

# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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## COMING UP:

Friday 11th August: Year 7 & 8 Polar Bear Swim Fundraiser  
 Friday 11th August: Celebration Assembly - Nireaha hosts  
 Wednesday 16th August: Year 7&8 Technology @Tararua College

Friday 18th August: Tararua Bush Volleyball Comp Year 6 - 8  
 Thursday 24th August: School Disco @ Lunch for Year 1 - 4  
 Thursday 24th August: School Disco @ 5:30-7pm for Year 5 - 8  
 Friday 25th August: **School Closed for Instruction**  
 Wednesday 16th August: Year 7&8 Technology @Tararua College

*Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te kura Ekētahuna,  
 We're keeping warm, keeping positive, & keeping on learning!*

### TARARUA BUSH 7 ASIDE TOURNAMENT

Once again, we had an awesome time at the 7 Aside Tournament yesterday in Pahiatua where we fielded rugby and netball teams in the Year 5 & 6 competition. Along with hockey and netball teams in the Year 7 & 8 competition. It was wonderful to have our students put in 100% every game - the children were amazing! Their sportsmanship, positive attitude and the constant support and encouragement they gave each other while playing was wonderful. Well done to all of the children who participated - especially the senior hockey team who placed 3rd overall. They made us all very proud! A big thanks to Mr Parsons for organising the teams, Leona for sorting all the uniforms & sports gear, Jo Bengston for coaching the Year 7 & 8 hockey team along with Barb for supporting Year 5 & 6 netball students. A HUGE thanks to the parents who gave up their time to manage and help with our teams on the day - Lauren Hutchings at the Year 7 & 8 netball, Kirby Duffy at the senior hockey and Jason Rankin at Year 5 & 6 netball. We really appreciated you being with our children. Thanks also to all those who came along to support our teams playing. Well done tamariki!



## PICK UPS & DROP OFFS - STUDENT SAFETY A PRIORITY

A kind reminder to all parents and whanāu about the importance of adhering to our school's drop-off and pick-up policy as we seem to have a number who are entering the school grounds daily to drop off & collect children. As we strive to maintain a safe and organised environment for all students, we kindly request that parents refrain from driving through the school gates for drop-offs and pick-ups. The gates are sometimes open to accommodate the school bus parking on site, but they should remain shut at all other times.

Instead, we ask that you utilise the designated car park for these activities. We understand that convenience and time are important to everyone. However, the safety and well-being of our students are our utmost priorities. By adhering to the drop-off and pick-up policy, we can collectively create a safer and more organised environment for all.

If you do need to come into school to collect an unwell child from the office, or need to be signed out, you may drive in, but please adhere to the 5km speed zone. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter. We truly appreciate your support in maintaining a secure and a safe place for our school community.



# WEEKLY UPDATE

## HUKAHUI NEWS: (ROOM 1)

Kia Ora whanau,

With a cold start there comes a beautiful day! I hope! The children have been enjoying exploring more of the toys and learning experiences we have in our class as the weather has been cold and wet especially in the mornings. We have started working on Measurement with a focus of time this week. We started by looking at when the sun comes up and when the moon is in the sky. Next week we will focus a little bit on hour times on the clock and maybe get to some half hours as well. Please encourage your children by looking at clocks around home. It will be great to see many of you over the next couple of days for interviews where we celebrate the success of your child. As always, please feel free to contact me on [mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz) Thanks, Marilyn.

## RONGOMAI NEWS: (ROOM 2)

Kia ora whanau,

This week is the final week for our class to have the science kit in our classroom so we have been making the most of having the chance to do experiments everyday regarding space. This week we looked at how big a space shuttle is but this was a struggle to visualise so we went out on the field and marked out the different parts of the shuttle. Students were shocked at the size of the shuttle. In maths this week we have been celebrating maths weeks by participating in a daily maths week challenge with a variety of questions. Students are loving working together and participating in the challenge. In maths next week we are beginning to look into fractions and decimals. We are also doing whole-school Jump Jam three days a week to keep the fitness up over these wet months. 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)

It has been nice to catch up with a lot of you for parent teacher conferences this week. I realise that a lot of you are very busy and it can be hard to go out again, once you have the kids home from school, so I really appreciate that so many made that effort. I like to use these times just for a chat. None of it should be scary. Just a great opportunity to make sure we are all on the same page with the children's progress and wellbeing. There is a lot of sickness that we are all dealing with at the moment and we must all remember to be kind. I am happy with the progress the children are making and their positive attitudes when they come in in the mornings - such a happy bunch!

Many thanks for your ongoing support, parents, children and workmates. We make a great team. Rachael

## PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

It was great to see so many parents and whanau in school last night for the Parent Teacher Meetings. A chance to meet with your child's teacher and get an update on how your child is going at school. Lots of information to share and goals to set for the rest of the year with two terms of teaching and learning to go! We have had a great response and the teachers are enjoying sharing students' learning and work samples with parents and caregivers. There are still a few spaces available this evening, so please contact the school office if you would like to book a time. See you there!

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

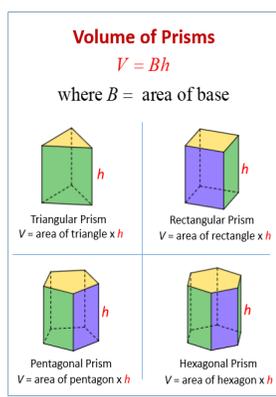
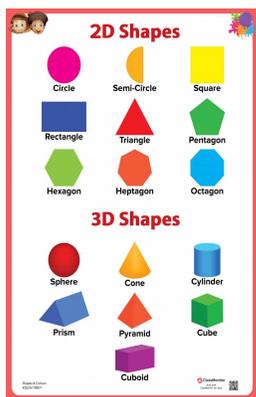
We have our school Celebration Assembly tomorrow, which will be hosted by students from Nireaha. It's a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week. We are looking forward to seeing you, in the hall, at 2:15pm where we will have Awards to give out and student's to acknowledge.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



**NIREHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)**

Kia ora Koutou.

The 7 A Side students had a fabulous day out last Friday. They played very well, demonstrating tremendous sportsmanship and the Eke School Values. I'm very proud of them all. We've had a few students away sick lately, and I have loved seeing them return in full health ready to get straight back into it. One child aced his stage maths test with 96%! We have been busy with a range of science tasks in the Space Science Kit. We now have a better understanding of the size of the planets in our Solar System and exploring how craters are made. We have been fascinated with how to pronounce 'Uranus', which has been the butt of a few jokes (see what I did there 😊). We were also fascinated with how people go to the toilet on the International Space Station! Thank you to the parents who have been in to chat at the parent meetings. If you couldn't make it, feel free to ring the school office, or email me [bwhitburn@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:bwhitburn@eketahuna.school.nz) Cheers, Barb



**PUTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)**

The next few weeks we will be looking closely at 2D and 3D shapes. The focus will be how to calculate the perimeter, area, and volume / capacity by using different formulas. There have been some excellent results in mathematics over the course of the year. Exposure and conversations have been robust and thought provoking! Well done, Pūtara! Lastly, thank you to all those people who contributed so generously to tomorrow morning's Polar Plunge. What a wonderful response! 😊 Please ensure your child comes to school with plenty of warm clothes. Kind regards, Dean.

**YEAR 7 & 8 CAMP  
EL RANCHO**

**TUESDAY 21 - FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2023**

We are planning for our senior camp in Term 4 which is looking fantastic - kayaking, go karting, beach walks, a swimming pool, mini golf, river tubing, bonfires and lots more awesome activities!

**Cost for each child is \$60.00**

**NB: A typo in the last newsletter had the wrong cost - our mistake - apologies.**

This is heavily subsidised by the current Government Donation Scheme and planned fundraising activities involving the students and their teachers. Please contact the office and speak with Leona for any information on payment methods.



**SCHOOL POLICY & PROCEDURE - TERM 3 REVIEW**

SchoolDocs manages our school's policies and procedures online, in a way that allows us to maintain, review, and update them regularly. This term we're reviewing:

- Curriculum & Student Achievement

All feedback is great to get and this is your opportunity to have your say! Please take the time to go online at [www.https://eketahuna.schooldocs.co.nz](http://www.https://eketahuna.schooldocs.co.nz) and take part in the review. (User name eketahuna and Password 4900) Thank you. 😊



## EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL 'SPRING SHOW' FRIDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

With the term flying by so quickly we thought it a good time to send information for lambs at our Spring Show next term. Below are the regulations for lambs in preparation being shown on the day:

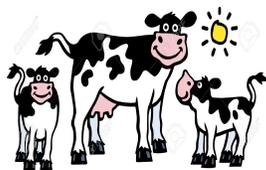
- All lambs competing must be born on or after August 1st and be hand reared
- On the day, lambs are to be left natural, NO WASHING, CLIPPING or TRIMMING, except for cleaning around the tail.
- Brushing lambs is now allowed but will not advantage them in any classes
- No halters allowed on lambs for leading
- Lambs must be taught to lead by their handler, being led from the left-hand side
- Lambs must be handled and cared for by the competitor



### CALVES AT THE SPRING SHOW

We are including calves at this year's Spring Show, which will involve following strict regulations, for example calves remaining in their trailer until 'ring time', having their own water & food container, own halter & lead, a readable NAIT ear tag and be kept 2 metres apart from any other calves, at the show, at all times. If you are intending to show a calf please ensure it is one born on or after August 1st, 2023.

## HOME & SCHOOL 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 ring Bex Howell 0272026969

## RETURN YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS

We are reminding everyone that their class will be visiting our school library tomorrow with Ali Mackisack here to facilitate students' time in our great space! Please make sure to bring any books you have issued with you in the morning! Thank you very much.



## Home & School Association Fundraiser ECO-FRIENDLY BAG @ \$5:00

The amazing eco-friendly bag with our wonderful student designs is available in the school office - a great gift, handy for shopping and an awesome way to support the school. 😊

## 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.



## 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.



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## We Need Your Help ❤️

Please complete this short form & go in the draw to win a \$50 Warehouse voucher!

<b>Landscaping? (complete Terms 3 &amp; 4)</b>	<b>Rongowa (Native Plant) Garden</b>	<b>Planned Landscaping</b>	<b>School Vegetable Garden Development</b>
<p>Are you a keen gardener, earth mover, builder, concreter etc and keen volunteer to help us complete the school vision?</p> <p>If available, days of the week available to help</p>			

<b><u>Spring Show</u> Friday 3rd November</b>	<b>BBQ</b>	<b>Bake Sale / Baking</b>
<p>Looking for volunteers, especially in these areas</p>		



<b><u>Christmas Parade</u> Saturday 25th November</b>	<b>BBQ</b>
<p>Looking for volunteers and ideas/creatives</p>	



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to the office by Friday 18th August.  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



