

# EKETAHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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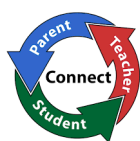
I attended the Tomorrows School Review report meeting in Masterton last week. The report covers eight key issues: Governance; Schooling Provision; Competition and Choice; Disability and Learning Support; Teaching; Leadership; Resourcing; and Central Government Agencies. It also recommends that New Zealand establish 20 'Education Hubs' to act as the middlemen between the Government and individual schools. The task force's report makes a number of other significant recommendations for changes to the current education system. For more information and a chance to have your say, go to: <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review/> . . . feedback is vital!

## Bush Swimming Sports

This year our students enjoyed a huge amount of success at Tararua Bush Swimming Sports, and showed skill and fantastic attitude throughout the event. There were 30 listed events - of those we had 21 students make it in to a final - we had 2 students in one final for some races! Of those finals we had 10 placings - lots to be very proud of! A HUGE thanks to Ryan and Lisa Seator for the training sessions, coaching and team management. Thanks also to all the parents and family members that supported the team with transport, time keeping and side line cheering at the competition. All your contributions are much appreciated. The awesome results are listed below:

### TARARUA BUSH SWIMMING RESULTS 2019

Event 1: Boys 12 - 13 100 SC Meter Freestyle: 2nd Jack Redington  
 Event 3: Boys 7 - 9 25 SC Meter Freestyle: 1st Paice Mitchell-Hopa  
 Event 5: Boys 10 - 11 25 SC Meter Freestyle: 3rd Lachie Redington  
 Event 7: Boys 12 - 13 25 SC Meter Freestyle: 2nd Jack Redington  
 Event 9: Boys 12 - 13 75 SC Meter IM: 1st Jack Redington  
 Event 10: Girls 12 - 13 75 SC Meter IM: 3rd Meila Mitchell-Hopa  
 Event 11: Boys 12 - 13 50 SC Meter Freestyle: 2nd Jack Redington  
 Event 17 Boys 12-13 25 SC Meter Breaststroke: 2nd Jack Redington  
 Event 21 Boys 10-11 25 SC Meter Butterfly: 3rd Lachie Redington  
 Event 25 Boys 7-9 25 SC Meter Backstroke: 1st Paice Mitchell-Hopa



## Learning Partnership Meetings - CHANGE OF DATE:

We will now be holding meetings on Tuesday 2nd April and Thursday 4th April. We sent out updated forms to book times for the days earlier in the week. Please complete the form and return it to school by tomorrow. You may also phone the office, speak with Denise, and book times. Our sincere apologies for the inconvenience this may cause.

## School Lockdown Practise:

In Week 9, on Monday 8th April, our students will practise what to do in a school lockdown. We will be doing this as part of our annual training programme. In light of the sad events last Friday it is good to go through this process and 'solidify' the procedure and action plan that the school has in place. The training will be supported by Senior Constable Maxine Walshe who has advised many local schools on their emergency programme and procedures. More information will follow with our newsletter next week. . .

## Measles Update:

Although there are currently no confirmed cases of measles in the MidCentral district, it is possible it could spread to the region, the DHB Medical Officer of Health says. There is a large and ongoing outbreak of measles in Christchurch, with 28 confirmed cases as at 14 March. Auckland and Dunedin have also reported confirmed measles cases. Schools have been asked to update parents and caregivers with information, which is enclosed with this newsletter.

## DIARY:

### March

Friday 22nd: Book Club orders due  
 Wednesday 27th: Eke Fire Service visit with truck  
 Thursday 28th: Board of Trustees Meeting

### April

Tuesday 2nd & Thursday 4th: Learning Discussions  
 Friday 5th : Netball forms & subs due  
 Thursday 11th: School Disco  
 Friday 12th: Last day of term

**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 our Deputy Leaders.

**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: Emmanuel McNamara  
Room 2: Ella Mitchell  
Room 3: Mack Duffy  
Room 5: Tommie Waiohu  
Room 6: Marshall Taylor

**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: Ariki Whone  
Room 2: Solomon Hotorini  
Room 3: Luke McNamara  
Room 5: Emma Drysdale  
Room 6: Ashton Pinnell

**Principal's Award:** Nathan Atkinson for all the help he has given in organising playground equipment - well done!

**Junior Swimming Show:**

It was wonderful to see so many attend the Junior swimming display last Thursday afternoon. Ryan and Lisa Seator put all the children through their paces and it was a great show of all the skills they have been teaching this summer. The increased level of confidence, improved capability in the water and all round excitement of the children getting in the pool daily is a testament to them and our amazing new heat pump and covers! We are very lucky!

**Tough Guy & Gal:**

Remember to get your entry form and money in to the school office as soon as you can for the Tough Guy & Girl Challenge in Palmerston North on Friday 2nd August. Thanks.

**Bush Junior Netball:**

We need all forms and money for subs to be back at the office by Friday 5th April. Also a reminder for those interested in trying out to bring along trainers each Thursday for lunch time skills practise & fun game with Ms Green.

**Lost Property:**

Once again we have a 'mountain' of lost property here at school. Please come into the office and have a look. Lots of towels, t-shirts, fleeces and hats. Thanks.

**School Golf Sessions:**

All our classes had a great time with Rhys Watkins from Sport Manawatu on Tuesday. Rhys took them through the basic skills and then facilitated practise. He was impressed with the level of ability and enthusiasm. The children are very keen for more - and Rooms 3, 5 and 6 have been invited to the Eketahuna Golf Club for a 'follow up' session! We are now looking at how we could organise this opportunity before the end of term. A big thanks also to Joan Smith and Francine Duffy who both spent the day supporting our young golfers!



Excellent games over the weeked with both teams putting in huge effort! Eke Cyclones had a great game, a win over Greytown 92-65. Players of the day were Gus M and Zarita. The Eke Tornadoes had a really close game, narrowly losing to Red Star. Red Star won by only 2 runs! Player of the day Lachie Redington. Well done everyone!

**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

## Weekly Update

**Room 1**

We have been busy this week with lots of fun activities. We had a super time at Golf on Tuesday and we are looking forward to the House team competitions which are starting on Friday. Next week we will be starting the topic Keeping Ourselves Safe, which will be delivered in conjunction with Constable Maxine. Today will be the last day of swimming so do you not need to send togs any more. The children seem to be extra hungry this week so please pack plenty of lunch into their lunchboxes.

Thanks Jo

**Room 2**

Room 2 has been learning about teeth this week. Miss Oakly has made a maths programme. You will see it in room 2s homework. We have been learning the sound 'ng' as in king. We have also been learning our 2, 5 and 10 time tables. Room 2 has done skipping for pe this week.

**By Spencer and Brent**

**Room 3**

This has been a busy week. We have had three butterflies hatch, played golf, practised teen numbers and worked hard to keep improving our reading. We have also had lots of box construction and painting-great to see the creativity of these Clever Creatures.

Next week's highlights include the visit of the Firetruck on Wednesday, bubble making, and a nature walk and art.

A heartfelt thanks to all who are diligently helping their children with their homework-remember the high value of that daily reading routine with your child.

Carol

**Room 5**

Kia Ora,

Room 5 have been super busy this week, learning lots of cool new things. Mrs Whitburn has introduced the class to code.org, which is a super coding website. "Epic" is a great reading app that the students are being signed up to. This will assist with exposing the students to a wide variety of texts and is a super way to keep the older students excited about reading.

We are very impressed with the eagerness of all of the students to be in the pool every day. Comments like "I know what breast stroke is now," and "I am so much more confident in the water." Yay!

Thanks to everyone who has signed up for an interview. It will be great to discuss your child/ren's learning with you.

Ingrid and Jo

**Room 6:**

Hi everyone. Thank you for a great week. Wednesday saw us having our first Golf Session with Reece. He taught us how to swing the arm from right to left and left to right, aiming the ball straight ahead. We learnt how to follow through with our individual swing, body, correct posture, feet and keeping our eye on the ball. It was a lot of fun. Students came away more confident and skilled in the game of golf.

We have started Bootcamp. Daily fitness to build up technique, breathing and stamina for running. We are learning how to run. Just a reminder that students need to be ready and organised for a 9.am start.

Have a great week.

Roseanne

**Leaders Report**

**Kia ora,**

Hope you all are having a good week.

This Friday the school will be playing a house competition.

Seniors will be playing Softball and the Juniors will be playing T-ball. The first games will start at 11:45. This will continue for the next two weeks. Parents are welcomed to come along to watch.

Hope to see you all there.

Enjoy the rest of your week.

**Stella and Maia.**

Date 21st March 2019

Term 1 Week 7

### **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

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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 — Haggle 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.**

# **TARARUA SQUASHCLUB**

### **Juniors... come and play squash!**

We have coaches ready for beginners, intermediates and experienced players.  
Several Days and times available and players will be matched up with their  
coaching sessions based on age and ability.

-You Must register! (First in first served)

Only \$30 for Term 2 - racquets and balls available for use

**We are having 1 Registration Day**

**Tuesday, 27th March**

**Between 3:30 and 5pm — after school, stay for a little or the whole time!**

**Ages 8 - 16**

The courts will be open so that the kids can have a hit, and parents can have  
a chat with the coordinators.

If you have already registered with us... come down any way—we'd love to see you!

If you can't make these days,

you can also like and register via our Facebook Page: **TararuaJuniorSquash**, or by text, or  
email.

**Kim 027 658 0350, Roseanne 021 023 85931**

**email [roseycormack@gmail.com](mailto:roseycormack@gmail.com)**

The Tararua Squash Courts are in Pahiatua in front of the Multi sport Stadium.

All registrations must be received by Friday 29th March

Please call or text for more information—or see you there!

## **SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER FOR CHRISTCHURCH**

**ON SALE TOMORROW**

**\$2:00**

**ORDER AT THE OFFICE**



**All proceeds will go to the Christchurch  
'Give a little' page.**