADDED SUGAR.
100% FRESH, REAL FRUIT

real fruit simple Juicies
the original fruit pressed Juicies
Only good stuff in here Juicies
Enjoy the simple things Juicies

Thank you for supporting Year 6 camp.

The advertisement features a teal header with the EHS logo and the event title '\$2 JUICY FRIDAY' in large yellow letters. Below the title, it states 'Fundraising for the Year 6 Camp'. The main body is black with white text. It includes a 'HEALTHSTAR RATING 5' logo, the text 'NO ADDED SUGAR. 100% FRESH, REAL FRUIT', and four images of Juicies juice boxes. On the right, there is a cartoon illustration of a campsite with a tent, a campfire, and a sign that says 'Thank you for supporting Year 6 camp.'

Start Time at School

School starts at 8.55am and ends at 3.00pm. Prior to 8.30am, teachers are involved in planning, preparation and meetings. Students are welcome in classrooms from 8.30am to prepare for the day and enjoy the socialising with classmates and their teacher prior to the start of the school day.

Children should not be at school prior to 8.15am as there is no supervision and should be leaving school by 3.15pm unless supervised by parents. Oscar House provides before and after school care should you require this. Their details are at the end of this newsletter.

School Office Hours

The School office is open from 8.30am to 3.45pm.

Sunhats: These MUST be worn in Term 1 and Term 4 of the school year. It is recommended you provide a NAMED sunhat to be kept at school so your child always has a hat to wear. A hat with a brim for adequate protection is recommended. If your child does not have a hat at lunchtime they will be required to stay under the sunshades. This is also about educating your child to be 'sun smart'.

Footwear: Jandals should not be worn at school. Children are involved in PE and fitness programmes that require running, along with general playtime activities, therefore jandals are not appropriate or safe. Sandals that fit firmly without movement are appropriate and good in the hot weather.

Cellphones and Smart Watches

Some children, particularly in the senior school, have cellphones and smart watches so they can be in contact with parents before and after school however, school is not responsible for these phones or watches. **Should your child need to contact you during the school day for any urgent reason, they can do so at the school office.** Likewise for parents, please contact the school office if there is any urgent reason to be in contact with your child.

School lunches

See that attached flyer from: [Lunchonline](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)
www.lunchonline.co.nz

The lunches are then delivered to school on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning.

Guitar Lessons at Eastern Hutt School

Guitar Lessons at Eastern Hutt School Do you want to learn to play guitar? Places are available in Term 1 for pupils in years 3 to 6. The cost is \$12 per 30 minute lesson, payable per term. Usually there would be 8 lessons, so the term fees would be \$96. Guitars are available for hire at \$20 per term if you don't own one. Please call Charles on 04-934-2759 or 029-9392759 or charleshazlewood1@gmail.com, or Mary on 04-566-3918



Would your child like to learn a new language? Fun French for kids at Eastern Hutt School, Wednesdays 3.15pm

Experience French learning the fun way! Children speak French from the first lesson

Ages 5 to 10

Lots of interactive activities, role play, crafts, active games and music, we have fun as we learn

Includes care from 3pm

Free trial lesson. After that \$16 per 60-minute lesson, plus cost of a membership starter pack of book and music to support learning

To register your interest please contact Stefi on stefi@lcclubs.co.nz or [021 178 2099](tel:0211782099) visit the website www.lcclubs.co.nz

Biodiversity and Childhood Health Study

Researchers at Massey University are studying how the natural environment affects health in **children**. The aim of the study is to find out if exposure to greater plant biodiversity may protect against several health conditions including, asthma and allergies.

If your child is **6-11years old**, the research team would be grateful if you would consider taking part. For this study we need all children - including those who do and those who do not have asthma and allergies.

The study involves completing a questionnaire and your child taking part in a breathing and an allergy test. A smaller number of selected participants will be invited to take part in a second phase of the study, which would involve some further health tests.

To take part in the research, please contact the study team by text (text YES, your name, and your child's name and school to: **021 819 745**), or **return the consent forms** in the invitation pack, which will be sent to you.

If you, or anyone you know would like any further information about the study please click this [link](#), or contact the research team:

Email: asthma@massey.ac.nz
Phone: 0508 ASTHMA (278 462)
Text (SMS): 021 819 745



Eastern Hutt School
Bakery – Wednesdays
Pita Pit - Thursdays
Sushi - Fridays

It's simple; all you need to do is register at
www.lunchonline.co.nz
and follow 4 easy steps to get started

1. Register an account
2. Add member/s including your name and delivery location
3. Make a payment to have funds in your account before you order
4. Select your lunch and place an order

Phone 0800 LOL LOL - Phone 0800 565 565 - info@lunchonline.co.nz



Summary of the optional extracurricular activities being offered at Eastern Hutt School

There are a number of extra curricular opportunities available that Eastern Hutt School families can choose to opt into on a fee-paying basis. The details of these & how to enrol are listed below:

MUSIC

Guitar Lessons are available for Year 3 children onwards with Mary Hazelwood & Charles Hazlewood. Please call Mary on 04-566-3918 or Charles on 04-934-2759 or 029-9392759 or charleshazlewood1@gmail.com

Violin Lessons are available.
Enquiries to Jenni Champion 562 0297 and 021 409 498

Drumming/Keyboard Lessons Goodtime Music Academy – contact the Music Bus Manager 04 570 2730 or go to the website goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz

SPORT – NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

Kelly Sports – After school Sports on a Wednesday www.kellysports.co.nz
Enquiries to Vanessa Chatfield 027 466 1779 or 586 5361

Languages – French

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Marrzipan Drama

Are running awesome confidence building sessions through drama at Eastern Hutt School this year!

Classes will be running on Wednesday's after school in A3 - Music Room at Eastern Hutt. Juniors from 3.00-3.45pm and Seniors from 3:45-4:30pm. Call our superstar Office Team or. Head to www.marrzipandrama.co.nz and click REGISTER HERE or call 027 367 3334. See you there!

Oscar House - Before & After School Care



One to Five Days Regular and Casual Care
Holiday Programmes

Enquiries www.oscarhouse.co.nz Dalena Wallace 0275511040 dalena@oscarhouse.co.nz
Kelsey Arthur 566 3141 (evenings)