

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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COMING UP:

Friday 21 July: Matariki Day @ School

Wednesday 26 July: Board of Trustees Meeting @ 7pm

Thursday 27 July: Home & School Fundraiser Pie Delivery

Friday 28 July: Celebration Assembly - Pūtara hosts

Friday 28 July: Miniball for Year 5 & 6 starts in Pahiatua

Wednesday 2nd August: Tararua Bush 7-Aside Tournament

Friday 4th August: Tararua Bush 7-Aside Postponement

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Wednesday 9th August: Parent & Teacher Learning Discussions

Thursday 10th August: Parent & Teacher Learning Discussions

Friday 11th August: Year 7 & 8 Polar Bear Swim Fundraiser

Friday 11th August: Celebration Assembly - Nireaha hosts



Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te kura Eketāhuna, We hope you have all had an enjoyable break and have returned refreshed! It has been great seeing everyone back at school this week. We are looking forward to a productive term with lots of engaged students enjoying a range of fantastic teaching & learning experiences as we ensure our tamariki are getting the best deal possible! Our Term 3 overview is included with the newsletter, please check the dates for upcoming events and mark your calendar! 😊

SCHOOL CLOSURE THIS TERM - PLEASE NOTE THE DATE

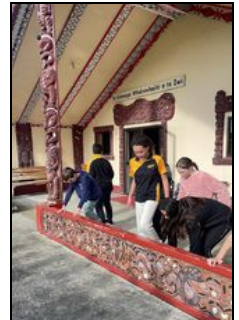
This term we will be closing the school for instruction on Friday 25th August for our school's Mid Term Break.



TAMARIKI ENJOY VISIT TO THE LOCAL MARAE

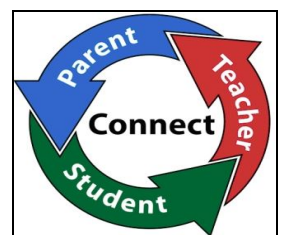
Our students have had a fantastic time this week visiting Te Kohanga Whakawhaiti Marae in Pahiatua. Children took part in a traditional powhiri, learnt about the history of our local marae and its protocols. They also

took time to study the kowhaiwhai and tukutuku patterns in the wharenuī. The warm greetings from the marae's welcoming hosts instantly fostered a sense of connection and respect. A big thank you to Barb Whitburn for organising the days and to those parents who went along to support our tamariki - very much appreciated. The visit left an indelible mark on their young hearts and minds, fostering a deep appreciation for the Māori culture and an eagerness to continue our journey of learning and understanding of New Zealand's unique heritage.



LEARNING DISCUSSIONS - PARENT & TEACHER MEETINGS - BOOK ONLINE

We will be holding Learning Discussions, in Week 4, on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th of August. They are useful, positive meetings where as well as hearing from your child's teacher, you can ask questions and discuss the Mid Year Reports so that you and your child's teachers can become partners in your child's education. Meetings on both days will start at 3.30 pm and go through until the last at 6:30 pm. Meetings can be booked for the times that suit you. Simply go to Skool Loop, click on 'Interviews' and follow the steps. If you need any further information about bookings please contact the school office and speak with Leona.



WEEKLY UPDATE

HUKANUI NEWS: (ROOM 1) ARE 4

What a busy and fantastic start we have had to Term 4 in Hukanui! There are 4 new children who have started their school days with us. Welcome to Noel, Izzy, Emily and Sophie. It's great to see all the others back and ready to learn. This term we are focusing on playing nicely, sharing things and our alphabet letters and sounds with the younger students while the others are having time to be the leaders, helpers and extend what they know about words and numbers. It was great to spend time at the marae yesterday and lots of learning took place. Please make sure that your child has a named drink bottle with water daily. As always, any queries please don't hesitate to contact me on mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz Thanks. Marilyn



RONGOMAI NEWS: (ROOM 2)

Kia ora, whanau, It's great to have everybody back to school all refreshed after the holidays. We have dived straight into our learning by looking at measurement. We have been weighing objects found in the classroom on scales determining how much they weigh in grammes and students have been really enjoying it. This term our overall focus in the classroom is going to be about space. Students are really excited about this. We have touched on a few things already. 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 on 022 368 1830 or emailing. Nga mihi, Holly. hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz



HAMUA NEWS: (ROOM 3)

What a fantastic day we had at Whakawhaiti Marae on Wednesday. This was a wonderful learning experience for all who went. Many thanks to the two fantastic mothers that came and supported us on this very special trip. We



appreciate the time you gave up from your busy lives. Back in class we will be learning about fractions ($\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, 1) and persuasive writing (encouraging the reader to take on our point of view), and we will soon begin work on a collaborative work of art to celebrate Matariki. Welcome back to Eketāhuna School - for Term 3. Please remember to send a water bottle for your children 😊, daily. Thanks for your ongoing support, Rachael rdickson@eketahuna.school.nz



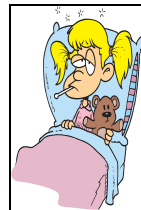
CELL PHONES

A REMINDER THAT STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO HAVE PHONES OR DEVICES OF ANY DESCRIPTION ON THEM AT SCHOOL. IF THEY DO NEED TO BRING A DEVICE OR PHONE TO SCHOOL, THEY ARE TO BE HANDED INTO THE OFFICE BEFORE SCHOOL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!



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 DIARRHEA 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.



STUDENTS 'OFF' BUSES

A GENERAL REMINDER 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. THANKS!



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 Leona to print off a form or go to <https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/> to print the form yourself.

NIREAHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)

Kia ora whanau,

We are enjoying a fabulous day at Pahiatua Marae today. I am so proud of our Nireaha students who are fully immersed in the experience. We were greeted by a number of Tararua College Students, including several former Eketahuna students. Matua Warren taught us a lot about the marae, its history, and its people. It was great to see him again. It's so good to be able to go out on trips again! As always, get in touch if you need to either by texting the office on 022 368 1830 or emailing me at: bwhitburn@eketahuna.school.nz Cheers, Barb.

**PUTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)**

Welcome back to a new term, Pūtara.

We had a great day today at Te Kohanga Whakawhaiti Marae in Pahiatua. Your behaviour was wonderful, and you represented our kura admirably! Ka pai, tamariki.

Parents, you will be aware that we are fundraising for our end of year school camp to El Rancho in Waikanae. This is a costly exercise; therefore, the more money we can fundraise the greater the experience will be. We do this major camp every two years, and it is an excellent camp. [We have our Yr 7/8 'Polar Plunge' happening at school in three weeks' time.](#) Please help your child by gathering as much sponsorship as possible. Friends, family, work colleagues and anyone who may add to our cause! Please let me know if you require further sponsorship forms - these have been handed out to your children. I would like to thank you in advance, and we certainly appreciate your help! 😊 Dean

STUDENTS ARE CELEBRATING MATARIKI AT SCHOOL TOMORROW

"Matariki is a time where people, whānau, and communities gather together to remember the year that has passed, to celebrate the present, and to plan for the next year. It is a time to remember our loved ones who are no longer with us, to feast and celebrate with our relatives and friends, and to look towards the future and the hope of a season full of bounty". Here at school we will be getting together to make Matariki lanterns our children will bring home. Each will be decorated and have its own tea light candle. Please make sure NO real candles are used at home! We will also share soup & buns, and spend time recreating kowhaiwai patterns and tukutuku designs. Nga mihi o te tau hou.

**NO ASSEMBLY TOMORROW**

Please note there is NO School Celebration Assembly tomorrow afternoon. Our next assembly is on Friday 28th July at 2:15m in our school hall. The event will be hosted by Pūtara. Please come along and share, acknowledge and 'celebrate' student successes! We look forward to seeing you all there!

**SAVE THE DATE****SCHOOL DISCO**

Thursday 24th August

Year 1 - 4 at lunch and Year 5 - 6 at 5:30pm. More info to come!

SCHOOL VANDALISM

Sadly we have had a number of incidents during the school holidays, where people have come up to the school and damaged both property and equipment. Those responsible have been spoken with. This is not the first time we have had vandalism at school. We have talked to our local police officer who will increase the monitoring of our school and we are asking the community to please keep a 'lookout'. We have lots of great developments happening for our children and it has been disappointing to have the school environment disrespected and misused. Vandals have been trespassed from the school grounds in the past. We hope to avoid this type of action, but will follow this process if necessary, to ensure 'our great learning place' is safe!



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.

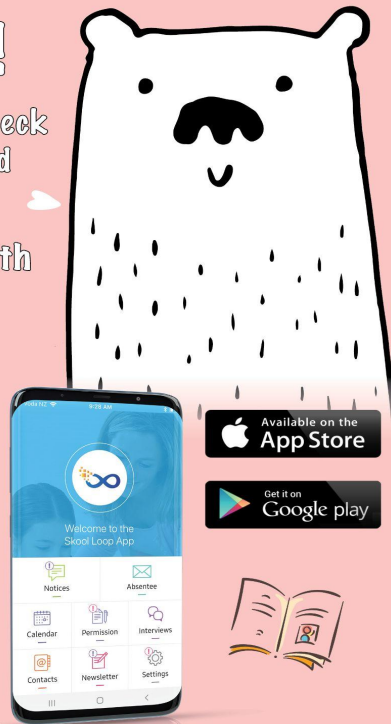


Hey there!

Just popping in to check you have downloaded our school app?

Stay in the loop with Skool Loop.

- ✓ Events
- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Book interviews
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission Slips



Simple free download: In Google play & App Store search '**Skool Loop**' & choose our school once installed.



Has your tamariki got a sticky, puffy eye?

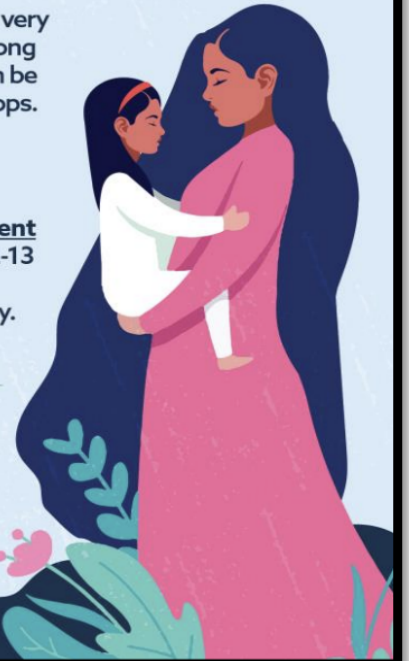
Bacterial Conjunctivitis is very common, particularly among younger children, and can be easily treated with eyedrops.

You don't need to go to your GP.

You can get **free treatment** for tamariki aged 2-13 from your local participating pharmacy.

ASK US ABOUT IT TODAY.

This service is funded by THINK Hauora and MidCentral Community Pharmacy Group.



UPCOMING BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Notice of Board Meeting to be held on Wednesday 26th July in the school staffroom at 7pm. If you have any items for the agenda please contact me with any relevant information by 21st July 2023 by 5pm on 063758059 or email me at: botchair@eketahuna.school.nz.

Warmest regards - Skye White - BOT Chairperson

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.



