

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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COMING UP:

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

Tuesday 9th May: Eketāhuna Playgroup AGM @ 10am

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

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

Friday 19th May: Celebration Assembly - Pūtara as Hosts

Wednesday 24th May: Year 7 & 8 Technology @ Tararua College

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Another awesome week here at the kura, with engaging activities and 'hands on' learning!

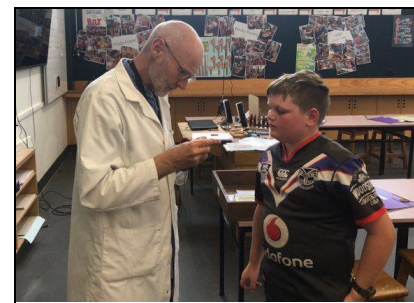
EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL FUNDRAISER A BIG SUCCESS

We were extremely lucky with the weather on Sunday, and had the most amazing fundraiser at the Eketāhuna Golf Club. We had one of the best turnouts, and were able to raise funds for our all weather turf! A lot of effort goes into an event like this so a HUGE thank you to our **Home & School Association** for their organisation of the event and the time spent on the day running it. Also, thanks to the Eketahuna Golf Club for allowing us to use their fantastic venue, big thanks to the awesome sponsors that so generously donated money and prizes, and to our school community who helped out with the amazing baked goods, attended on Sunday, and made the day so much fun. **THANKS TO YOU ALL FOR YOUR GREAT SUPPORT!**



PROJECT DAY AT TECHNOLOGY A HIT!

It was great fun being back at technology on Tuesday for a special 'Project Day'! A huge amount of appreciation goes to those parents - and grandparents - who transported us to and from the college: Bex Howell, Sally Duffy, Sarah, Rankin, Murray Knight and John Davidson. The children made beautiful, rimu taonga to hang around their necks in hard materials. A lot of aroha was used. Those in cooking made delicious sushi! Always a massive hit! Sadie had tears rolling down her face from a little too much wasabi, whilst Paityn was rushing for a drink of cold water!! An awesome day!



GO BUS REMINDERS FOR CAREGIVERS

- It is their responsibility to get their children to pick-up locations and to collect them from drop-off locations.
- Recommended you arrive at the bus stop at least 5 minutes prior to the time advised by the bus provider.
- Please stay with their children while they are waiting for their school transport in the morning and meet them in the afternoon as they get off the bus.
- To discuss any school transport related issues with you in the first instance.



WEEKLY UPDATE

HUKANUI NEWS: (ROOM 1)

Hello everyone. We are jumping into learning in Hukanui. There has been lots of excitement as we are "getting" the rhyming patterns such as at, cat, hat. Please remember to help your children at home by reading their books with them, counting and helping them to write letters and words. We are adding and subtracting for maths so any counting and making number stories up is useful. Please remember the children need to have a named drink bottle of water. We are practising for the road race and the children need to keep hydrated. Fantastic weekend at the Home & School Golf tournament. Thanks to all! Remember, any queries do not hesitate to contact me. mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz Thanks, Marilyn.

Rongomai News: (Room 2)

Kia ora, whanau,

This past week we have dived straight into learning and getting to know the known rotation system in the classroom for reading and maths. All students in the class have done a knowledge test in which every student in Rongomai has made great improvement. For reading we have started reading the novel Gangsta Granny. All the students are thoroughly enjoying it and can't wait to hear the next chapter each day. Just a reminder can all students bring a water bottle to school. As always, get in touch if you need to. Either by texting the office or emailing.

Nga mihi, Holly. hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz

HAMUA NEWS: (ROOM 3)

So much success in Hamua at the moment is making the short, dark days more bearable. We are full steam into rhyming writing at the moment and the kids have been creating some hilarious poetry. Our next job will be to publish them on the ipads which will be a very new skill for a lot of them.

We are into daily fitness, running when the weather permits, and it's good to see some healthy competition out there on the field. Keep an eye out in the newsletter for the date for the Road Race so you can come and cheer us on. Many thanks for sending the water bottles to school - Keep it up, they need it.

rdickson@eketahuna.school.nz if you have any concerns, or contact the office 😊 Rachael

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! THANKS



NOTIFYING THE OFFICE WHEN UNWELL

A REMINDER THAT IF YOUR CHILD IS TOO UNWELL TO ATTEND SCHOOL YOU NEED TO NOTIFY THE OFFICE EACH DAY THEY ARE AT HOME TO AVOID THEM BEING RECORDED AS TRUANT. WE NEED TO ENTER THE REASON THEY ARE NOT AT SCHOOL ON OUR ENROL SYSTEM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH THIS.



DEVICES AT SCHOOL

STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED HAVE CELL PHONES OR DEVICES OF ANY DESCRIPTION ON THEM AT SCHOOL. IF THEY DO NEED TO BRING ONE, THEN THEY ARE TO ENSURE IT IS HANDED IN TO THE OFFICE BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT WITH THIS.



JUNIOR TOUGH GUY & GAL CHALLENGE



This extreme 'off road' running event is in Palmerston North on Monday 30th, and Tuesday 31st, 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/#pj>

PARENT TUTOR READING

We are restarting the Parent Tutor Reading Programme this term and are so thrilled to have Rena Tyler, Jenny Davidson, Emily Richards and Denise Clark as volunteers to support students. If you would like to be involved, or know of any grandparents or lovely volunteers that would like to be a "reading buddy", then please contact the school office.



NIREAHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)

Nireaha continues to be very settled and working well. We have been writing poetry, building our reading skills, and are enjoying our class chapter book (our goal is to finish it this week!). We had a number knowledge maths test this morning, and all children have shown good progress. We have been learning our times tables. Our daily fitness runs are underway, weather permitting, and our goal is to build our stamina for the Road Race. We will need to be able to run 2.1km, that's 6 times around our school field!

Remember - homework is due every Friday, and the students have a spelling test with the words they took home to learn during the week. Please also remember drink bottles, as we need to stay hydrated throughout the day. We have a House Technology Challenge tomorrow, which the class and I are looking forward to 😊. Nga mihi, Barb

PUTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)

Kia ora, whanau

I completed some maths tests last week and was very pleased. We're certainly moving in the right direction - both in ability and our level of confidence. Well done, Pūtara tamariki!!

In writing we've been looking at haiku and cinquains. The focus has been ANZAC day, and there have been some incredible pieces of poetry written! Project day at technology this week was a lot of fun.

However, the big thank you goes to those parents who kindly offered to transport children to and from the college. We certainly appreciated your kindness!

He waka eke noa - We're all in this together!

OUR SCHOOL POLICIES & PROCEDURES

SchoolDocs has developed a comprehensive core set of policies and procedures applicable to all New Zealand/Aotearoa primary schools, that are customised for each school. We have worked alongside SchoolDocs to ensure the policies and procedures on the website are tailored specifically to Eketāhuna School and its community.

SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team.

By having online access, our school community can access, review and give feedback on all policies before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part. To access the Eketahuna School Docs site please go to: <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Our user name is 'eketahuna' and our password is '4900'

**AWESOME SCHOOL LIBRARY RE-OPENING LAST FRIDAY**

Our library is a lovely space and a wonderful resource which we have spent some time reorganising during Term 1. This term, Ali Mackisack will resume her librarian role, each Friday, guiding students to wonderful books to read. An opportunity to develop their love for literacy! Classes have a regular time to visit each week so you will start seeing books come home. The library will become available to students during break time over the winter weather with games, puzzles and jigsaws ready to go. The students always enjoy spending time in our library - we are so lucky to have such a great space at school!

**EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORM**

Lots of sport this term, with many students in teams. Please remember that ALL students need to wear the correct sports uniform to play. Sports shirts, and fleeces, are available to purchase at the office. Hockey players this term will also be required to wear black shorts. We want our teams to represent the school with pride and ensuring all players are in the correct uniform is essential.



EKETAHUNA HOME & SCHOOL ASSOC MEETING



Committee Meeting
Tuesday 9th May,
2023

7pm in the school
staffroom

We look forward to seeing you there!

EKETAHUNA & DISTRICTS NETBALL CLUB

A reminder that subs can be paid online

Bank Account Name: Eketāhuna and Districts Primary Netball

Bank account: 02-0724-0099173-00

Any netball queries please contact Ngaio or Skye via:

ekenetball@yahoo.com



whānau āwhina
plunket

Educational Coffee Session

Takahangi iti - Small steps

4th Wednesday of every month 10am – 12pm

Eketāhuna Community Center - Haswell Street

Tamariki aged 0-5 welcome

Plunket Kaiāwhina – Jamie Holm 027 230 6323

24th May	Starting solids
28th June	Oral health
26st July	Toilet training
23rd August	Age & Stage Safety
27th September	Sleep and Settling
25th October	Sensory
22nd November	Open session

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