

EKETAHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

A short week but we HAVE managed to pack it full of learning!

EXCITED NEW ENTRANTS

Our junior class has moved into their modified room and are very excited. The new learning space is ideally suited to 'Play Based Learning'. Learning through play is a pedagogical approach where play is the valued mode of



learning – where children can explore, experiment, discover, and solve problems in imaginative and playful ways. Learning through play is distinct from the broader concept of play. Learning is not necessary for an activity to be perceived as play, but learning is fundamental to learning through play.

Learning through play can help schools realise the vision of *The New Zealand Curriculum* to develop confident, connected, actively involved, lifelong learners. We plan to have an informative parent evening next term where 'Play Based' and 'Project Based' Learning can be unpacked for our community.



CIRCLE TIME

In Week 4 all teaching staff attended a workshop outlining 'Circle Time'. We are now beginning to deliver this new programme in all classes.

'Circle Time' is a structured framework for group interaction. It can be used in many different ways, but within a classroom, and school setting, it is focused on developing:

- self awareness, knowledge and skills
- knowledge and understanding of others
- a sense of belonging and connectedness
- a focus on the positive
- on increased emotional resources and well-being
- collaborative decision making, conflict resolution and problem-solving

Circle Time takes place *at least once a week* for approximately 30 minutes, depending on the age of the children. There is a clear format in which students and teachers take part in a wide range of individual, paired, small group and whole class activities. Many activities are presented as games and participants are mixed up so that everyone interacts with everyone else. The sessions are run with three rules based on the principles of respect, safety and inclusion. This programme is linked to our Charter Goal - "We will have a positive, collaborative, inclusive and culturally responsive school culture that develops active learners".



TARARUA TEACHER MEETING

Tararua Community of Learning (Kahui Ako) are providing workshops for all teachers on **Wednesday 12th June** around 'Assessment Learning'. The meeting is at Kumeroa School. The workshop starts at 3pm so teachers will leave at 2:15pm on that day. Other schools are closing at that time but we've organised supervision of students so they can remain at school. Buses will run at their usual time. All parents are welcome to collect their children from 2:15pm if they wish.



JUMP JAM COMPETITION

Senior students from Room 6 will be competing in the first time/novice section at the Strictly Jump Jam Local competition tonight. The evening starts at 7 pm at Wairarapa College, with our troupe taking to the stage at 8pm. Lots of hard work has gone into practises and we wish Ms Sayles and the team all the very best - Eketahuna rocks!!

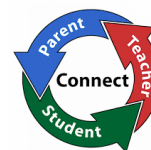
Diary:

June 6th: Snr Jump Jam Comp @ Wairarapa College
June 7th: Poetry Assembly & Book Launch
June 13th: Tararua Bush Teacher Meeting

June 14th: Bush Cultural Festival
June 14th: Book Club Orders Due
June 18th & 20th : Teacher / Parent Meetings
June 26th: BOT Meeting, Staffroom 6pm

Learning Partnership Meetings:

This term we are holding meetings to discuss student's mid year reports. You would have received slips for meetings on the 18th & 20th of June. Meetings on both days will start at 3.15pm and finish at 6:30pm. As these meetings now form part of the reporting schedule for our students we hope to have 100% attendance. Make sure you book times at the office. We're looking forward to seeing you!



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.



A Board of Trustees Position:

If you would like to become involved in representing and serving our school - helping us to achieve the goals of our charter by monitoring student learning, well being, achievement and progress then please talk to one of our board trustees or Denise at the office, or come along to our next meeting on the 26th June.



School Rubbish:

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. We have seen a huge reduction in rubbish here at school. Thank you!



NEW MANAWATU HIGHWAY PRESENTATION

Last week we had a visit from Aimee Hickland and her team of communication advisors from the NZ Transport Agency. They were here to give a presentation to our Year 3 - 8 students on the proposed Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatu Tararua Highway. This is the preferred option for a new State Highway 3 route to connect the Manawatu, Tararua District, Hawke's Bay and northern Wairarapa, to replace the closed SH3 Manawatu Gorge route. They were visiting some of the local schools to tell them about what's happening around the project and give students and staff an opportunity to ask any questions they may have. Lucky Harry Dickson and Stella Governor won 'spot prizes' at the presentation!



POETRY BOOK LAUNCH ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

Our assembly tomorrow at 2:10pm will be celebrating the book launch of our 'Perfect Material' poetry anthology which students from Year 4 to Year 8 contributed to last year, while working with Sam Dukor-Jones. There are some important developmental benefits of poetry for children. Poetry helps in language development, creative language skills, creativity, writing skills, self-expression, and in the development of natural rhythms. Come along and join with us as we enjoy some of the amazing poems read by our children, hear from Sam Dukor-Jones who facilitated the process, and officially launch the Eketahuna School poetry book!

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS FROM TERM 1

We have analysed the data collected at the Parent Teacher meetings last term which looked at 'School Culture & Communication', Teaching & Learning', Health & Wellbeing, along with Reporting to Parents. Lots to celebrate as we compare this years feedback with that from last year. Also good information to guide us as we establish a new reporting to parents system, Thanks to all those who contributed. A copy of the analysed survey is attached.

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 Woodville @ 4.30pm Eke Snr Grade C vs Pah Stars @ 3.40pm Eke Grade A vs Toki @ 3.40pm	Eke 1 (U7) vs Pah 2 @ 3.40pm Eke 2 (U11) vs Pah 11 @ 4.40pm Eke 3 (U13) vs Pah 14 @ 5.00pm	Eke Black (U6) Rippa vs Pioneer Blue @ 9.30 Eke Black (U6) Rippa vs Gladstone Yellow @ 10am Eke Yellow (U6) Rippa vs Pioneer @ 9.30am Eke Yellow (U6) Rippa vs MRS @ 10am Eke (U8) vs Gladstone Yellow @ 9.30am Eke (U8) vs Marist Jaquars @ 10am Eke (U10) vs Martinborough/Greytown @ 9.30am Eke (U13-East Coast) vs Carterton @ 6.45pm FRIDAY

Nga mihi,
Melinda and the Eketahuna School Team

2019 Weekly Update

Room 1

We continue to have fun in our new room. We have been using Maori Legends to learn about New Zealand. This week we read The Battle of the Mountains and looked where the mountains were on the New Zealand map. I am looking for donations of boxes, any thing from lunches or supermarket packets for the children to use in construction. Please send them in to Room 1. Please make an appointment for the Parent Interviews so I can share with you how your child is going at school and show you their work. This is always one of my favourite parts of my job. Any questions please contact me. Thanks Jo

Room 3

Hoping to see as many parents as possible for the parent interviews :) It is in your child's best interests if we are all on the same page, and can set shared goals for him/her, and I really value your support. We are continuing to learn about NZ history this week, and doing map-making activities and art relating to that theme. We have received further donations of pallets and the children are still enjoying the outdoor creative play whenever the rain stops! We have had to postpone our clay art but are looking forward to doing this next week-we are going to make a tile with a NZ bird. Ali Mackisack kindly came into class and helped us write a letter to a local business to request a donation of a larger 'spool' for our outdoor play. Many thanks. There are still some parents who have not yet joined Class Dojo-this is a great platform to share class news :)

Room 6: Hi everyone. We have had a very busy few days this week. Technology on Tuesday was a 'Project Day'. Students made Wooden Games and Sewed Fleece Hats. Children worked well on their designs and creations.

Eketahuna Rebal's: Jump Jammers have been working extremely hard at practises. They have masked the routine really well with good timing, rhythm and technique. Our final practise was held today in front of the school to an enthusiastic audience. They are performing tonight in Masterton. Good Luck Team!!!!

Camp 2019: the countdown has begun! 19 weeks to go!! Did you know that Green Pastures Camp Site has a 'Mud Run'. On arrival all students will be taking part in the run as an initiation into camp week!!! Have a great week. Room 6

Room 2

This week we welcome a new student, Joe, to our class. He has come from Taranaki and has an elder brother in room 5. We are delighted to you join our class Joe! We have just completed some really neat 'autumn' art where the children practised blending colours to create a sunset. No Homework this week, as Mrs Morgan has been in for two days running a Stem based programme and of course we celebrated the Queen's birthday. Renee

Room 5

We welcomed two new students to our class this week: Julian from Taranaki, and Blake from Martinborough - taking our class now, to a cosy team of 33 seriously studious students!

With interviews next week, we're psyching ourselves up to show you the work we've been doing. So, please - do book in to come. They're Tuesday and Thursday night - not next but the week after... You'll get to see our class, that work we're doing and also meet our new Thursday/Friday teacher!

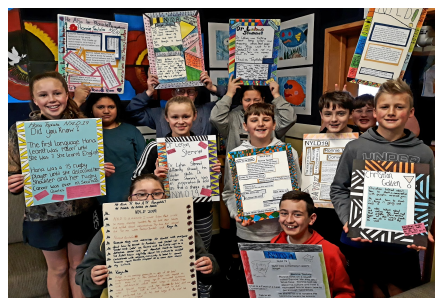
Learning how to engage an audience is constantly a huge part of what we do... Creating work 'for the teacher' is not what we're on about. Writing for 'a reader', presenting work for 'an audience' - or talking 'to listener' is the depth we're now adding to our work. Ask your child about the 'Traffic Light Rule' for example - it's something cool for all of us...!

All up though - a busy week, with Kapa haka work dominating alongside extra depth to how we 'manage ourselves'.

Leadership Lounge

The team of Y5-6 students getting their head around what being a leader involves, are proving to be hugely engaged in this whole idea! There's a two-fold reality emerging with this. Insights that are presented to them, coupled with scope for them to lead some 'thinking' and 'design' as to what evolves. One's seriously fired up about running a Chess Club - with a tournament; another's mooting the idea of having a 'Green Team' to take recycling and more, to another level... All's in talk mode at the moment and seriously good fun!

Room 6 Year 8 - NYLD 2019 Posters





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 26th June will close on Friday 12th June 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



The Home & School would like to say thank-you to all the families that supported the sausage sizzle on the day of the Inter School Road Race.
Also a big thank-you to those that supplied baking.

