

# EKETAHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

We hope everyone has a relaxing long weekend and a chance to enjoy catching up with family and friends - see you all next Tuesday!

## BUSES

We are noticing there are a few issues around the afternoon buses that we need to clarify. **All students who are not going to take the afternoon bus home require a parent or caregiver to contact the office either by telephone, text, email or a signed handwritten note.** Further, if your child is having a friend accompany them home, getting off somewhere different to the usual drop off or going on a different bus route you will also need to contact the school. Do not send a 'verbal message', via your child, as we need the information to come from you.

If your child is going to be taken off the afternoon bus lists please let the office know **BEFORE 2:30pm**. Further, **DO NOT** collect your child from the gate, while they are walking down in a bus line, if you have not notified the school prior to 2:30pm. We ask this to avoid miscommunication and to ensure all students get home safe. Late 'ring ins' are hard to monitor and we want to avoid any mix ups at the end of the school day. We are responsible for all children while at school and these guidelines are in place to ensure our students stay safe. If you have any questions or need further clarification please ring Denise in the office.

## ROAD RACE

Congratulations to our Road Race Team who took part in the Bush Interschool Road Race held at school last Friday. All of our students put in 100% effort and were excellent representatives of our school belief - "I can do it" - we are very proud of them all! A big 'thank you' to all those parents who helped on the day and also supported our students out on the course - really appreciate the team spirit! Students who placed in the top three:



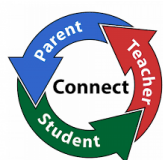
5 Year Old Girls	<b>Madison Rankin</b>	1st	7 Year Old Girls	<b>Brooke Duffy</b>	1st
6 Year Old Girls	<b>Bella Ifill</b>	3rd	10 Year Old Girls	<b>Kaia Aplin</b>	2nd
7 Year Old Boys	<b>Hunter Rankin</b>	2nd	12+ Year Old Boys	<b>Jack Redington</b>	1st

## NEW NETBALL UNIFORMS

Very excited to get a delivery on Tuesday of the brand new netball uniforms! A huge thank to the Nireaha Domain Board who kindly donated \$2,000 to enable their purchase. This community group continue to support the children of Eketahuna School and their generosity is very much appreciated. Thanks also to our Home & School Association for their financial input and Skye White for her work around ordering the uniforms. Our students will take to the courts with pride!



## REPORTING TO PARENTS IN WEEK 8



Last week you would have received interview slips for the Parent Teacher Meetings on the 18th and 20th of June. Meetings on both days will start at 3.15pm, be about 15 minutes long and held in our classrooms. These learning discussions enable our teachers to share your child's progress to date, discuss next steps for learning and how you can help support your child at home. The meeting will also be an opportunity for you to look at samples of work and talk through your child's 'mid year report'. Forming a positive, collaborative relationship with parents and whanau is very important to us and research suggests that having strong, positive partnerships between home and school can lead to greater student outcomes. So, please make sure you get your slip back to school as soon as possible.

### Diary:

May 31st: KidsCan Crazy Colour Run

June 3rd: Queen's Birthday - **No School**

June 4th: Year 7 & 8 Project Day @ Technology

June 6th: Snr Jump Jam Comp @ Wairarapa College

June 7th: Poetry Assembly & Book Launch

June 14th: Bush Cultural Festival

June 18th & 20th : Teacher /Parent Meetings

**DIGITAL CURRICULUM**

Education is changing. For many of us, where our children learn, what they learn and how they learn is very different from what we experienced at school. As our world keeps changing we need our young people to be confident, creative, connected and actively involved life-long learners. Our education system supports the development of values, knowledge and competencies, and sets them up to do well in the world. Digital technologies are also an important part of your child's world. Your child uses them to connect with each other, to learn new skills and pursue their interests further than has ever been possible. In 2018 a national "Digital Curriculum" was created, to be integrated into schools by

2020. Coming home today is some information about this and the process we are beginning here at Eketahuna School to ensure students have the opportunities and experiences to prepare them for the future.

**SUPPORT FOR TEACHER STRIKES**

We greatly appreciate the community support that we have received following the decision by teachers and principals to a nation wide strike yesterday. The decision to take further strike action was not taken lightly by any of us. For the first time, both primary and secondary teachers were striking together because the crisis in education hits us all very hard and we need the Government to understand how serious it is. Schools are grappling with the fallout of a 40% nosedive in the number of people training to be teachers between 2010 and 2016, even while the population grew by 400,000. There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs. The fact is that teaching is no longer considered an attractive profession due to long-term under-funding of the education sector. A significant funding jolt to support student need is only part of the solution, alongside significant improvements to our heavy workloads. Otherwise our schools will end up with larger class sizes and more teachers leaving. Thanks for again for your support - we do this to ensure a top quality education system for all children - we believe they deserve the best teaching and learning to prepare them for tomorrow's world!

**Lost Property**

Please make sure all clothing and equipment that comes to school is clearly named, to help us cut down on lost property! If you are in school please check out the bin which is overflowing! Thank you.

**Music Lessons**

If you would like piano lessons please contact:  
Stephanie Whyte Ph: 027 462 197  
Email: [tararupiano@gmail.com](mailto:tararupiano@gmail.com)  
If you would like keyboard, guitar, drum, bass or singing lessons please contact:  
Jamie Fitzgerald Ph: 0204 167 4021  
Email: [jamiefitzgerald@gmail.com](mailto:jamiefitzgerald@gmail.com)

**Unwell Children**

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 and after 3 days away from school, due to poor health, we will require a doctor's medical certificate for our school Enrol system. Thank you.

**ROOM 2 VISIT THE MARAE:**

Our Year 3 and 4 students had a wonderful time at Te Kohanga Whakawhaiti Marae in Pahiatua on Monday.....



**SPORT DRAWS:** Good luck to our netballers and hockey players - go Eketahuna!!!

NETBALL - THURSDAY	INDOOR HOCKEY - FRIDAY	RUGBY - SATURDAY
Eke Fun Ferns @ 3.40pm Eke Jnr Grade SK vs Pah Red @ 4.30pm Eke Snr Grade C vs Toki @ 3.40pm Eke Grade A vs Dannevirke @ 3.40pm	Eke 1 (U7) vs St Ants Red @ 3.40pm Eke 2 (U11) vs Pah 13 @ 5.40pm Eke 3 (U13) vs St Ants Orange @ 5.40pm	Eke Black (U6) Rippa vs No Rugby this Weekend Eke Black (U6) Rippa vs No Rugby this Weekend Eke Yellow (U6) Rippa vs No Rugby this Weekend Eke Yellow (U6) Rippa vs No Rugby this Weekend Eke (U8) Eketahuna vs No Rugby this Weekend Eke (U8) vs No Rugby this Weekend Eke (U10) vs No Rugby this Weekend Eke (U13-East Coast) vs No Rugby this Weekend

Nga mihi,  
Melinda and the Eketahuna School Team

## 2019 Weekly Update

**Room 1**

We are very much enjoying being in our lovely classroom. Room 1 is now finished and we have heaps of space to work in.

Fun Run on Friday. If children can wear their house colours on Friday as they take part in the fun run. They will need a change of clothes and a towel too. It is scheduled to take place at 11.30 until 12.30 pm. Please bring back the sponsorship booklets to the office.

Thank you for your support this week during the teachers strike. As the SENCO at Eketahuna School I am hoping that the government is able to provide more support to schools.

As ever please contact me with any queries.

Thanks Jo

**Room 2**

Room 2 had an awesome day at the Marae on Monday. It was a great experience for the children to be part of a powhiri, hear about some stories related to the buildings or people, and create some sketches/paper weaved mats. It was a nice and relaxing day in a different learning environment. Thank you Stevie, Lauren, Kirby, Rachel, Megan, Ngaio and Hannah for coming as parent helpers on the day. We are excited about the Fun Run on Friday and please send your child to school on the day with a change of clothes and a towel so they can get changed after the Fun Run, they will be getting wet!

The homework marae reflection is due on Friday.

Have a great week.

Renee

**Room 3: This week's news**

**Maths:** We are still practising reading time (reading hours and half-hours) and working on writing equations for the 4 operations (plus/minus/divide/multiply). Please practise telling the time at home too.

**Writing:** We have been focussing on making our stories interesting with adjectives, and word endings.

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

**PE:** Well done to those who qualified for this Friday's race!

**Next week:**

**Phonics:** OU as in found and house

**Upcoming highlights:** The FunRun this Friday-see note below

**Reminders:** Please remember bookbags daily!

**Please send your child to school on Friday with a change of clothes and a towel so they can get changed after the Fun Run, they will be getting wet!**

**Room 5**

This is the week that 'way back' in Term 1, the goal was to have learnt as many *times tables* as possible. There's been a stunning attempt by several students and as result the ease in which they're managing algebra and fractions is excellent! This week saw statistics dive into a very serious space, as each student developed *statistical investigations*.

We've teamed up with the Wairarapa Times-Age, with a Newspaper Competition! We're partnering with Room 6 and Room 2, in order to pull off the creation of an *Eketahuna School Newspaper*. In the process learning about vox pops (street polls), anchor stories and editorials is all go!

Congratulations to a large number of both Year 5 & 6's, as in how seriously they're running. The Road Race results were brilliant! Next up, is tomorrow's KidsCan Fun Run. Please send your child with a change of clothes and a towel, to change afterwards - they will be getting wet.

**Room 6:** Hi everyone another great week in the senior class. We sadly farewelled Nadia who with her family are moving to Hamilton. We wish her all the best for the next stage of her learning. **Fun Run:** Please send your child with a change of clothing and towel for Friday's Fun Run.

**Jump Jam:** Our crew has been practising extremely hard and are performing the routine to a very high standard. Next week we will be performing at the regional Jump Jam Competition in Masterton.

**Technology:** We will be attending technology for project week next Tuesday. This is a great opportunity to work on different projects.

**Tararua College:** Room 6 was very excited about Tararua College coming to talk to us. It was great to see previous students from Eketahuna School and see how they have embraced college life.

**Camp Countdown - 20 weeks to go.** Did you know that Green Pastures Camp Site has its very own lake? Students are given the opportunity to learn Life Saving Skills, Raft Making and Kayaking. Look out for the Permission Slip and Health Information Sheet. Have a great week.

Roseanne

**The Leadership Lounge**

There is growing research demonstrating that students perform better academically, socially, and emotionally when they are meaningfully engaged and contributing to the world around them. Student leadership is fundamental in positively making such an impact with and for others. To kick this off, there's now an official 'Leadership Club' at Eketahuna School, in Room 5: Tuesday's 12.30pm-1.00pm. A team of Year 5-6's have been getting a feel for this - and of next week, we'll broaden our invite...

**Report on Tararua College visit to School:**

*The college students talked to us about all the different opportunities they have to offer. Hearing about all the different classes and team competitions has given us a reason to go to Tararua College. They told us about how you don't just do learning in school, but sometimes go to UCOL and study different jobs etc. Tararua College is also like a family as they look out for you and help you inside and outside of class.*

**Reminder:**

*Tararua College Open day is on the 11th of June at 6pm.*

*By Haleigh-Rose & Jesse*



## EKETAHUNA JAB RUGBY 2019

### Results for Saturday 24th May:

**Under 6:** Eke Wasps (Yellow) – Game one: Wasps – 4, Red Star – 5 Game two: Wasps – 7, Marist – 5

**Player of Day:** Braxton Carrington **Most Improved:** Hadley McKay

Eke Bumble Bees (Black) – Two great games, scores unrecorded.

**Player of the day:** Braxton Duffy **Most Improved:** Nikau Bidios

**Under 8:** Game 1: Eke – 2, Carterton – 10. Game 2: Eke – 4, Masterton Redstar – 3

**Player of the Day:** Lachie Duffy **Most Improved:** Nevaeh Carrington

**Under 10:** Eke – 13, Gladstone – 6

**Player of the Day:** Eden Neioti **Best Tackler:** Lachie Redington

**No rugby this weekend – 1<sup>st</sup> June. Enjoy a weekend off!**

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



### 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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**Friday 31st May**  
**11.30 - 12.30**  
**School Field**

All Students will take part in our first ever **FUN RUN** to support KidsCan.

This will be a fun morning of running and physical activities.

Children will be competing in their house colours to support their teams.

**Please send your child to school on Friday with a change of clothes and a towel so they can get changed after the Fun Run, they will be getting wet!**

We look forward to seeing you there.

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE



**ON SALE TOMORROW**

**\$2.00**

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