

TERM FOUR

WEEK 1 MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

2026

EBBETT PARK SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE, PRIDE & SPIRIT



Message from the Principal

Week 1

Week 1 Events

Monday 12th October:

Term 4 begins

Tuesday 13th October:

Wednesday 14th October

Thursday 15th October:

Miniball for Year3/4 starts - 3.30pm at Mahora School.

Friday 16th October:

STAFF CHANGES

This term sees Mr Duffy taking a well earned sabbatical which means Mrs Reay will be stepping into room 6 in a full time capacity.

Mr Blakey takes over the role of classroom teacher in room 5 and Whaea Katie (Katie Wiffin) steps into the role of 3rd new entrant teacher in room 4.

Shanice steps into the library/ESOL position and we welcome Xzylus to Ebbett Park as a learning companion in room 7.

Whaea Sarah also joins the team as Room 4's classroom release teacher. She will be in room 4 every Wednesday.

ATTENDANCE

Now that the weather is improving we are looking forward to a term of less illness and sickness. It would be wonderful to see an improvement in our attendance rate as we are yet to reach our goal of 75% as we have only managed to achieve 48% - 62%. If your child is going to be away it is IMPERATIVE that daily communication with school is made.



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

Ebbett Park School Attendance

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

	75% Individual 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				
Week 2				
Week 3				
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

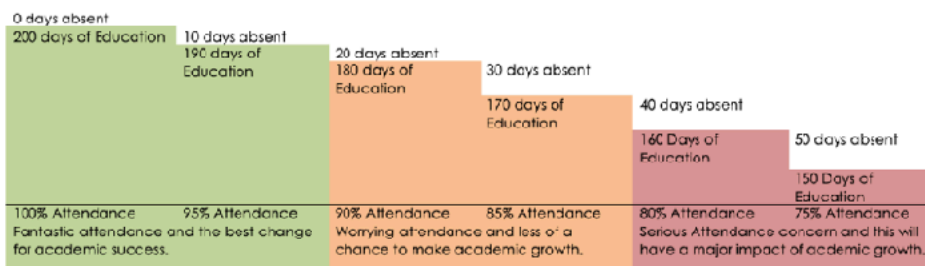
Every Day at School Counts



At Ebbett Park School we know that being at school every day will give our tamariki the greatest chance to have success.

There are 200 school days and 165 non-school days in a year.

That means there is 165 non-school days to spend with family, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments. Every day off school adds up to a lost in learning that can not be made up.



If your child is absent please inform the office or use the Skool Loop app before 9:30am.



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.



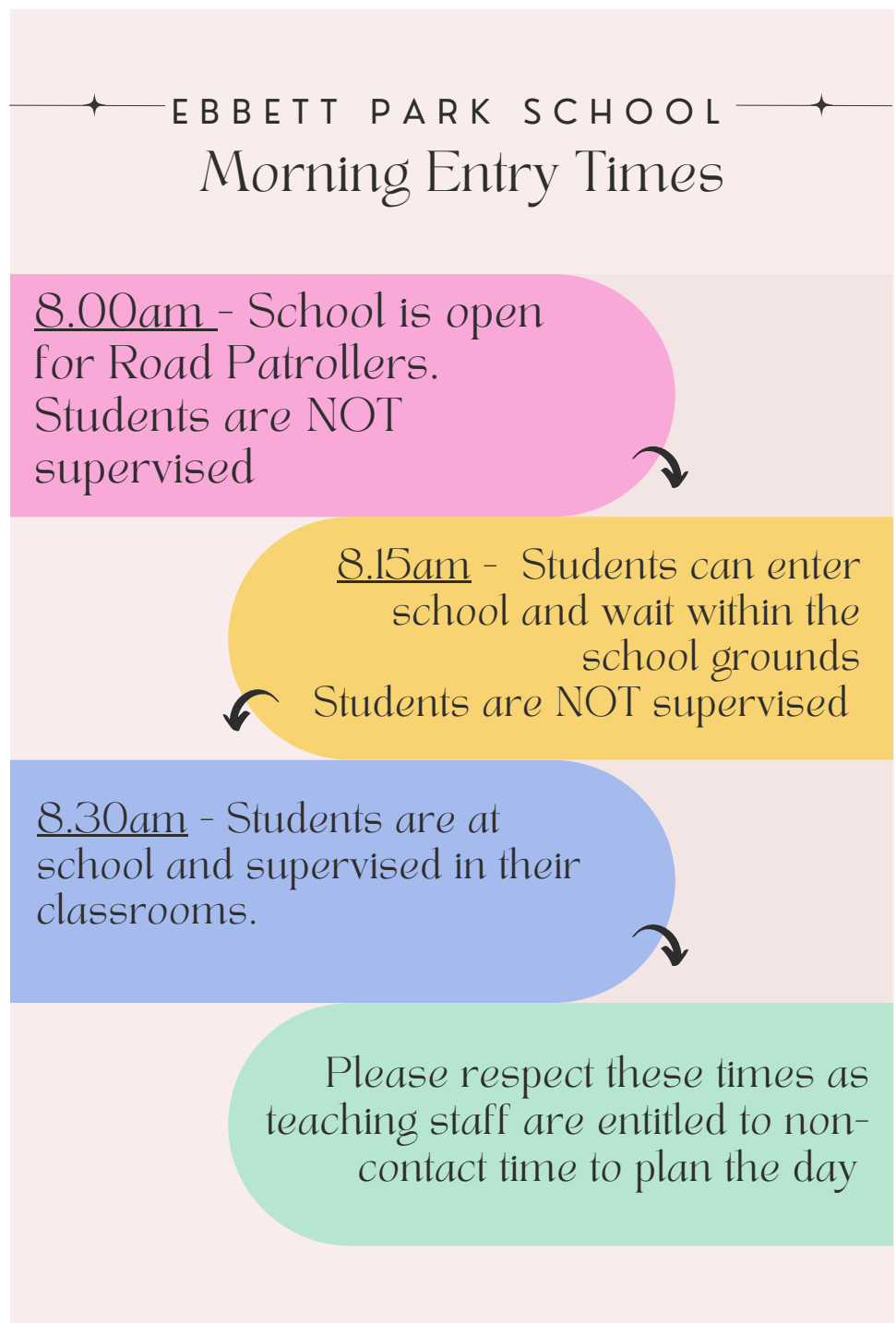
Seesaw

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

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.



2026 EPS Staff Detail

Principal	Kate Medicott	Reading Recovery	Anna Bush	Deaf Communicator	Nora Moana
Deputy Principal	Hamish Duffy	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 Duffy 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	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

PUBLIC NOTICES

None to date



EBBETT PARK SCHOOL

Attendance Matters

Every day
counts for our
tamariki.



Child is absent?

Please notify the school **every day** they are away.



Call the
School Office
(06) 878 9599

OR



Use the
'Absentee' tab
on Skool Loop



If your child will be away for more than one day,
please let us know **the dates** they will be absent.

Has the school been notified
of your child's absence?

NO – We have NOT been notified



Step 1: Call from our Attendance Officer

You can expect a call from our
Attendance Officer to check
on your child's safety.



Step 2: Home Visit

If we are unable to make
contact by phone, our
Attendance Officer will
complete a home visit.



Step 3: Recorded Actions

All actions for non-attendance
will be recorded on our
student management system.



Step 4: Referral to Attendance Services

If there is regular
non-attendance, a referral
to Attendance Services
may be made.



Step 5: Ministry of Education Informed

If absence continues, the Ministry
of Education will be informed.

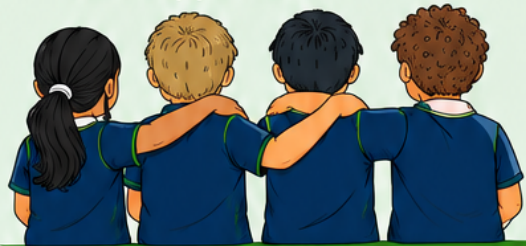
YES – We have been notified



Thank you!

**You've done the
right thing.**

This helps us keep our
students safe, engaged
and supported.



All attendance information
is important and helps us
support your child's
learning and wellbeing.



It is **VITAL** that non-attendance is reported
to school from whānau on a **day** basis.

