

EKETAHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

It has been another fantastic 'first full week at school with lots of engaged learners and exciting activities underway.



Road Safety for our Juniors:

Rooms 1, 2 and 3 had a visit from Officer Maxine Walshe today, who was in school for Road Safety. The aim of the Road Safety Programme is to ensure that students develop the knowledge, skills and positive attitudes to keep themselves and others safe on or near the road. They practised safe walking, crossing the road, pedestrian crossing and learned how to be crossing the train track that crosses the road just down from school.

Team Captains Announced at 10:10am Assembly on Friday:

Our Year 7 and 8 students from Room 6 will be hosting a special assembly tomorrow at 10:10am in the school hall. This assembly will be important as we will be announcing our Team Captains for 2019. We have been going through the selection process this week with prospective leaders meeting with their teams, rotating around classes working alongside students, and today giving presentations to their team about why they would make a great leader. We are very lucky to have a wonderful group of senior students to choose from!

We hope to have several House Team competitions over the year. Below are the houses and the teachers who will be working with the Team Leaders and Deputies:

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Ms Green & Mrs Laubscher	Ms Sayles	Ms Oakly	Mrs Gibson & Ms Blair



Powhiri on Friday 22nd February:

Next Friday, we will formally welcome our new staff, students and whanau to Eketahuna School. We will also welcome the Eketahuna Playgroup to our site. A powhiri is a Maori welcoming ceremony involving korero, kaikaranga, waiata and hongi. We look forward to seeing you all there!

The organisation for Friday is:

- New staff, students, whanau and supporters will gather outside the staff room by Rm 1 at 9.55am for a 10:00am start.
- From there, the group will be lead onto the school courtyard.
- At the completion of the ceremony there will be a morning tea provided for those who were welcomed to school.

Emergency Evacuation Practise:

On Tuesday we held our first Emergency Evacuation drill for the year. We ran through the procedure for a fire and were very pleased with the quick and orderly response. As a school we need to hold regular practises that uphold the safety of children by ensuring that all adults at school have the necessary skills, knowledge and experience to deal with emergency situations and that children are familiar with, and confident in, responding to emergency procedures. We will look to hold earthquake drill and full 'lockdown' drill this term.



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Diary:

Friday 15th February - House Captain Assembly @ 10:10 am

Friday 15th February - Lucky Book Club Due

Thursday 21st February - Board Of Trustees Meeting

Friday 22nd February - School Powhiri

March:

Tuesday 12th March - Bush Swimming Sports

Friday 15th March - Bush Tennis

'Meet & Greet' Evening on Thursday 7th March:

Eketahuna staff are planning an awesome evening at school where our community will get the opportunity to look at all the amazing work that has been going on. We will have our classrooms open so families can meet our teachers and see the engaging learning spaces, have a swim in our heated pool, grab a sausage or hot chips, supplied free of charge by our fantastic Home & School Association and celebrate the amazing teaching and learning environment our school is! More information will follow - but for now - save the date!!

Music Lessons Starting:

We were happy to see Stephanie back at school on Tuesday doing her piano lessons. We are also very excited to be introducing Jamie Fitzgerald, who is new to Eketahuna and offering music lessons. Jamie sent a flyer out with the newsletter last week - guitar, keyboard, drums and singing were on offer! Please contact Stephanie and Jamie to organise lessons here at school - a great opportunity for a 'budding musician'!

Home & School Association Generosity:

The wonderful parent group met last Tuesday and were pleased to be able to view the fully operational heat pump! The group have also generously supported the school with the purchase of a new phonics kit, 3D shape maths kit, along with significant funds to subsidise the cost of ipads, swimming lessons and our Year 8 trip the Young Leaders National Conference next term. We really appreciate all their efforts in supporting the teaching and learning here at school!

School Sports Uniform:

With our continued push to have sport as a major focus here at school, it is timely to remind parents that students representing the school in a regular sports team, or sporting event, will require a school sports uniform. The school sports shirt can be purchased through the office. We ask that black shorts are worn with the t-shirt and these can be purchased at any clothing outlet. Term 2 will see a variety of sports start up, so if your children are intending to play there is plenty of time to ensure they have the correct uniform.

'Parent' Tutor Reading:

Thanks to those who have contacted the school about helping with this programme. There are still a couple of places left. Please contact Ms Green or Denise if you are interested or want more information.

**Hats & Sunscreen**

Our Sun Safety Policy requires hats to be worn in Term 1. 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. Thank you.

**School Rubbish:**

To help reduce the amount of rubbish here at school we are actively encouraging children to put food 'wrappings' & packaging back in their lunch boxes once they have eaten at morning tea and lunch. We are tidy kiwis!


**Eketahuna Facebook Page**

It has been wonderful to see our community checking out the Eketahuna School facebook page on a regular basis. It is a great way for parents and whanau to feel connected to the day to day activities at school. We will keep posting!

Golf Tournament:

Planning is underway for our Annual Golf Tournament, which will take place on **Sunday 7th April**. Our Home & School Association are once again leading this and may, at times, be calling for extra support - it is an awesome fundraiser for our school so put the date in your calendar....even our teachers are putting in a team!



	CRICKET DRAW
	<p>A great start to the season with the Cyclones having a draw against Gladstone and the Tornadoes having a win against Red Star 121 to 68 last week! Our Tornadoes team have been moved up to the hard ball competition on Saturday mornings - I enjoyed watching their practise here last night with the added helmets and other protective gear now being used!! Good luck to those playing tomorrow night and Saturday - go Eketahuna!</p> <p>Friday: Eke Cyclones vs Martinborough Eagles @ 5:30 pm - Park Sports 1A, Mstn</p> <p>Saturday: Eke Tornadoes vs Greytown JCB Blue @ 9am - Mstn Intermediate</p>

Nga mihi,
Melinda and the Eketahuna Team

Weekly Update

Room 1

This week has been an awesome week full of learning and fun. Homework has started and if you have any questions please contact me. We have enjoyed a visit to the playgroup today, to check out their new room and catch up with old friends. Swimming has been lots of fun with everyone learning new skills and gaining in confidence very quickly. A welcome to Noah and Rocco who started school visits this week. A reminder that on Friday the 22nd it's the school Powhiri. It would be awesome to see whanau at school to support their children and be welcomed into our lovely school. As every please contact me with any queries. Thanks Jo

Room 2

As you will have noticed homework has begun being sent home this week. Just bear in mind quality over quantity. 15 mins each day is enough time for your child to spend on whatever has been given out to them - none of this should be new learning to them, just practising skills already taught. This week in Room 2 we begin to explore the art of Wassily Kandinsky. I am looking forward to creating some art pieces alongside the class and putting these up for display. Miss Oakly

Room 3

We've enjoyed getting to know each other over the past week and a bit and I am loving how well behaved and mannerly the children are :)
We have been practising reading and writing, with a strong focus on letter sounds (rather than names), and on digraphs like ch and th-next week's one is: **sh**. And please READ READ READ-this is the most valuable together time for you and your child, and can make a huge difference to their literacy levels. In maths we have been exploring types of triangles and the shapes we can make with them.
In art, we have made beautiful self-portraits. Pop in and have a look!
We have had our first few pot-plants move in. Thank you. However, we are still looking for a few biggish ones, please! The kids are LOVING swimming everyday, and we take the best care to ensure that they keep track of their belongings. Please check the lost and found if you are missing any items, and please label items.
Carol :)

Room 5

We're on a roll in Room 5! The work ethic developing with both Year 5 and 6 cohorts is hugely encouraging. There's a growing sense of respect evolving... Respect for quiet time - to think; respect for planning time - to brainstorm, and a healthy respect for each others' different capacities to learn.

'Listening' to all the words we hear, and to the words we read and write, is increasingly on our radar now. Paragraphs are becoming more and more evident, as is self-correction and greater elaboration of statements. We're nailing the 'aeiou' partnership with *an* and *a* - discovering that while 'y' is also considered a vowel (and a consonant), putting *an* in front, just doesn't seem to work! It's *an exception to the rule...*

In maths, we've got a very clear idea of individual strengths in Basic Facts and what we're now ready to learn. Come topic time - we're tuning in some ancestors, dealing with self-esteem, personal goals and healthy habits. There's even been a little on how to connect more neurons together! It's exciting times! Cheers! Jo, Ingrid and team...

Room 6: Hi everyone. We have had a great week of setting up our classroom, establishing routines and expectations. This week for homework we are focusing on creating Care Packages for the students affected by the recent fires in the Nelson district. After much discussion students came up with the idea of donating items they no longer use or toys they have outgrown. Each child has been given a shoe box to fill. If you have any non perishable items you would like to donate please send them along to Room 6. Students have been enjoying their daily swimming sessions with Ryan and Liza. It is really amazing to see the confidence in some of our reluctant swimmers and the skills they are learning. It is expected that all Room 6 students attend these swimming sessions so please remind your child to be responsible for packing their togs everyday.
Room 6 students are cutting down on rubbish by taking home their packaging, plastics etc. Within a week it is great to see the students taking this expectation on board and the almost zero waste in our classroom rubbish bin has been outstanding. Thank you for your support with this.
If you have any concerns or wish to catch up with me please feel free to make an appointment through the school office.
Have a great week.

**SAUSAGE
SIZZLE
ON SALE TOMORROW
\$2:00
ORDER AT THE OFFICE**



Date 14th February 2019

Term 1, Week 2

Tararua Piano

Piano Lessons

First welcome lesson is FREE
Options for child or adult lessons
Fun and creative approach to teaching
Lessons lasting 30 or 45 minutes
Tailored to individual abilities and aspirations
Private 1-1 tuition

For further information, availability and prices, or to book your free welcome lesson, contact Stephanie

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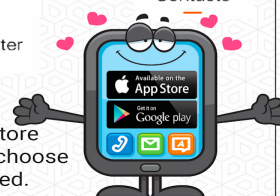
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search 'Skool Loop' & choose
our school once installed.



Eketahuna Kerbside & Alfredton Rubbish Collection

Unfortunately, due to new Transfer Station cost we will be increasing our Rubbish stickers cost to **\$4.50** per sticker as of the **1st March 2019**

Please remember that you can always cut a sticker in half if you only have a half bag of Rubbish

Any enquiries please contact us
Robin & Pauline Wilson

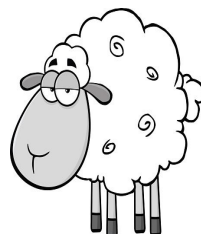
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Stickers can be purchased from the school Office.

Home & School Fundraiser

Bags of Sheep Poo
\$5 a bag



To Order:

Contact Sandy
021 735 543

or The School Office
375 8191

TOKI TRIATHLON

All ages, all capabilities, all welcome!

Swim, Bike and Run!

Starting Tuesday 5th February 3:30pm

Every Tuesday until the Weetbix Tr

\$2 per child

\$5 per family for non-Toki kids.

Please bring togs, bike and helmet (compulsory)

Any queries please ring or text Brenda on 027 474 3092

BUSH JUNIOR NETBALL AGM

28th February 2019

5.15 – 6pm

Stadium Pahiatua Lounge

Can we have a representative from all participating Schools please.

