

Thursday 2nd May 2019

Term 2 Week 1

EKETAHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou, welcome back to Term 2! We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable break and got to spend some time with family and friends. Lots has been happening here at school over the break - our learning environment is being developed, both inside and out, feel free to come along and have a look....

ANZAC Day:

An amazing morning in Eketahuna on our national day of remembrance as we commemorated those "who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations" and "the contribution and suffering of all those who have served". Wonderful to see the community out in force. Thank you to Mrs Morgan for the great art work and Ms Sayles for coordinating the amazing display of our students art in the hall. Also thank you to Maia Morrison, Stella Governor, Meila Mitchell - Hopa, Sam Willetts, Lily Croasdale and Kiara Potangaroa-Carter for their contributions to the service. Thanks also to all our students who attended the service and undertook the laying of the painted stones - you were all wonderful representatives of our school!



Road Race

The children started training for long distance running last term and were back into it on day one of school this term! The school event will take place on Friday 17th May. Eketahuna School will then host the Interschool Bush Road Race on Friday 24th May. We will be asking for volunteers to help with the events - more information will follow.

KidsCan Crazy Colour Run

This year we will be holding a 'fun run' on Friday 31st May, to raise money for the KidsCan. All the money raised will go toward keeping Kiwi kids safe! A booklet and parent letter are coming home today. There are lots of prizes for students to win and we will have House Teams competing in the first ever crazy colour fun run! The event will be held at school, followed by a sausage sizzle lunch - more information to come, but for now mark the date!!

Wonderful Work by the Army:



We were very lucky to have the 10th Transport Company from Linton Army Base at school over the holidays. The Company spent time redesigning our garden. Thanks also to Charlie Death, Denise & Stephen Drysdale, Carolyn & Bernard O'Neil, our teachers who helped with catering and all those who lent wheelbarrows. Huge thanks to Eketahuna Farm Services for the use of their Digger!



Diary:

May 7th: Home & School Meeting @ 7pm

May 10th: Lucky Book Club Orders Due

May 17th: School Road Race

May 23rd: Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6pm

May 21st: Year 8 to NYLD//19

May 24th: Interschool Bush Road Race

May 31st: KidsCan Crazy Colour Run

June 3rd: Queen's Birthday - No School

June 14th: Kapa Haka Festival - Pahiataua

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 Team 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: Rocco Burton-Foley Room 2: Jack Crawshaw Room 3: Kerrin Atkinson Room 5: Robert Boddington Room 6: Alice Bourke	Room 1: Noah Trass Room 2: Holly Spring Room 3: Lana Hanson Room 5: Romeo Cherry Room 6: Kris Highet

Principal's Award: Maia Morrison for services to school and Lucy Bourke for demonstrating kindness.

Leaders Conference

On the 21st May the Year 8 children and Ms Sayles will travel to Palmerston North for the Annual NYLD//19. This will be an exciting opportunity for our senior students to engage with other students across our region as well as hearing from keynote speakers in Leadership. Huge thanks to the Home & School Association who kindly subsidised the costs!

MUSIC TEACHER

We are very pleased to confirm that Jamie Fitzgerald is now able to take the lessons previously planned for last term. She hopes to start next sessions week. For more information:
jamejofitzgerald@gmail.com



CLASS IN LIBRARY

Work on class modifications have been delayed so we have set up the new entrants in the library. It is a great space - Joanna and her class are enjoying the change! We hope to be back to normal about Week 3 . . .



Eketahuna School Sports Uniform

Lots of sport this term, with many students in teams. Please remember that **ALL** students need to wear the correct sports uniform to play. Sports shirts are available at the office. Hockey players are also to wear black shorts. We want our teams to represent the school with pride and ensuring all players are in the correct uniform is essential.

NETBALL	INDOOR HOCKEY
Netball will start this afternoon and we have four teams entered. Eke Snr Grade A being coached by Joanna Green, Roseanne Sayles & Emma Hopa, Eke Int Grade B being coached by Emma Hopa, Eke Snr Kiwi being coached by Ngaio Hanson and Fun Ferns coached by Skye White.	The indoor hockey competition is starting tomorrow night and we have three teams entered. Eke 1 (Under 7) being coached by Letitia Atkinson, Eke 2 (Under 11) being coached by Jamie Governor and Eke 3 (Under 13) being coached by Maree Redington.
Eke Int Grade A vs Toki @ 3.40pm Eke Snr Grade B vs BYE Eke Jnr Grade SK vs Pahiataua Black @ 4.30pm Eke Fun Ferns @ 3.40pm	Eke 1 (U7) vs Pah 3 @ 3.45pm Eke 2 (U11) vs Pah 12 @ 5.00pm Eke 3 (U13) vs St Ants Purple @ 5.50pm <i>"Good luck everyone - you will make Eke proud!"</i>

Nga mihi,

Melinda and the Eketahuna School Team



2019 Weekly Update

Room 1

Welcome back after the holidays. The painters are still finishing off our new room so for the next 2 weeks we will be in the library. We have settled well into there this week. Visits from our 4 year olds have started, with Lexi, Renee and Toby visiting this term to prepare them for starting school. This terms Topic is Native New Zealand, in Maths we are starting with Symmetry, Number Knowledge and then lastly Measurement specifically - Height and Weight. We will continue to Write and Read about a range of topics. Cross Country training is happening and later we will try Hockey skills. As ever please contact me if you have any queries.

Thanks Jo

Room 3

We are enjoying our new class, and thanks to all the staff and children who helped so cheerfully! We are looking forward to having some **outdoor 'construction'** materials(wood planks/tyres/sools/rope etc). All donations welcome and can be delivered to rear of classroom please. Please remember to send **bookbags** daily, and to return math kits this week for updating.

We are learning about **Native New Zealand** this term-so children are invited to bring information/items that are relevant, for show and tell.

In writing we are focussing on **nouns** (naming words) and **adjectives** (describing words) at the moment.

In **math**-we are working on understanding the 4 operations (plus/minus/multiply/divide), time (hour and half hour), and following directions towards a destination.

Phonics next week is: **ie (lied/tie)**

Thanks to Skye for the donation of wood and tires-kids are loving it!

Room 6: Welcome back, I hope you have had a relaxing time over the holiday break with your children. It was great to see the students representing Eketahuna School at the community ANZAC DAY Celebrations. Students conducted themselves to a high standard, demonstrating respect for the purpose of the day. Thank you to the students who took part in the ceremony. Well done. **Reading** is our focus for Term 2. Students will be conducting a Reading Challenge throughout the Term. It is up to them to manage themselves by reading each night, filling in their reading log and returning it to school each day. **Technology** has started this week. Please remember the technology fees are due in. Each child is budgeted per student, per activity. \$35 per year is excellent value for money as they get to take home a product. **What's Coming Up? Jump Jam Competition** - Students will be trialing for selection into the Jump Jam Team to take part in a regional competition in June. The team will be announced on Friday at assembly. **Year 8 Leadership Conference** information and fact sheet will be sent home tomorrow. Please read and return to school ASAP. If you have any issues, concerns or would just like to come in and catch up for a chat just let me know. Have a great week. Beyonce

Room 2

This week we have been learning about native New Zealand. Yesterday Room 2 painted some of our native birds with Carol and used fern leaves to make patterns from. Today we have been learning about times tables with Miss Oakly. I hope everyone has has a growth mindset.

"Our favourite part about being in Room 2 is when we get to do hockey and do maths."

By Izzie and Heidi

It has been a smooth transition back into daily classroom life after the school holidays for all of us. Since the road race is only 2 weeks away and we are running every day please send your child to school with suitable shoes and some healthy food for 'brain food'. Renee

Room 5

Kia ora! Welcome to Term 2. I'm Barbara and I am very keen to be teaching in R5 on Thursdays and Fridays. I have taught for many years, at all year levels. Melinda and I did our teacher training together, and it is really lovely to work together after all these years. My husband, Paul Drysdale is from this neck of the woods, many of you may know him. We have two daughters, Amy (16) and Ella (8). Jo Gibson and I are both looking forward to working with the students this term. It's going to be a great one!

The topic for the term will be Native NZ. We have introduced student contracts this week, continuing to build the childrens' independence and ability to self manage their learning. These contracts integrate many areas of the curriculum (including literacy, mathematics, social sciences, current events, digital learning, PE). In PE we will be focusing on our fitness and running as we prepare for the biannual Road Race in Week 3.

As always, please feel free to make contact with either of us.

Leaders Report:

Kia ora everybody, welcome to Term 2. I hope you are well rested from your holidays.

Last term we had our exciting softball tournament. After 3 rounds we had our finalists. Ma played the teachers in the final and won by 7 - 3. Thank you to Mr Death for refereeing the game. It was great to see the parents and school support.

As from next week Room 6 will be selling toasted sandwiches and hot soup for \$3. Orders can be taken in Room 6.

Stella Governor

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

ON SALE TOMORROW



\$2.00

ORDER AT THE
OFFICE

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Agenda for the Board Of Trustee's Meeting

The Agenda for the BOT meeting on the 23rd May will close on
Friday 17th May 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

HOME & SCHOOL PIE FUNDRAISER



Orders to be in by Friday 17th May

Pies will be delivered to school on Wednesday 29th after 11am.

Thanks for your support!



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Eketahuna JAB Rugby

It was great to see everybody out at training last night.

Welcome to all the new faces.

UNIFORMS AND MOUTH GUARDS WILL GO OUT AT
TRAINING ON **WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY - 4.30PM**. PLEASE
ENSURE YOU ARE THERE (RAIN OR SHINE).

BOOT SWAP

There will be a Boot and Hoodie Swap at training on
Wednesday 8th May. Bring along any unwanted Boots and JAB
Hoodies. See you there!

COMPETITION STARTS - Saturday 11th May 2018

Your own black shorts and Eke socks required. Socks can be
purchased at Selbys, Pahiatua or Sterling sports, Masteron.

Register your child on Sporty - go to www.sporty.co.nz. Click on
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Complete this form and submit. Any problems, contact Kirby -
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A BIG THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEER COACHES THIS YEAR.
IT'S AN IMPORTANT JOB AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE
YOU TAKING IT ON.