

# EKETAHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa. We have excited children preparing classes for tonight - see you all there!!

## **'Meet & Greet' Evening Tonight!**

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our 'Meet & Greet' later today, starting at 4:30pm. We will have all our classrooms open, families are invited to walk through and see all the great teaching and learning that has been happening. The programme will be:

| Time:          | Activity:  |
|----------------|--|
| 4:30 - 5:00 pm | All teachers in classrooms - an opportunity to see the fantastic learning environments we have at Eketahuna School   |
| 5:00 - 5:10 pm | Official acknowledgement of sponsors for our pool heat pump - assemble pool side   |
| 5:10 - 6:00 pm | Sausage sizzle and hot chips available in our courtyard area - a chance to get to know our school community! Come along & have something to eat before heading home. . . |

For our children - the school pool will be open for swimming from 5:10pm, and a variety of sporting activities around the school available ....a really FUN evening for all!

## **Please note - ALL children are to be accompanied by parents or caregivers**

We invite families to park on the field - please follow the parking signs to the designated areas.

## **School Vandalism:**

Sadly we have had a number of incidents over the last couple of weeks where people have come up to the school and damaged property. There have also been items stolen and the pool cover removed in an attempt to access it. We have talked to our local police officer who will increase the monitoring of our school and we are asking the community to please keep an 'eye out'. We have lots of great developments happening for our children and it has been disappointing to have some members of our community disrespecting and misusing our school environment.

## **Tararua Bush Swim Team:**



Congratulations to those students selected to swim at the Bush competition on Tuesday 12th March up in Dannevirke: Scott Duffy, Libby Stockbridge, Lachie Redington, Romeo Cherry, Alice Bourke, Lucy Bourke, Ellie Pinnell, Sam Willetts, Jack Redington, Paice Mitchell-Hopa, Meila Mitchell-Hopa, Harrison Mackisack and Stella Governor. Good luck!!

## **Tracking & Trapping off to Pukaha:**



We are in the process of getting our Tracking and Trapping Team organised for 2019. Five students are attending a refresher day at Pukaha tomorrow. Sam Willetts, M-Jay Carrington, Scott Duffy, Harry Dickson and Harrison Mackisack.

This year the team will be working around the school and are looking to extend to the service the local community

## **Learning Partnership Meetings:**

This week you would have received interview slips for meetings on the 3rd & 4th of April. Meetings on both days will start at 3.20 and finish at 6:30pm. As these meetings will now form part of the reporting schedule for our students so we hope to have 100% attendance. Make sure you book times at the office. We're looking forward to seeing you!

## **Board of Trustees Elections:**

The Board of Trustees Triennial elections have been confirmed for 7th June. There are four positions up for re-election this time round. Those positions are ones held by: Maree Redington, Megan Governor, Warren Chase and Skye White as parent representatives. NZSTA are preparing for the upcoming Triennial Board of Trustees elections and would like to encourage parent and whanau participation on school boards in order to help shape and support the education of their children. Anyone interested in finding out about standing for the school board elections and having a say in the education of their children can go the NZSTA website [www.nzsta.org.nz](http://www.nzsta.org.nz)

## **Diary:**

**Thursday 7th March - Meet & Greet Evening 4.30- 6.00pm**

**Tuesday 12th March - Bush Swimming Sports**

**Thursday 14th March - Junior Swim Show**

**Celebration Assembly:**

It is great seeing everyone at the school assembly each Friday, at 2:10pm, in the hall. It's a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week. Tomorrow's will be hosted by Room 5.

**Class Awards – Star Student:**

Given to a student by their teacher to acknowledge the great work done in class and related to learning throughout the week

**Caught Being Good Award – Duffy Book:**

Given to a student by their teacher in recognition of outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

Room 1: Braxton Duffy  
Room 2: Noah Duffy  
Room 3: Braxton Carrington  
Room 5: Kuini Kendrick  
Room 6: Charlie King

Room 1: Mareana Roiri  
Room 2: Jehanne Knight  
Room 3: Hohepa Hoterini  
Room 5: Paice Mitchell-Hopa  
Room 6: Dougliis Mailman

**Principal's Award:** Charlie King for role modeling responsibility and reliability - well done!

**Junior School Swim Show - Thursday 14th March**

Rooms 1, 2 and 3 have been having daily swimming lessons this term with Ryan and Lisa Seator from the Eketahuna Pool. We have seen a huge amount of progress in the children's confidence and ability which the classes would now like to show case - look out for invites, and information, from each class teacher.

**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.

**Board of Trustees Election:**

Want to be a board member for our school? Want to know more? There is a community hui at Bush Multi

Sport Stadium Lounge, Pahiatua tonight at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you there and helping your school's succession planning!

**'Parent' Tutor Reading:**

Thanks to those who have contacted the school about helping with this programme. We are still looking for someone to fill the Wednesday spot. . . Please contact Ms Green or Denise if you are interested or want more information. Thanks.

**Hats & Sunscreen**

Our Sun Safety Policy requires hats to be worn in Term 1. It has been very hot this week, so 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.

**Keep Connected:**

Parent/teacher communication is essential for the children's optimum progress. All staff have email addresses at school and access their mail regularly.

**Room 6** Roseanne Sayles - roseanne@eketahuna.school.nz

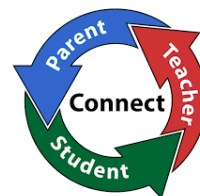
**Room 5** Jo Gibson - jgibson@eketahuna.school.nz

**Room 5** Ingrid Blair - iblair@eketahuna.school.nz

**Room 3** Carol Laubscher - claubscher@eketahuna.school.nz

**Room 2** Renee Oakly - roakly@eketahuna.school.nz

**Room 1** Joanna Green - jgreen@eketahuna.school.nz



Our Eke Cyclones played a great game against Carterton but lost 119 to 128. Player of the day - Romeo Cherry. The Eke Tornadoes played the girls development team and won 156-119. Player of the Day - Jack Redington. Best wishes for a great round of games this weekend!

**DRAW:**

**Friday:** Eke Cyclones vs Red Star Jets @ 5:30 pm - Masterton Park Sports Ground - 1A, Mstn

**Saturday:** Eke Tornadoes vs Martinborough Hawks @ 9am - Masterton Park Sports Ground - 3A, Mstn

Nga mihi,  
Melinda and the Eketahuna School Team

## 2019 Weekly Update

**Room 1**

I am looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday at the Meet & Greet. You will get the opportunity to see the great work we have been doing in class. It was lovely to see the children's portraits which had been shared to facebook yesterday. They are so cute! We have begun our firewise topic and there will be some information coming home in the form of a story and an activity book. Please take the time to chat to your children about this and make a family firewise plan.

See you Thursday.

**Joanna**

**Room 2**

Thanks to you who are supporting your child with their homework and the encouraging feedback you are writing in their notebooks. Please remember to send these back each day along with their reader. We have two great wood work tables at school and the children are wanting to put these to use a little more often this year. We are looking for a volunteer who could come in and assist children using these. This can be a once off thing or worked around you, so any time would be appreciated as I can obviously only help one child at a time and not all students can fit around the tables. Any spare wood or nails would be awesome too.

Miss Oakly

**Room 3**

A big thank you from me too, for taking the time to do homework with your children-this can make a big difference to their progress. It needn't be more than a little reading, a quick math game, and practising their sight words if you have the time. We understand life is busy and that you may not get to it each day, but every little bit helps-thank you! Please contact me if you have any concerns or questions. Our phonic sound for next week is 'ai' as in train/chain etc. Kids welcome to bring an item for show and tell. We have started doing our firewise activities this week, and this will continue into next week. Activity books will be coming home shortly.

Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday :)

**Carol Laubscher**

**Room 5**

Kia ora!

This week we have begun our learning about fire safety. It would be great if you could support your child's learning about this topic at home. Homework tasks will be set and we would greatly appreciate it if you could support your child's learning to ensure they are safe at all times. Class dojo is another way of communicating to us. Please download the app if you haven't already, as this will be a way we can share your child's learning with you. Our first discovery time happened last Friday. This is a time when students have completed all their SDL tasks over the week, can explore, experiment, make and create, build relationships with other senior school students, and work together to achieve a task.

Looking forward to meeting you tonight.

Ingrid and Jo

**Room 6**

Hi everyone. It was great to see the effort students have put into their individual assignments this week. The objective is to research, rewrite and present to the class their work. This is in preparation for speeches which are to be held in Term 3. Next week they will receive their Technology Easter Assignment that is to be completed over the next 5 weeks. On Fridays we have Fun Day Friday (Discovery) where we have a variety of different activities students can participate in. The idea is to work and interact with different students to build relationships within our classroom. Students are focussing on Managing Themselves and are encouraged to be organised and complete all work on time. Therefore if students make the choice and do not finish work they will be expected to complete it during Discovery Time. If you have any concerns about anything you can contact me through the school office or email me. Look forward to seeing you tonight.

**Roseanne**

**DID YOU KNOW.....?**

If your child is suffering from a tummy bug (vomiting & diarrhoea), there is a free service available from most community pharmacies. Take your unwell child to your local pharmacy for help.

- Children aged 15 and under.
- The pharmacist will need to see the child.
- The pharmacist will speak to you about options.
- If needed medicine will be supplied free of charge.

MIDCENTRAL COMMUNITY PHARMACY GROUP



### **Eketahuna JAB Rugby Registration 2019 SEASON REGISTRATION DAY**

**WHEN:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 3:45 – 5pm

**WHERE:** Eketahuna Rugby Clubrooms

**WHAT:** Registration and weigh in of boys and girls for 2018 ripa and tackle age-grade rugby teams.

**WHO:** All boys and girls aged 4 – 12yrs. We look forward to seeing everyone back and would also love to welcome new members to our club

**SUBS:** \$20 per player (please pay at registration day)



*If you have previously played for Eketahuna JAB you will receive an email from us. Follow the website link in the email to update your child's online registration details (age as at 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2019). We will alter grades for players that are being regraded up or down so enter your child's grade based on age. New players to Eketahuna JAB club – please go to [www.sporty.co.nz](http://www.sporty.co.nz). Click on Find Your Club or School. Type Eketahuna Rugby Football Club into the search box at top right and click Search. Click on Eketahuna Rugby Football Club. Click on Online Registrations, then Junior Form. Complete this form and submit.*

#### **REGISTRATION DAY TO BE FOLLOWED BY EKETAHUNA JAB RUGBY 2019 AGM**

*Wednesday 21st March 5pm - Eketahuna Clubrooms – after registrations.*

*New committee members welcome. Can all current committee members please attend*

*Team jersey and mouthguards distributed at first training to all paid up players. Black shorts and Eke socks to be provided by parents. Subsidised Eke kids hoodies can be ordered from club \$15. Notifications via Facebook page - Eketahuna JAB Rugby - and posted in school newsletters*

#### **QUERIES - PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT:**

*Eketahuna JAB Secretary : Kirby Duffy - 06 3758119 [lanceandkirby@inspire.net.nz](mailto:lanceandkirby@inspire.net.nz)*

*Looking forward to another super year of JAB rugby – it will be great to see you all!*

Closer to the time we will be asking  
for your support by providing  
baking for the morning tea and  
a few people to help out on the day  
so please write the date on your calendar

Many Thanks  
Home and School Association

## **Eketahuna School Annual Golf Tournament Sunday 7th April 2019**

**Stableford Competition— Eketahuna Golf Club**

**\$20 entry fee — morning tea from 10.30am — Welcome 10.55 — Tee off at 11.00am**

**Shot-gun start — Huggle Hole — Closest to the Pin — Prizes — Cash Bar —Refreshments— BBQ**

**Contact Eketahuna School to enter — phone 06 3758 191 or register on the day**

