

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Preparing today's child for tomorrow's world - Whakakaha ngā tamariki mo apopo

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COMING UP:

Wednesday 8th March: Yr 7 & 8 to Technology @ Tararua College
Thursday 9th March: Junior Swim Display - Hāmua & Hukanui
Friday 10th March: Tararua Bush Interschool Swimming Sports
Friday 10th March: Class Collections & Traditional Games Day

Tuesday 14th March: House Leaders Service - Eketāhuna Gardens
Wednesday 15th March: Manawatu School Triathlon in Palmerston North
Friday 17th March: Celebration Assembly - Rongomai
Monday 20th March: House Team Softball - Round 1 - House Colours
Wednesday 22nd March: Yr 7 & 8 to Technology @ Tararua College
Thursday 23rd March: House Team Softball - Round 2 - House Colours



SWIMMING SPORTS A GREAT SUCCESS TODAY

It was awesome to have Rongomai, Nireaha and Pūtara down at the town pool today - a wonderful event which saw all our students putting in 100% effort across all their races! Lots of skill on display and such good affirmation that our daily swimming lessons are having a great effect on our students. A huge thank you to Ryan and Lisa Seator for organising the event, and to all the whānau who came along to support our students.



NZEI PAID UNION MEETINGS - EKETĀHUNA WILL STAY OPEN ON FRIDAY 3RD MARCH

Paid Union Meetings have been called for teaching staff between 27 February – 3rd March. At the meetings, teaching staff will be discussing and voting on next steps in public service pay negotiation, collective agreement negotiations and the campaign to increase school staffing.

While we believe the meetings are hugely important, we also believe staying open is too, so we are reorganising staff to cover students from 1:30pm until the end of the day.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

It was great to see everyone in school for last week's assembly hosted by Nireaha. Please note there is **NO assembly tomorrow** due to teachers Paid Union Meeting, and **NO assembly next Friday** as we will be hosting the Class Collection & Games afternoon.



Week 4 Class Awards – Star Student:

For great work done in class and related to learning throughout the week:

Hukanui: Aria McMahon
Hāmua: Pania Rose Mita
Rongomai: Rocco Burton-Foley
Nireaha: Patrick Thomas
Pūtara: Brooke Duffy

Week 4 Caught Being Good Award – Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

Hukanui: Amelia Webber
Hāmua: Ryder Hammond
Rongomai: Braxton Duffy
Nireaha: Lucy White
Pūtara: Addiena Jones

WEEKLY UPDATE

HUKANUI NEWS: (ROOM 1)

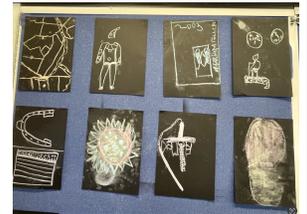
Kia Ora Whanau. What a great week we have had in Hukanui! Lots of learning and fun, both in and out of the classroom. It has been great to watch the children in the swimming pool as their confidence and skills grow. Thanks to Ryan and Lisa for the amazing work you do with our tamariki in the pool. Today the children were using life jackets and the smiles on some faces as they realised they could float on their backs were priceless. Please remember water bottles (only water NO juice please) and sunhats daily.

If you would like an interview, please go onto Skool Loop and book one or ask at the office and they can do it for you. This is a great time for us to talk about how your child is tracking and set goals for the year. It is a time to celebrate your children and the great work that they do.

Remember, any concerns feel free to contact me on mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz. Thanks, Marilyn.

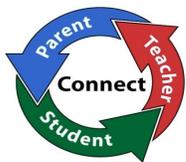
RONGOMAI NEWS: (ROOM 2)

Kia Ora Whanau, week 5 already and half way through the term! Students in Rongomai are all settled into their routine and know class expectations so, we are on to full on learning now. In maths we are looking at how we can make tidy 10s and rounding and compensating and, in writing, we are beginning our information reports which students are really enjoying as it is about their artefacts. We also had a tricky task of using chalk and black paper to recreate a scented image of our artefacts which some students found to be a bit of a challenge as they did not have a rubber. If you have any questions please email me at: hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz. Holly 😊



HAMUA NEWS: (ROOM 3)

Many thanks for all of the wonderful 'treasures' that have been coming in. They have been fantastic in triggering our conversations about how things were in the past. There have been phones, cameras, tools, toys and musical instruments. Rest assured that we are doing our best to keep them all safe. We have been watching videos about some of the objects to get a real idea of how they were used and what it was like. We look forward to sharing our information with you soon. We have also been looking at games that would have been played in schools 150 years ago. It's heartening to see that they still bring joy to the kids of today. The children have had an amazing time swimming these past few weeks and I'm so proud of all of the children, seeing them develop, grow and strengthen their resolve in the water. Some Personal Goals have been set and met. Well done to you all! We look forward to catching up with a lot of you next week. Many thanks for your support, Rachael rdickson@eketahuna.school.nz



TEACHER & PARENT LEARNING DISCUSSIONS

In Week 8 we are holding conferences with parents and caregivers at school. They are useful, positive meetings where, as well as hearing from your child's teacher, you can ask questions and share your thoughts so that you and our teachers can become partners in your child's education.

You can go online at SKool Loop and book a time on Wednesday 22nd or Thursday 23rd March. The conferences will start at 3:34pm and go through until 6:15pm. These discussions will be 15 minutes and enable our teachers to share their first few weeks at school, celebrate successes and look towards the rest of the year.

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU REQUIRE HELP BOOKING A MEETING TIME - WE CAN DO IT FOR YOU, OVER THE PHONE.



HERO DAY FUNDRAISER FOR RELAY FOR LIFE

Friday 24th March

We will be holding a 'HERO DAY' on the 24th of March and ask all our wonderful tamariki to support us by coming dressed as their HERO & bringing a gold coin donation to school that will go to the Cancer Foundation. 😊



NIREAHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)

Nireaha students are such fantastic learners! They have been very focussed on their digital learning tasks in reading, writing and maths. A main focus has been for the students to work on their independence and self management skills.

Thank you so much for sending in the special taongalartefacts to support our learning about the olden days. It has been great to see such a range of special items and hearing their stories. We have seen an old lantern, camera, pennies, even an old war helmet and flask from World War 1. We will be using these items in our writing and artwork next week. We hope you can come into school next Friday to see our display. The weather was perfect today for our school swimming sports. The children were fantastic and gave their best efforts. Well done to all.

Please make an appointment to come into the parent meetings. I'd really love to chat with you about your child and discuss their learning in Nireaha this year. Nga mihi, Barb.

PUTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)

Kia ora, whānau

We had an excellent day at technology! The children made 'Wacky Racers' race cars and super stylish cloth pencil cases. I know I say this each year; however, we really are fortunate to have such an incredible technology facility at Tararua College. The two teachers are fantastically skilled, and the curriculum they deliver keeps children engaged at every turn.

Please book a parent/teacher conference if you would like to discuss how your child is tracking year to date. There is a lot of fantastic learning, some head scratching, and some pretty complex content being delivered. We're 5 weeks into the first term and I couldn't be more pleased with Pūtara's positive approach to learning! Ka pai, kids. Keep up your amazing mahi! Dean

SCHOOL RUBBISH

WE ARE STILL ACTIVELY ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO PUT FOOD 'WRAPPINGS' & PACKAGING BACK IN THEIR LUNCH BOXES ONCE THEY HAVE EATEN AT MORNING TEA AND LUNCH. WE CONTINUE TO SEE A REDUCTION IN RUBBISH HERE AT SCHOOL. THANKS. 😊



LATE STUDENTS

A REMINDER THAT OUR SCHOOL DAY STARTS AT 9AM AS WE SEEM TO HAVE A NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO ARE CONTINUALLY LATE TO SCHOOL. IT IS VITAL THAT OUR STUDENTS ARE AT SCHOOL BEFORE THE START OF THEIR DAY, SO THEY HAVE TIME TO UNPACK, SORT THEIR EQUIPMENT AND PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR THE UPCOMING LEARNING IN CLASS.



BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE

A REMINDER TO BRING A WATER BOTTLE TO SCHOOL EACH DAY WITH YOUR NAME ON IT! THE BOIL NOTICE HAS BEEN LIFTED AND THE WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATION IS OPEN. IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP HYDRATED AND CONCENTRATING THROUGH THE DAY!



**YEAR 7 & 8 CAMP
EL RANCHO**

TUESDAY 21 - FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2023

We are starting to plan for our senior camp in Term 4 which is looking fantastic - kayaking, go karting, beach walks, a swimming pool, mini golf, river tubing, bonfires and lots more awesome activities!

Cost for each child is \$60.00



This is heavily subsidised by the current Government Donation Scheme and planned fundraising activities involving the students and their teachers. More information will come home next week. Please contact the office for any information on payment methods.

SCHOOL POLICY & PROCEDURE - TERM 1 REVIEW

SchoolDocs manages our school's policies and procedures online, in a way that allows us to maintain, review, and update them regularly. This term we're asking parents to review:

- Legislation and Administration Policy section.
- Student Attendance / Enrolment / Dress Code

All feedback is great to get and this is your opportunity to have your say! Please take the time to go online at [www.https://eketahuna.schooldocs.co.nz](https://eketahuna.schooldocs.co.nz) and take part in the review. (User name eketahuna and Password 4900) Thank you. 😊



HUKANUI & HĀMUA SWIMMING DISPLAY

As you know we have been very fortunate to have Ryan and Lisa Seator taking swimming lessons for the last 6 weeks at our school pool. Our students' level of skill and confidence has continued to grow, we would love you to come along and see the awesome progress the children have made!



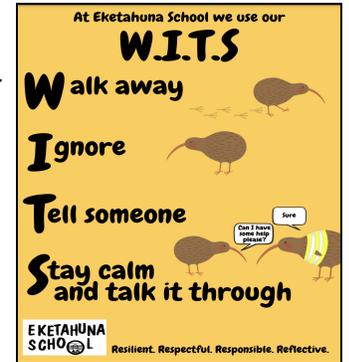
When:

Thursday 9th March @ 2pm

You may take your child home after their session if you wish, but please make sure to tell their classroom teacher.

REMEMBER YOUR W. I. T. S.

We use our WITS as our 'go to' strategy for teaching children to make safe and positive choices when faced with peer conflict. The WITS acronym – Walk away, Ignore, Tell someone, and Stay calm & talk it through – provides a common language that children and adults in their environments can use to talk about, and respond to, when dealing with an issue. We are integrating them into our school culture and role modelling them daily. We ask you to take some time to discuss & practise this strategy with your tamariki. 😊



SCHOOL FUNDRAISER FOR CYCLONE GABRIELLE FUND

SAUSAGE SIZZLE FRIDAY 3 MARCH

THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL LUNCHES THIS DAY AND WE ARE ASKING THAT STUDENTS BUY THEIR SAUSAGE (OR TWO!) IN BREAD (\$2 EACH) IN AN EFFORT TO RAISE MUCH NEEDED FUNDS FOR THE GIVE A LITTLE PAGE FOR CYCLONE GABRIELLE AND THOSE AFFECTED



Lego Club

We plan to start a supervised lunch time lego club at school in Term 2, and are looking for donations of lego please!

Please contact Carol or drop off donations at the office.

Many thanks

