



EPUNI

Term 1, Week 2
10 February 2025

Whats coming up

February

- 12- The Epuni Way – Meet the teachers, 5:30pm
- 19 –Board meeting, 5:45pm
- 21 –Tōtara Celebration of Learning, 9:15am

March

- 3 – Movin March begins
- 7 – Mataī Celebration of Learning, 9:15am
- 14- Staff Only day – School closed for instruction

Kia ora e te whānau

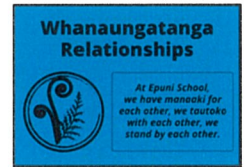
Tamariki have settled quickly into their new class, enjoying catching up with old friends and making new friends. It is wonderful to see new connections being made across the school.

Whai ake i ngā whetū – Reaching for the stars together.

This is our school vision and something all staff and tamariki strive towards. We provide many opportunities for tamariki to be the very best they can be and know who they are as learners.

Relationships – Whanaungatanga

During Term 1 we will be focusing on Whanaungatanga. Looking at how we interact positively and respectfully with each other. Kiwi Kaha will continue reinforcing our school values during their sessions on a Thursday.



The Epuni Way

The school day is broken up in the following way. This helps to optimise peak learning times.

8:30	Children can arrive at school to get themselves ready for the day
8:30	Breakfast club in the hall
8:55	School starts, First teaching and learning block
11:00	Break
11:30	First lunch, lunch provided by Pita Pit
11:50	Second teaching and learning block
1:20	Break
1:50	Second lunch
2:00	Third teaching and learning block
3:00	Home time

Tamariki go out and play first for 30 minutes then have 10 to 15 minutes supervised eating time before the next teaching and learning block.

Staff Only Days

The Government has allocated two Staff Only days for 2025 to enable teachers to participate in Professional Development relating to the new Literacy and Maths Curriculum Documents. Our Staff Only days are the same as the other schools in the Naenae Kāhui Ako so we can collaborate together on these days. Epuni School will be closed for instruction on the following days

- Friday 14th March
- Friday 1st August

Attendance

If your tamariki are not going to be at school please let the office know. It is really important that we account for all tamariki on our roll as soon as possible each morning.

The Government continues to have a high focus on all tamariki attending school regularly. The Governments target is for each child to attend school more than 90% of the time – this is less than 5 days absent in a term.

- It is important to be on time. The bell goes at 8:55am. Missing the beginning of the day makes it much harder for tamariki, as this is when time is spent setting up learning for the day.
- Being at school every day is really important to access learning. This is especially so for Literacy and Maths because of the sequential nature that it is taught and learnt.

Ngā mihi nui
Janet Evans
Principal

PEDAL READY

Sherie and Patrick from Pedal Ready have been working alongside the classes this week. They are both trained instructors teaching cycle skills compliant with NZTA.

How does Pedal Ready benefit your child?

There are many benefits to learning to ride a bike. By participating in the Pedal Ready programme, our students will:

- improve their motor skills
- experience a wide range of cycling activities
- learn important road safety skills
- develop independence and consideration for others

