

EKETAHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

We have had a great week here at school, a busy time in class, and at the pool, with lots of happy staff and children preparing for the Powhiri tomorrow - we look forward to seeing you all in school in the morning!!

Team Captains for 2018

Congratulations to our four newly elected Team Leaders and their Deputies. A fantastic group of young leaders who were selected by their peers. I met with them this week and will continue to work with them over the next few days as establish their roles and responsibilities across school this year. I am sure they will make us, their families and our community very proud!

Kikorangi: Leader Lily Croasdale & Deputy Maia Morrison

Kakariki: Leader Kiara Potangaroa Carter & Deputy Alice Bourke

Ma: Leader Jack Redington & Deputy Meila Mitchell - Hopa

Whero: Leader Stella Governor & Deputy Sam Willetts

Powhiri Tomorrow:

Don't forget the powhiri is on tomorrow where we will formally welcome our new staff, students, whanau and our local playgroup to Eketahuna School. 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.



Scooters and skateboards at School:

We have seen a huge rise in the number of scooters and skateboards coming to school this term - 34 last Tuesday! Please note that those children riding them to school will require helmets. Due to the large number, and ongoing safety issues, we have organised two seperate places in the playground for students to use their scooters and skateboards at break times. We ask that all children with these at school wear covered shoes. Also, helmets are advised if students are using a ramp or doing any 'tricks'. Our school Leaders are currently working on 'Wheel Regulations' which I will share in the next newsletter. It is fantastic to see children riding around the school but we do need to ensure we are all safe!

Board of Trustees Elections:

Mid way through this year we will be seeking nominations for parent representatives on the schools Board of Trustees. If you are wanting to find out more about the roles of Board of Trustees, the New Zealand Schools Trustees Association (NZSTA) are holding a hui for all who are interested in what the role involves. This will be at Bush MultiSport Stadium Lounge, Pahiatua on 7 March at 7.00 pm. Please see the flyer coming out in the newsletter for more information. Our monthly Board meeting is being held tonight, at 6pm in the staffroom. All are welcome. Reports will be available from the office next week.

Absenteeism:

Just a reminder that school attendance has a direct impact on academic achievement. In order to make the most of educational opportunities, students must have consistent, punctual daily attendance. If your child has a genuine reason for staying at home please make sure the office is informed.

Diary:

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

On Thursday 7th March at 4:30 pm the school will be hosting our annual 'Meet and Greet' evening. A great opportunity for our community to come and see all the new developments, meet staff and members of our Board of Trustees. We will have our classrooms open, 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!

Togs & Towel Daily

Remember swimming is daily, so please make sure children have togs & a towel in their bags. It is also advisable that all items are clearly named. If your child has goggles - send them along too. Thank you.

**Music Lessons**

There are still spaces available. If you would like piano lessons please contact: Stephanie Whyte Ph: 027 462 197 Email: tararuapiano@gmail.com If you would like keyboard, guitar, drum, bass or singing lessons please contact: Jamie Fitzgerald Ph: 0204 167 4021 Email: jaimejofitzgerald@gmail.com Get in quick!

School Rubbish:

We have seen a huge reduction in rubbish at school. We are still 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!

**Head Lice Procedure**

We have had several cases of head lice at school this week. This is a perennial problem in all schools. It is recommended that you check all members of your household carefully. Treating the hair is no guarantee that the problem has been eradicated. Success is more likely if treatment is thorough, checking daily for at least three weeks and children are reminded to avoid head to head contact with others. We don't want to send infected children home as our school guidelines direct, as it could impact on their learning. But if the issue is not dealt with, we will have no choice. If you require any further information or support in dealing with this issue please contact school.



Another round of great games played last week. A close match for the Cyclones going down 98 to 103 against Martinborough - congratulations to Gus Manson who was named Player of the Day. Tornados also had a tight game going down 120 to 135 against Greytown. Harry Monk was Player of the Day. A big thanks to the coaches and families supporting our players - go Eketahuna!

DRAW:

Friday: Eke Cyclones vs Gladstone Heat @ 5:30 pm - Eketahuna School

Saturday: Eke Tornados vs Greytown White @ 9am - Park Sports Ground, Mstn 3A

Nga mihi,
Melinda and the Eketahuna

NZEI PAID UNION MEETINGS

Combined Paid Union Meetings for principals and teachers will be held nation-wide during the week of 18 March to 22 March 2019.

Eketahuna Teachers will be attending Monday 18th & Thursday 21st March

These meetings will be held to discuss any new offers from the Ministry or Government, if indeed there are any and to consider possible next steps in our Kua Tae te Wa Campaign.

Because of the importance of these meetings they will be held during school time. However, as there are two dates for staff to attend we will be able to keep the school open with very little disruption to student learning.

We thank you for your continued support.



2019 Weekly Updates

Room 1

We had a great visit last week from Constable Max who came to remind us about road safety. We walked out on the road, looking for traffic, hazards and we read the road signs. Swimming each afternoon has been fantastic and we have certainly improved our skills. I am looking forward to catching up with families at the powhiri on tomorrow. Meet in Room 1 at 9.50 am and we will get organised together.

As ever if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me,
Thanks Joanna

Room 2

This week room two has been learning how to mix primary and secondary colours. We have made a class korowai. Feel free to pop in and take a look. We are still swimming with Lisa and Ryan and have been practising freestyle and backstroke. We have also been learning how to scull and glide. Our phonics for next week is the 'sh' sound at the end of words.

By Keira and Brooke

Room 3

We have been using Class Dojo in class and would like to share news and childrens' work through this app. Please can you join? Let me know if you have any issues with connecting.

We had a butterfly hatch in class this week, amidst great wonder and excitement!! Thanks Madison for bringing in the pupae.

We are working hard on learning our letter sounds and phonics, as well as our sight words, to help support our reading and writing. Please read everyday with your child :) Our phonics sound next week is: **WH**, as in whale, when etc.

In math we are focussing on patterns and the many ways to form the same number ($8=8+0$ / $7+1$ / $6+2$ etc.), and enjoying the visits from Fairy Fifi and the Wicked Witch!
Carol Laubscher

Room 5

It's been a gorgeous week with stunning insights to what every one's capable of doing, We're now ready to take what we know 'to a whole new level'!

We're digging deep into a serious focus involving creative thinking, problem solving, and research and investigation. Nailing paragraphing is certainly in a good space; there's definitely progress on the swimming skills front, and with the art of proofreading, editing and 'asking questions' as we read. Add Robotics and art into the mix as well!

Parents (and grandparents in several cases), thank you to all who've been your child's source of support for our new style of homework. The challenge had over the past two weeks has proven really popular! There's incredible detail emerging about ancestors - from where they came from, to where they lived and how. All's in keeping with our Health and Wellbeing being topic, where 'Getting to know each other - and ourselves' is our current focus.

Thanks team! Jo, Ingrid & the Y 5-6's.

Room 6: Hi everybody. We have had a busy and interesting week in Room 6. We have just about finished our Care Packages. Thank you for the items that have been sent along. Once they are finished and packaged up we will send them to the Nelson Civil Defence Centre where they will be distributed amongst the local schools. Students have received their first assignment for the term and understand what the criteria is. Please take the time to discuss with your child what they are expected to do. These are due in on Monday the 25th. Students have also received a Camp notice sharing important information on this years senior camp. We have settled into classroom routines. Maths, we are working on Place Value of Numbers. This includes Prime Numbers, Integers leading into Fractions, Decimals and Percentages. For reading we had a visit from Rita Palmer who looked at Shared Reading for older students, which all students were engaged in. If you need to discuss anything with me regarding your child please make an appointment through the school office. Have a great week.

Roseanne

Leaders Report:

The new leaders have been appointed to each house. We have been settling into our roles as school leaders. We are all looking forward to attending the National Young Leaders Conference in Term 2. After swimming finishes we will be having a sports house competition with softball and Tball.

House Leaders.

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

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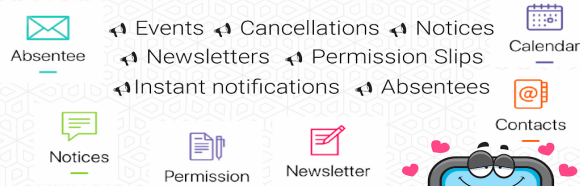


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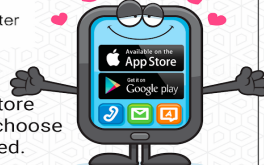


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Eketahuna Kerbside & Alfredton Rubbish Collection

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

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Stickers can be purchased from the school Office.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

**ON SALE TOMORROW
\$2.00**

ORDER AT THE OFFICE



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 Pahiataua Lounge

Can we have a representative from all participating Schools please.

