

# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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## COMING UP:

Friday 22nd September: Celebration Assembly@2:15pm Rongomai

Friday 22nd September: School Wheels Day!

Friday 22nd September: Last Day of Term 2 - School Holidays start

Monday 9th October: First Day of Term 4- School starts back!

Wednesday 11th October: Yr 7 & 8 @ Technology

Friday 13th October: Celebration Assembly@2:15pm Pūtara

Thursday 19th October: Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday 19th October: School Photos for 2023

*Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te kura Ekētahuna,*

*This is the last newsletter of the term, and what an amazing term it has been with our wonderful tamariki! We hope everyone has a well deserved safe, and restful, two week holiday. We look forward to you all returning refreshed, & ready to go, on Monday 9th October, ready for an exciting Term 4!*

## RACHAEL IS LEAVING AT THE END OF THE YEAR

Sadly at the end of this year we are saying farewell to Rachael Dickson who will not be returning in 2024. Rach is looking to move out of the area and start down a new path. It is always sad to see members of our team leave, and Rachael has made an impact at school - as a parent, as a Home & School member, office admin and class teacher. She has made a huge difference to our children's learning with her great classroom programme, her enthusiasm for our school, her art expertise and great love of our students. She will be greatly missed by us all. I am sure you will join me in thanking Rachael for her commitment and hard work during her time here at Eketāhuna School, & wishing her the very best with her exciting future plans! Aroha nui Rach ❤️



## EXCITING 2023 BREADCRAFT WAIRARAPA SCHOOLS ART EXHIBITION AT ARATOI

The official opening event for this year's Breadcraft exhibition will take place at 11am on Saturday 23rd September and run through to 22nd October. All participating students received their invitation last Friday. We encourage children and families to visit and view the amazing work during the upcoming school holidays! There was a huge response this year with 24 schools entering student artwork, and more than 450 pieces on display! The students listed below have pieces that were selected to be in the exhibition. Congratulations to RubyLee Burton-Foley, Campbell Mackisack, Mack Duffy, Evan Governor, Johnny Dandy, McKenzie Moore, Brent Knight, Hunter Rankin,

Holly Spring, Keira Bidois, KJ Arnold, Savana Waugh, Brodie Braddick, Ann Kent, Chelsea Spring, Priscilla Taiaroa-Stafford, Sadie Opie, Paityn Wright, Heidi Hanson, Cleo Davis, Brooke Duffy, Litarah Taiaroa, Georgia Capes, Amelia Webber, Mackenzie Braddick, Lucas Cremen, Rome Findlay, Maddie Giddens, Olivia Capes, & Soren Hanson, along with the school Tapa Cloth. Well done to our 'budding young artists' - we are very proud!

## MATHEMATICIANS ARE MAGIC!

A huge congratulations needs to go out to our incredible mathematics teams who represented Eketāhuna School last Friday at the Bush Mathex competition. Our Year 5 & 6 team competed extremely well and were only 1 point away from finishing 3rd place, on 55 points! Well done to Faith Kwockson, Campbell Mackisack, Savannah Hammond & Mack Duffy. Our Year 7 & 8 team produced a stellar performance! They finished in 2nd place on 76 points, and were only 2 points away from taking out the ultimate prize! Well done to Evan Governor, Brent Knight, Brooke Duffy & Addiena Jones. We are all extremely proud of you. Thanks for competing so well and representing our kura in the best way possible!



# WEEKLY UPDATE



## HUKANUI NEWS: (ROOM 1)

Kia ora whanau. Welcome to Indy who started school this week. It has been a busy week finishing off all sorts of bits and pieces. We also had a welcome visitor this afternoon which caused lots of excitement (see photo). Hockey with Sharon has been a great hit in Hukanui and we have all learnt lots of skills. There might be some future Black Sticks here!

There has been lots of sickness around, and we are all well and truly ready for the holidays. Enjoy your children, relax and hopefully all will get well. It will be great if the weather plays its part! Happy Holidays. From Marilyn

## RONGOMAI NEWS: (ROOM 2) Kia ora all.

This week we have been finishing everything off for the end of the term. Today we had our last lesson with Sharon who was teaching us hockey skills over the last 4 weeks. Students have thoroughly enjoyed getting out of the class and doing something different on a Thursday. We are coming to the end of our Short, Sharp, Shape unit and today we have been doing rotations with different activities. One activity is using net shapes to create their own 3D shapes. Students are having lots of fun exploring shapes. Tomorrow in assembly we are going to be performing a 'boomwhacker' song to the school. We have been working hard all term learning how to use them and about the different sounds that they produce. We can't wait to see you at our assembly tomorrow. As we come to the holidays, take time to relax, sleep and find a good book. Enjoy some time with your whanau. Happy Holidays from Holly & Ms Mac



## HAMUA NEWS: (ROOM 3)

Happy Holidays EVERYONE! It's been a big term, lots happening, and we all deserve the break that's coming our way. There seems to have been as much sickness this term as when we were in full covid times, but it's great to have EVERYONE in class today. That hasn't happened for months!

Maori Language Week was a huge success last week. The kids were engaged and had a lot of fun. This week we are looking at emotions - Kei te pehea koe? We have made some emojis to hang up in class that look fabulous. I wish you all a happy holiday - I hope the weather plays ball. Rachael



## PRINCIPAL'S MORNING TEA SHOUT

On Wednesday I took 10 students into town for a delicious morning tea at The Lazy Graze. This special event was recognition of their ability to make good choices all term! Well done to Linkyn Moore, Emily Trass, Ellie Thomas, Ellie Christensen-McCaffery, Macauley Keenan, Jaylah Keedwell, Maclane King, RubyLee Burton-Foley, Addiena Jones and Johnny Dandy. The children had great fun with lots of happy 'holiday conversations'. It was a delicious treat!!

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

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





**NIREAHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)**

Wow! What brilliant speeches! I have been convinced that living on a farm is way better than living in the city, golf is the best sport, and that Taylor Swift should have a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame....and we are only half way through. Well done Nireaha, I am super proud of you - it's not easy to make a speech to the class, and you are rocking it! We had a visitor in the class yesterday and she commented on the great feeling, or vibe that our class has. That was so cool to hear. Our great class 'vibe' was evident again as we were supporting and encouraging each other with the speeches. 😊 Have a fantastic term break, be safe, be awesome, and I'll see you all in Term 4. Barb

**PUTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)**

Kia ora, everybody

Another term has been successfully completed, and I am pleased to say there has been some excellent progress this term.

This week I've done a pre-test in mathematics, so I have a great indication of what to teach children next term - particularly for those heading off to college next year. Also, we have been doing speeches in class this week. There have been some excellent topics chosen and we've all learned some interesting facts as a result of these. Well done, Pūtara tamariki. Have a wonderful holiday, stay safe and I shall see you all in term four!

Dean

**KEEP RETURNING YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS**

We are reminding everyone to keep an eye on the library books students have at home. We will be asking for all books to be returned early next term, in preparation for our annual stock take.

We want to avoid the situation where we invoice parents for the cost of the missing items.

More reminders will follow - please help us get ALL our precious books back.

**EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL WHEEL DAY TOMORROW**

Children 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!

**STUDENT NUMBERS 2024**

We are at the time of the year when we begin to look ahead and plan for 2024. If it is likely that your child/ren will not be returning to Eketahuna School for 2024, please advise the office.

If you have younger siblings of current students at home, who will be attending Eketahuna School in 2024, or know of any new families planning to join us next year, can you also please contact the office. Thank you. 😊



Phone Leona on: 375 8191 / Cell: 022 368 1830

**SCHOOL RESOURCE RETURN**

We still have many junior readers and other school resources needing to be returned after Book Bags with homework have been taken home.



All resources sent out to families were recorded and we have asked for their return. If we do not have them returned we will be obliged to invoice families for the outstanding school supplies.

To avoid receiving an account please return all outstanding resources as soon as possible!

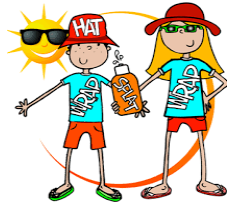


## EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL 'SPRING SHOW' INFORMATION

Coming home today is more information about our upcoming 'Spring Show' next term on Friday 3rd November. We are all looking forward to seeing you at the event! Included is the day's programme and the list of in-class activities each student can participate in. We have also enclosed the Pet Registration form again. Please read the information carefully and note all registrations will need to be into the office by **Friday 20th October**. Please note **NO** late registering of pets will be accepted.

### PREPARING FOR SUNNY WEATHER IN TERM 4

A reminder that Eketahuna School has a Sun Safety Policy which requires all students shoulders and upper arms to be covered, along with hats to be worn in Term 4. A good idea is to have your child bring a hat (with their name on) that can be left at school. This will mean they won't run the risk of leaving it at home and then have to spend their breaks on the deck, in the shade.



### HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING

Our awesome Home & School Association will have their first meeting of Term 4 on the first Tuesday back, the 10<sup>th</sup> of October.



The venue is the school staff room at 7.00pm with drinks and nibbles! The Spring Show, Christmas Parade, and lots of other great topics on the agenda. Come along, support our school, share your great ideas!



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### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

## Kids Fun Challenge Week

**KFC** is back with all new Activities! Crafts! Games!

**For all kids 5-12 years NO CHARGE**

Mon-Fri 25-29 Sept 10am-12noon

St Peter's Church Hall, Albert Street

Pahiatua. Morning tea provided

Interested? Please text or ring Jill 0274184867

Or email: [jillwoods@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jillwoods@xtra.co.nz)

Pre-registration essential - closes 5pm Friday 22 Sept

## 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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