TERM FOUR WEEK 4 TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2026

EBBETT PARK SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE, PRIDE & SPIRIT

Message from the Principal

Week 4 Events

Monday 2nd November:

Ko Taku Reo Connect Day - 6 tamariki involved

Miniball Y5/6 - Matatua vs Mayfair School at Mahora School @ 3.30pm

- Kaha vs Raureka Dribblers at Mahora School @4.00pm

Tuesday 3rd November:

Wednesday 4th November:

Tball - EPS playing Hastings Christian School at Hastings Christian School

Thursday 5th November:

Miniball Y3/4 - playing 4.00pm at Mahora School

Friday 6th November:

Gumboot Friday - Gold Coin Donation for Mental Health

Saturday 7th November:

Ebbett Park School OPEN for election Day Voting (Hall)

Looking a week ahead: Week 5 Events

Monday 9nd November:

Miniball Y5/6 - Matatua vs Raureka Dunkers at Mahora School @ 5.00pm

- Kaha vs Mayfair at Mahora School @4.30pm

Tuesday 10th November:

Wednesday 11th November:

2027 Road Patrol Training (this could be shifted to next week decision TBC) - Session 1/2

Tball - EPS have a BYE

Thursday 12th November:

2027 Road Patrol Training (this could be shifted to next week decision TBC) - Session 2/2

Miniball Y3/4 - playing 4.00pm at Mahora School

Friday 13th November:

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

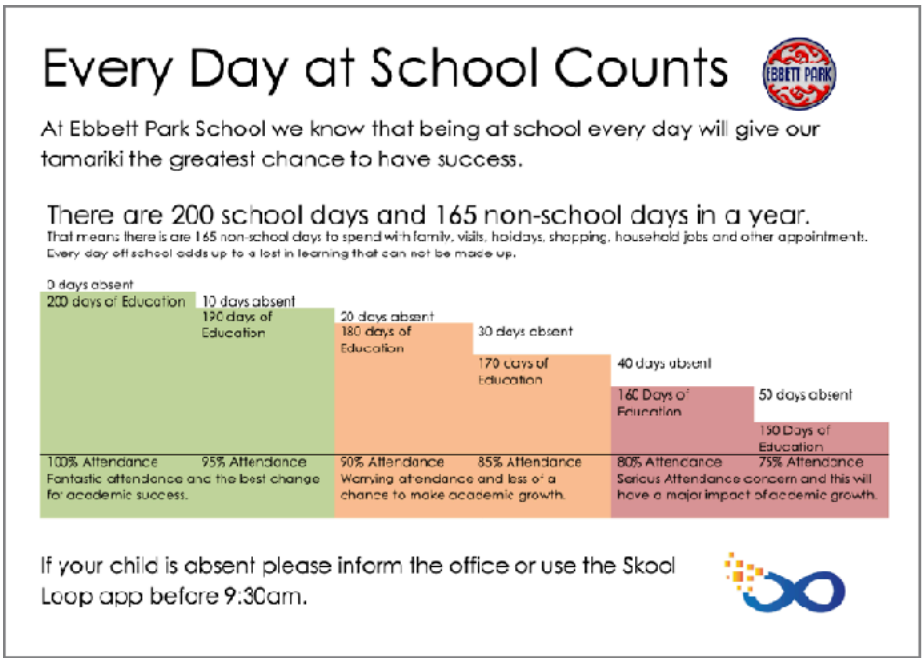
Ebbett Park School will challenge students to excel and provide them With all they require to be lifelong learners.

EXCELLENCE	PRIDE	SPIRIT
Matatau	Kaha	Mana

Ebbett Park School Attendance

Each week, we will report on the attendance rate from the previous week.

	75% Individiual Student target		80% Daily and weekly target	
	Less than 5 days absence	Up to 10 days absence	Up to 15 days absence	15 days or more absence
Week 1	99% 182 students	1% 1 student	0	0
Week 2	98% 180 students	2% 4 students	0	0
Week 3	95% 176 students	5% 10 students	0	0
Week 4				
Week 5				
Week 6				
Week 7				
Week 8				
Week 9				
Term 1 total	62% 99 students	22% 35 students	9% 15 students	6% 10 students
Term 2 total	52% 84 students	20% 33 students	12% 20 students	15% 25 students
Term 3 total	48% 86 Students	28% 50 students	12% 21 students	13% 23 students



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.

End of an Era - Paul Woon Caretaker Retiring

As we head into week 4 of this term we prepare to say farewell to our Caretaker Paul Woon.

Paul's Journey – 27 Years as a School Caretaker



Paul has dedicated 27 years of his working life to school caretaking, working across several schools throughout his career.

His journey began at Wycliffe Intermediate, where he started as a fill-in caretaker while the permanent caretaker was recovering from surgery. This temporary position was the beginning of a career that would span 27 years.

Paul then moved to Tamatea Intermediate. At the time, he and his wife had four young children, and the travelling was becoming difficult for their family. An opportunity arose at Parkvale School, which allowed Paul to work closer to home.

During this time, his family faced one of its biggest challenges when his son, Brad, was diagnosed with cancer. It was a life-changing experience for both Paul and his wife Sharon and made them realise how precious time with family really is. They decided that life was too short, and Paul subsequently accepted a part-time caretaker position at Ebbett Park School, allowing him to spend more time with his family.

Outside of work, Paul has always been a keen sportsman. He played softball and soccer for many years and has achieved life membership through his involvement in sport. He has also coached numerous teams over the years, giving his time, knowledge and enthusiasm to help others enjoy and develop their sporting abilities.

Sport has always been a big part of Paul's life, and his willingness to get involved, support others and give back to his community has been a constant throughout the years.

Paul's 27 years in school caretaking have been an important part of his working life. His career has taken him through different schools, different communities and many stages of family life.

As he now finishes his working career, his whānau look back on those 27 years with pride and appreciation for the journey he has had.

We invite our community to drop in and say their personal farewell's to Paul during this week.

2026 EPS Staff Detail

Principal	Kate Medlicott	Reading Recovery	Anna Bush	Deaf Communicator	Nora Moana
Deputy Principal	Hamish Dufty	DP Release / CRT and PRT Teacher	Karla Reay	Deaf Communicator	Jo Hansen
		Classroom Release teacher	Jan Wilson	Deaf Communicator	Sarah Tate
Room 2	Jasmine James	Classroom Release Teacher	Laura Jones	Deaf Communicator	Renee Moody
Room 3	McKenzie Harding	Office Administrator	Avie Wilbraham	Deaf Communicator	Mel Manson
Room 4	Katie Wiffin	Library/ESOL	Shanice Hunuhunu	Caretaker	Paul Woon
Room 5	Toby Blakey	Pastrol Care Co-ordinator	Christina Hawkins	Learning Support Co-Ordinator	Rose Doolan
Room 6	Hamish Dufty and Karla Reay	Learning Companion	Austin McDougall	SWiS	Hannah Betesta
Room 7	Loren Howard	Learning Companion	Amanda Bryant	Well-Being Specialist	Saskia
Room 8	Jorja Greene	Learning Companion	Cindy Morrell	Specialist Learning Coordinator	Darlene Thompson
Room 9	Kana Tere-Taylor	Learning Companion	Charlie	Learning Companion	Caroylne
Room 10	OSCAR Programme - Beyond the Bell	Learning Companion	Lawreece Te-Huia	Learning Companion	Xzylus Kireka-Hunuhunu
Library	Deaf Hub / Specialist Learning Programmes	Learning Companion	Noah Ioasa	Classroom Release Teacher	Sarah Harris

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Term 4 Calendar

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
~~1:~~ ~~12 - 16 October~~	~~12/10~~ ~~Term 4 starts~~	~~13/10~~	~~14/10~~ ~~Formal end of year assessment begins~~	~~15/10~~ ~~Miniball starts for Y34 teams~~	~~16/10~~ ~~Mana Ake sessions start for rms: 5, 6, 7 and 9~~
~~2:~~ ~~19 - 23 October~~	~~19/10~~ ~~Miniball starts for Y5/6 teams~~	~~20/10~~	~~21/10~~ ~~'Shake Out' - 1.30pm~~ ~~TBall Starts~~	~~22/10~~ ~~Loud Shirt Day~~	~~23/10~~ ~~Hawkes Bay Anniversary Day~~ ~~School closed~~
~~3:~~ ~~26 - 30 October~~	~~26/10~~ ~~Labour Day~~ ~~School closed~~	~~27/10~~	~~28/10~~	~~29/10~~ ~~Mobile Ear Clinic @ EPS~~	~~30/10~~ ~~Formal end of year assessment ends~~
4: **02 - 06 November**	**02/11** **KTR Connect Day (6 tamariki)**	**03/11**	**04/11**	**05/11**	**06/11** **Gumboot Friday** **Mufti Day**
5: 09 - 13 November	09/11	10/11	11/11 2027 Road Patrol Training (am) #1	12/11 2027 Road Patrol Training (am) #2	13/11
6: 16 - 20 November	16/11	17/11	18/11	19/11 Junior Kapa Haka @ Te Ahurei o Kahungunu Kapa Haka Kuratahi '26 - perform @ 12.05pm	20/11 Ukulele Festival @ HNI 6pm
7: 23 - 27 November	23/11	24/11	25/11	26/11	27/11
8: 30 November - 04 December	30/11 2026 Road Patrollers Splash Planet Day (TBC)	01/12 2027 Classroom Transitions #1 11.30am - 12.30pm	02/12 Beach Education Year 3/4	03/12 2027 Classroom Transitions #2 11.30am - 12.30pm	04/12 Beach Education Year 5/6
9: 07 - 11 December	07/12	08/12 Celebration Assembly Juniors @ 10am Seniors @ 11am	09/12 Service Assembly @10.00am	10/12 End of Year Prize giving @11.00am Y6 Leavers Dinner @5.30pm	11/12 Term 4 Ends 12.30pm finish

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Morning Entry Times

8.00am - School is open for Road Patrollers. Students are NOT supervised

8.15am - Students can enter school and wait within the school grounds Students are NOT supervised

8.30am - Students are at school and supervised in their classrooms.

Please respect these times as teaching staff are entitled to non-contact time to plan the day

School Entry Times

Please remember that our gates do not open until 8.15am for tamariki.
We do have them open so that our Road Patrol tamariki can enter, organise themselves and get on duty to help there peers cross the roads safely. This time also allows our staff to prep for the school for the school day uninterrupted. We kindly ask that our tamariki do not arrive before 8.15am. Thank you for your support and understanding.



PUBLIC NOTICES



Duffy Books in Homes would like to celebrate the upcoming **Rugby League World Cup 2026** by sharing these amazing books on offer.

These books are available to anyone who would like to purchase these books for their league-obsessed children.

Easy process:

1. Scan the QR code
2. Select book or books (choose from paperback or eBook)
3. Select pay option



Ebbett Park School Policy Review

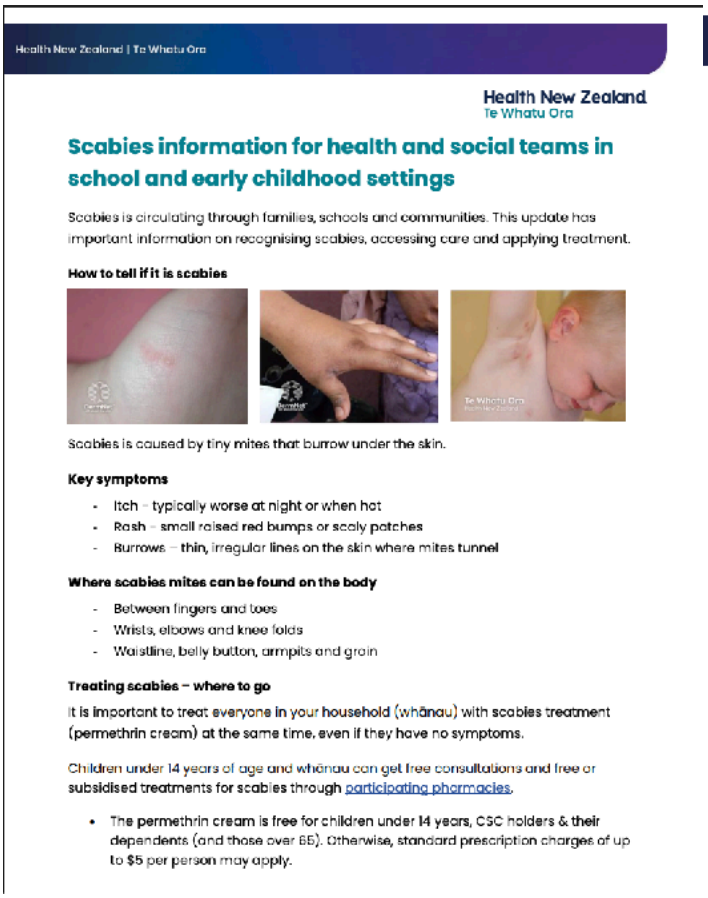
Our school works with SchoolDocs to provide a website for maintaining, updating, and reviewing our school policies. SchoolDocs updates policies in response to changes in legislation and Ministry guidelines, reviews/requests from schools, and regular research from the SchoolDocs team.

Our school board has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review.

We invite you to visit the site at **https://ebbettpark.schooldocs.co.nz** (note that there's no "www."). Our username is **ebbettpark** and password **eps**.

PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICE - SCABIES

We are currently seeing a significant increase in cases of scabies across the community. Early identification and treatment are important in helping to reduce and prevent further spread.



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Scabies information for health and social teams in school and early childhood settings

Scabies is circulating through families, schools and communities. This update has important information on recognising scabies, accessing care and applying treatment.

How to tell if it is scabies

Scabies is caused by tiny mites that burrow under the skin.

Key symptoms

- Itch – typically worse at night or when hot
- Rash – small raised red bumps or scaly patches
- Burrows – thin, irregular lines on the skin where mites tunnel

Where scabies mites can be found on the body

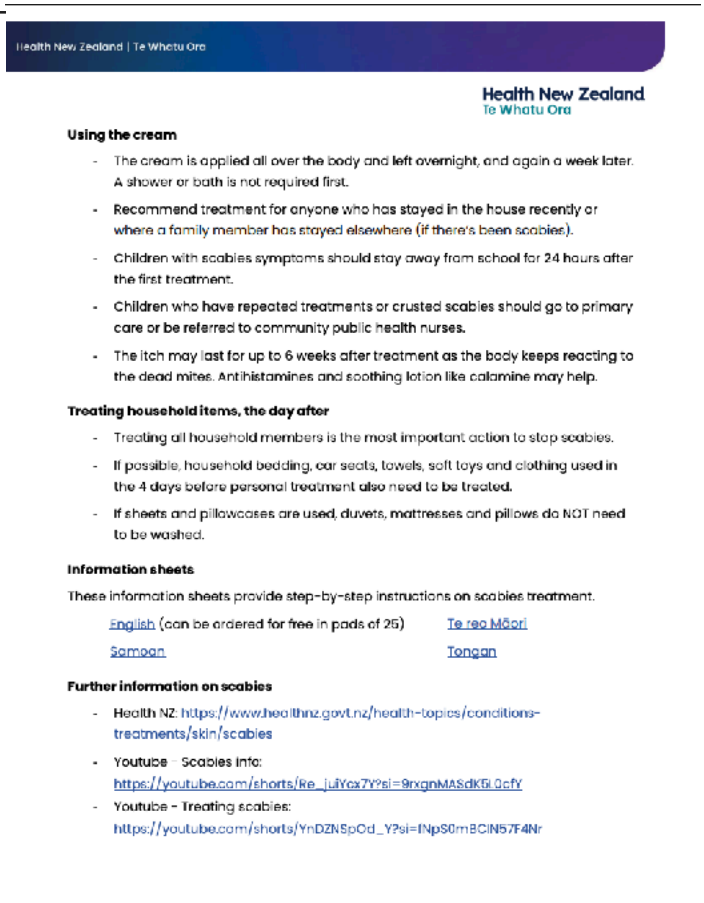
- Between fingers and toes
- Wrists, elbows and knee folds
- Waistline, belly button, armpits and groin

Treating scabies – where to go

It is important to treat everyone in your household (whānau) with scabies treatment (permethrin cream) at the same time, even if they have no symptoms.

Children under 14 years of age and whānau can get free consultations and free or subsidised treatments for scabies through participating pharmacies.

- The permethrin cream is free for children under 14 years, CSC holders & their dependents (and those over 65). Otherwise, standard prescription charges of up to $5 per person may apply.



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Using the cream

- The cream is applied all over the body and left overnight, and again a week later. A shower or bath is not required first.
- Recommend treatment for anyone who has stayed in the house recently or where a family member has stayed elsewhere (if there's been scabies).
- Children with scabies symptoms should stay away from school for 24 hours after the first treatment.
- Children who have repeated treatments or crusted scabies should go to primary care or be referred to community public health nurses.
- The itch may last for up to 6 weeks after treatment as the body keeps reacting to the dead mites. Antihistamines and soothing lotion like calamine may help.

Treating household items, the day after

- Treating all household members is the most important action to stop scabies.
- If possible, household bedding, car seats, towels, soft toys and clothing used in the 4 days before personal treatment also need to be treated.
- If sheets and pillowcases are used, duvets, mattresses and pillows do NOT need to be washed.

Information sheets

These information sheets provide step-by-step instructions on scabies treatment.

English (can be ordered for free in pads of 25) Te reo Māori
Samoan Tongan

Further information on scabies

- Health NZ: https://www.healthnz.govt.nz/health-topics/conditions-treatments/skin/scabies
- Youtube – Scabies info: https://youtube.com/shorts/Re_juYcx7Y?si=9rxgnMASdKf0cfY
- Youtube – Treating scabies: https://youtube.com/shorts/YnDZN5pOd_Y?si=INpS0mBCIN57F4Nr