

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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COMING UP:

Friday 23 June: Rippa Rugby Training Session #3
Friday 23 June: Celebration Assembly - Hukanui Hosts
Wednesday 28 June: Principal's Morning Tea @ Lazy Graze
Wednesday 28 June: School Support Staff Day

Thursday 29 June: Tararua Cultural Festival in Pahiatua
Friday 30 June: Rippa Rugby Training Session #4
Friday 30 June: Celebration Assembly @ 2:15pm - Leaders
Friday 30 June: Mid Year School Reports come home
Friday 30 June: Last Day of Term 2 - School Holidays start
Monday 17 July: First Day of Term 3 - School starts back!

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa
 Lots of great learning opportunities this week!

TERRIFIC TIME AT TECHNOLOGY

A taste bud extravaganza brought to life by student teamwork! With their collective effort, students crafted a delicious shared lunch. Grilling sausages and crispy wedges on the barbecue, while others created a variety of salads and coleslaws. The lunch was enjoyed by all, as they sat around beautifully laid tables complete with vases of flowers! To top it off, they ended with a dessert of



star-shaped biscuits. This incredible display of effort and creativity was amazing - such creativity and teamwork - tino pai! Big thanks to Tania & Matt at Tararua College!

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 Hukanui.

Principal Award: Wk8 Hollie Giddens



Week 8 Class Awards – Star Student:

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

Hukanui: Romen Van der Wiel-McNaughton
Hāmua: Rome Findlay
Rongomai: Brax Duffy
Nireaha: Kaiwero Mokaraka
Pūtara: KJ Arnold

Week 8 Caught Being Good Award – Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

Hukanui: Arpit Patel
Hāmua: Neive Davis
Rongomai: Lleucu Anderson
Nireaha: Braxton Carrington
Pūtara: Hunter Rankin

WEEKLY UPDATE

HUKANUI NEWS: (ROOM 1)

Kia Ora whanau. It has been a very busy week so far. There has been lots of learning happening, both formal and informal. We have been learning about plants and the important role that bees have. Check out our cool flower next time you're in. Thanks to Miss Mac for her help in getting it up! In Maths, we have been using cubes and rods to measure our feet. We have talked about how important it is that the units are the same...so we can't just use a blue and pink rod because we like the colours! The children have been enjoying the bingo homework and it is great to have feedback from parents about it. The children (and teachers) are getting tired and sick as we come to the end of the term...so please, early nights and plenty of sleep!

As always, any questions or concerns please message the school office or mwhiteley@extra.co.nz

Thanks, Marilyn.

Just a note: We are hosting tomorrow's assembly. Feel free to come and support us!

RONGOMAI NEWS: (ROOM 2)



Kia ora whanau, This week has gone very fast. This week we have begun to start looking into writing comic strips which students are really enjoying. On Monday we got to look into popping adjectives which was a hit in the class and a fun way to learn about adjectives. In reading we have been looking into compare and contrast. We started with comparing cats and dogs and to do so we are going to be comparing lemons and chocolate. 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. Nga mihi,

Holly



HĀMUA NEWS: (ROOM 3)

It's the final countdown and there is still so much to do, and try to fit in. Reports are being written and it's pleasing to see the progress being made. We are currently looking at measurement for maths, how to use a ruler - what units of measure to use for what jobs, and letter writing - both formal and informal. We are also frantically piecing together artwork for the Aratoi Art Exhibition, having Rippa Rugby lessons. It is a very busy time, kids are getting tired and sick. Please remember everyone needs their own water bottle. It doesn't have to be fancy, it just has to be their own. We are enjoying the sun today, looking at the different spider webs covered in dew drops. It's nice to be able to take a few minutes to just look. Soaking the sun on our shortest day. R 😊

BUS BEHAVIOUR

A REMINDER THAT WE HAVE A 'BUS CODE OF CONDUCT' WHICH STUDENTS AND CAREGIVERS HAVE AGREED TO. FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL WHO TRAVEL ON OUR BUSES WE MUST BE VIGILANT WITH BEHAVIOUR DURING TRIPS BOTH TO AND FROM SCHOOL. STUDENTS WHO EXHIBIT POOR BEHAVIOUR CHOICES WILL BE TAKEN OFF THE BUS AND WILL NEED TO BE TRANSPORTED BY PARENTS.



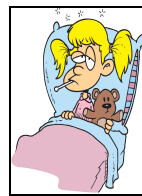
LATE STUDENTS

OUR SCHOOL DAY STARTS AT 9AM AND WE SEEM TO HAVE A NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO ARE LATE TO SCHOOL. IT IS VITAL THAT OUR STUDENTS ARE AT SCHOOL BEFORE THE START OF 9AM SO THEY HAVE TIME TO UNPACK, SORT THEIR EQUIPMENT AND PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR THE UPCOMING LEARNING IN CLASS. THANK YOU.



KEEP UNWELL CHILDREN AT HOME

WE STILL WANT TO ENSURE EVERYONE IS WELL & HEALTHY, SO IF YOUR CHILD FEELS UNWELL PLEASE KEEP THEM AT HOME. ALSO REMEMBER IF YOUR CHILD HAS A TUMMY BUG, VOMITING OR DIARRHOEA THEY CANNOT RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR AT LEAST 24 HOURS AFTER THEY WERE LAST SICK OR HAD A LOOSE MOTION. DON'T FORGET TO KEEP WASHING YOUR HANDS TOO! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH THIS.



PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE DAILY

At school we have a filtered water bottle filler for students to access for fresh drinking water. Due to Covid, colds, bugs and germs we no longer have any shared drinking fountains operating so it is vital that all students come with their own water bottle. Please check that your child has their bottle, with their name on it, packed in their bag each day. Thank you.



NIREHA NEWS: (Room 5)

Kia ora whanau,

One week to go until the Cultural Festival in Pahiataua! The students are working very hard and will put on a great performance! We've got new costumes and we are going to look fab! It's one of the highlights of the year - we hope to see you there. I do understand that some of you won't be able to make it, so we will record it and put it on the school Facebook page. We have been working on our Samoan art, and creating our stencil patterns which we will use to create a large tapa cloth next week. I have been busy working on your child's school reports, and I look forward to sending these home at the end of the Term. There have been a number of students away sick over the past week. Thank you, once again, for keeping unwell children at home. Feel free to contact me bwhitburn@eketahuna.school.nz Cheers, Barb.

PŪTARA NEWS: (Room 6)

In Pūtara we have been practising extremely hard for next week's cultural festival in Pahiataua. Waiata, haka and Samoan sasa will be performed. There has been a tremendous amount of effort put in and we are seeing some fantastic results. We've also been fortunate to have two ex students - Carmen Bidois and Stella Governor - help us. They have been excellent mentors! Enjoy your weekend, and I'm looking forward to a wonderful last week of term, next week. Dean

Term 3 Visits to Pahiataua Marae.

Kia Ora Whanau,

We are currently organising visits to Pahiataua Marae in Week 1 of next term.

Years 1-4 Wednesday 19 July

Years 5-8 Thursday 20 July

If you are interested in joining us for the day, please contact Barbara.

bwhitburn@eketahuna.school.nz

More information will come out next week.

NO VAPING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

As a responsible and caring school community it is essential to adhere to school policies and regulations. Please remember that vaping on school grounds is strictly prohibited, and the consequences for doing so can be significant.

Students who engage in vaping may face disciplinary actions such as being stood down from school. It is crucial to prioritise your health and the well-being of others by making informed choices and following the rules set by our school.

Please refer to our school policy which is included with this newsletter.

**INDOOR HOCKEY DRAW Week 10 - MONDAY 26th JUNE**

Eke Dragons (U9)

vs Kumeroa U9

4.00 pm

Eke Thunder (U11)

vs Pah Rima

4.20 pm



COVID CASES CONTINUE TO RISE THIS TERM

COVID cases are increasing, and it is important to be vigilant. Check for symptoms of coughs and colds, as early detection is crucial. The school is offering free RAT tests to help identify potential cases quickly. Ring Leona to ask for some to be sent home. If you experience symptoms or test positive, it is advised to stay home for at least 7 days and rest, isolating yourself from others. Contact the school office for more information or support. Remember to follow proper hygiene practices, such as washing hands, wearing masks, and maintaining social distancing. Together, we can protect ourselves and others from the spread of COVID-19.



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!

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- ✓ Newsletters
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invite you to the
Tararua Kāhui Ako

CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Thursday 29 June 2023

10.00am - 1.00pm

Bush Multisport Park
Huxley Street, Pahiatua

Doors close before each group starts and re-open when they finish.
This is in place to respect the efforts and commitment all performers have made to perform in front of their whānau and peers

Morning Tea and Lunch provided for Kaumatua



REMINDER - SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Our School Office is open between 8:30am - 3:30pm on Monday to Friday.

SCHOOL START TIME

Please be aware that there are no staff to supervise children before 8am in the morning. We have children arriving as early as 7:45am and classes are not open until 8:15 - 8:30am. No children should be on site before that time.



