

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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COMING UP:

Friday 17 November: **School Closed** for Teacher Only Day
 Monday 20 November: Senior Athletics starting @ 9:30am
 Monday 21 - Friday 24 November: Year 7 & 8 to El Rancho
 Thursday 23 November: Junior Mini Sport Day (Year 1 -3)
 Friday 24 November: Celebration Assembly - Hukanui hosting

Monday 27 November: Road Patrol Training for 2024 Team
 Wednesday 29 November: Year 7 & 8 Technology @ Pahiatua
 Wednesday 29 November: Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6:30pm
 Friday 1 December: Tararua Bush Interschool Athletics @ Pahiatua
 Monday 4 December: Year 8 Day Out
 Thursday 7 December: End of Year School Prizegiving
 Friday 8 December: House Leaders & Deputies to St Cuthberts

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te kura Ekētahuna

We are counting down to the end of term with only four weeks to go!

SCHOOL CLOSURE - FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER - PLEASE NOTE

Tomorrow we are closing the school for instruction for a Teacher Only Day

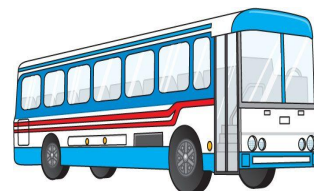


SWIMMING POOL UPDATE

Our wonderful caretaker, Ryan Seator, has been putting lots of time into preparing the school pool for swimming this term! It has been cleaned, paint touched up and is now being refilled, chlorine has been added and the heat pumps will go on!! We are hopeful that we will be able to start swimming next week, so plan to bring your swimming togs, towel, goggles etc on Monday! Watch for information via our school Facebook page and Skool Loop in regards to swimming togs and towels being needed for school - lets hope the sun and the warm weather arrives for the last four weeks!!!

A REMINDER ABOUT BEHAVIOUR AND SCHOOL BUSES

A significant number of school students at Eketāhuna travel on buses to attend school. All our students have the right to a safe and enjoyable journey between home and school. In the morning, a pleasant trip to school can set the tone for a day of productive learning. At times, however, we do have concerns regarding some behaviour on the bus and at pick up/drop off places. All our students have signed the school 'Bus Code of Conduct' which provides guidelines for those involved in the safe travel of school students on buses. Those parents who have children on the buses were asked to read through the guidelines so all parties know the expectations. GoBus are clear that students who will not adhere to the expectations may face being removed from a bus temporarily, or even permanently. We want everyone safe and the bus trip to be a fun way to begin and end the day. Thanks for your ongoing support with this.



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

It is great seeing everyone in school on Fridays, at the school assembly at 2:15pm, in the hall.

Please note there is no assembly tomorrow due to our TOD.

Our next assembly is Friday 24 November hosted by Hukanui. We look forward to seeing you there!

Principal Award: Wk5 Zyana Crudis



Week 5 (T4) Class Awards - Star Student:

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

Hukanui: Phoenix Paul
 Hāmua: Olivia Capes
 Rongomai: Toby White
 Nireaha: Ruby-Lee Burton Foley
 Pūtara: Jehanne Knight

Week 5 (T4) Caught Being Good Award - Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

Hukanui: Emily Trass
 Hāmua: Maia Cremen
 Rongomai: Brooke Turner
 Nireaha: Cody Bedford-Robinson
 Pūtara: Jacob Howell

WEEKLY UPDATE

HUKANUI NEWS:

Kia Ora whanau

It has been a great week of learning in Hukanui. We have been learning about Recycling and the different uses for "rubbish" with Chris from Zero Waste. Ask the children about the fun games we played using yoghurt containers for stilts, cans and rolled up paper for skittles and milk bottles to catch balls. Lots of laughs and enjoyment! Next week we are going to have our Junior Sports on Thursday morning, which we have all been practising hard for. Please remember hats, drink bottles, book bags and any

outstanding library books. Feel free to contact me on mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz Thanks, Marilyn



RONGOMAI NEWS:

Kia Ora Kotou,

This week we have had Chris from Zero Waste in the classroom. The students have created a worm farm that has been constructed out of an old milk bottle. Students will be bringing these home as a possible start to a worm farm future. This week we have also finished writing, editing and publishing our piece of procedural writing that is going to be moderated this week.

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.



HĀMUA NEWS:

We are all looking forward to the Junior Athletics - Mini Sport day that is coming up next week. This will be a range of fun activities - throwing and jumping, as well as some 'serious' running. We welcome all whanau to join us for the morning, come and cheer the kids on, share their successes. It will be a great morning. Also coming up is the opening of the school pool - on Monday. There is no time like the present to make sure the elastic in last year's togs is still worthy of another season 😊, and perhaps the tracking down of goggles (not necessary, but preferred by some). With 4 weeks to go rest assured that there is still plenty happening in Hāmua, and Eketāhuna School. As always - HATS - WATER BOTTLES.

Take care, Keep calm, Carry on - 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.



LOST PROPERTY

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT THAT COMES TO SCHOOL IS CLEARLY NAMED, TO HELP US CUT DOWN ON LOST PROPERTY! PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILDREN TO CHECK OUT THE BIN IN THE OFFICE AREA AS THERE IS A LOT OF CLOTHING AND SHOES IN IT! THANKS VERY MUCH.



STUDENTS ARRIVING TO SCHOOL LATE

A REMINDER THAT OUR SCHOOL DAY STARTS AT 9AM AS WE SEEM TO HAVE A NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO ARE CONTINUALLY LATE TO SCHOOL. IT IS VITAL OUR STUDENTS ARE AT SCHOOL BEFORE THE START OF THEIR LEARNING DAY TO UNPACK BAGS AND GET PREPARED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



SUMMER HOCKEY DRAW - TUESDAY 21st NOVEMBER

Well done to all our hockey players this week. All our teams had big wins this week. It seems like Eke Hockey are a force to be reckoned with! Thanks to all the parents and teachers for supporting our enthusiastic teams - it is much appreciated. Good luck for next week!

Eke Superheroes (U7)
vs Woodville
@ 3.30 pm
Turf 4A
Bel Capes (Coach)

Eke Ninja's (U9)
vs Pah 5
@ 3.30 pm
Turf 3
Dean Parsons &
Mel Palmer (Coaches)

Eke Warriors (U11)
vs Kumeroa
@ 4.20 pm
Turf 3
Skye White (Coach)

NIREAHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)

It's Athletics Day! I'm currently in class, looking out at the dark clouds, hoping they disappear so we can get outside and showcase our running, jumping and throwing skills we have been developing in PE this term. The class have made their worm farms with Chris this week and taken these home. Children need to remember to add a bottle cap of water regularly so the worms can do their thing and make the compost. We will be the 'big kids' of the school next week, while Pūtara are away on camp. The Nireaha students are looking forward to taking on more of the senior responsibilities around the school for the week. We are getting excited that the school pool will be opening soon, and the end of year fun begins! Any questions or concerns? Please contact me b.whitburn@eketahuna.school.nz. Cheers, Barb.

PŪTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6) Hi all

Camp is almost here - and we're all super excited. Soft archery - as you can see by the photo - is one of the many activities we will be doing next week. The kids get to track down and shoot at each other, which is an enormous amount of fun. I have asked them several times to make sure their parents/caregivers have seen the gear list. Hopefully the list isn't still tucked away in the bottom of a school bag. Just a reminder, we aim to leave by 9am next Tuesday. Having your children here by 8.30am would be fantastic. This will allow us time to load the gear, have a quick debrief, then hit the road.

Please remember - the first day your child will need:

- a day bag with morning tea and lunch
- a drink bottle and a sun hat (sunblock if needed)
- good walking shoes (Massey University)
- any medication i.e. asthma inhaler / antihistamine etc...

Please feel free to contact me any time if you have any questions or queries & keep your fingers crossed for the weather to be fine! 🙌

**SENIOR ATHLETICS ON MONDAY - POSTPONED**

Senior Athletics is on Monday 20th November at 9:30am

- 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

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!

**END OF YEAR WHOLE SCHOOL 'FUN DAY IN'**

To celebrate such a great year we have organised a fun 'Day In' on Tuesday 12th December! All children will rotate around a variety of hands-on activities with their classes. Students will get a chance to do some Christmas baking, create art & craft items for home, have a free swim, try new outdoor equipment set out for the day, enjoy a bouncy castle and enter school competitions with cool prizes to win!

Special lunches provided on the day, along with an ice cream treat!

Watch out for more information coming out soon...

**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 school.

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 school. Thank you. 😊



Phone Leona in the office 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!

Junior Athletics - Mini Sport Morning

Thursday 30th November

- 9.15 start - 10.35 conclusion (approx)
- 5, 6 and 7 year olds

You are formally welcomed to join us on this day to celebrate the junior children and their sporting achievements.

- The day will begin at 9.15 with children rotating through a range of throwing, jumping, and fun activities
- Followed by a range of distance running & relays (50m, 100m & 200m)

Please bring

- your sun hats, drink and lots of encouragement!

We hope to see you there 😊



Tararua Kai Collective
Getting help with kai

Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki nui-a-Rua
Kai Hau Kai
0800KKTAR (558627)

Rangitāne o Tāmaki Nui-ā-Rua
Kaihono Mahi - Community Connector
06 374 6860 Ext:26 Mobile: 0274441364

The Salvation Army Dannevirke
21 Allardice Street Dannevirke
06 374 8970
Foodbank hour: Tuesday 10am - 12pm, Friday 10am - 12pm

St Vinnies Dannevirke
28 High Street Dannevirke
Emergency service only but also accessed through agencies

Tararua Community Youth Services
8 Ward Street Dannevirke
06 374 9214

Woodville Inter Church Combined Foodbank
06 376 4023

Woodville Pantry
021 156 6925

Help-n-Hand/Pahiatua Foodbank
42 Main Street Pahiatua
06 376 6759

Tararua Community Services
43 Main Street Pahiatua
06 376 7608

Te Whare Ora o Eketāhuna/Eketāhuna Foodbank
021 034 7762

tararua.kai@gmail.com

BOOK A SPOT

XMAS PONY EXPERIENCES

KITTYHAWKE RIDING ACADEMY

WE ARE OPEN OVER DEC/JAN

PH: 027 284 2948

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EXPLORE Christmas

PAHIATUA TOWN CENTRE
2ND DECEMBER 2023 FROM 3:30 - 7PM

CHRISTMAS PARADE AT 4:00PM STREET FOOD AND MARKET LIVE BAND & ENTERTAINMENT

FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT CHRISTMAS@EXPLOREPAHIATUA.CO.NZ

