

Thursday 14th March

Term 1 Week 6

EKETAHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Another great week at Eketahuna - Week 7 looks just as busy - lots coming up so please make sure you read the newsletter . . .

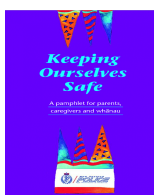
Meet & Greet:

Thanks to everyone who came to support the school last Thursday at the Meet & Greet evening. We were lucky with the weather and had a great turnout. The official recognition of the generous sponsors who have assisted us in establishing the pool heat pump, covers and rollers was well received - undoubtedly an amazing asset to our school. With the lovely community feel, great classroom walk throughs and and lots of fun activities - it was fantastic time for all!



Paid Teacher Union Meetings:

Just a reminder, that teachers are due to attend union meetings next week. As we have been provided two date for meetings in Masterton, we will not need to close the school. Instead we will be providing instruction with minimised staff on the afternoons of Monday 18th and Thursday 21st of March.



Keeping Ourselves Safe Meeting:

Keeping Ourselves Safe enables children and young people to learn and apply a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others. We invite all parents and caregivers to join teaching staff at a meeting with Constable Maxine Walsh to go over the programme on Tuesday 19th March at 3:20pm. At the meeting Maxine will give a powerpoint presentation which outlines the programme, explains what it is about and how important it is. Maxine will also be available to answer any questions you have about the programme.

Firewise:

We had Fire Officers Graham Stephens and Richard King visit us yesterday to deliver sessions from the great fire programme we have all been studying over the last few weeks. Our students have discussed and practised what they need to do to stay fire safe and escape from a burning building. The Junior school practised crawling From a smoke filled room, while Seniors viewed and discussed specific fires and the impact on communities.



Diary:

Tuesday 19th March: Keep Ourselves Safe Parent Meeting
Friday 22nd March: Book Club orders due

Thursday 28th March: Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday 11th April: School Disco
Friday 5th April: Netball forms & subs due

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 3.

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

Room 1: Fern Tua-Davidson
Room 2: Nathan Atkinson
Room 3: Pounamu Roiri
Room 5: Isla Dickson
Room 6: Libby Stockbridge

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: Zyana Crudis
Room 2: McKenzie Moore
Room 3: Madison Rankin
Room 5: Hayley Dennison
Room 6: Stella Governor

Principal's Award: Robert Boddington for huge effort in all learning areas - well done!

Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge

This extreme 'off road' running event is in Palmerston North on Friday 2nd August and is open to Year 3 to Year 8. The school is registering and entry forms are coming out with the newsletter. If you are interested please get the form and money back to the office as soon as possible. More information will follow.



Bush Junior Netball Registration:

We are moving into winter sport and Bush Netball starts on Thursday 2nd May. We are sending home notices today for those interested in playing this season. All games are held at Pahiatua. Please fill out the form and return it, along with the sub, to the office by Friday 5th April. Extra forms are available at the school office.



Tomorrow's School Review:

The Independent Taskforce's report makes a number of significant recommendations for changes to the current education system. Stakeholder feedback on the report and its recommendations will be critical to inform Government decision making in 2019. It is important to give your feed-back, so for the options on having your say, please go to:

<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review/>

'Parent Tutor' Reading:

The PTR programme started this week which is fantastic. A big thanks to the volunteers! We are still looking for someone to fill the Tuesday spot. Please ring the office if you can help.



Junior Golf Sessions:

We are lucky to have Rhys Watkins, a Junior Golf co-ordinator from Manawatu, coming to school next week to hold some fun sessions as an introduction to golf. Each class will have a 45 minute session at their level with Rhys on Tuesday 19th March. The sessions are funded through KiwiSport and the Manawatu Wanganui Golf Association so free to all children.



With the rain over the weekend both games were cancelled, so hopefully we get some sunny weather and great matches this time! Thanks to all the those supporting from the sidelines - it's lovely to see!

DRAW:

Friday: Eke Cyclones vs Martinborough Eagles @ 5:30 pm - Masterton Park Sports Ground - 1A, Mstn
Saturday: Eke Tornadoes vs Red Star Renegades @ 9am - Queen Elizabeth Park - Jnr Grass Nth, Mstn

Nga mihi,
Melinda and the Eketahuna School Team



2019 Weekly Update

Room 1

We have had lovely week of learning this week. We have been enjoying some Te Reo sessions with Matua Warren and Whaea Evelyn. The children have been trying hard to use the Te Reo vocab. We have also enjoyed a visit from the Firemen who came to reinforce our learning about Firewise. Ask your children what they can tell you about this topic. Don't forget to return the forms for parent interviews. It will be great to tell you all about your child's learning.

Jo

Room 2

Room 2 has been learning our times tables lately in maths. Tomorrow we are going to host the assembly. Only some of us get to talk, but next time the other people will have a turn then. My favourite part about being in room 2 this year has been making the Kandinsky art and also playing fun games. I have been reading Clever Fox in class and now I have just finished it. I liked it because Mr Fox gave lots of food to his friends.

By Jehanne

Room 3

Hello all

We enjoyed our few weeks of learning to be Firewise, and our visit from the firefighters today. They gave us some homework too: check your smoke alarms at home and learn your address :)

We are looking forward to the swimming show-and-tell this week-hope to see lots of parents and caregivers there! In class we have been practising to be good readers-sounding out our words and learning to spell our sight words. Thanks for helping at home too.

In maths we have been practising our types of triangles, shapes, and dot pattern recognition. Please keep playing games at home and counting to 20 forwards and backwards.

Just a reminder to please make your appointment for the parent interview afternoons.

Enjoy the rest of the week.

Carol.

Room 5

There's a serious sense of satisfaction kicking into Room 5 realities at the moment... Perhaps the most engaging of all, have been the *lightbulb moments* around dear ol' Fractions, Decimals and Percentages! Making sense of it all has been managed in a manner that's more about financial matters than actual realities around decimals and percentages. After all, if \$1.00 (the decimal) is simply 1 whole dollar (the fraction) then 100% represents the full 100c of \$1.00. In seconds the majority of the class then nailed $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{5}$, $\frac{2}{5}$ & $\frac{3}{4}$!

What was even more of an eye-opener was noting the number of kids who wanted more maths, during their SDL (Student Directed Learning) time... In the mix, five classmates went off to the Bush swimming sports; Student inspired learning's been led by movie making Carmen & Co; as magazine making, Firewise insights, word attack work and questioning skills weave amidst all else, enroute! It's all go - and it's awesome! Cheers! Jo, Ingrid and Co...

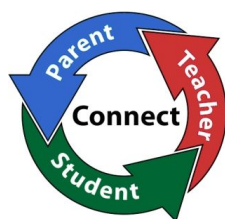
Room 6:

Hi everybody we have had an excellent week. Students have worked hard on their writing, producing pieces of work that have good content. The last 5 weeks we have been learning How To Write. Setting our goals, brainstorming, extending our sentences, writing paragraphs that are interesting and informative. Each piece that is published makes it way to the Writing Wall which in Room 6 is a big deal that we celebrate. For maths we are looking at negative and positive numbers. On Friday I had the opportunity to attend the Tracking and Trapping workshops with the students from Eketahuna School at Pukaha, Mount Bruce.

Our Team took part in a variety of different activities from setting traps to digging for insects. It was an outstanding day. Please remember to provide your child with equipment they need to start their day such as pens etc.

We have been learning about Firewise Safety this week. This has prompted many discussions on how to keep ourselves safe in a fire. Students have been looking at making a family safety meeting place, in case of a fire. If you have any concerns and wish to discuss anything with me, please make an appointment through the school office.

Have a great week. Roseanne



Parent - Teacher Meetings & Learning Discussions

In the Week 4 newsletter you would have received interview slips for the Parent Teacher Meetings on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th of April. Meetings on both days will start at 3.30 pm and go through until the last at 6:30 pm. These learning discussions are vital in forming a positive, collaborative relationship with parents and whanau, as research suggests that having strong, positive partnerships between home and school can lead to greater student outcomes. Extra forms are available or contact Denise in the office to organise times. We look forward to seeing you there!

Eketahuna JAB Rugby 2019

Thanks for coming to registrations! Parents (that haven't already) now need to fill out the online registration form for each child playing – this is a requirement from NZRFU.

If you missed registrations and would like to play, it's not too late!

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. Choose grade from U6, U8, U9, U10, U11, U13 (age as at 1st Jan 2018). 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. 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.

Thanks everyone! Please let me know if you have any problems.



First Practise

Wednesday 1st May 4.30pm

@ Eketahuna Rugby Grounds, Alfredton Road.

We are currently putting together teams and will let you know more details soon. Thank you to those that paid on registration day - if you have not paid (\$20 per child) please pay into the bank account number below including your child's name(s) as ref and let me know via email/facebook.

EKETAHUNA JAB RUGBY - BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER - 02-0724-0103953-00

Please make sure you have your own black shorts and Eketahuna black and yellow rugby socks for the start of the season. Let me know asap if you would like to order a club hoody (\$15). Socks can be purchased at Selby's in Pahiatua and Sterling Sports, Masterton.

JAB rugby trainings will start 4.30pm Wednesdays. Uniforms and mouthguards

distributed at training to all paid up players.

JAB Secretary : KirbyDuffy

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Facebook – Eketahuna JAB Rugby

Agenda for the Board Of Trustee's Meeting

The Agenda for the BOT meeting on the 28th March will close on Friday 22nd March at 9pm.

If you have any items you feel should be on the BOT agenda please contact Maree Redington (376 6843) before this time.

Any items for the BOT agenda will need to be accompanied by a written outline, so the BOT can prepare any information they need to constructively discuss these items.

CRICKET PRIZE GIVING

Cyclones and Tornadoes Teams

Monday 25th March

4:30pm

@

Eketahuna School

We are also going to have team photos so come dressed in team t-shirts and whites for the Tornadoes. T-shirts will be collected after the photos. If it is wet we will be in the school hall.

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 — Haggie Hole — Closest to the Pin — Prizes — Cash Bar —Refreshments— BBQ

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

Beeswax Wraps to be created in Room 5.



We are making beeswax wraps in our Discovery Time.

We are seeking donations of beeswax and scrap material please.