



Monday 12 August 24



EPUNI SCHOOL

Kia ora e te whānau,

At the moment we often have very cold mornings and lovely days. Please ensure your tamariki have a warm coat to put on when they are outside and a warm top to wear while they are indoors. Tamariki are asked to take their coats off while in class. This is to ensure they have something warm to put on when outside while also making writing easier without a bulky coat on.



Swimming

It has been a busy week with swimming, as I am sure you are finding having to get swimming togs and towels ready each day. I have loved hearing and seeing our tamariki make progress. Thank you to the parents who have been able to join us down at the pool. Your support and help enable the lessons to be successful.

Kapa Haka Performance Group

Our kapa haka performance group recently visited Dyer Street School, where we were warmly welcomed with a pōwhiri. Both Dyer Street and Epuni School HuttFest performed for each other. The performances were full of energy, we sang our hearts out! The visit ended with everyone joining together to perform the Naenae Kāhui Ako haka. This was an awesome opportunity for our tamariki to celebrate kapa haka and make new friends. It was a great experience for everyone!



Policies – School Docs

Each term the Board and school review policies. The school community is also able to provide feedback on the content of policies and procedures that are currently being reviewed. Policies are on a 3-year review schedule that ensures content stays up to date.

Topics that are under review have a review button, which allows feedback to be sent to both the school and the SchoolDocs team.

This term the Board and school are reviewing the following policies:

- Concerns and Complaints Policy
- Performance Management Policy
- Protected disclosure

Access to SchoolDocs for Epuni School

Website: schooldocs.co.nz

Username: Epuni

Password: 5star

Property

Work has begun on upgrading the toilets in the senior block. This work is well overdue and will make such a difference to the toilet and clock bay area. Tōtara and Rātā classrooms will also be getting an upgrade with new linings, insulation and wall coverings. This means Tōtara and Rātā will be moving out of their classrooms sometime during the term and will operate out of the library. We may need to juggle time out of their classrooms also for Kōwhai and Tawai for shorter periods of time as the work progresses. It will be a bit noisy at times but the end result will be well worth the inconvenience.

We really value the support of our whānau, working together we can make such a difference for all tamariki.

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi engari, he toa takitini.

Success is not the work of one, but the work of many.

Many thanks

Janet Evans

Principal

Parking near Eponi School?

Here are some guidelines to help keep our children safe in the morning and afternoon.

Police officers are regularly monitoring all schools in the district. Fines will be given out if you are seen parking or stopped illegally.

Please also be aware that the speed around our school during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up is **30km/hour**.

3 Way Conferences

The website for booking a time to see your child's teacher is open.

Go to: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Click: Make A Booking **Enter code:** rqa2d

Conference dates are Mon 2 Sept and Tues 3 Sept.

Picking up and dropping tamariki off at school?

How you park and drive can protect them, or put them in danger.

Drivers and children need good visibility around schools to be able to see each other. Parking restrictions are in place for this reason - to protect our tamariki.

As a driver, you can help to reduce the risks:

- Park legally and safely at all times
- Do not exceed P5 or P10 time limits
- Park further away and walk with your child to or from the school gate
- If you need to turn around, find a safe place well away from the school gate
- Always slow down as you approach a busy school or pedestrian crossing
- Choose alternatives to driving - allow your child to walk to school, start a walking school bus, or find another family to carpool with



Parking safely near schools



Stopping on broken yellow lines, across driveways, on a bus stop, and double parking are illegal and risky moves that endanger children and other pedestrians.

If you choose to stop or park illegally you risk receiving a fine.

Stopped / parked on broken yellow lines	\$60
Double parked	\$60
Stopped / parked in front of or within 1m of a vehicle entrance or driveway	\$40
Stopped / parked on a bus stop	\$60
Stopped / parked on the footpath	\$40
Stopped / parked on or near a pedestrian crossing	\$60
Any stopping or parking that is inconsiderate to other road users, including pedestrians	\$60
Exceeding a P5 or P10 time limit (by up to 30mins)	\$12
Failing to stop and remain stopped for a school patrol sign (fine and 20 demerit points)	\$150

Please put children's safety first at all times. Enforcement by Police and parking wardens is designed to keep all road users safe

Find out more:

hutt.city/saferschools

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