

# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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## COMING UP:

*Friday 17th March: Celebration Assembly - Rongomai Hosting*

*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*

*Friday 24th March: House Leaders Service - St Cuthbert's Lunch*

*Friday 24th March: Celebration Assembly - Hāmua Hosting*

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te kura Eketahuna,

Another great week at school with lots of engaging activities and SUN!!!  
SWIMMING SUCCESS FOR EKETĀHUNA

We had lots to celebrate last week in regard to swimming with a very successful Swim Display on Thursday by the Hukanui & Hāmua students, followed on Friday by a stunning success at the Tararua Bush Interschool Swimming Sports! The swim display showed the developing skills our students have after 6 weeks of daily swim lessons with Ryan & Lisa Seator. Whānau



enjoyed the routines and fantastic water dance to end the show! On Friday we were very proud of the efforts of Brooke Duffy, Evan Governor, Angus Manson & Mack Duffy who represented the school at the Tararua Interschool Swimming Sports. Our four swimmers made it into 15 finals and were placed in 12 of them, with 7 first places!! We understand "Eke was the talk of the 'Bush"! A definite highlight of our school term! A testament to the ongoing daily lessons & practise we have in our heated school pool. 😊



## CLASS COLLECTIONS & TRADITIONAL GAMES AFTERNOON PROVE TO BE A HIT!

It was lovely seeing the community in school last Friday to celebrate Eketāhuna's 150th.



## STRIKE ACTION - SCHOOL CLOSED - THURSDAY 16th MARCH

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The NZEI has advised the Eketāhuna School Board of Trustees that the principal and teachers at our school will be taking strike action for the full day on Thursday 16th March 2023. The Board has carefully considered the availability of teaching staff, and unfortunately decided that we can't provide the normal teaching services during the strike. It's important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike. The school will need to close during this strike.

I know that this is inconvenient for parents and students alike, but please be assured that student safety is our main concern.

Thank you for your understanding. Please contact me if you have any queries relating to this decision.

Yours sincerely,

Skye White

Chairperson

Eketāhuna School Board of Trustees

# WEEKLY UPDATE

## HUKANUI NEWS: (ROOM 1)

Kia Ora everyone. It has been a very busy week in Hukanui. Thanks to all those that came along to see our treasures and writing. We enjoyed sharing with you. The children really enjoyed playing some of the games that were played in the 'olden days' as well. It was a great turn out for the Junior swimming display. Thanks to all who came. The children were very excited and proud of what they could do. You Junior children ROCK! Parent-Teacher discussions are next week. Please contact the office to book a time for one if you haven't already. Thanks, Marilyn.

## RONGOMAI NEWS: (Room 2)

Kia Ora Whanau,  
Last week we ended our swimming lessons with a free swim on Friday with toys from home which all students thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to all the friends and families that attended and viewed the Rongomai museum display and played old time games. It was awesome to see and meet whanau that I have not met before. Nga mihi, Holly



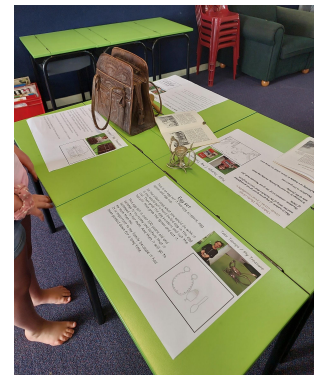
## HĀMUA NEWS: (Room 3)

Kia Ora whanau, Special thanks to Peta & Carol for holding down the fort this week with Rachael away. Some great results with maths and literacy in the classroom were seen. The children's classic "The Tiger that Came to Tea" was enjoyed. Parent-Teacher discussions are next week. Please contact the office to book a time for one if you haven't already. Nga mihi



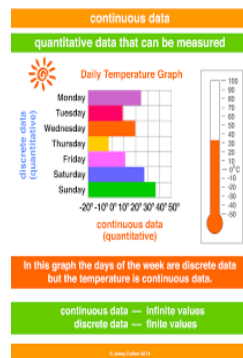
## NIREAHA NEWS: (Room 5)

Kia ora friends and whanau,  
It was great to see so many of you at our special 'Nireaha museum' last Friday. Thank you all for entrusting us with your precious family items. It was so lovely to see such a wonderful collection of treasures on display. Congratulations to Mack, you were awesome at last week's swimming sports. To all of Nireaha - you're awesome!



## PŪTARA NEWS: (Room 6)

Kia ora, all  
We've had a fantastic week covering ratios, fractions and proportional thinking, as well as learning the difference between discrete and continuous data. Furthermore, simile and metaphor have been learned during writing time. These language features make for excellent, descriptive narratives. Have a great weekend!! Dean



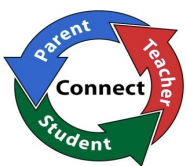
## HERO DAY FUNDRAISER

FOR RELAY FOR LIFE

Friday 24th March



Come dressed as your **HERO** & bring a gold coin donation to school that will go to the Cancer Foundation. 😊



## 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 3:45pm 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.**



## **HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AGM**

Our Home & School Association met last night for their Annual General Meeting and it was great to see such an enthusiastic bunch of people! At the AGM there were several new appointments to positions:

- Chairperson is Kirby Duffy
- Treasurer is Sally Duffy
- Calf Scheme Liaison is Bex Howell
- Staff Rep is Marilyn Whiteley
- BoT Rep is Skye white



This group is an amazing support for our school and are already busy organising fundraising events for a new swing set and all weather turf! Planning for the upcoming Golf Tournament is underway so save the date . We really appreciate all their hard work and commitment to making our school a wonderful place!

## **Upcoming Board Of Trustees Meeting**

The next Eketahuna School Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th April at 6.30pm in the Eketahuna School staff room, everyone is welcome to attend and if you have any items for the agenda please let me know by 5pm 31st March with all relevant information. I am contactable on [botchair@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:botchair@eketahuna.school.nz) or 3758059.

Warmest Regards , Skye White Chairperson , Eketahuna Board of Trustees



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# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS 2023 RESULTS

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
Open Girls 100m freestyle	Brooke Duffy	Keira Bidois	Addiena Jones
Open Boys 100m freestyle	Mack Duffy	Evan Governor	
Junior Girls 25m freestyle	Jaylah Keedwell	Renee Dennison	Chelsea Spring
Junior Boys 25m freestyle	Mack Duffy	Toby White	Brax Duffy
Intermediate Boys 25m freestyle	Gus Manson	Evan Governor	James Goodin
Intermediate girls 25m freestyle	Brooke Duffy	Lucy White	Keira Bidois
Senior boys 25m freestyle	Carlos Cresswell		
Senior girls 25m freestyle	KJ Arnold	Priscila Taiaroa-Stafford	Izzie Olliver
Open girls 75m IM	Brooke Duffy	Keira Bidois	
Open boys 75m IM	Evan Governor	Mack Duffy	Noah Duffy
Open boys 50m freestyle	Mack Duffy	Evan Governor	Toby White
Open girls 50m freestyle	Brooke Duffy	Lucy White	Keira Bidois
Junior boys 25m breaststroke	Mack Duffy	Toby White	Emmanuel McNamara
Junior girls 25m breaststroke	Madison Rankin	Rihanna Jones	Chelsea Spring
Intermediate boys 25m breaststroke	Evan Governor	Noah Duffy	James Goodin
Intermediate girls 25m breaststroke	Brooke Duffy	Lucy White	Jehanne Knight
Senior girls 25m breaststroke	KJ Arnold	Priscilla Taiaroa-Stafford	Heidi Hanson
Intermediate girls 25m butterfly	Brooke Duffy		
Intermediate boys 25m butterfly	Evan Governor		
Junior boys 25m backstroke	Mack Duffy	Toby White	Emmanuel McNamara
Intermediate boys 25m backstroke	Gus Manson	Evan Governor	Noah Duffy
Intermediate girls 25m backstroke	Brooke Duffy	Lucy White	Jehanne Knight
Senior girls 25m backstroke	Priscilla Taiaroa-Stafford	KJ Arnold	Heidi Hanson
Junior girls 25m backstroke	Jaylah Keedwell		

