

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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COMING UP:

- Friday 8th September: Leaders to St Cuthbert's Lunch
- Friday 8th September: Celebration Assembly 2:15pm - Hāmua
- Friday 8th September: Miniball Year 5 & 6 in Pahiataua

- Monday 11th September: Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori starts
- Wednesday 13th September: Year 7 & 8 @ Technology in Pahiataua
- Wednesday 13th September: BOT Meeting @ 7pm in staffroom
- Thursday 14th September: Small Sticks Hockey Session #3
- Friday 15th September: Miniball Year 5 & 6 in Pahiataua - Finals

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa
 Another great week for students, with engaging teaching & learning at the kura! We have enjoyed some sunnier weather, although grey today, and have loved seeing our students getting outside to play. 😊

HOUSE TEAM LEADERS SERVICE

This week our school leaders were able to help our Eketāhuna Community Foodbank by spending time producing delicious food items. A great opportunity for our students to 'give back'. The students walked down to the Eketāhuna Community Centre where they cooked mince, potatoes and vegetables. With the guidance of Kate Roberts, and help from Emma Elliot and Carolyn O'Neil, the ingredients were made into packs to freeze and will be used by the local food bank as needed. Awesome service!



THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS NIREAHA DOMAIN BOARD

We have been the lucky recipients of a \$1,000 donation from the Nireaha Domain Board. The ongoing generous support from this group makes it possible for our school to offer great educational opportunities and to make the school community a great place to be. These funds have been donated to help with the planned installation of All Weather Turf, fencing and sports equipment for the new space.
 All of our children will benefit from this very kind gesture - it is truly appreciated - thank you!!



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 Hāmua.
 Principal Award: Wk7 Ariki Wihone



Week 7 Class Awards - Star Student:

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

- Hukanui: Emily Trass
- Hāmua: Maia Cremen
- Rongomai: Mikey Hammond
- Nireaha: Savannah Hammond
- Pūtara: Brent Knight

Week 7 Caught Being Good Award - Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

- Hukanui: Noel Lochhead
- Hāmua: Maddie Giddens
- Rongomai: Lleucu Anderson
- Nireaha: Bella Ifill
- Pūtara: Evan Governor

WEEKLY UPDATE



HUKANUI NEWS: (ROOM 1)

Kia Ora whanau. Yet another busy week here in Hukanui. On Monday we welcomed Kaius and Freddie to our class. The older (We KNOW school!) children have been very responsible making them feel welcome and showing them what to do. There has been lots of sickness around and we are reminding the children to cough in their elbow, hand sanitise and make sure they have jerseys / shoes on if outside. Thanks to those that have been keeping their sick children home. This helps it not to spread. We finished our work on magnets this week which has been fun and there has been lots of learning. For maths we have been working on learning our numbers, writing numbers and adding and subtracting numbers. The children get so excited when they can get their numbers the right way round! Thanks for your help at home. As always, any questions don't hesitate to contact me. mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz Thanks. Marilyn.

RONGOMAI NEWS: (ROOM 2)

Kia Ora whanau, once again, has been another busy week. We have been learning how to add and subtract fractions with the same denominators. We have been making use of the nice weather that we've been having to get outside by introducing a new game of big ball soccer on the field which has been awesome hearing the students giggle. On Tuesday we began a new little project that we are going to be doing over the next two terms of "Where's Abbey". We will be looking at atlases and online maps to be able to track where she's going. We are going to be identifying key landmarks and places in the country and cities that she will be visiting. The students are super excited about getting to know different countries. We will be learning how to use an Atlas and lots of interesting facts. And as always if you have any questions please don't hesitate then contacting me via email or texting the school phone. Nga Mihi, Holly

HĀMUA NEWS: (ROOM 3)

Congratulations to those of you that have managed to make it into school this week! There is a lot of sickness around, and thanks to those who are keeping kids at home when they so obviously need it. I have had some time off myself and I am so grateful that while I'm away I know that the kids will be getting a good deal. Class carries on like a well oiled machine, someone seamlessly steps into my place, and the children are well cared for. Thank you to everyone that has stepped up for me this week. Term 3 can be rough, not enough sun or light, busy families on the farms, and at work, not enough time in the day to be everywhere, and do everything. Our greatest wealth is health. Take care of yourselves. Hamua is presenting the celebration assembly this Friday and we hope you can join us for the unveiling of our Hangi Art. Many thanks, Rachael and the team 😊.



TE WIKI O TE REO MAORI - NEXT WEEK IS MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK

Māori Language Week acknowledges and celebrates the Māori language as a unique cultural treasure for all New Zealanders. This marks the very moment the Māori Language Petition was presented to Parliament in 1972, on the first Māori Language Day. Three years later, it became what we now know as Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. We are in the process of organising lots of extra special activities across the school lead by Whaea Peta Campbell, on top of our daily integration, and have registered for Te Wā Tuku Reo Māori - Māori Language Moment. You can also be one in a million by joining Te Wā Tuku Reo Māori and sign up online. Learn more here: <https://www.reomaori.co.nz/>. Te Wā Ruku Reo

Māori is happening at 12pm on Thursday 14 September. Not a moment to miss so get on board Eketāhuna Kura!!!

SCHOOL RUBBISH:

WE ARE ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO PUT FOOD 'WRAPPINGS' & PACKAGING BACK IN THEIR LUNCH BOXES ONCE THEY HAVE EATEN AT BREAK TIMES. WE ARE CONTINUING TO SEE A REDUCTION IN RUBBISH HERE AT SCHOOL. THANK YOU!



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. THANKS.



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.



NIREAHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)

Kia Ora Koutou,

We are well underway with our speech assignments - to persuade others to agree with our point of view. We are learning how to structure our speeches for maximum impact. Our introduction will have a 'grab' to get the audience's attention, and will preview the main points. We are learning to structure each of our 'persuasive arguments' by starting off with a topic sentence, explaining this a bit more and then providing examples. The children are getting really good at this. The full speech criteria came home with your child at the start of the week, so please keep a look out for this. Congratulations to Savannah, Faith, Campbell and Mack who have been selected to represent us at the Bush Mathematics Competition next Friday. Good Luck Eke Exponents!

Wanted: ice cream containers please. As always, please contact me if needed b.whitburn@eketahuna.school.nz

PŪTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)

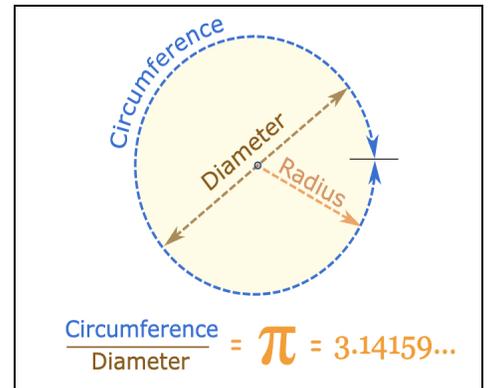
Kia ora, all

This week in maths we have been learning to calculate the circumference and area of a circle. We are making calculations by using Pi to two decimal places. $\pi = 3.14$

This will prepare those going to college next year.

Also, speeches are coming along nicely. Remember, 3 minutes is what we are aiming for. Practise at home in front of your parents, siblings, pets and anyone who shows interest! 😊

Great work, tamariki. Your positive attitude to learning this week has been fantastic!!



EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL WHEEL DAY
FRIDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER



On Friday, tamariki are allowed to bring their scooter, bike, drift trike, skateboard, roller skates or rollerblades to school.

The tamariki will be riding their bikes etc in our driveway and on netball/basketball courts.

Please make sure that you have a helmet and appropriate safety gear!



PŪKAHA COMMUNITY OPEN DAY 2023

RICHIE'S RUN

FOR CONSERVATION

Date: Sunday, 17th of September
 Location: Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre,
 85379 SH2 Masterton / Tararua
 Time: 10:30 am - 3:30 pm (Race starts at 11:00 am)



KOHA ENTRY

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

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



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.

SCHOOL SPORTS SHIRTS & SCHOOL FLEECEES

WITH LOTS OF SPORTS COMING UP NEXT TERM, ALONG WITH INTERSCHOOL EVENTS, NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO CHECK YOU HAVE THE CORRECT CLOTHING ITEMS. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT **ALL** STUDENTS NEED TO WEAR THE CORRECT SPORTS UNIFORM TO PLAY – OUR SCHOOL SPORTS SHIRT WITH BLACK SHORTS. SPORTS SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE AND CAN BE PURCHASED FOR \$25.00. WE ALSO HAVE OPTIONAL WARM SCHOOL FLEECEES THAT COST \$35.00 WHICH CAN ALSO BE BOUGHT THROUGH THE SCHOOL OFFICE. WE WANT OUR TEAMS TO REPRESENT THE SCHOOL WITH PRIDE AND ENSURING ALL PLAYERS ARE IN THE CORRECT UNIFORM IS ESSENTIAL. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE UNIFORM ITEMS ARE CLEARLY NAMED.



Board of Trustees Meeting



Notice of Board Meeting to be held Wednesday 13th September 2023 in the school staff room at 7pm. If you have any items for the agenda please contact me with any relevant information by Friday 8th September, 2023 @ 5pm on: 063758059 or botchair@eketahuna.school.nz.

Warmest regards - Skye White - BOT Chairperson

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You don't need to go to your GP.

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

It's important to get treatment quickly – you don't need an appointment to see the pharmacist, just pop in at a time that suits you

Taranaki

- Dannevirke Pharmacy, 51 High Street, Dannevirke
- Pahiatua Pharmacy, 123 Main Street, Pahiatua

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