

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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COMING UP:

Friday 9 June: Rippa Rugby Training Sessions start

Friday 9 June: Celebration Assembly 2:15pm - Rongomai Hosts

Friday 9 June: House Leaders to St. Cuthberts Community Lunch

Tuesday 13 June: Home & School Meeting @ 7pm

Friday 16 June: Rippa Rugby Training Session #2

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

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Our students have had another great week at school, filled with engaging lessons and fun teaching. We have a huge variety of activities underway and our tamariki are enjoying new learning opportunities. 😊

MANAWATU SUCCESS FOR RUNNERS

Brooke & Mack Duffy participated in the 2023 Year 5-8, Regional Interschool Cross Country yesterday, held at Massey University in Palmerston North. Brooke was placed first in the Year 7 & 8 race, she was so far ahead that at one stage she was running with the lead runners from Boys High! Mack also did well, putting in 100% and coming in 7th in the Year 5 & 6 race. A huge congratulations to them both - we are very proud!



KEEPING OUR SCHOOL GATES CLOSED DAILY

- For the safety and security of our students, it is crucial to keep the school gate closed at all times during normal school days.
- Parents are requested to park in the car parks on Albert Street.
- Drop off, and pick up your children at the gates.
- Please enter via the pedestrian gate beside the letter box.
- Please avoid driving into the school grounds unless absolutely necessary.

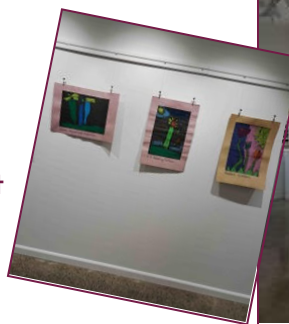
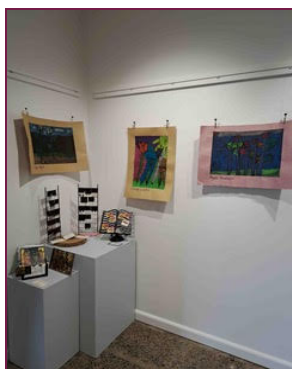
We truly appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

****Please note the gates may be open during whole school events such as our Spring Show. Safety plans are in place for this.**



Check out the incredible talent of our students showcased in a solo art exhibition in Woodville!

Students from Hāmua were excited to discover their art has been exhibited as a solo display in the Rinitawa Art and History Galleries in Woodville. The pieces are chalk and pastel with glue used for outlines. They were inspired by 'The Red Tree' by Shaun Tan. The pieces will be up in the gallery for 4 weeks, finishing on June 19th - so get along and support our budding artists! You will be amazed by their talent and creativity.



WEEKLY UPDATE

HUKANUI NEWS: (ROOM 1)

Kia Ora. The last week has seen two new children join us in Hukanui. We welcome Luke and Romen to our class. The children in Hukanui love looking after and helping new children and are doing a great job. We also welcome Lisa Seator back to help and support our students. We have a House of Science box this week and are looking forward to sharing what we know and learning more about Plants, Flowers and Pollination. Ask your children in the coming week what we have been doing. Just a reminder, the children only need a couple of snacks (preferably healthy) in their lunchboxes as we do get school lunches provided and always have a fruit break (fruit provided). A drink bottle (named) with water in to is great. The children need to keep hydrated to keep bugs away and keep their brains working! Any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me using the school cell (messages passed on) or mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz Thanks. Marilyn

RONGOMAI NEWS: (ROOM 2)

Kia ora whānau,

The past week has been crazy, we have been looking into what tapa cloth is and what it is made up of. We have looked at the patterns on a Tapa to link to our algebra unit. Then students got creative and made their own tapa as a class they had to ensure they were marking the pattern repeat and fit them on their part of the papers. In writing we have begun our writing moderation piece of writing on our clay creature which students are enjoying. These will be completed over the next week as well. Once they are completed these pieces of writing will give me an indicator on what their next steps are going to be. Next week we are fortunate to be having Miss Mac in the class for 2 days. Miss Mac will be going over turns and eagles with the students for maths. 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)

Welcome to the end of week 7, and especially to the new arrivals, both in Hamua and around the school. It is very exciting to have three new faces join us and they seem to be fitting in well. That's what I love about Eketāhuna kids - they are so welcoming and friendly. We have Thomas and Ellie that have arrived from Stratford, Taranaki, and Rome all the way from Perth Australia. We look forward to getting to know you all better, and we hope you enjoy your time in Eketāhuna.

Something else we are all looking forward to is the Rippa Rugby that starts this week. This is great fun for the kids. They learn and practise many skills and drills, and it is great to be a part of something so fast paced. Please remember your drink bottles EVERY DAY! It is important that we all stay hydrated, and more important that we are not sharing our water. Take care out there, Rachael.

STUDENTS HAPPY TO HELP WITH COMMUNITY EVENTS

St. Cuthberts Community Lunch is tomorrow and some of our House Leaders will be attending to help with the lunch service. In preparation for the event, yesterday some students from Nireaha helped Carolyn make chocolate bliss balls for the lunch. Reading the recipe, following the instructions and creating 52 perfect pieces was a challenge, but they did a fabulous job and we know the delicious choc bites will be enjoyed tomorrow!



NIREAHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)

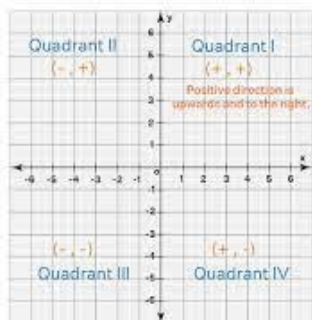
Congratulations to the Nireaha students who have pushed themselves in extra curricular activities over the last few weeks, and it is great that so many of our students are participating in Team Sports. I loved seeing the netballers play on Tuesday night, and will hopefully get to a rugby game soon. We have a number of runners who are excelling around the region. Mack in particular, is running extremely well. We also have a number of Tough Guys and Gals amongst us!

It's that time of year when there are lots of bugs and sniffles around. Thank you for keeping your children home when unwell to minimise the spread of illness. Thank you, I have been home with my snuffly daughter at the start of this week, so I know it's not easy ;-)

We have had a bit of a break with homework over the last couple of weeks. It will be back next week!

As always, please make contact if you have any queries: bwhitburn@eketahuna.school.nz

Quadrants of Cartesian Plane

**PUTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)**

Kia ora, all

Cartesian planes and plotting coordinates, recognising quadrants, and formulating rise over run will be part of mathematics in the next few weeks. As well as this, we are going to do some complex algebra. We already do a lot of this as a class - I throw it up on the board and away we go!

Writing moderation for narratives will also be completed over the next few school days. This will give me a good mid-year point as to how each of the children in Pūtara are faring. Have a fabulous weekend everybody.

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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 😊

**BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE**

A REMINDER TO BRING A WATER BOTTLE TO SCHOOL EACH DAY WITH YOUR NAME ON IT! CHILDREN CAN REFILL THEIR BOTTLE AT THE WATER BOTTLE FILLER, GETTING CHILLED & FILTERED WATER TO DRINK. IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP HYDRATED - THANKS!

**SCHOOL RUBBISH:**

WE ARE ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO PUT FOOD 'WRAPPINGS' & PACKAGING BACK IN THEIR LUNCH BOXES ONCE THEY HAVE EATEN AT BOTH MORNING & AFTERNOON TEA BREAK. WE ARE CONTINUING TO KEEP THE AMOUNT OF RUBBISH DOWN HERE AT SCHOOL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW**

We have our school Celebration Assembly tomorrow, which will be hosted by students from Rongomai. It's a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week. We are looking forward to seeing you, in the hall, at 2:15pm where we will have awards to give out and student's to acknowledge. . .

**INDOOR HOCKEY DRAW Week 8 - MONDAY 12th JUNE**

Eke Dragons (U9)
vs St Ants Magenta U9

4.00 pm

Eke Thunder (U11)
vs St Ants Green

4.40 pm

**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. 😊





Tararua College Open Day & Evening Tuesday 20th June at 1-3pm or 5-7pm

Tararua College welcomes all parents, caregivers and whānau to come and see what is available here at our college and have a tour of the school. Meeting in our school hall.

Nau mai, haere mai!

Tararua Kai Collective Getting help with kai

Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki nui-a-Rua
Kai Hau Kai
0800KKTNAR (558627)

Rangitāne o Tamaki Nui-ā-Rua
Kaihono Mahi – Community Connector
06 374 6860 Ext:826 Mobile: 0274441364

The Salvation Army Dannevirke
21 Allardice Street Dannevirke
06 374 8970
Foodbank hour: Tuesday 10am - 12pm, Friday 10am - 12pm

St.Vinnies Dannevirke
28 High Street Dannevirke
Emergency service only but also accessed through agencies

Tararua Community Youth Services
8 Ward Street Dannevirke
06 374 9214

Woodville Inter Church Combined Foodbank
06 376 4023

Woodville Pantry
021 156 6925

Help-n-Hand/Pahiatua Foodbank
42 Main Street Pahiatua
06 376 6759

Tararua Community Services
43 Main Street Pahiatua
06 376 7608

Te Whare Ora o Eketāhuna/Eketāhuna Foodbank
021 034 7762

tararua.kai@gmail.com

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.

Warmest regards - Skye White - BOT Chairperson



EKETĀHUNA HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING

**Tuesday 13th June
7pm @ Eketāhuna School**



*Come along for a fun catch up,
refreshments and planning
for next term!
We look forward to seeing you
all there ... 😊*

HOME & SCHOOL PIE FUNDRAISER

Order forms & money 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!



