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Term 1 Week 10

EKETAHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

As Term 1 comes to an end, and we look back over a very busy ten weeks, it is amazing to reflect on all the great teaching and learning that has been going on, such as the daily swimming lessons, the house team sports, Firewise, and the daily engaging topics covered in each classroom, I can honestly say our kids have had a wonderful first term!

Golf Tournament Success:

We were extremely lucky with the weather on Sunday, and had the most amazing fundraiser at the Eketahuna Golf Club. We had a great turnout, and once again two fabulous school teams entered! A lot of effort goes into an event like this so a HUGE thank you to our Home and School Association for their organisation and the time spent on the day running it. Also, thanks to the Eketahuna Golf Club for allowing us to use their fantastic venue, thanks to the awesome sponsors that so generously donated money and prizes, and to our school community who attended and made the day so much fun. Your ongoing support of the school, and its students, is much appreciated!



House Team Competition

An awesome end to our House Competition last Friday. Congratulations to House Team Ma who won the senior competition - they won all their matches - and take on the teacher team tomorrow at 12pm. Come along and see some 'real skills' out on the diamond - 'bring it'!

Tee Ball Junior 1	Tee Ball Junior 2	Softball Senior 1	Softball Senior 2
Kakariki vs Kikorangi Kakariki won 93 / 85	Ma vs Whero Mai won 94 / 41	Whero vs Ma Ma won 21 / 10	Kikorangi vs Kakariki Kakariki won 22 / 15
Player of the Day: Aiden Rolfe	Player of the Day: Callum Gear	Player of the Day: Emma Drysdale	Player of the Day: Aurora Mitchell-Jensen

Hawaiian Theme Day:

In line with the Hawaiian themed disco's - we all dressed up today - even as Hawaiian pizza!!



Diary: April

Friday 12th April: Last day of term

Monday 29th April: Term 2 Starts

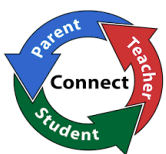
Wednesday 1st May: Room 6 Technology

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 Leaders.

<u>Class Awards – Star Student:</u> Given to a student by their teacher to acknowledge the great work done in class and related to learning throughout the week	<u>Caught Being Good Award – Duffy Book:</u> 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: Brooke Duffy Room 3: Callum Gear Room 5: Tommi Davis Room 6: Marshall Taylor	Room 1: Emmanuel McNamara Room 2: Cleo Davis Room 3: Braxton Carrington Room 5: Lachie Duffy Room 6: Heigh-Rose Newman

Principal's Award: Pounamu Roiri for huge improvement in Reading - awesome stuff!

**Parent Teacher Learning Discussions:**

I would like to say 'Thank you' to the whanau who attended our 'Parent - Teacher' meetings last week, and completed the community survey. These meetings are a wonderful opportunity for you to share with us about your child, discuss their learning and the aspirations you have for the year ahead. If you have not met your child's teacher for this year, please pop into school next term and make contact. The partnership between home and school is vital for the success of your child.

Lost Property:

There is a HUGE pile of clothes so please come into the office and have a look. We will be dropping it into the second hand shop at the end of term. Thanks.

**Scooter parts:**

Students are not to bring tools from home to modify their scooters or swap parts with other student's scooters. Please leave the tools at home and just come to school to scoot! Thanks you.

**Bugs Going Around:**

We've had a few bugs going around - sore throats and sore tummys. If your child is unwell keep them home & see a doctor if there is no improvement. Thanks

**Room 1 & Room 3 Shift:**

Just a reminder that we are getting our new entrant learning space created during the holidays with modifications to Room 3. Due to this we will be swapping Room 1 and Room 3 class equipment / furniture tomorrow and hope to have the rooms ready for the start of Term 2.

Lock down - Today:

We had our first lock down drill this morning and the children were super throughout the process. We will review the practise next term, make any adjustments and look to have another run through later in the term.

School Holiday Work:

As Maree Redington stated in her Board of Trustees report last week we have a few 'jobs' happening over the holidays. We have 10th Transport Company coming into school to work on our gardens at the front of school, the courtyard area and grass spaces by the dental clinic and large storage shed. There will over 30 soldiers here helping to create fantastic outdoor environments. We will also have the painters in doing the exterior maintenance and touch ups around our school buildings. Once completed they will move into the hall for the interior paint - very exciting to see it refreshed and ready for some further improvements we hope to make with the Home & Schools support.

**School Bus Phone Tree:**

We are looking to create a 'Bus Phone Tree' to notify parents when the buses are running late or if there is any other event that may cause the bus runs to be compromised or information to be passed on.. If your children are on a bus and you **do not** want your contact details listed on the phone tree please let Denise in the office know as soon as possible. Thank you.



School will resume next term on Monday the 29th of April. We hope you have a safe and happy holiday with family and friends.

Nga mihi,
Melinda and the Eketahuna School Team

2019 Weekly Update

Room 1

We had a lot of fun presenting assembly last week. I was very proud with the children's 'can do' attitude when speaking in front of the whole school, some initially thought they couldn't do it but everyone did a great job. We are excited to move into our new space for next term. This will mean we will have lots more room, and better access to the sandpit and the playground outside too. We will miss Room 2 who have been great at keeping an eye on us.

Next term the 4 year old club begins on Wednesday mornings from 9.15 - 10.30 am. This is where any 4 year old who is starting school that term can visit and get a taster of school life.

I am on the lookout for dress ups for my children. If you have any at home that you are willing to part with then we would welcome them.

Thank you for your continued support this term. Have a super holiday.

Jo

Room 2

It has been a great week in Room 2 as we wind down for the end of the term and get to enjoy doing some Easter art. We have had cut and paste bunny activity, easter egg decorating, bunny baskets, colouring comp and salt dough. Thanks for those of you who have supported your child with all the additional 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' homework sheets. If you have been into the class over the term you would have noticed the doors between Room 1 & 2 open. We are sad to farewell Room 1 as they head over to swap class spaces with Room 3, but we are excited to have Room 3 in the space. I am looking forward to working more closely with this bunch of children and Carol. The space between the classes is mainly used for student led art and this will continue on for next term. Have a great break and see you all next term.

Renee

Room 3

What a wonderful term I've enjoyed with your gorgeous children :) We have packed lots of learning and fun into our term and it has been so rewarding to see the childrens' social, emotional and academic growth.

We will be very busy with the disco, sport's game and moving classes the last two days of this term-so excitement is running high! Carolyn is doing some easter biscuits with the class today too.

We hope you have a wonderful and well-deserved break with your families these holidays :)

Busy planning lots of exciting things for next term-see you all again soon. We will be looking for donations of used tyres, wood planks and pallets next term please (for outdoor construction play).

Carol

Room 5

It is with sadness that I write this message to all the awesome parents and children at Eketahuna school. I have truly loved teaching here, with such amazing kids. It is farewell, but not goodbye for good, as I will be back to visit on my free Wednesdays.

The amazing Jo Gibson will continue to work on Mondays and Tuesdays and also every Wednesday starting next term. The awesome Barbara Whitburn will take over the Thursdays and Fridays. Both Barbara and Jo are extremely experienced teachers who are passionate about supporting and meeting the educational needs of your children.

Thank you for all your support and kindness over the past 9 months. I will miss you all. Have a happy and safe holiday. Ingrid (Queen Bee)

Room 6: We have been working really hard on our maths, reading and writing throughout the week. Maths we have been finishing up our work on special numbers with Operation Of Numbers which students have picked up really quickly. Reading we have integrated ANZAC Day throughout our sessions. As Authors, students have been working on their own writing content. Feel free to come in and view our writing wall. Well done leaders on your amazing organisation for our House Competition with Softball & T-ball and the junior and senior Disco. It was great to see the teams having fun together. We are looking forward to the final competition against the Teachers. We are looking forward to the final game. Hope to see you there. ANZAC DAY - Leaders will be representing our school at the Eketahuna Community Centre. Notices about this will be sent home. We look forward to seeing you there. Have a great holiday with your children. Beyonce

Disco Notice

Seniors see you all tonight,

Doors open at 6 O'clock

Once you are all in the Hall, thats is where you will stay until a Parent or Caregiver is at the door to pick you, NO ONE will be able to leave unless there is a Parent present to walk or drive you home.

See you tonight.

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SAUSAGE SIZZLE

ON SALE TOMORROW
\$2.00

ORDER AT THE OFFICE



ANZAC Day Commemorations:

We will once again be a part of the community commemoration of ANZAC Day. Students will have roles in the flag bearing entry, speeches in the hall and then the wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial.

We invite you all to come along to join with us as we remember those New Zealand soldiers who have fought and died for their country.



Term 1 Digital Literacy Holiday Programme – 8 years and older



Use Google Maps and QR codes to find amazing landmarks in
New Zealand and the World.
Limited devices available or bring your own.

Register now for this free holiday programme at:
Eketahuna Library 06 376 0219



Would you like to be a Brownie or a Pippin?

An experienced Brownie leader has moved to town and we would like to put her to good use next term. Brownies/Pippins would be meeting at our fabulous hall (bottom level of the turf pavilion) from 4.30pm until 6pm on Wednesday nights.

Cost is \$85 a term, which can be paid with a regular small automatic payment or by the term. You also need to buy a uniform shirt. GirlGuidingNZ provides a workbook and sash.

Friends of Pahiatua Guiding contributes to the cost of extra activities like trips and special events, so additional costs during the year are minimal. Parents/Caregivers do not have to attend committee meetings or fundraise. GirlGuiding NZ is a girl-led organisation with a mission to empower girls to take action and change their world. Being a Girl Guide is about; making friends, learning life skills, challenging yourself, building confidence, and doing activities outdoors.

If you are aged between 5 and 9 years and want to try being a Pippin or a Brownie in term 2, or have any questions contact Nanette 027 634 6896.

Tough Guy & Gal:



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

Registrations close soon.
Thanks.