

EKETAHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

We have had another fantastic week here at school with lots of quality teaching and learning with the some of the nicest autumn weather ever - a great chance to get in training for the upcoming Road Race. . . .

SCHOOL CHARTER & ACTION PLAN

Last week we sent out a summarised copy of the School Charter and Action Plan for 2019. The purpose of a charter is to set the direction for a school and identify the priorities the Board of Trustees expects the principal to be leading. The Education Act 1989 requires every school to complete a charter and a copy of the annual charter update to be sent to the Ministry of Education each year. The role of the board is to prepare and maintain the school charter. The charter is a key planning document that sets out the school's objectives and targets for the year, and establishes the mission, aims, objectives, directions and targets of the board that will give effect to the Government's National Education Guidelines and the Board's priorities.

The original School Charter and Annual Plan for 2019 can be accessed via the school web page or feel free to contact the office for a copy of the full document.

EKETAHUNA SCHOOL POETRY BOOK LAUNCH

Last year we very lucky to have the renowned poet Sam Dukor-Jones working with students here at school for two terms. The poems they produced were wonderful and have been compiled into a fantastic poetry book that has been published. This has been organised by the by the New Zealand Book Council who covered the cost of printing. The NZBC want copies and two copies for National Library legal deposit. There will also be copies for school! On Friday 7th June we will be holding a special assembly at 2pm to officially launch "Perfect Material" by Eketahuna School students! Sam will be attending and we hope to see lots of the community there as well!



NOTIFYING THE OFFICE WHEN CHILDREN ARE UNWELL

As we are coming into the winter months where we see coughs, colds and bugs increase, just a reminder that if your child is too unwell to attend school you need to notify the office EACH DAY they are at home to avoid them being recorded as truant. Further, after 3 days away from school due to poor health we will require a doctor's medical certificate for our school Enrol system.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION:

All of New Zealand's state and state-integrated schools have a board of trustees. The board of trustees is the Crown entity responsible for the governance, and the control of management of the school. Boards are responsible for setting the strategic direction in consultation with parents, staff and students, and ensuring that the school provides a safe environment and quality education for students. Standing for election for a board of trustees is a practical way of influencing the quality of your children's education. A truly successful school is reliant on a dynamic board - one that can create the kind of supportive learning environment that drives education achievement. Interested persons are invited to contact the Returning Officer, Jessie Willetts.

- Nominations are sought by our Returning Officer, Jessie Willetts, from our community and close at noon on the Friday 24th May 2019.
- If more than 4 candidates are nominated, voting papers will be sent to all parents/caregivers on the school roll soon after this date.
- Voting will close at noon on Friday 7th June 2019.
- Results counted by Thursday 13th June 2019.
- The new board takes office on Friday 14th June 2019.



DIARY:

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 6th: Snr Jump Jam Comp @ Wairarapa College

June 7th: Poetry Assembly & Book Launch

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at our last assembly. It is great seeing everyone at the school 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: Mareana Roiri Room 2: Addison Gear Room 3: Chelsea Spring Room 5: Nancy Duffy Room 6: Amy Lee Mikoz 	Room 1: Maisyn Parr Room 2: Brent Knight Room 3: Maclane King Room 5: Isla Dickson Room 6: Ella Mitchell 

Principal's Award: Scott Duffy for demonstrating kindness and reliability during the ANZAC Day parade.

KIDS CAN CRAZY FUN RUN UPDATE:

We're 3 weeks out from our KidsCan Crazy Fun-Run! We hope students have set up their online fundraising account! Don't leave it too late. To get started head over to kidscanfunrun.co.nz. Remember, money raised will be donated to the KidsCan to assist them in their efforts to help kiwi kids in need. KidsCan does an amazing job providing food, clothing, and basic healthcare needs to disadvantaged children across the country. If you're having any trouble setting up your fundraising online, please get in touch with the Fun-Run team on 0800 377 170. Thank you all for your efforts so far!



Tough Guy & Gal: Tomorrow is the last day to get your entry form and money in to the school office for the Tough Guy & Girl Challenge in Palmerston North on Friday 2nd August. Thanks. 	Cell Phones: Students are not permitted to have phones or devices of any description on them at school. If they do need to bring one they are to be handed into the office before school. Thanks very much. 	Sports Uniform: It was great to see the effort everyone had gone to in ensuring our students were in the correct uniform at our after school games last week. Sport shirts are still available at the office. 
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ROAD RACE - PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO POSTPONEMENT DATE AS PREVIOUSLY STATED

We have our Eketahuna School Road Race coming up on Friday 17th May. This date has been set by the Community of Learning (Kahui Ako), along with the interschool Tararua Bush Road Race we are now hosting. To ensure we run a great event we will need helpers for the days. If you can help please fill in the form sent home with the race information last Tuesday, or ring and speak with Denise in the office. Thank you.



SPORTS DRAWS

We had some awesome games played with great attitude last week and over the weekend. Below are the draws for tonight, tomorrow and the weekend. Good luck everyone!

NETBALL	INDOOR HOCKEY	RUGBY
Eke Fun Ferns @ 3.40pm Eke Jnr Grade SK vs Pah Red @ 4.30 Eke Snr Grade B vs St Ants Pulse @ 3.40 Eke Int Grade A vs Pahiatua @ 3.40	Eke 1 (U7) vs St Ants White @ 3.20 Eke 2 (U11) vs Pah 10 @ 4.40 Eke 3 (U13) vs Ballance @ 5.00	Eke Black (U6) Rippa vs Marist Lions @ 9.30 Eke Black (U6) Rippa vs East coast White 10 Eke Yellow (U6) Rippa vs Marist Tuataras 9.30 Eke Yellow (U6) Rippa vs Gladstone Black 10 Eke (U8) 1 st Yr Tackle vs Gladstone Yellow 10 Eke (U10) vs East Coast @ 9.30 Carterton 1b Eke (U13-East Coast) vs Marist @10.30 Wherama Field 2

Nga mihi,
Melinda and the Eketahuna School Team

Room 1

This week we have been particularly busy with the Lego and Duplo building and creating garages and homes. We have done some writing about the Maori God's, which we will follow with some artwork. We have been running hard training for the up and coming Road Race. We have been busy reading and are very much looking forward to moving into Room 1 which is nearly finished.

As usual if you have any concerns let me know.

Thanks

Jo

Room 2

This week we have been learning how our times tables and division are connected. We wrote some stories about Haast eagles and we painted a Haast eagle with Carol. Some of my favourite things about school are playing with my friends, running at lunch time in my running club and doing P.E. The sound we have been focusing on this week in phonics is 'wh' in whiff/whim/whack. Everyday we practise running for the road race and today I ran 6 laps of the field.

By Evan

Room 3

This week's news:

Maths: We have been working on time (reading hours and half-hours), making maps and following directions, and understanding the 4 operations.

Writing: In line with our term's theme of Native NZ, we have been writing about the different NZ creatures and especially enjoyed learning about the Haast eagle.

Reading: We have been practising a play this week! Watch this space!

Art: We measured the wingspan of the Haast eagle, drew the outline, painted and stuffed it. Great teamwork!

PE: We have been practising running: fast, slow, sideways, backwards....

Next week:

Phonics: OA as in boat/coat

Upcoming highlights: The Road Race next Friday!!!!

Room 5

We've gone global! Partnering up with three schools in three different parts of the world is all go. We've teamed up with Solway Primary's Y4-6 extension class, with a school in France and the USA. Letter writing's just gone to a whole new *authentic* level and the *Native NZ* work we're doing now has an international audience. Enroute, getting our head around life as a Global Citizen is beginning to unfold...

Algebra, mean, median, mode and range is stretching our Mathematician minds, along with the good ol' tables grid and squared numbers. With all else, classwork now falls within a *Study Contract* based programme. This allows us scope to self-manage and personalise our learning more - the underlying rationale is that it helps us encode information and retain it over time, a *lot* better.

With homework, we turned that inside-out and upside-down, big time! We 'flipped' it from 'getting it', to 'creating it'. We even kicked the word *homework* into touch. Now we've got a home-based, *extension programme*. Feedback and achievement is absolutely overwhelmingly positive! All up, we're trucking along nicely!

Room 6: Hi everyone I hope you have had a great week.

Maths: We are working on fractions with the aim to move onto decimals and percentages. We have 5 learning groups with one group working on a weekly math challenge. **Reading** sees us starting our reading challenge. Students are responsible for monitoring their individual reading and filling in their log at home. They are working through 12 challenges. During **Writing** sessions we are thinking about our audience and how we can engage them with the language they use.

Over the next week notices will be coming home regarding, Jump Jam, Leadership Conference (for year 8's), Technology, and information on Camp 2019. Please look out for them as they will contain important information. As always if you have any concerns feel free to

Leaders Report

Kia Ora koutou,

Hope you guys have had a good start to your term.

Next week on Friday is the school road race, we hope to see all the kids running there hardest to try and get into the interschool road race held here at Eketahuna School. For tomorrow we are selling toasted sandwiches.

Maia, Lily, Jack



Tararua College Open Evening

Tuesday 11th June

6pm

We are opening our doors and want to show you around.

Come to the TC Open Evening & hear about the great opportunities on offer at Tararua College.

Programme:

6pm: Principal's welcome

6.30pm: Student led tours of the school and interactive activities

8.00pm: Mix with student leaders and teachers over supper in the cafe

All welcome



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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

NB Pies will be delivered to school on Thursday 30th after 11am.

Thanks for your support!



NZEI PAID UNION MEETINGS & PROPOSED STRIKE DAY:

Last Monday, and again this afternoon, our teachers attended paid union meetings for all teachers covered by the Primary Teachers Collective Agreement and all principals covered by the Primary Principals Collective Agreement. These meetings were called as it's important for members to get an opportunity to come together collectively. At each meeting we are given the opportunity to vote on holding a strike day. Results will be confirmed on Monday 13th May. If the vote is YES to strike, the proposed day is Wednesday 29th May. All schools across the nation would remain closed for instruction on that day.

