

EKETAHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WHOLE DAY STRIKE ACTION - WEDNESDAY 29th MAY

Due to primary & secondary teaching staff going out on strike on Wednesday 29th May the school will be closed all day. There will be no student supervision available at the school and parents will be required to make alternative childcare arrangements. Our apologies for any inconvenience that this causes.

Tenā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

Another great week here at school with lots of awesome learning happening. Our classes are engaging places to be!

SCHOOL ROAD RACE TOMORROW

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the school Road Race tomorrow and have our fingers crossed for fine weather. Please ensure you have read the accompanying information sheet coming out with today's newsletter.

ROOM 3 MODIFICATIONS UPDATE

We are nearing completion with the building modifications to Room 3 and hope to see our new entrants move in late Week 4 or early Week 5. The space is just wonderful, and we are all excited at the prospect of the class being reopened!



ROOM 6 CARE PACKAGES FOR CHRISTCHURCH

After the tragedy in Christchurch, students in Room 6 wanted to support those children who were affected. Along with their teacher Ms Sayles, they took time to create amazing care packages that had an assortment of carefully chosen toys, games, books etc and were accompanied by a heartfelt card. Last term the packages were sent off to the South Island, and we heard this week they are to be distributed amongst children from the Al Noor Mosque. A very kind and caring gesture demonstrated by our seniors - and very much appreciated - well done!



STUDENTS 'OFF' THE BUS

Can we ask parents / caregivers of any bus students who are being taken off the afternoon buses to please let the office know **BEFORE 2:30pm**. Late 'ring ins' are hard to monitor and we want to avoid any miscommunication.



WEBSITE UPDATE

We are in the process of updating our school website. If you do not want photos of your child used can you please let Denise in the office know.

DIARY:

May 17th: School Road Race
May 17th: Home & School Pie Orders Due
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. There is no assembly tomorrow due to the whole school Road Race!

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: Noah Trass
Room 2:
Room 3: Campbell Mackisack
Room 5: Mollie Mackisack
Room 6; Ashton Pinnell

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: Braxton Duffy
Room 2:
Room 3: Mikey Hammond
Room 5: Angus Governor
Room 6: Lily Croasdale

Principal's Award: Marshall Anderson for being kind and responsible around the playground.

**PUBLISHED WRITER HARRISON MACKISACK**

Back in March, Harrison attended the great Hilux Rural Games in Palmerston North. While there, he interviewed an arborist (Josh) from Wellington who was competing in the tree climbing competition. The interview became a wonderful article which has been published in the 'Kids Conservation Club' magazine. The double spread has his piece, photos and comments on the day under the heading 'Tree Climbing Extraordinaires'. We think Harrison is an 'writer extraordinaire! Well done!

LOVELY KNITTED GIFTS FROM JO WOOD

Lucky new entrants had woolly hats and slippers kindly donated this week. Thanks!

**Music Lessons**

There are still spaces available. With Jamie Fitzgerald. If you would like keyboard, guitar, drum, bass, singing lessons or dance classes please contact her on phone number 0204 167 4021 or Email: jaimiefitzgerald@gmail.com - Get in quick!

**School Rubbish**

We have seen a huge reduction in rubbish at school. We are still actively encouraging children to put food 'wrappings' & packaging back in their lunch boxes once they have eaten at morning tea and lunch. Thanks for all your support - we are tidy kiwis!

**TRACKING & TRAPPING UPDATE**

Our Tracking and Trapping team (Harry, Scott, Sam, Harrison & M-Jay) have been kept busy monitoring their rodent traps. There is also an upcoming technology project day where they will get to make more weta hotels. Currently the team is looking at other enviro friendly activities to do around school and are researching a bug hotel to attract beneficial insects, a worm farm and a sustainable recycling system for our rubbish. We will keep you posted.....

NETBALL - THURSDAY	INDOOR HOCKEY - FRIDAY	RUGBY - SATURDAY
Eke Fun Ferns @ 3.40pm Eke Jnr Grade SK vs Wdv @ 4.30pm Eke Snr Grade B vs Pahiatua B @ 3.40pm Eke Int Grade A vs Woodville @ 3.40pm	Eke 1 (U7) vs Pah 3 @ 3.40pm Eke 2 (U11) vs Kumeroa 10 @ 4.40pm Eke 3 (U13) vs Pah 16 @ 5.40pm	Eke Black (U6) Rippa vs Marist Hammerheads @ 9.30am Eke Black (U6) Rippa vs Pioneer @ 10am Eke Yellow (U6) Rippa vs Gladstone Yellow @ 9.30am Eke Yellow (U6) Rippa vs East Coast Red @ 10am Eke (U8) Eketahuna vs Marist Jaguars @ 9.30am Eke (U8) vs Pioneer @ 10am Eke (U10) vs Featherston @ 9.30am Eke (U13-East Coast) vs MRS @ 10.30am Colombo Rd 2

Nga mihi,

Melinda and the Eketahuna School Team

Room 1

The carpet is now down in the new Room 1 and we are waiting with anticipation for the painters to come back and finish their jobs so we can move back in. This week we have enjoyed learning about Autumn and we have painted some fabulous pictures. We are excited about the road race on Friday and have been running daily to be ready for it. If you can come to watch it will be great to see you there. We are revisiting number knowledge for Maths practising counting forwards and backwards and saying the number before and the number after.

See you Friday.

Jo

Room 2

Ms Oakly has been unwell this week and we have had Mrs Morgan filling in - so this has been done by Johnny Dandy;

"This week I really enjoyed STEM. We had to use some equipment given to us by Ms Oakly to build a safe house for the 3 Little Pigs. The house had to be strong enough to stop the Big Bad Wolf blowing it away. Next week we have to bring our own equipment to make a boat that can carry pirates over water!"



STEM - Science Technology, Engineering & Maths

Room 3

This week's news:

Maths: We are still 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 are continuing to write about NZ flora/fauna.

Reading: We are still practising our play and working on recognising phonic patterns in our reading.

Art: We are working on symmetry this week.

PE: We have been practising running, and walking the course for the road race.

Next week:

Phonics: OE as in toe/doe

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

Room 5

Our Native NZ theme is going *in all directions* now, from the native plants we can eat, to those used as natural medicines. The nature of threats to NZ is becoming more apparent also, and how we can help, is an area we're about to explore more. What's being learnt about Native NZ is destined for France and the USA - and how that 'looks' is brilliant! The variety and creativity that's kicking in now, sees everything from French being learnt (by student choice), to quizzes and games being made. The nature of this work is turning into a full on inquiry-based reality, with reading, writing, research, maths, science, tech, design, construction and art evolving etc. All's much like what's coming forth from the student driven 'extension programme' being done at home, also... Top Job Ruma (Room) Rimu (5)!

Room 6: Hi everybody. We have had a very busy time.

Math - Equivalent Fractions have been worked on this week. **Reading** - We have been trialling the Learning APP Epic. Students are all logged in at school and it's encouraging to see everybody relaxing and reading before school starts. Students can connect onto Epic at home. The cost for this is \$7 which is excellent value for money as it has a large variety of books, videos, comics and reading material that children can access.

Writing - Students have been working on how to write an informative paragraph with the focus on topic sentences and linking their work.

The Year 8 Leadership Conference is to be held in Palmerston North this coming Tuesday. It is always an exciting day of inspirational speakers and fun.. Students come back eager and ready to share what inspired them.

Technology - Students are now learning to use a sewing machine and this week created their own bag.

Have a great week.

Beyonce Sayles

Leaders Report

Kia Ora Koutou,

Tomorrow we have the Road Race. We hope to see all the kids trying their best on the day.

This Tuesday the Year 8's are travelling to Palmerston North to go to the leaders conference at the Central Energy Trust Arena. We are really looking forward to the day as we will be listening to different inspired speakers throughout New Zealand.

Have a great week.

By Maia and Lily

Support us with the Sausage Sizzle on tomorrow:

SAUSAGE SIZZLE



**ON SALE
TOMORROW**

\$2.00

**ORDER AT THE
OFFICE**

HOME & SCHOOL PIE FUNDRAISER



Orders to be in by Friday 17th May

NB Pies will be delivered to school on Thursday 30th
after 9am.

Thanks for your support!

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*



Taranua 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 Taranua 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

EKETAHUNA JAB RUGBY 2019

**BIG SHOUT OUT TO PGG WRIGHTSONS WHO SPONSOR OUR HOODIES
WHICH MEANS WE CAN SUPPLY THEM TO YOU AT SUCH LOW COST.
PLEASE THANK AND SUPPORT PGG WRIGHTSONS FOR THEIR SUPPORT
OF US!!!**

*We couldn't have had a better start to rugby season, with the sun out for a great
morning of rugby down in the Wairarapa. Long may that continue!*

Results for Saturday 11th May:

Under 6: Eke Wasps – Game one: Wasps – 4, Marist Tuataras – 5 Game two:
Wasps – 5, Marist - 6

Player of Day: Luke McNamara

Eke Bumble Bees – Game one: Bees – 7, Marist Lions – 6 **Game two:** Bees 6 –
Marist Hammerheads – 6

Player of the day: Campbell Mackisack **Most Improved:** Brodie Braddick

Under 8: Game 1: Eke - 4, Carterton - 5. Game 2: Eke 4, Gladstone 1

Player of the Day: Connor Williamson **Best Tackler:** Evan Governor

Under 10: Eke – 15, East Coast - 2

Player of the Day: Johnny Fowler **Best Tackler:** Harry Monk

Under 13: Eke/East Coast – 13, Carterton - 57

Weekly practices – Wednesday's 4.30pm – 5.30pm - Eke grounds for U6, U8, U10s

*Please inform your coach if your child will not be at training and attempt to have
your child on time at each Saturday game, especially if your team is low on
numbers. If they cannot play, please let the coach know as far in advance as
possible. Thank you. Chairperson: Ben Johnston, (06) 3725730*

Secretary : Kirby Duffy lanceandkirby@inspire.net.nz

FACEBOOK PAGE Eketahuna JAB Rugby

FUN RUN UPDATE

Two weeks to go until our *School Fun-Run*. Hopefully students have been using their student
profile pages at schoolfundraising.co.nz to get the most out of the fundraiser.

Currently we have raised **\$2092.65**. Remember, the money raised will be going towards **Kids Can**.
We've set our money due back date as **31st May 2019**.

HOW TO ORDER YOUR PRIZE:

Between 31st May 2019 and 7th June 2019 simply visit schoolfundraising.co.nz and
create / log into your Profile Page. Then click on the 'ORDER PRIZES' button and follow the
prompts.

If you have any questions, please contact the *School Fun-Run* team on 0800 377 170 and they will
gladly assist!