

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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COMING UP:

Friday 1 December: Tararua Bush Interschool Athletics @ Pahiatua

Monday 4 December: Year 8 Day Out to Palmerston North

Thursday 7 December: End of Year School Prizegiving @ 6pm

Friday 8 December: House Leaders & Deputies to St Cuthberts

Friday 8 December: End of Year Reports come home

Monday 11 December: Principal's Morning Tea Shout

Tuesday 12 December: Eketāhuna School 'Fun Day' In

Thursday 14 December: Celebration Assembly @ 11:30am

Thursday 14 December: Term 4 ends - School finishes @ 12pm

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

What a week it has been since our last newsletter, with Pūtara students arriving home for a successful camp at El Rancho, the town Santa Cruise with a great Junior school float and the Home & School sausage sizzle, Road Patrol 2024 training & thank you morning tea for 2023 students, along with the start of our Christmas themed art, interschool athletics practise and our daily swimming! It is full on!!

SANTA CRUISE FLOAT

On Saturday our wonderful float 'Santa's Elves' took part in the Eketahuna Santa Cruise. It looked amazing and a lot of work by staff and students went into it. A big thanks to Ryan & Lisa Seator for the trailer, and for kindly driving it on the day. It was a very proud moment to see those happy faces go by in the town parade!



TOP TECHNOLOGY AWARD GOES TO KJ ARNOLD!

Chosen from a total of 240 children, across 10 schools in our region, Kyira-Jane (KJ) Arnold was the winner of the prestigious "Excellence in Leadership Award" for the Year 7/8 technology cluster presented at the annual Prizegiving at Tararua College yesterday. This is one of the two top awards given out to children at the end of each year. KJ is pictured with Mr Wood and Mrs McQueen-Davies receiving her certificate.

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 for dates. Our last school assembly will be on

Thursday 14th December @ 11.30am.

Hosts will be the 2023 House Team Leaders & Deputies.

Principal Award: Week 7

Ellie Christensen-McCaffery & Ayva Hudson (Absent)



Week 7 (T4) Class Awards - Star Student:

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

Hukanui: Nikora Van der Wiel

Hāmua: Charlotte Smith

Rongomai: Lleucu Anderson

Nireaha: Bella Ifill

Week 7 (T4) Caught Being Good Award - Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

Hukanui: Troy Spring

Hāmua: Ellie Christensen-McCaffery

Rongomai: Mikey Hammond

Nireaha: Lucy White

WEEKLY UPDATE

HUKANUI NEWS:

Kia ora whanau. The weeks are flying by. Before we know it, it will be Christmas, and Summer, and we can all relax, but until then business as usual.

In Hukanui we are keeping busy, and doing lots of great learning alongside daily swimming- when the weather allows- and preparing for the end of year Celebrations Assembly. We hope you have saved the date for Prizegiving - Next Thursday! A couple of small reminders: -Hats and drink bottles daily please. When Summer does arrive we want to keep the children hydrated and sun safe.

Please help your children be responsible by getting them to carry in their own bags and putting their book bags and lunch boxes in the right places. Any queries, please contact me by texting the school phone or email mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz Thanks, Marilyn.

RONGOMAI NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,

This week we have started some STEM activities that involve students working together, solving problems, and creating things. Students have been enjoying doing something a little bit different throughout the day. For the rest of the term we will be swimming each day so please ensure that students have their togs and a towel in their bags ready to jump in the pool. As always, get in touch if you need to. Either by texting the office on 022 368 1830 or emailing. Nga mihi, Holly. hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz



HĀMUA NEWS:

How lucky were we to be able to attend the Santa Parade with so many smiling faces on our float. Thank you to all of you that made sure your children were here on time to have them suited-up and ready to go. It looked fab! This week we have managed to get back into the pool. The outside temperature has not been amazing so we are truly grateful for the water heaters. We have been getting in some pool fitness and lots of fun.

Remember that Prizegiving is next Thursday. Make sure you put the date on the calendar so you don't miss out on this fabulous night. As always, get in touch if you need to. Stay well, Rachael.



LOST PROPERTY:

PLEASE MAKE TIME TO COME IN AND HAVE A LOOK THROUGH THE HUGE AMOUNT OF LOST PROPERTY, WHICH WILL BE LAID OUT ON THE HALL VERANDAH. LOTS OF CLOTHES WHICH ALL NEED TO BE COLLECTED BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. THANKS!



STATIONARY LISTS FOR 2023:

FROM NEXT FRIDAY AFTERNOON THE SCHOOL STATIONERY LISTS WILL AGAIN BE ONLINE AT: myschool.co.nz SIMPLY SEARCH FOR OUR SCHOOL, SELECT YOUR CHILD'S CLASS LISTS & FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE WEBSITE. CONTACT LEONA IN THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES OR NEED HELP WITH THE ONLINE SYSTEM.



ROAD PATROL TRAINING

Year 5, 6 & 7 students spent time with Senior Constable Maxine Walsh going over Road Patrol Safety on Tuesday. An introduction to crossing the road, using our Kea Crossing etc in preparation for Road Patrol next year. A full refresher and road practise will happen the first week of Term 1, 2024.

NIREAHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)

Kia ora Whanau,

It was lovely to see so many Eketahuna School students at the Christmas Parade, everyone looked like they were having heaps of fun. It is fantastic that so many of our Year 6's have put themselves forward to be House Leaders for 2024. We look forward to hearing from them at the House Meetings next week.

Teach the Teacher/Class: each of the students will be teaching the class a skill, song, or dance move next week. They have started planning for this today. I can't wait to see the new things we'll be able to do by the end of next week! All the best Cody, Annabeth, Mack, Lana, Ruby-Lee, Pou and Bella for the Bush Interschool Athletics tomorrow. We know you will do your absolute best and will be great ambassadors for our school.

We are practising for the School Prizegiving next Thursday evening. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

Nga mihi, Barb.

PŪTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)



Kia ora, whānau

Yet another year successfully undertaken at technology. As previously stated, we are extremely fortunate to have fantastic teachers at Tararua College teaching our children real world skills.

Having seen technology blocks at other intermediates and high schools, I can honestly say that we are provided the best teaching practices possible. El Rancho last week, Bush Athletics this week, the Year 8 Fun Day Out on Monday, and prizegiving next Thursday. Still plenty to do and lots of fun to be had between now and the year's end.

Have a great weekend! Dean

SUMMER HOCKEY DRAW - TUESDAY 28th NOVEMBER

Congratulations to all our Outdoor Hockey players, coaches, managers, parents and supporters! What a great season all our teams have had and so much fun too. Next week is finals week - Good luck everyone! We are so proud of you.

Eke Superheroes(U7)
vs Pah 2
@ 3.30 pm
Turf 4B
Bel Capes (Coach)

Eke Ninja's (U9)
vs St Ants Green
@ 3.30 pm
Turf 2
Dean Parsons & Mel Palmer (Coaches)

Eke Warriors (U11)
vs Pah 9
@ 3.55 pm
Turf 1
Skye White (Coach)



SCHOOL PROPERTY

WE HAVE CONFIRMATION THAT NEW COVERED VERANDAHS OUTSIDE NIREAHA & PŪTARA WILL START CONSTRUCTION IN THE FIRST WEEKS OF JANUARY. JOSH ROBERTS BUILDERS WILL BE ON SITE FOR AROUND TWO WEEKS. A GREAT TIME FOR SUCH A PROJECT AS IT WILL CAUSE NO DISRUPTION TO TEACHING AND LEARNING! ALSO DURING THE BREAK WE WILL HAVE THE ALL WEATHER TURF LAID, NEW SURROUND FENCING INSTALLED AND A WHOLE SCHOOL PAINT 'TOUCH UP'. 😊

OUR RONGOA GARDEN IS FINALLY UNDERWAY

Last Friday Carolyn and Ryan had students out in the Rongoa, despite the wet weather, getting over 100 native plants into the ground! It has been a huge undertaking and so great to complete before the end of the term. We will look at each plant next year and research its medicinal properties and its traditional Māori use in healing.





TOUCH RUGBY

Term 1, 2024

Permission slips have been sent home and need to be returned tomorrow **Friday 1st December.**

If you need a slip, or require further information please contact Leona or Jo in the office.



YR 1 - 4 NETBALL

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Permission slips have been sent home and need to be returned tomorrow **Friday 1st December.**

If you need a slip, or require further information please contact Skye or Ngaio at ekenetball@yahoo.com

BOOK AMNESTY

We are asking for all Eketāhuna School junior readers and library books to please be returned. Please have a hunt around your homes for any books you might have that belong to School - drop them into the school office - NO questions asked! The 'missing books' can add up to be a costly item, eg, junior readers alone are worth around \$10 each and with many going home nightly never to return, it is a cost to the school. Thanks.



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'Save the Date'

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING

Thursday 7th December
6pm - 7:30pm

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL HALL

Come along and celebrate a successful year with our fantastic tamariki.
We look forward to seeing you there!

HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR SCHOOL APP YET?

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- *Notices
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- *Absentee
- *Newsletters
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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.

