

# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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## COMING UP:

Friday 10 November: School Leaders to Community Gardens  
 Friday 10 November: Celebration Assembly @ 2:15pm Hāmua  
 Wednesday 15 November: Year 7 & 8 Technology @ Pahiatua  
 Thursday 16 November: School Athletics for 8 year olds and up  
 Friday 17 November: **School Closed** for Teacher Only Day

Monday 20 November: School Leaders to Community Garden  
 Tuesday 21 - Friday 24 November: Year 7 & 8 to El Rancho Camp  
 Thursday 23 November: Junior Mini Sport Day (Year 1 -3)  
 Monday 27 November: Road Patrol Training for 2024 Team  
 Wednesday 29 November: Year 7 & 8 Technology @ Pahiatua  
 Wednesday 29 November: Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6:30 pm  
 Friday 1 December: Tararua Bush Interschool Athletics @ Pahiatua

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

*Another awesome week here at Eketahuna School and we just keep getting busier - we had Chris from Zero Waste here this week, and tomorrow we have the House Leaders & Deputies helping at the Eketāhuna Community Garden, next week will see Senior Athletics and our Teacher Only Day, followed by our Year 7 & 8's off to El Rancho Camp, our Junior Mini Sport Day and the school pool opening!! Please read carefully and mark your calendar as we have lots more activities and fun still to come!*

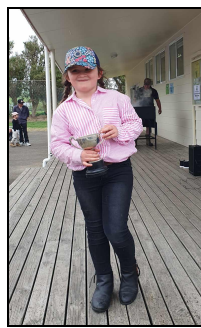


## EKETAHUNA SCHOOL SPRING SHOW SUCCESS

It was great seeing so many of you come out to our Spring Show last Friday. We managed to get through it despite the odd shower and the feedback has been really positive! Our students did an amazing job with class exhibits and the commitment to raising their pets was incredible. They can all be very proud of their efforts! Many, many thanks to everyone who helped out on the day; to the judges for giving up their time and doing a fantastic job with animals and the great class exhibits, to those who donated towards the bake sale; to the Home and School Association for their organisation and hard work - setting the rings, operating the BBQ, pouring the cups of tea and selling cakes from the



hall, all the parents for supporting their kids leading up to the day and those who came along on Friday; Pūtara students their amazing 'Soda Cafe' and to the school staff for providing awesome class activities and giving 100% on the day. Well done to you all - it was a wonderful occasion! Best wishes to those children who, along with their pets, are representing the school at the Bush Ag day today.



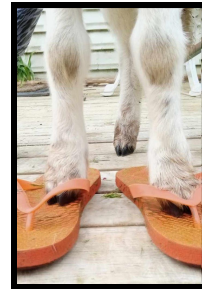
## SPRING SHOW PET RESULTS

A great turn out of pets this year with hard decisions for all the judges! Reserve Champion Calf was Madison Rankin and the Supreme Champion Calf was Maddie Giddens. The Supreme Champion Lamb was Olivia Capes and the Reserve Champion Lamb was Braxton Duffy. The Horse Cup went to

Lucy White and the winner of the Anderson Family Cup for Best Pet was Hollie Giddens. Results from all pet competitions are on the insert with this newsletter. A huge congratulations and "well done" to all our children who entered their pets! It's lovely to see them in school! 🐾🐾

## PET PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION WINNERS

We had some awesome entries come in for our Pet Photography Competition at the Spring Show this year. Our judge Sarah Watkins was very impressed and did say the decision making was extremely tough! Sarah marked photos according to subject, composition, technique and humour. First place was Pāniarose Mita, second place was Cleo Davis and third place was Neive Davis. Well done to our 'budding photographers' - you all did a great job!



# WEEKLY UPDATE

## HUKANUI NEWS:

Kia Ora whanau,

It was a lovely day last Friday at the Spring Show and great that the rain held off! The childrens creations were amazing and they had put in lots of effort. Hukanui sold a lot of Worm Wee and we still have a few bottles left at \$2 a bottle. (Send money to Hukanui if you would like some.) We have had Chris from Zero Waste in and he has been talking with the children about what is rubbish and what we can use for other things. The Hukanui children are very receptive when it comes to looking after our environment, so ask your children as I am sure they will be able to tell you what we have learnt. Please remember to send library books back, send book bags daily, send a water bottle and hat each day.

Any queries, please contact [mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz) Thanks, Marilyn.

## RONGOMAI NEWS:

Kia ora,

The spring show last Friday was awesome, seeing all the hard work of the students training pay off. This week and next week we have Chris from Zero Waste coming into class and talking about composting and how it all works. This week we've been learning about the different layers that are needed to 60% carbon to 40% nitrogen. Next week we will be constructing a worm farm from old milk bottles which the students are excited to construct and take home.

Just a reminder - can all students bring a bottle to school to fill with water as we are a 'Water Only' school - no juice/fizzy, and please ensure that students have a hat in their bag. As always, get in touch either by texting the office on 022 368 1830 or emailing. Nga mihi, Holly.

[hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz).

## HAMUA NEWS:

Congratulations to everyone that had their work recognised by the judges at the Spring Show last week. I appreciate how difficult it can be to not get a certificate, and I also appreciate how hard it is to be a judge. All the children put their heart and soul into something on the day, whether it was their classroom creations, their animals, or their photography, and we are super proud of the display that Hamua put forward to be judged.

Moving forward, we are currently testing and compiling end of year data on students, athletics training is ongoing, and **YES** - we are also thinking ahead to the end of the year and the great things the children have to look forward to.

As always, please send hats and drink bottles daily. Stay well, Rachael.



### HATS & SUNSCREEN

OUR SUN SAFETY POLICY REQUIRES HATS TO BE WORN IN TERM 4. A GOOD IDEA IS TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BRING A HAT (NAMED) THAT CAN BE LEFT AT SCHOOL THEREFORE AVOIDING SPENDING THEIR BREAKS ON THE DECK IN THE SHADE. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH THIS.



### 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 SUPPORT. 😊



### SPORTS UNIFORMS

PLEASE ENSURE ALL STUDENTS PLAYING SPORTS ARE 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 & OUR EKETAHUNA SPORT SHIRTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE. THANKS.



## SUMMER HOCKEY DRAW - TUESDAY 14th NOVEMBER

An awesome afternoon for our hockey players this week. The Eke Superheroes won 1-0, the Eke Ninja's won 7-0 and Eke Warriors won 2-0. So proud of all the players! Thanks to all our parents & teachers for supporting our enthusiastic teams - it is much appreciated. Good luck for next week!

**Eke Superheroes(U7)**  
vs Pah 1  
@ 3.30 pm  
Turf 4B  
Dani Lawrence  
& Bel Capes (Coaches)

**Eke Ninja's (U9)**  
vs Pah 6  
@ 3.30 pm  
Turf 3  
Dean Parsons &  
Mel Palmer (Coaches)

**Eke Warriors (U11)**  
vs Makuri  
@ 4.20 pm  
Turf 2  
Skye White  
(Coach)



**NIREAHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)**

The Spring Show last week was awesome. Thank you whanau for the great effort in preparing for the class exhibits, and bringing along your precious pets to school. It was such a great day! We have had our first two **Zero Waste** sessions with Chris. In the final sessions next week, we will be making miniature worm farms. Please can students bring on Monday 13/11 two containers (eg: ice cream, or clean bread bags) with carbon and nitrogen.

Container 1: **carbon**: this could include: small twigs, cardboard, old flowers, COLD ash, old leaves, dry grass clippings, shredded newspaper, sawdust from untreated timber.

Container 2: **nitrogen**: this could include: egg shells, apple cores, fresh leaves, teabags, fresh grass clippings, potatoes peelings etc. Thanks in advance...it should be fun!

**PUTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)**

Well done to all those children who produced stunning art displays at the Spring Show last Friday. The nature art and tote trays were exceptional. Weetbix elephants... such a fantastic idea, and how will we ever be able to forget Brent's "deep thinking" homeless shelter! Ka pai, Pūtara whānau!

Parents, all your children should have presented you with our school camp gear list. We're starting to get very excited now, as there is only a little over a week until we depart. Please check this list with your child.

Note: there are to be no devices of any kind taken on camp. We would like to know we have your full support in this area, so thank you in advance. If you have any questions then please contact me.

Kind regards, Dean.

**ZERO WASTE PROGRAMME**

The Zero Waste Education (ZWE) programme has been educating children about the topic of sustainable resources use since 1993. This free Council funded programme enables children to investigate the link between the earth's natural resources, the products they use and see around them and the resulting waste that pollutes



our environment. This comprehensive programme consists of different units each focussing on a specific solution to our waste problem. The facilitator Chris Simons spent time in all classes with Huaknui doing the 'Is that Really Rubbish Unit', Hā mua doing the 'Reusing Unit', Rongomai/ Nireaha doing the 'Composting Unit' and P ū tara doing the 'Water Unit'. Chris returns to school next week following up with two more sessions per class to complete the units.

**EKETAHUNA CHRISTMAS PARADE - NOTE CHANGE OF TIMES**

Coming up on Saturday 25th November is the annual Santa Cruise through Eketāhuna. This year we will have one float. Permission slips and information has been sent home to those students wanting to participate. Please note a change of times = children to be dropped off to school at 11:15am, the parade is to start at 12pm and all students are to be collected from school by 1pm. Please get the forms returned to the office as soon as possible.

**CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY**

It is great seeing everyone at the school Celebration Assemblies on Friday's, in the hall at 2:15pm. It's a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week. Tomorrow our host class is Hāmua and we look forward to seeing you all there!



## COMING UP - SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Senior Athletics is on Thursday 16th November at 9:30am (pp date 20th Nov)

- 8 year olds and up will participate in age groups
- 6 events to rotate around between 9:30am - 12:30pm
- Sprints/Running finals will be from 1:30pm

Junior Mini Sport Athletics is on Thursday 23rd November at 9:15am

- 5 - 7 year olds will participate in age groups
- 3 events to rotate around between 9:15am - 10:00am
- Sprints/Running finals will be from 10:00am

*Parent help would be appreciated on both days - contact Leona in the school office if you can help!*

**ALL CHILDREN WILL NEED APPROPRIATE SPORTS ATTIRE, HATS, SUN LOTION AND DRINK!**



## SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS & ROLLER SKATES AT SCHOOL

It is great to see so many students bringing their equipment to school. Please note that those children riding them to school will require helmets. While at school we ask that all children with scooters, skate boards & roller skates wear covered shoes. Also, helmets are advised if students are using a ramp or doing any 'tricks'. It is fantastic to see children riding around on the basketball court but we do need to ensure we are all safe!



## 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.

## EKETĀHUNA SPRING SHOW - SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & THANKS!

**HUGE THANKS TO THE WONDERFUL HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION FOR ALL THE WORK THAT WENT INTO ENSURING IT WAS A GREAT DAY!**

### PET JUDGES:

Sarah Schnell, Sandy Bourke, Senior Constable Richard Day, Anna Christensen, Richard Thurston (Silver Fern Farms), Teresa Duffy, Anna Browne (LIC), Issac Kelson (Semex), Anthony Eagle, Lyndsay Bourke, Liam Cooper and Ryan Seator.

### CLASS ACTIVITY JUDGES:

Denise Drysdale, Lee Herbert & Leona Hayes.

### PET PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGE:

Sarah Watkins from Lucalia Photography

### SPONSORS:

Richard Thurston Silver Fern Farms - Supplying meat for our BBQ  
Property Brokers - Supplying bread & sausages for our BBQ

### HELPERS ON THE BBQ:

Shane & Sara Lochhead, Campbell Lawrence and Lauren Hutchings

**Also . . .** all those who came on Thursday evening to set up all the eventing rings.





**EKETĀHUNA SPRING SHOW 2023 SHOW RESULTS**

CATEGORY:	FIRST:	SECOND:	THIRD:
<b>LAMBS - JUNIOR</b>			
Care & Attention	Olivia Capes	Maia Cremen	Hugo Algie
Leading	Olivia Capes	Mackenzie Braddick	Maia Cremen
Calling	Freddie Algie	Olivia Capes	Heath Dennison
<b>LAMBS - INTERMEDIATE</b>			
Care & Attention	Brodie Braddick	Renee Dennison	Brax Duffy
Leading	Rhianna Jones	Lleucu Anderson	Brodie Braddick
Calling	Brax Duffy	Mack Duffy	Brodie Braddick
<b>LAMBS - SENIOR</b>			
Care & Attention	Brooke Duffy	Noah Duffy	Cleo Davis
Leading	Noah Duffy	Cleo Davis	Brooke Duffy
Calling	Cleo Davis	Noah Duffy	Brooke Duffy
<b>CALVES</b>			
Care & Attention	Madison Rankin	Jacob Howell	Hollie Giddens
Leading	Liam Giddens	Maddie Giddens	Madison Rankin
Type / Breed	Maddie Giddens	Jacob Howell	Madison Rankin
<b>HORSES &amp; PONIES</b>			
Best Presented	Izzy Lawrence	Lucy White	Lottie Lawrence
Best Walk	Lucy White	Lottie Lawrence	Izzy Lawrence
Combination	Lucy White	Izzy Lawrence	Lottie Lawrence
Best Trot	Lucy White	Izzy Lawrence	Lottie Lawrence
<b>DOGS</b>			
Overall	Hunter Rankin	Ann Kent	Evan Governor
<b>CAGED PETS</b>			
Overall	Rome Findlay	Georgia Capes	Macauley Keenan

**UPCOMING BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Notice of Board Meeting to be held Wednesday 29th November 2023 in the school staff room at 6:30pm. If you have any items for the agenda please contact me with any relevant information by 5pm on the 24th November 2022 on: 063758059 or [botchair@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:botchair@eketahuna.school.nz). Warmest regards - Skye White - BOT Chairperson

**REMINDER - SCHOOL CLOSURE - PLEASE NOTE DATE**

This term we will be closing the school for instruction on Friday 17th November for a planned Teacher Only Day.



Kia ora Eketahuna School Whanau

It was a pleasure to take your children's portraits recently. I hope you enjoy the photos as much as I enjoyed taking them!

### VIEWING IMAGES

To view photos of your child, please follow the link below. Once you enter the gallery, find your child's class, and then their individual album. You can order prints and digital images, right from your gallery.

<https://belindaprattphotography1.shootproof.com/gallery/22907421>

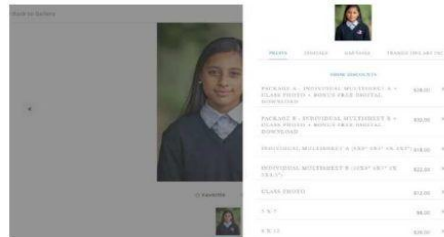
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**PLEASE NOTE:** These galleries are protected and accessible only by using the direct links and passwords provided. They are not visible or accessible by the general public on the website.

**PLEASE** respect the photographer's work and do not screenshot these images.

### TO PURCHASE A TRADITIONAL PRINT PACKAGE

Select the individual image you would like to include on your multisheet. Choose Package A or Package B and add to cart. The package will include your chosen multisheet, a year group photo, and also the free digital image of the photo you choose for your multisheet. (Digital images will be delivered to your email address as soon as payment is made a checkout.) **YOU DO NOT NEED TO SELECT THE GROUP PHOTO**, this will be added to your package automatically however you can add the year group in the Notes section if you would like to. It will not show in your cart but is reconciled in the studio's system.



### DIGITAL PACKAGES

Full resolution images are available to be purchased in packages of 3 images, or 5 images. This means you will have a selection of photos, and you can make your own prints as and when you wish.

### TO PURCHASE INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

Click on the photo you'd like to purchase and then the relevant tab; Prints / Digitals / Canvases / Framed Prints to make your selection. You are also able to view / order images in black and white. The Class photo is only available as an 8x10" laminated print. Please select 'Class Photo' when ordering a single class photo.

### What is Blemish Removal / Retouch?

*I am able to remove scratches, acne or fly away hairs at your request. The cost is \$25 per photo or \$50 for all images if you are purchasing three or more photos.*

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

Select Pay now to pay via Paypal - pay by debit or credit card (**you don't need a Paypal account to do this, you can log in as a guest. Just follow instructions on screen instructions**).

Select Pay Later if you wish to pay by internet banking. Payment instructions will be sent to your email.

Online ordering of photos will close off at 9pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November, with photos delivered to school by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or are unable to view photos online  
027 391 1144 or [belinda@belindapratt.co.nz](mailto:belinda@belindapratt.co.nz)

*10% of the profit from sales will be donated back to Eketahuna School!*



