

# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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## COMING UP:

- Thursday 27 July: Home & School Fundraiser Pie Delivery
- Friday 28 July: Celebration Assembly - Pūtura 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
- Friday 4th August: Miniball for Year 5 & 6 in Pahiatua
- 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, It's been another awesome week here at school with lots of fantastic teaching & learning happening! This term is just as busy & productive as always so please make sure you read carefully and note upcoming dates.*

## 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.



### SPORTS GEAR GIFTED

On Monday we had a surprise visit from representatives of the 'Sport, Education, Community & Cultural Foundation'. They had come to drop off some amazing sports gear - class sets for Hockey and Cricket. The hockey kit has 30 sticks and balls packaged in a great two wheeled bag. Perfect for the upcoming 7-A-side hockey team! The cricket kit also came in a two wheeled bag full of bats, balls, tees, stump sets and team bibs! Both sets were generously made available through the support of a grant from the Air Rescue & Community Services. We are most appreciative of such a kind & thoughtful donation!



### ONGOING BUILDING PROJECTS AROUND THE SCHOOL IS EXCITING!

This term we have Josh Roberts Builders on site starting the verandah building behind Hukanui. The covered verandah, on the rear, will enable the class to access indoor/outdoor learning when the weather is rough on the western side! It will also be a lovely place to sit and enjoy watching friends on the swings and playground. Further along from the new verandah will be an extended deck linking the class and sandpit. We plan to construct an outdoor kitchen and water play area on the new deck area.



### MID YEAR RESULTS FOR STUDENTS IN READING, WRITING & MATHS

Recently our children participated in a variety of assessments and activities that staff oversaw in order to collect a range of data to show where each year group was tracking, in terms of achievement, for the middle of the year. We have now compared these results to the midyear results from this time last year to see progress indicators and to get a true picture of the school wide achievement to date. The results paint a positive picture when you consider the ongoing interruptions to educating our tamariki. We will continue to focus on explicit teaching and learning goals at Eketahuna School, along with targeting individual needs. The results are in this newsletter. 😊

# WEEKLY UPDATE

## HUKANUI NEWS: (ROOM 1)

Hello everyone. Hasn't it been a bit cold recently? Although it is nice and warm in the classrooms please make sure that you are sending your child with a top or jacket that they can wear outside. We are starting to do some persuasive writing in our class and started this by arguing about which is the "best" flavour of icecream. I think strawberry definitely won! Lots of counting and doing activities together to encourage sharing and working together has been happening in Hukanui. Please ensure that your child has a named drink bottle every day. Any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on [mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz) Thanks, Marilyn.

## RONGOMAI NEWS: (ROOM 2)

Kia ora,  
This week we have been looking at how we are able to identify fake news/information when we are researching. We looked at two different sites about octopus trees., one was real and the other was fake. It was awesome to see the kids' faces when they were understanding the concept that some information can be fake. Next week we will have the science kits in the classroom. The kit this time is going to be about space which students seem very excited to check out and do some fun experiments that relate to space. Once again can you please ensure that a water bottle is brought to school. If you ever need to get a hold of me please don't hesitate. I am contactable through the school cell phone or via email [hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz).  
Nga Mihi, Holly

## HAMUA NEWS: (ROOM 3)

As I write there is fresh snow on the hills and the kids are all hooning about outside - probably half of them in bare feet! We are so happy that it is not raining and they are able to get outside. In class we have been learning about persuasive writing. We are using our writing to convince the reader that our ideas are good ones. This has been a challenge for a few as it is a different style of writing to what they are used to, but I'm happy with what they are able to achieve. Keep up with the drink bottles and hygiene. Two steps to wellness 😊.  
I look forward to meeting you all again in a couple of weeks for parent conferences. Until then, Nga mihi, Rachael and Carol.

## ANNUAL TARARUA BUSH 7-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

Next Wednesday we will be taking students from our Year 5 & 6 and Year 7 & 8 classes to the Tararua Bush 7-A-Side Tournament in Pahiatua.

The competition, run by Sport Manawatu, will see our students compete in rugby, netball, soccer and hockey.

A huge thanks to those parents who are coaches and/or managers for the day - your time and support is much appreciated.

Also thanks to all those planning to come along and cheer on our teams along.

Kia kaha Eketāhuna!!



## POLAR BEAR SWIM

Friday 11th July



Year 7 & 8 camp fundraiser to raise funds for El Rancho. Please look for sponsorship forms coming home!

**NIREAHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)**

Ki ora Whanau,

Term 3 is well underway and we have lots of great learning happening in Nireaha. In maths, we are learning about fractions, decimals and percentages - and how they relate to each other. We are writing to persuade people - to get them to believe something that we believe in. So my apologies in advance if the children come home tonight and try to persuade you that they should be able to stay up later 😊. The class is continuing to work hard with their reading - to build their reading skills, and understanding of what they read. Our Science Kit "SPACE" will arrive next week, we are looking forward to that. The Bush 7 -aside tournament is next Wednesday. We have a number of students going to this to represent our school in hockey, netball and rugby. I'm sure they will have a fab day and be awesome! Thank you to the caregivers who have already booked in to see me at the Week 4 meetings. If you haven't made your booking yet, please do so, I look forward to seeing you all. Cheers, Barbara.

**PUTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)**

Kia ora, whānau.

*We are writing expositions in Pūtara at the moment. If you look across you will see the structure an exposition will follow. Feel free to ask your child about the one they have been writing. There will be a lot of basic facts work this term for mathematics. The results and speed from your children in this area has improved significantly so far this year. Well done, tamariki!!*

**WALT (We are learning to): Write an exposition**

**Structure:**

- 1) **Title**
- 2) **Statement of position - How does the writer feel about the topic**
- 3) **Series of arguments - Arguments to support the writer's opinion**
- 4) **Concluding Statement - How does the writer feel about the topic now**

Have a wonderful weekend, everybody. 😊

**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.**



DRESS WARM AS WINTER IS DEFINITELY HERE  
 WITH COLDER WEATHER AT SCHOOL THIS WEEK PLEASE MAKE SURE STUDENTS ARE COMING TO SCHOOL IN APPROPRIATE CLOTHES AND SHOES TO KEEP THEM WARM THROUGHOUT THE DAY. BREAK TIMES OUTSIDE CAN GET CHILLY AND WE WANT TO KEEP THE COLD AND FLU BUGS AWAY! THANKS EVERYONE 😊



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. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH THIS.



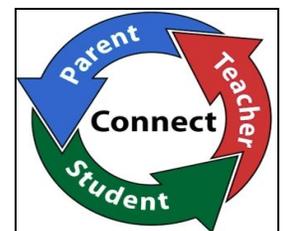
NO SWEETS OR SUGARY DRINKS

A REMINDER THAT NO SWEETS OR SUGARY DRINKS ARE TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL. OUR HEALTHY FOOD POLICY DISCOURAGES CONSUMPTION OF FOODS HIGH IN FAT, SUGAR AND SALT. IT ALSO ADVISES THAT HIGH ENERGY AND 'FIZZY DRINKS' ARE NOT TO BE CONSUMED AT SCHOOL. THANKS.



**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. We look forward to seeing you there!



## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

We have our school Celebration Assembly tomorrow, which will be hosted by students from Pūtara. 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. . .



## SCHOODOCS REVIEW

This term we have a scheduled review of our 'Curriculum & Student Achievement' policy. The review instructions for parents, staff, and board members are below. This review will close towards the end of the term so we can consider the feedback and make any changes.

Steps: Visit the website <https://eketahuna.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>

1. Enter the username (eketahuna) and password (4900).
2. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
3. Read the policy.
4. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
5. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
6. Enter your name (optional).
7. Submit your ratings and comments.
8. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.



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4 - 6PM

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- ☞ CRAFTS
- ☞ SPOT PRIZES
- ☞ PHOTOBOOTH SELFIES

## THANK YOU!

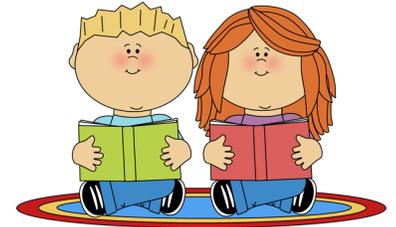


A BIG THANK YOU TO MITCH VAN COOTEN, FROM MVC ELECTRICAL LTD WHO GENEROUSLY DONATED HIS TIME TO HELP WITH A FEW ELECTRICAL ISSUES AT THE SCHOOL. COMMUNITY SUPPORT LIKE THIS CAN MAKE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE, AND IT'S WONDERFUL TO SEE INDIVIDUALS CONTRIBUTING THEIR SKILLS TO BENEFIT OTHERS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY ELECTRICAL NEEDS PLEASE GIVE HIM A CALL ON 027 648 2482  
OR EMAIL [MVCELECTRICAL@XTRA.CO.NZ](mailto:mvcelectrical@xtra.co.nz)

## 2023 Assessment of Students Mid Year

The tables show overall student progress against New Zealand Curriculum expectations at the Mid Year point



### Mid Year Results for:

### READING

READING	TOTAL SCHOOL	COMMENTS:
Above	20/98 = 20%	Total <u>STUDENTS</u> achieving At to Above = 63/98 = 64% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total <u>BOYS</u> achieving At to Above = 27/46 = 60%</li> <li>Total <u>GIRLS</u> achieving At to Above = 36/52 = 70%</li> </ul>
At	43/98 = 44 %	
Below - Well Below	35/98 = 36%	

### Mid Year Results for:

### WRITING

WRITING	TOTAL SCHOOL	COMMENTS:
Above	11/98 = 11%	Total <u>STUDENTS</u> achieving At to Above = 64/98 = 65% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total <u>BOYS</u> achieving At to Above = 25/46 = 56%</li> <li>Total <u>GIRLS</u> achieving At to Above = 39/52 = 76%</li> </ul>
At	53/98 = 54%	
Below - Well Below	34/98 = 35%	

### Mid Year Results for:

### MATHEMATICS

MATHEMATICS	TOTAL SCHOOL	COMMENTS:
Above	10/98 = 10%	Total <u>STUDENTS</u> achieving At to Above = 78/8 = 78% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total <u>BOYS</u> achieving At to Above = 36/46 = 78%</li> <li>Total <u>GIRLS</u> achieving At to Above = 40/52 = 77%</li> </ul>
At	66/98 = 68%	
Below - Well Below	22/98 = 22%	

## SENIOR CAMP FEES YEAR 7 & 8

Remember we need all camp fees for camp paid before the start of Term 4. Our Year 7 & 8 students will be attending the El Rancho Camp in Waikanae in Term 4. The cost of the camp is \$50 and all students are expected to pay the full amount or have organised a payment system if they intend on going. To make the camp cost manageable, and affordable, the school heavily subsidised the full cost, & students have planned fundraising activities. We informed parents in Term 1 of these costs, to ensure families had time to save if necessary. For more information on payment options please contact the school office and speak with Leona.



### PLEASE CHECK EARRINGS BEING WORN TO SCHOOL



A reminder that our school rules ask that earrings worn to school are small sleepers or studs. This is a Health & Safety precaution as we do not want them getting ripped out and causing a permanent scar during the physical play at breaks or sporting sessions. Please check the style your child/ren are wearing to school as we seem to have a few 'dangerous dangly' ones appearing!

Thanks for your support in keeping our kids safe. :-D

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

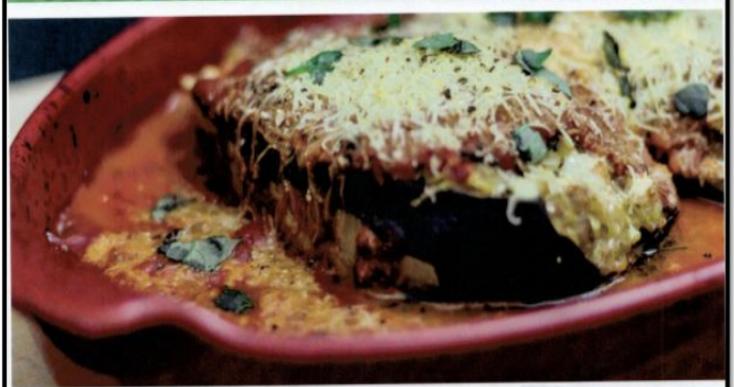
Notify Us Of Your **Child's Absence** Within Seconds On Our **Skool Loop App**

### ATTENDANCE

- Open the Skool Loop App & select Absentee
- Select a date range, if applicable
- Receive email receipt of your submission

Download **The Skool Loop App**. A simple 100% free download:  
In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

## Cheap & Easy Meal Making Starting Wednesday 2nd August



Build your confidence in the kitchen and develop skills to cook nutritious meals at home.

- Code:** #WAI-41796
- Dates:** Wednesday Mornings, 2nd August - 23rd August (4-weeks)
- Times:** 10:00am - 12:00noon
- Cost:** \$0 Fully subsidised by REAP Wairarapa & Tararua Community Services
- Venue:** Pahiatua Marae Kitchen, Riccarton Road, Pahiatua
- Tutors:** Mary Bollard & Emma Elliot
- To Enrol:** Online: [www.reapwairarapa.nz/cheap-easy-meals/](http://www.reapwairarapa.nz/cheap-easy-meals/)  
Phone: 0800WAIREAP
- Enrol by:** 26 July - Class numbers are small. Enrol now so you don't miss out.

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