

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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COMING UP:

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

Thursday 19 October: NZ Shake Out Day (Earthquake)

Thursday 19 October: School Photos for 2023

Thursday 19 October: Board of Trustees Meeting @ 7pm

Friday 20 October: Celebration Assembly @ 2:15pm Nireaha

Monday 23 October: Labour Day - **School Closed for Instruction**

Tuesday 24 October: Lucky Book Club Orders into the office

Wednesday 25 October: Year 7 & 8 Technology @ Pahiatua

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te kura Ekētahuna

We hope you all had a great break and are fully refreshed for what is usually the busiest term of all! Over the holidays, teachers have been preparing exciting lessons and cannot wait to get into great teaching & learning activities with our tamariki!



SCHOOL CLOSURES THIS TERM - PLEASE NOTE DATES

This term we will be closing the school for instruction on Monday 23rd October for Labour Day & Friday 17th November for a Teacher Only Day.



YEAR 7 & 8 FORMAL DANCE FUN!

On the last Thursday evening of Term 3, our Year 7 & 8 students had the opportunity to participate in the Tararua Formal Dance along with Year 7 & 8 students from other schools. All students had attended the practice day in Pahiatua earlier in the week and were able to bust out their dancing skills in both the formal dances and with the more up to date songs. A wonderful experience for those that attended and a great way to meet their peers from the Tararua area. Our senior students all looked amazing, and very 'grown up', in their wonderful outfits. A fun evening for all!



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

It is great seeing everyone in school on Fridays, at the school assembly at 2:15pm, in the hall. It's a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week. Dates are on our website. Our assembly tomorrow is being hosted by the students of Pūtara- we will see you there! Principal Award: Wk10 Rocco Burton-Foley



Week 10 (T3) Class Awards - Star Student:

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

Hukanui: Romen Van der Wiel-McNaughton

Hāmua: Ryder Hammond

Rongomai: Rocco Burton-Foley

Nireaha: Lucy White

Pūtara: Shylo Matiaha

Week 10 (T3) Caught Being Good Award - Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

Hukanui: Liam Giddens

Hāmua: Litarah Taiaroa

Rongomai: Ann Kent

Nireaha: Pounamu Roiri

Pūtara: Beth Anderson

WEEKLY UPDATE

HUKANUI NEWS:

Kia ora whanau, it's great to be back and to have Matthew join us in Hukanui. It's going to be a very full term so please make sure you read the newsletters to keep up to date with what's happening. We are training for junior athletics so please make sure your children have their drink bottles and hats at school. Can we please have any empty clean tins (spaghetti/baked beans etc) for our Spring Show art activities as soon as possible. Any queries or questions please don't hesitate to contact me either by text to the office on 022 368 1830 or email mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz, Thanks, Marilyn

RONGOMAI NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,
It's great to have everybody back to school all refreshed after the holidays. This term is going to be jam packed with lots of learning and lots of in school activities with athletics training on Mondays and Thursdays so please ensure that students are wearing the appropriate shoes and clothing on these days. We also have Spring Show coming up so students need to start thinking about what they are going to be creating for that. With writing this term we are going to be looking at procedural writing. Today we started talking about the process of washing your hair which was a little bit tricky as we had to pretend that we were telling an alien who has never washed their hair before. Just a reminder - can all students bring a water bottle to school as we will be training for athletics and please ensure that students have a hat in their bag. As always, get in touch if you need to. Either by texting the office on 022 368 1830 or emailing. hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz Nga mihi, Holly.

HAMUA NEWS:

What a fabulous week! It's so lovely to be back. Everyone is refreshed and ready for learning. We have plunged full force into athletics practice already. We have been doing sprints of 50 and 100m, and a longer 200m run. We will also be working on jumping and throwing over the next few weeks, in preparedness for the Junior Multisports in week 7. Hopefully you received the information about Spring Show displays. Can we please have pinecones come to school as soon as possible so that the birds can be completed in class week 2. The rest of the goodies will be needed for week 4, on the day. Please remember all children need a drink bottle and a hat, every day. Neither have to be fancy, they just need to do their job. Many thanks for your ongoing support rdickson@eketahuna.school.nz Rachael 😊

SPRINGSHOW CUPS BACK

IN PREPARATION FOR THE SPRING SHOW EARLY NEXT TERM WE ARE ASKING FOR THOSE CHILDREN WHO WON CUPS LAST YEAR TO PLEASE RETURN THEM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY BROUGHT THEM INTO THE OFFICE.



STUDENTS 'OFF' BUSES

CAN WE ASK PARENTS & CAREGIVERS OF ANY BUS STUDENTS WHO ARE BEING TAKEN OFF THE AFTERNOON BUSES TO PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW BEFORE 2:30PM. LATE 'RING INS' ARE HARD TO MONITOR AND WE WANT TO AVOID ANY MIX UPS AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY. THANKS FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT WITH THIS. 😊



SPORTS UNIFORMS

PLEASE ENSURE ALL STUDENTS PLAYING SPORT ARE ALL WEARING THE CORRECT UNIFORM OF BLACK SHORTS/SKIRT & THE SCHOOL SPORTS TOP AT OUR AFTER SCHOOL GAMES THIS TERM. WE WANT TO REPRESENT THE SCHOOL WELL AND TAKING PRIDE IN OUR UNIFORM IS A GREAT START. EKETAHUNA SPORT SHIRTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE.



STUDENTS ARE SUN SMART IN TERM 4

Another friendly reminder that Eketahuna School has a Sun Safety Policy which requires all students' shoulders and upper arms to be covered, along with sun hats being worn. 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.

We want to ensure everyone is 'sun smart' and safe!

NIREAHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)

We're back! Gotta love Term 4 - the sun has a bit more warmth to it and there are many great school events to look forward to. We have begun our athletics training. Please wear suitable clothing to 'run, jump and throw' in on Mondays and Thursdays. In maths we are working on time, and later in the term we will explore money. We are also revising a lot of maths concepts that we have covered this year. The children are working incredibly well. Our reading programme continues, and in writing we are focussing on procedural text, involving instructions, recipes etc. We are continuing to help with the school's playground/school landscaping and development project. This will involve more planting and painting some of the play areas. Can you please send a bag of old clothes that your child is allowed to paint in. These can be left at school ready to use when the time comes. Please remember: sunhats, drink bottles, and a smile! Cheers, Barb

PUTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)

Welcome back to term four, and the end of a no-lockdown year - YAY!!! This is going to be a huge term for all in Pūtara. We have technology, school athletics, Tararua athletics day, school camp (3 nights / 4 days), the Yr 8 day out in Palmerston North, the Spring Show, Navigating the Journey - our unit on relationships and sexuality, and all the important things such as: reading, writing and mathematics. I'm really looking forward to a great term, so please keep encouraging your children all you can. Have a great week. Dean

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL 'SPRING SHOW' UPDATE

We are counting down to the Spring Show with lots going on. Please remember to return your Pet Registration Form by **next Friday**. There will be **NO** late registrations accepted. Also remember to get your photo of your favourite pet (Note: it doesn't have to be the one you are bringing to the Spring Show) into the office to go in the 'Pet Photography Competition'.

Class activity information is also coming out with today's newsletter.

**TERM4 SCHOOL SPORT UPDATE**

This season's outdoor hockey competition gets underway next Tuesday afternoon with three teams. It's awesome to see so many students playing in the competition! Thanks to all those who have given up their time to coach our teams this term. We really appreciate your commitment to our students & school!

SUMMER OUTDOOR HOCKEY DRAW - TUESDAY 17th OCTOBER

 <p>Eke Superheroes (U7) vs St Ants White @ 3:30pm - Turf 4A Dani Lawrence & Bel Capes (Coaches)</p>	<p>Eke Ninjas(U9) vs St Ants Green @ 3.30 - Turf 3 Pam Crudis & Mel Palmer (Coaches)</p>	<p>Eke Warriors (U11) vs St Ants Yellow @4.20 - Turf 1 Skye White (Coach)</p>
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SCOOTERS BACK AT SCHOOL

In Term 4 we welcome scooters back to school. If your child intends on bringing one along please ensure they wear a helmet if riding it to school. They will also require a helmet if they plan to use the 'ramps' available at school. Shoes that cover the whole foot are also required. The school rules are clear that no equipment is to be shared and that scooters are to be ridden only on the basketball courts. We want to keep kids safe!





LUCKY BOOK CLUB

Lucky Book booklets came home this week for students to look through.

Please ensure you get your orders back to school by:

Tuesday
24th October

RETURN YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS

We are reminding everyone that our school library will be closing for the annual stock take this term so please make sure ALL books are returned by Monday 6th November. To ensure you are not invoiced for any missing books please get them back to school. Thanks.



UPDATE STUDENT & HOME CONTACT INFORMATION

With the start of the new term we ask that parents and caregivers update the school with any new information regarding their children - especially in relation to their health i.e., asthma, allergies etc. We would also appreciate any new contact details or home addresses being updated. Please give the school office a ring, 375 8191, and speak to Leona, if any update is necessary.

Board of Trustees Meeting

Notice of Board Meeting to be held Thursday 19th October 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 13th October,

2023 @ 5pm on: 063758059 or botchair@eketahuna.school.nz.

Warmest regards - Skye White -
BOT Chairperson



NIREAHA HALLOWEEN DISCO

Tuesday 31st October

6 - 8pm

@ the Nireaha Hall

Gold Coin entry

Prize for best costume

Sausages, drinks and sweets
available for sale



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.

SCHOOL STARTING TIMES & LATE STUDENTS REMINDER

Please be aware that there are no staff on the school site to supervise children before 8am in the morning. Our classes are not open until 8:15am, and the office is not open until 8:30am. No children should be here before 8am. Further, it is really important to ensure children who are late to school come to the office, before going to class, to get a 'Late Pass'. Thanks for your support.



