

# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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## COMING UP:

**Wednesday 26th April:** First Day of Term 2 - School Starts Back!

**Tuesday 2nd May:** Year 7 & 8 Project Day @ Tararua College

**Wednesday 3 May:** Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6.30pm

**Tuesday 9 May:** Eketāhuna Playgroup AGM @ 10am

**Wednesday 10 May:** Year 7 & 8 Technology @ Tararua College

**Friday 12 May:** Celebration Assembly - House Leaders as Hosts

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

As Term 1 comes to an end, and we look back over a very busy ten weeks, it's amazing to reflect on all the awesome experiences students have had, such as the daily swimming lessons, the house team sports, school Mihi whakatau, PTR programme, netball for Year 1 - 4, Touch Rugby Competition, Eketāhuna's 150th celebrations, trips to Cobblestones, sausage sizzle fundraiser for Cyclone Gabrielle, great Parent/Teacher meetings, school swimming sports & swim display, HERO Day fundraiser for cancer, Tararua Bush Interschool swimming success and the House Leaders at the Community Garden & St. Cuthberts Community Lunch. All this while engaging teaching and learning has been going on. We can honestly say our kids have had a wonderful first term & we are all looking forward to the next one!!

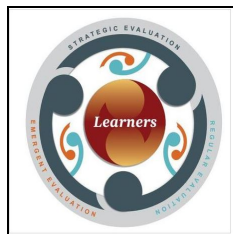
## PRINCIPAL'S MORNING TEA SHOUT

On Tuesday, ten students enjoyed a morning tea 'shout' at Lazy Graze in recognition of their ability to make good choices! Our school behaviour system is focused on "catching children when they are good" as these positive reinforcers have a powerful effect. At last Friday's assembly names were drawn out & the following students selected: Mackenzie Braddick, Nikora van Derwiell, Olivia Capes, Pania Rose Mita, Chelsea Spring, Joseph McNamara, Bella Ifill, Savannah Hammond, Brent Knight and Evan Governor. We had a delicious morning tea and lots of happy 'holiday' discussions - an awesome way to end the term!



## EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE IN SCHOOL

Next term we will welcome Maddy Haydock, from ERO, to Eketāhuna School. The review process has changed since we were last visited, with the process a partnership, with mentoring provided. Christine will be involved with school throughout next term and will spend time with students, staff and BOT members. An ERO review looks at how a school reaches positive learning outcomes for all children and young people. The review also provides an opportunity to identify what is working well and areas for improvement in our school. As a school, ongoing improvement is important to us and therefore we look forward to this inquiry into our teaching and learning, knowing that it will celebrate much of what we are doing well and affirm or suggest our next steps.



## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

It is great seeing everyone in school on Fridays, at the school assembly at 2:15pm, in the hall. Check the school calendar on our website online for dates. It's a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week.

Our first assembly will be in Week 3 next term - see you then!

Principal's Award: Noah Duffy



### Week 9 Class Awards - Star Student:

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

**Hukanui:** Linkyn Moore  
**Hāmua:** Maddie Giddons  
**Rongomai:** Brodie Braddick  
**Nireaha:** Braxton Carrington  
**Pūtara:** Heidi Hanson

### Week 9 Caught Being Good Award - Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

**Hukanui:** Troy Spring  
**Hāmua:** Isabella Hook  
**Rongomai:** Macauley Keenan  
**Nireaha:** Patrick Thomas  
**Pūtara:** Noah Duffy

# WEEKLY UPDATE

## HUKANUI NEWS: (ROOM 1)

Wow! The first term is coming to an end. We have done a lot of learning here in Hukanui and had a lot of fun in the process. The children here are amazing and wonderful at helping new children to school feel welcome and learn the school way. Well done all of you! Enjoy the holidays and take time out to recharge ready for another busy term. I know I will be!

Happy Easter from all of us here in Hukanui! Remember if you need to contact me please leave a message on the school phone or email [mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz)  
Thanks, Marilyn.



## RONGOMAI NEWS: (ROOM 2)

Kia ora whanau, In Rongomai we have been finishing our crazy image writing, which all students have been enjoying. Today we have finished publishing. They are now going to be turned into a book for students in the class to read other



students' amazing writing pieces. On Tuesday we were using their measuring skills that they have been learning about over the past 2 weeks to create decorated balloons to look like easter eggs. With Easter and the holidays starting this evening I would like to wish you all a happy Easter, don't eat too many easter eggs over the break. Just a reminder if you would like to get in contact with me you can do this through the school phone or email at [hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz). Thanks Holly Johnston 😊



## HAMUA NEWS: (ROOM 3)

A big thank you to everyone!

This has been such an amazing, hectic, colourful, crazy term - Filled with wonderful children, ready to learn, hungry for information, giving all they've got. We have all done a lot of learning over the last 10 weeks and we should all be proud. Let's celebrate with two weeks off to recharge.

Enjoy this time with your whanau, break out the chocolate, keep the conversations flowing, have fun and we will see you back in two weeks. All the best, Rachael [rdickson@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:rdickson@eketahuna.school.nz)

### BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE

A REMINDER TO MAKE SURE ALL STUDENTS BRING A WATER BOTTLE TO SCHOOL EACH DAY NEXT TERM. PLEASE MAKE SURE STUDENTS' NAMES ARE WRITTEN ON THEM. THE WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATION IS OPEN AND IT IS IMPORTANT WE ALL KEEP HYDRATED THROUGH THE DAY!



### HEAD LICE:

WE HAVE HAD A COUPLE MORE CASES OF HEAD LICE AT SCHOOL THIS WEEK. THIS IS A PERENNIAL PROBLEM IN ALL SCHOOLS AND WE RECOMMEND YOU CHECK ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD CAREFULLY. IF YOU REQUIRE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION OR SUPPORT IN DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON 375 8191.



### STUDENTS 'OFF' BUSES

A GENERAL REMINDER FOR NEXT TERM TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF BUS STUDENTS TO PLEASE RING IN BEFORE 2:30PM TO LET THE OFFICE KNOW THEIR CHILDREN ARE TO BE TAKEN OFF THE AFTERNOON BUS LISTS. IT MAKES THE JOB SO MUCH EASIER AND SAFER. THANK YOU.



## JUNIOR TOUGH GUY & GAL CHALLENGE



This extreme 'off road' running event is in Palmerston North on Monday 29th, and Tuesday 30th, May. It's for Year 3 to Year 8. Parents are invited to go online and register their children at :

<https://eventpromotions.co.nz/junior-tough-guy-and-gal-challenge/>

## READING PROGRAMME

We are looking forward to starting the Reading Programme next term and are very appreciative of the community support for our students.

A big thank you to Rena Tyler, Jenny Davidson, Emily Richards, and Denise Clarke.

If you are able to help out at school please contact Carol Laubscher or ring the school office.



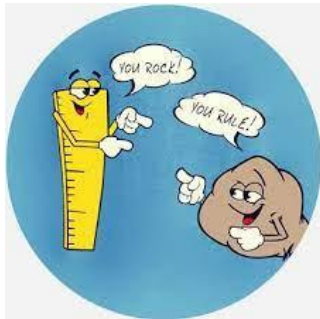


**NIREAHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)**

Thank you all for a fantastic Term. The students are very settled and come to school ready to learn. We have had an action packed term, with learning to use Chromebooks, swimming, house softball, lots of MATHS, and so much more! :-)) There has been so much great learning happening. I am very proud of the students in Nireaha ❤️ and they are ready for a well deserved break.

Enjoy your long weekend and have a safe and happy term break. Looking forward to seeing the children refreshed, keen and super ready for Term 2.

Aroha nui, Barb

**PUTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)**

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all the children and whanau so far. We've had an incredible term and a fantastic start to the year!

Please have a safe holiday, get plenty of rest and stay healthy. It's wonderful having excellent class numbers each day; which is a far cry from the last few years, due to covid.

Lastly, Gus Manson is leaving us today. Gussie, you're an outstanding young man. You've been fantastic to teach and you're a cracking friend to all, so thank you for being you!

Take care all. Dean

## Upcoming Board Of Trustees Meeting

The next Eketāhuna School Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd May 6.30pm in the Eketāhuna School staff room, everyone is welcome to attend and if you have any items for the agenda please let me know by 5pm 27th April with all relevant information. I am contactable on [botchair@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:botchair@eketahuna.school.nz) or 3758059.

Warmest Regards , Skye White Chairperson , Eketāhuna Board of Trustees

**ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS**

**10:00AM**

**@**

**EKETĀHUNA COMMUNITY CENTRE**



**WE INVITE YOU ALL TO COME ALONG AND SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY AS WE REMEMBER THOSE NEW ZEALAND SOLDIERS WHO HAVE FOUGHT AND DIED FOR THEIR COUNTRY.**

**STUDENTS INVITED TO LAY ANZAC CROSSES**

Our students, and their whānau, have been invited to lay crosses for our Eketāhuna fallen soldiers at the RSA War Memorial Hall on:

**Saturday 22nd April at 10:30am.**

The crosses have all the soldiers' names on who died at the Boer War, WW1, WW2 and Vietnam. A deserved acknowledgement of their sacrifice.

**Newsletter Update:**

Next term we will return to the hard copy newsletter coming home with students each Thursday. 😊

School will resume next term on Wednesday the 26th of April. We will no longer require hats to be worn by students at break times as we head into our two winter terms. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday with family and friends.

Ngā mihi,  
Melinda & the Eketāhuna School Team

# HOLIDAYS





## 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.

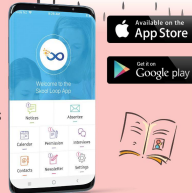
Many thanks

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# 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 teacher. Please contact the office for any information on payment methods.

## Eketahuna Home and School Annual Golf Tournament Sunday 30th April 2023

**Stableford Competition— Eketahuna Golf Club**

**\$20 entry fee — registration & morning tea from 10.30am — Welcome 10.55**

**- Tee off 11.00am Shot-gun start — Longest Drive — Closest to the Pin — Great Prizes**

**- Haggie Hole - Cash Bar — Refreshments — BBQ -**



