

# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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## COMING UP:

*Friday 16 June: Rippa Rugby Training Session #2*

*Friday 16 June: Celebration Assembly 2:15pm - Hāmua Hosts*

*Wednesday 21 June: Year 7 & 8 Technology @ Tararua College*

*Wednesday 21 June: Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6.30pm*

*Friday 23 June: Rippa Rugby Training Session #3*

*Friday 23 June: Celebration Assembly - Hukanui Hosts*

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Another great week for students, with engaging teaching & learning at the kura!

## RETURN OF RIPPA RUGBY

Great to have Riley visiting school last Friday for Rippa Rugby sessions. The activities in each session look to support children to learn basic rippa rugby and ball handling skills, which will be vital at the upcoming inter-school competition for our Year 5 to 8 next term. Lots of fun for all!



## TARARUA CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Students from Rongomai, Nireaha and Pūtara have been working hard this term, preparing for the Cultural Festival. The group have been supported by their teachers and two tutors - our ex students Stella Governor and Carmen Bidois who have both performed in the Tararua College Kapa Haka troupe. We have been practising waiata and haka, along with a special school sasa. We are very proud of the effort students are putting into rehearsal time and are looking forward to seeing you all in Pahiatua on Thursday 29th June! Information on the event will come out to participating students today.



## 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.

Tomorrow's assembly will be hosted by students from Hāmua.

Principal Award: Wk7 Savana Waugh



### Week 7 Class Awards – Star Student:

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

**Hukanui:** Luke Rodriguez

**Hāmua:** Halo Crudis

**Rongomai:** Brooke Turner

**Nireaha:** Bella Ifill

**Pūtara:** Holly Spring

### Week 7 Caught Being Good Award – Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

**Hukanui:** Linkyn Moore

**Hāmua:** Neive Davis

**Rongomai:** Rhianna Jones

**Nireaha:** Campbell Mackisack

**Pūtara:** Carlos Cresswell

# WEEKLY UPDATE

## HUKANUI NEWS: (ROOM 1)

Kia ora whanau. It is hard to believe we are now almost at the end of week 8, just 2 more weeks to go! It has been a busy week in Hukanui. We have been joining with Hāmua and doing lots of work on Seeds, Flowers and pollination. It has been neat to see the children working together in groups, helping and encouraging each other as we have tackled Science and Technology challenges. I have noticed that the children are tired this week, please encourage early nights as we get to the end of the term. Drinks of water are really important, so please help by sending along a named drink bottle. We had a Rippa Rugby session last week which was thoroughly enjoyed by all....we can't wait for this weeks! Please remember, any queries please email [mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz) or contact me via the school cellphone. Thanks, Marilyn.

## RONGOMAI NEWS: (ROOM 2)

Kia ora! Wow what a week we have had - a full on week of students learning algebra equations involving letters and shapes. This past week we have ramped up our practices with our kapa haka and sasa practice which we are seeing lots of improvement each day. On Friday students loved participating in rippa rugby and can't wait for this week's lesson. In writing we are wrapping up our narrative moderation piece tomorrow and we will be starting comic strips next week which students will enjoy doing, as lots of students have taken an interest in reading graphic novels in silent reading time. Can you please ensure students are bringing a water bottle each day. As always, get in touch if you need to. Either by texting the office or emailing [hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz). Nga mihi, Holly



## HĀMUA NEWS: (ROOM 3)

Kia Ora all. Another week has passed in a flash! We have been enjoying a lot of integrated learning with Hukanui over the past week, working our way through the House of Science Kit all about Plants and Pollination. It has been a lot of fun working in mixed groups, completing a range of tasks and getting creative. It is great to see the two classes working so well together, the new students engaged, and the older kids encouraging and supporting the younger ones. There are still a lot of people away with sickness at the moment so please remember the importance of water and students having access to their **own water bottles**. Reports are being written at the moment and will be coming home at the end of term so that is something to look forward to. Please contact me by texting the office or emailing me at [rdickson@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:rdickson@eketahuna.school.nz) if you have any concerns or questions. Thanks, Rachael 🤗

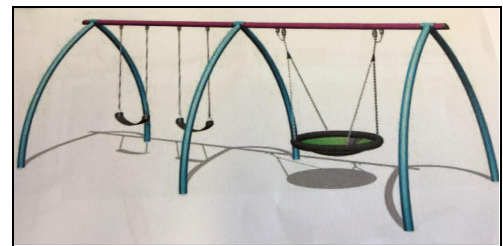
## EKETĀHUNA HOME & SCHOOL UPDATE

The committee met last Tuesday and after careful consideration and taking into account the popularity of the current swing sets on the school playground, the group have unanimously decided to purchase a brand new 3 bay swing set to further enhance the play area. We believe that this addition will be a hit with our students during their break times. We hope that this new addition will



contribute to creating a vibrant and enjoyable environment for all our students. In addition to the swing set, the committee has also decided

to 'ramp up' fundraising efforts for the installation of an all-weather turf at the rear of the Nireaha and Pū tara classrooms. The all-weather turf will serve as a versatile and resilient outdoor space that can be utilised throughout the year, regardless of weather conditions. This addition will greatly benefit our students, providing them with a safe and accessible area for various activities and games. It will be a valuable asset to our school. A huge thanks again to Home & School for their incredible support of our school – they are helping create an exceptional learning environment for our students. The next meeting will be held at school in Term 4, on Tuesday 10th October. 🤗



### 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.





**NIREAHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)**

Kia ora koutou,

Nireaha students loved their first Ripper Rugby session with Ryley last week. Our second session is tomorrow, so be sure to wear suitable clothing and footwear. The children really got stuck in and gave everything a go. I hope we get to play the tag game again, that was so much fun! (Ask your child about it 😊)

We were lucky to have Jess in class for a little bit this week. We saw some super cute photos of Jack- he's getting big. Jess will be back to see us again next Thursday.

Our narrative writing is getting really good, as we work on our structure and features. The children are working on how to 'show not tell', ie writing the location/time without actually saying it. Instead of saying 'it was bedtime', we could say "I had already put my PJ's on and cleaned my teeth, I could see the moon over my neighbour's house as I closed my bedroom curtains".

Cultural Festival practices are full - we have 2 weeks to go. There is a special notice about this today. We hope to see as many of you as possible there on the day.

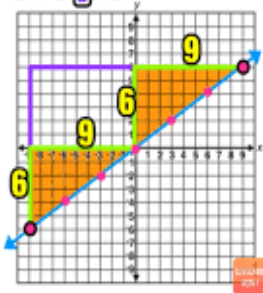
Nga mihi,

Barbara b.whitburn@eketahuna.school.nz

**Intro to Slope**

What is the slope of the line?

$$+ \frac{6}{9}$$

**PŪTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)**

Hi all,

A fun week's learning so far. We have been learning about Cartesian Planes, and now we're applying algebra to calculate slope. Slope is calculated using the formula rise/run (rise over run).

There are quadrants, negative and positive integers, fractions (and equivalent fractions), decimals and percentages to consider. The children in Pūtara are doing very well in such a short amount of time. Well done, tamariki!!

Have a wonderful weekend and stay warm! Dean

# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL WHEEL DAY

## FRIDAY 30TH JUNE



On Friday, tamariki are allowed to bring their scooter, bike, drift trike, skateboard, roller skates or rollerblades to school.

The tamariki will be riding their bikes etc in our driveway and on netball/basketball courts.

Please make sure that you have a helmet and appropriate safety gear!

**SCHOOL SPORTS SHIRTS & SCHOOL FLEECES**

WITH LOTS OF SPORTS COMING UP NEXT TERM, AS WE MOVE DOWN THE ALERT LEVELS, NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO CHECK YOU HAVE THE CORRECT CLOTHING ITEMS. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT

**ALL** STUDENTS NEED TO WEAR THE CORRECT SPORTS UNIFORM TO PLAY – OUR SCHOOL SPORTS SHIRT WITH BLACK SHORTS. SPORTS SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE AND CAN BE PURCHASED FOR \$25.00. WE ALSO HAVE OPTIONAL WARM SCHOOL FLEECES THAT COST \$35.00 WHICH CAN ALSO BE BOUGHT THROUGH THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

WE WANT OUR TEAMS TO REPRESENT THE SCHOOL WITH PRIDE AND ENSURING ALL PLAYERS ARE IN THE CORRECT UNIFORM IS ESSENTIAL.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE UNIFORM ITEMS ARE CLEARLY NAMED.





## INDOOR HOCKEY DRAW Week 9 - MONDAY 19th JUNE

**Eke Dragons (U9)**

vs St Ants Grey

4.00 pm

**Eke Thunder (U11)**

vs St Ants Green

4.40 pm



## HOME & SCHOOL PIE FUNDRAISER

**Order forms & money to be in by Friday 30th June**

Pies will be delivered to school on Thursday 27th July after 11am.

We would love any donations of strong paper bags. Eg: The supermarket (NW/Countdown) online shopping bags are great. If you have any spare, please drop into the school office. Thanks for your support!

## UPCOMING BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Notice of Board Meeting to be held on Wednesday 21st June, 2023 in the school hall at 6pm. If you have any items for the agenda please contact me with any relevant information by 16 June 2023 5pm

on 063758059 or [botchair@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:botchair@eketahuna.school.nz).

Warmest regards - Skye White - BOT Chairperson



## HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CALF SCHEME

ON BEHALF OF THE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION, AND THE SCHOOL, A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL THROUGH THE CALF SCHEME. YOUR GENEROSITY IS MOST APPRECIATED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE SCHEME OR WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR BEX HOWEL @ 0272026969. 😊



## EKETĀHUNA PLAYGROUP

Please come and join a relaxed playgroup, on the school site, where parents and carers can meet, have a coffee and let our children play and learn together.

At Eketāhuna School  
on  
Wednesday & Thursday  
9am - 12pm

We look forward to  
seeing you!

For more information check out  
our FaceBook page or email:  
[eketahunaplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:eketahunaplaygroup@gmail.com)



## YUMMY FRUIT STICKERS



Shop at your local New World, Pak'n Save and participating Four Square stores. Purchase Yummy apples, either bags with cut-out labels or individual apples with Yummy stickers. One cut-out label is worth 10 apple stickers. Place the Yummy stickers on Sticker Collection Sheets and the cut-out labels on Cut-Out Label Collection Sheets. Your Yummy stickers will then be converted into a winning share of the \$200,000 sports prize pool from DG Sport. Please contact Denise to print off a form or go to <https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/> to print the form yourself.



