

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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COMING UP:

Friday 15th March: Tararua Interschool Swimming Sports
 Friday 15th March: Celebration Assembly @ 2.15pm - Rongomai
 Monday 18th March: House Team Softball Competition # 1

Tuesday 19th March: Paid Union Meetings for Teachers
 Wednesday 20th March: Year 7 & 8 @ Technology in Pahiatua
 Wednesday 20th March: Parent Teacher Learning Discussions
 Thursday 21st March: Parent Teacher Learning Discussions
 Thursday 21st March: House Team Softball Competition # 2

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o te kura Ekētahuna,



JUNIOR SWIM DISPLAY

It was fantastic to see so many in school to enjoy the swim display put on by Hukanui and Hāmua last Thursday afternoon! The swim display showed the developing skills our students have after 6 weeks of daily swim lessons with Ryan & Lisa Seator. Whānau enjoyed the routines, a great water dance, and diving for treasure to end the show!

LEADERS AT ST CUTHBERTS COMMUNITY LUNCH

Our students enjoyed helping at the St. Cuthberts Community Lunch last Friday, and were outstanding representatives for the school. Campbell, Bella, Noah & Savannah thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon.

A lovely email from the organisers was great to receive:

"Kia ora Melinda, thank you for sending your leaders and Carolyn down to help us today. Once again, they were angels in disguise. They mingled with our diners and then got through the dishes! I bet they all appreciate their dishwashers at home now! They are always polite and respectful which is a joy to watch. We raised \$500 for the Rescue Helicopter. Another good day."



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

It is lovely to see 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. Tomorrow's assembly will be hosted by students from Rongomai.



Week 6 Class Awards - Star Student:

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

Hukanui: Linkyn Moore
 Hāmua: Pania-Rose Mita
 Rongomai: Hollie Giddens
 Nireaha: Brax Duffy
 Pūtara: Brooke Duffy

Week 6 Caught Being Good Award - Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

Hukanui: Izzy Lawrence
 Hāmua: Arpit Patel
 Rongomai: Brodie Braddick
 Nireaha: Annabeth Read
 Pūtara: Jehanne Knight

Principal's Awards: Mack Duffy & James Rushbrook-Robinson for being RESPONSIBLE and caring for others!

WEEKLY UPDATE

HUKANUI NEWS:

Kia ora whanau. We have been busy in Hukanui this week working on recounting and retelling familiar stories. Whaea Peta was in our room and helped us to learn about the Maori legend "The Fish of Maui" so we retold parts of the story and made a collaborative art piece about it. We are starting cross country training for fitness and small ball skills for P.E. If you have a ball, or some rolled up socks, practise throwing and catching with your child, a great thing to do for their eye tracking skills! Please remember to make a time to meet at the Parent Teacher Conferences. Ring the office if you need help with this. As always, feel free to email mwhiteley@eketauna.school.nz with any queries. Thanks, Marilyn.

RONGOMAI NEWS:

Kia ora Whanau,
We are on a journey of discovery about our very own community and area of Eketāhuna. How did it all begin? This learning opportunity is not just exclusive to our tamariki - I also will be learning with them, which I am very excited about. We welcome any historical information and/or images you may like to share with us here in Rongomai. I can only hope that information will be filtering back home about our learning thus far. I would like to wish Hollie and Toby all the best for tomorrow's interschool swimming. I know you will do us proud indeed. A reminder that we have parent/teacher conferences next week. For me, it's a favourite time of year to connect with whānau and celebrate your child's learning. Nga mihi, Miss Mac 😊

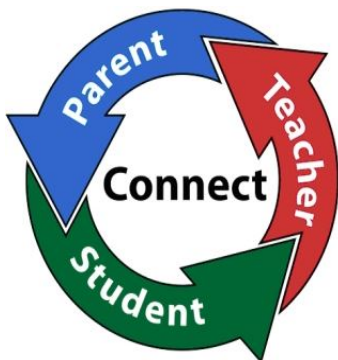
HAMUA NEWS:

Kia ora Whanau,
This week we have been continuing to work on recounts for writing. Yesterday our topic was to "pretend to be a student that came to school in the early 1900's" students are thoroughly enjoying learning about this topic. Next week we are going to be writing about being a person in the early 1900 again but this time we are farmers. Today we had Whaea Peta in the classroom helping us to learn about the Maori legend "The Fish of Maui."
Our PE focus has changed from swimming to now we are working on ball skills throwing catching and we will also begin to start running everyday for fitness. Remember that parent teacher conferences are next week Wednesday and Thursday if you are having problems call the office they will be able to help. Thanks Holly



NZEI PAID UNION MEETINGS - EKETĀHUNA WILL STAY OPEN ON TUESDAY 19th MARCH

Paid Union Meetings have been called for teaching staff between 18th – 22nd March. At the meetings, teaching staff will be discussing NZEI Te Riu Roa members' responses to a 2023 survey on the new Government's policies on education. While we believe the meetings are hugely important, we also believe staying open is too, so we are reorganising staff to cover students from 1:30pm until the end of the day, while some teachers attend the PUM.



TEACHER & PARENT LEARNING DISCUSSIONS

In Week 8 we are holding conferences with parents and caregivers at school. They are useful, positive meetings where, as well as hearing from your child's teacher, you can ask questions and share your thoughts so that you and our teachers can become partners in your child's education. On Monday SKool Loop went 'live' with the booking schedule for Wednesday 20th or Thursday 21st March. The conferences will start at 3:30 pm and go through until 6:00pm These discussions will be 15 minutes and enable our teachers to share their first few weeks at school, celebrate successes and look towards setting goals for the rest of the year. Times are going fast so, please make sure you have a confirmed meeting time. We look forward to seeing you all there!

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU REQUIRE HELP BOOKING A MEETING TIME - WE CAN DO IT FOR YOU, OVER THE PHONE.

NIREAHA NEWS:

Kia Ora Whanau, we are having another fab week in Nireaha. Students are working to interpret a wide range of statistical data, and are currently analysing the results of our own playground markings school wide survey. The children are becoming increasingly 'hooked' into their writing and are working to develop our ideas and improve our vocabulary in what we write. I am currently reading "Holes" by Louis Sachar to the class...we are loving it, and it's a great way to wind up after a busy day at school. Our new PE focus is small ball skills. We will be having a house Softball competition. Who will be the winning House to take on the school staff in the final week of term? We are also going to be working on improving our personal fitness in preparation for Cross Country running. This will start next week, so please ensure students wear suitable clothing and shoes for daily running sessions. Thank you to those whānau who have made their parent conference appointments - if you haven't picked a time yet, please do. See you then, Barb.

PUTARA NEWS:

Hi all, I hope the week is going great for everyone. Learning is tracking well this week, and we have been solidly working and developing our understanding of interpreting statistical data. This week we begin running and fitness training for next term's cross country race. As with swimming, children need the appropriate attire. Can you please ensure your child has shorts and a t-shirt each day so they can run accordingly. Jeans are extremely difficult - and hot - to run in. Good luck to Brooke, Evan, Lucy and Mack (plus Toby and Hollie in Rongomai) at the Tararua Swimming Sports tomorrow. You've already made us proud! Have a great weekend, and I look forward to meeting with some of you at next week's parent conferences. Dean

**TOUCH RUGBY DRAW - FRIDAY 15th March**

Last week's games were on a lovely Friday afternoon. Eke Thunder had a close loss, 4-2 but showed lots of enthusiasm. Eke Flyers had an impressive win - 9-0 and Eke Chargers had a draw.

Eketāhuna School is Duty team this Friday.

Under 9's -
Eke Thunder vs
Combined Orange
3.30pm Field 2A

Under 11's
Eke Flyers vs St Ants
Green
4pm Field 2

Under 13's
Eke Chargers vs
Toki Kids
5pm Field 1

NOTIFYING THE OFFICE WHEN UNWELL

A REMINDER THAT IF YOUR CHILD IS TOO UNWELL TO ATTEND SCHOOL YOU NEED TO NOTIFY THE OFFICE EACH DAY THEY ARE HOME TO AVOID THEM BEING RECORDED AS TRUANT. WE NEED TO ENTER THE REASON THEY'RE NOT AT SCHOOL ON OUR ENROL SYSTEM.

**HATS & SUNSCREEN**

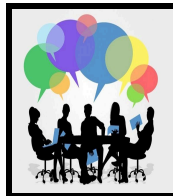
OUR SUN SAFETY POLICY REQUIRES HATS TO BE WORN IN TERM 1. A GOOD IDEA IS TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BRINGS A HAT (NAMED) THAT CAN BE LEFT AT SCHOOL THEREFORE AVOIDING SPENDING THEIR BREAKS ON THE DECK IN THE SHADE AS WE ARE A SUN SMART SCHOOL.

**CELL PHONES**

A REMINDER THAT STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO HAVE PHONES OR DEVICES OF ANY DESCRIPTION ON THEM AT SCHOOL. IF THEY DO NEED TO BRING A DEVICE OR PHONE TO SCHOOL, THEY ARE TO BE HANDLED INTO THE OFFICE BEFORE SCHOOL. THANKS.

**Board Of Trustees Meeting**

The next Eketāhuna School Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th March at 6.30pm in the Eketāhuna School staff room. Everyone is welcome to attend and if you have any items for the agenda please let me know by 5pm on Friday 22nd March. I am contactable on botchair@eketahuna.school.nz or 3758059. Warmest Regards - Skye White(Chairperson BoT)

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS COMING UP**

School will be closed for instruction on the following dates:

Good Friday 29th March,
Easter Monday 1st April
Easter Tuesday 2nd April

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE DAILY**

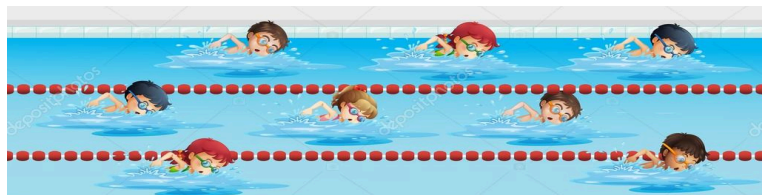
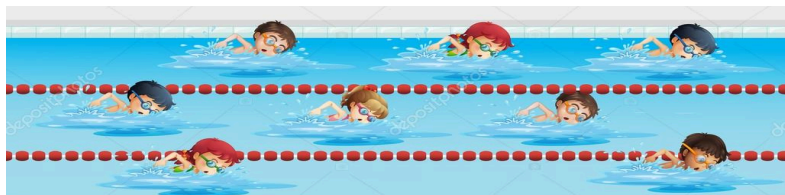
At school we have a filtered water bottle filler for students to access for fresh drinking water. Due to Covid, colds, bugs and germs we no longer have any shared drinking fountains operating so it is vital that all students come with their own water bottle. Please check that your child has their bottle, with their name on it, packed in their bag each day. Thank you.



EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS 2024 RESULTS

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
Open Girls 100m freestyle	Brooke Duffy	Keira Bidois	Bella Ifill
Open Boys 100m freestyle	Mack Duffy	Evan Governor	James Goodin-Bothamley
Intermediate Girls 100m freestyle	Rhianna		
Intermediate Boys 100m freestyle	Emmanuel	Maxwell	
Junior Girls 100m freestyle	Hollie Giddens	Olivia Capes	
Junior Boys 100m freestyle	Toby White	Joseph McNamara	Lucas Cremen
Open boys 50m freestyle	Evan Governor	James Goodin-Bothamley	
Open girls 50m freestyle	Brooke Duffy	McKenzie Moore	Keira Bidois
Intermediate boys 50m freestyle	Mack Duffy	Cody Bedford-Robinson	Emmanuel McNamara
Intermediate girls 50m freestyle	Lucy White	Rubylee Burton-Foley	Lana Hanson
Junior girls 50m freestyle	Hollie Giddens	Maddie Giddens	Olivia Capes
Junior boys 50m freestyle	Toby White	Lucas Cremen	Brodie Braddick
Senior boys 25m freestyle	James Goodin-Bothamley	Evan Governor	Noah Duffy
Senior girls 25m freestyle	Brooke Duffy	Mckenzie Moore	Keira Bidois
Intermediate Boys 25m freestyle	Mack Duffy	Cody Bedford-Robinson	C. Mackisack & E. McNamara
Intermediate girls 25m freestyle	Lucy White	Jehanne	Rubylee Burton-Foley
Junior Girls 25m freestyle	Jaylah Keedwell	Hollie Giddens	Maddie Giddens
Junior Boys 25m freestyle	Toby White	Joseph McNamara	Lucas Cremen
Senior girls 25m breaststroke	Brooke Duffy	Paityn Wright	Mckenzie
Senior boys 25m breaststroke	Evan Governor	Noah Duffy	James Goodin-Bothamley
Intermediate boys 25m breaststroke	Mack Duffy	Cody Bedford-Robinson	Emmanuel McNamara
Intermediate girls 25m breaststroke	Lucy White	Rhianna Jones	Rubylee Burton-Foley
Junior boys 25m breaststroke	Toby White	Lucas Cremen	Nikau Bidois
Junior girls 25m breaststroke	Olivia Capes	Ellie Thomas	Hollie Giddens
Senior girls 25m backstroke	Brooke Duffy	Paityn Wright	Keira Bidois
Senior boys 25m backstroke	Evan Governor	Noah Duffy	
Intermediate boys 25m backstroke	Mack Duffy	Emmanuel McNamara	Brax Duffy
Intermediate girls 25m backstroke	Lucy White	Lana Hanson	Bella Ifill
Junior boys 25m backstroke	Toby White	Joseph McNamara	Lucas Cremen
Junior girls 25m backstroke	Hollie Giddens	Maddie Giddens	Jaylah Keedwell

Senior Girls 25m Butterfly	Brooke Duffy		
Senior Boys 25m Butterfly	Evan Governor	James Goodin-Bothamley	
Open Girls 75m Medley	Brooke Duffy	Keira Bidois	
Open Boys 75m Medley	Evan Governor		
Intermediate Girls 75m Medley	Lucy White	Rhianna Jones	
Intermediate Boys 75m Medley	Emmanuel McNamara	Luke McNamara	
Junior Boys 75m Medley	Toby White	Joseph McNamara	Brodie Braddick
Junior Girls 75m Medley	Halo Crudis		



FAHS - Feilding High School L.J. Wild House

Matatahi House Girls' Hostel

School House Boys' Hostels
Rangitane House

HOSTEL OPEN DAY

Friday 22nd of March, 2024, 10 am – 12 pm

(Please assemble in the Don Chambers Lounge L.J. Wild House 72 North Street to start at 10am. Families are welcome to come along to explore boarding options for 2025/2026)

SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Wednesday 19th June, 2024, 3:30 and 6:30pm

Hostel enrolments are now being accepted for 2025

*School prospectus information is
available online - www.feildinghigh.school.nz*

Contacts:

Head of Boys' Boarding – Owen Viles 027 808 4113
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Head of Girls' Boarding – Sarah Norman 022 090 4414
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WHEELS DAYS MORE REGULARLY

Last Friday we had our 'Wheel Day' which was so popular with everyone we have decided, as of next term, to increase them to three times a term with the senior students taking more responsibility for the organisation and running of the day.



NO VAPING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

As a responsible and caring school community it is essential to adhere to school policies and regulations. Please remember that vaping on school grounds is strictly prohibited, and the consequences for doing so can be significant. Students who engage in vaping may face disciplinary actions such as being stood down from school. It is crucial to prioritise your health and the well-being of others by making informed choices and following the rules set by our school.



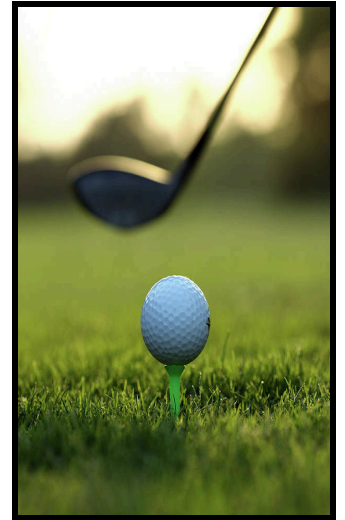
EKETĀHUNA HOME & SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY 7th APRIL – BAKING REQUIRED



Organisation is well on track for our annual Eketāhuna School Golf Tournament, which is scheduled to tee off Sunday 7th April at the Eketāhuna Golf Club. This is our major fundraiser of the year and your support is always

much appreciated. The Home & School group have covered all jobs on the day – a big thanks to them all. We are now asking the school community to provide baking for the morning tea at the Golf Club – please drop it into the Club on the Sunday between 8 and 9am, or at school on Friday 5th April. Thank you very much for your support.



Eketahuna Home and School Annual Golf Tournament Sunday 7th April 2024

Stableford Competition— Eketahuna Golf Club

\$25 entry fee – registration & morning tea from 10.30am – Welcome 10.55

- Tee off 11.00am Shot-gun start – Longest Drive – Closest to the Pin – Great Prizes

- Haggie Hole - Cash Bar – Refreshments – BBQ -

