

# EKETAHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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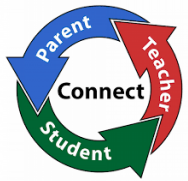
## SUCCESS AT THE REGIONAL JUMP JAM COMPETITION



An absolutely stunning performance, from a seriously focused team last Thursday evening! The team **WON 3rd PLACE** and also gained certificate Merits for Technical Execution and Presentation, along with an Excellence for Sportsmanship! They were all amazing ambassadors for Eketahuna School - gutsy determination, coaching, diligence and fantastic attitude all paid off! A huge thank you to the massive turnout of staff and supporting family members - really appreciated by the team! Congratulations to Charlie King, Sam Willetts, Lily Croasdale, Kiara Potangaroa-Carter, Lilly Perkovic, India Burton-Foley, Melia Mitchell-Hopa, Jack Redington, Davey Shannon, Harrison Mackisack, Stella Governor, Alice Bourke, Maia Morrison and M-Jay Carrington, and Ms Sayles!



## LEARNING PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS:



Next week 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. Teachers will be talking you through her new report format, identifying next steps in learning and giving tips on how you can support your children at home. Refreshments will be available in the staff room and the library open for children to enjoy while meetings take place. Make sure you book times at the office. We are looking forward to seeing you all there!



## PERFECT MATERIAL BOOK LAUNCH

Our poetry book "Perfect Material" was officially launched last Friday. We had Trudy Sears here from REAP who spoke on behalf of the NZ Book Council and Ministry of Education. We are all thrilled with the anthology. We had wonderful poems read by the children and over 90 students who were published got to take a copy home - what a very special, and amazing keepsake to treasure!



Scott Duffy's art is the cover!

## BEHAVIOUR ON SCHOOL BUSES

The school expects a high standard of behaviour on the buses and for parents to support us with this. The buses are an extension of the school and we want all students to be safe while going to, and from school. Joanna Green is our Bus Controller. Coming home, with bus students, is a copy of the current school 'Bus Behaviour Procedure' from our Health & Safety NAGs. Please look it over - thank you.



## CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Senior students will be at the Tararua Bush Cultural Festival tomorrow. Students need at school by 8:30am to catch the bus up to Pahiatua. The day starts with a powhiri at 10am, followed by morning tea. Lunch is at 11:40am. All students have been asked to bring along food and drink. The group is performing at 12:50pm and should be back sometime after 1:30pm.

### Diary:

June 14th: Bush Cultural Festival  
June 14th: Book Club Orders Due  
June 18th & 20th: Teacher / Parent Meetings  
June 21st: Room 2 School Celebration Assembly

June 26th: BOT Meeting, Staffroom 6pm  
June 28th: Room 3 School Celebration Assembly  
July 5th: Eketahuna Support Staff Day - Wear Black and/or White  
July 5th: Room 1 School Celebration Assembly  
July 5th: Last Day of School

**HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION UPDATE**

Our awesome Home & School Association met last night. The group are now working on upgrading the hall! They are investigating heating options, display boards and sound systems. It will be a fantastic multi purpose learning space!! The next meeting is in the school staff room at 7.00pm on Tuesday 23rd July. Come along, support our school, share your great ideas, and enjoy a 'cuppa' & delicious piece of cake'!

**YEAR 7 & 8 CAMP AT GREEN PASTURES IN WHANGANUI IN TERM 4**

The camp is situated within 10 minutes drive of Wanganui on a tar sealed road leading to the spectacular Mowhanau beach. The camp has its own private lake so several of the activities are based around the water. Activities include canoeing, a water slide, a mud run, orienteering and an air rifle range! Information has gone out to families, with more to come. Please make sure you are aware of the camp cost and able to make payments. The camp's been subsidised by school and we want ALL students to enjoy!

**SUPPORT STAFF DAY - WEAR BLACK & WHITE**

We have an amazing team of support staff at Eketahuna School and on Friday, 5th July, we will be acknowledging all they do here to ensure things run smoothly and all students are supported! To show our appreciation we ask all students to **please wear black and/or white clothing**. This ties in with the National theme & will let them know how fabulous we think they are!

**POLICIES & PROCEDURES ON 'SCHOOL DOCS'**

We are currently in the process of moving all the policies and procedures for school operations to 'School Docs', an online service. Reassuring is the robust policies and procedures are created with expert input and wide audience review. All documentation will be held in one place and be accessible to the whole school community. Further, a unique review system allows board members, staff and parents to comment on policies and procedures online during the review process. The community will now have an easy way to view, contribute and shape school policy. Part of the work we are doing involves some updating so there may be forms coming home to read, some to sign, and some to keep. Your support and help in getting this done is much appreciated.

**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.

**Head Lice**

We've had a few cases of headlice so please check all family members carefully. If you require any further information or support in dealing with this issue please contact the school. Thanks.

**Teachers Meeting**

Our teachers went to their Kahui Ako professional development meeting yesterday at Kumeroa. Great opportunity to connect with local educators and discuss 'formative assessment' and student needs.

**'Small Sticks' Hockey Programme Back**

The Small Sticks programme is a school based hockey programme, which develops each child's basic fundamental skills whilst introducing the sports specific skills in the appropriate setting and with the Hockey NZ recommended game format. We have accredited coach Jess Collins will be returning to take four x 30 minute sessions for each class today which was fantastic. It will be great to build on the skills the children learned last year!



**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 3.30 - 4.30 Irene van Dyk Eke Snr Grade C vs St Ants Magic @ 3.40 Eke Grade A vs Pahiatua A @ 3.40	Eke 1 (U7) vs St Ants White @ 3.40 Eke 2 (U11) vs St Ants Purple @ 5pm Eke 3 (U13) vs Pah 15 @ 5.20	Eke Black (U6) Rippa vs Marist Hammerheads @ 9.30 am Eke Black (U6) Rippa vs Pioneer @ 10am Eke Yellow (U6) Rippa vs Gladstone Yellow @ 9.30 Eke Yellow (U6) Rippa vs Marist Lions @ 10am Eke (U8) vs Marist Jaguars @ 9.30am Eke (U8) vs Pioneer @ 10am Eke (U10) vs Martinborough/Greytown @ BYE Eke (U13-East Coast) vs MRS @ 10.30am

Nga mihi,  
Melinda and the Eketahuna School Team

## 2019 Weekly Update

**Room 1**

We have started our learning this week about Matariki, celebrating the Maori New Year. We made Manu-tukutuku, kites which are used as part of the celebration. I am looking forward to seeing you next week at the Learning Discussions. If you have not made an appointment please do so, so I can chat to you about your child's learning.

**Any questions please contact me. Thanks Jo**

**Room 2**

This week we are learning how to plan and organise our ideas for writing. Miss Oakly has been doing plans for us to see as an example. We have also been doing circle time with Deena and Miss Oakly. In maths we have been doing our basic fact sheets. Miss Oakly showed us a short movie about how bad things can turn into good things. We have been doing skipping. We have a lot of plans.

**By Keira**

**Room 3**

We have been fortunate, this term, to have the help of Jenny, a literacy expert from Palmerston. She is helping us further develop our letter and word knowledge, and our story writing.

The boys have been doing some amazing 'farm building' and their constructions grow daily! Great to see the collaborative social skills being refined through this play-based learning.

Next week's plans include some Matariki baking and winter art.

Look forward to meeting with parents next week :)

**Carol**

**Room 5**

With the middle of our year together coming up fast, we've been reflecting on what we've been learning, why it's been learnt and what our next steps are. We've got samples of work ready for you, parents...for the interviews next week with progress we'd love to show you. So please, if you've yet to book in, do so - it'll also be a chance to meet our new team-teaching teacher Mrs Whitburn.

Tomorrow we're off to the Cultural Festival. Can all the boys who have black shorts at home please bring them - and girls, hair a bun is needed. All other items required are provided by the school (though see the \*note below also).

Aside from this, can as many examples of the 'extension programme' being done at home, please come to school on Tuesday & Wednesday next week. If it's impossible to send due to its size or fragility for example, please send photos to [jgibson@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:jgibson@eketahuna.school.nz) or print and send in.

Many thanks! Jo & Barb.

**Room 6:** Hi everyone. Once again Room 6 has had a very busy week with lots of different events happening. **Congratulations** to our Jump Jam Team - Eketahuna Rebels who have worked very hard on their routine, timing and technique. It was an exciting moment when they got to meet Brett Fairweather the guru of Jump Jam and compete in the competition. As a teacher you get many Teacher Moments that can bring a tear to the eye. Well for me one such Teacher Moment occurred last Thursday watching our troupe perform!!!! THEY WERE OUTSTANDING.

**Kapa Haka** has been going well and we held our final full dress rehearsal today. The team looks amazing in their costumes. They are performing at the Cultural Festival Tomorrow. Good luck team.

**7 Aside Tournament:** Information has gone home regarding the annual 7 aside sports tournament. Please discuss with your child their choice of sport for the day.

**Camp:** Information, permission and a health form has gone home. Please read, fill in and return to school. Students are excited about attending Camp 2019. Did you know that Whanganui is situated alongside a river where you can fish, canoe, ride an old fashioned steam boat. If you have any questions or concerns regarding camp please email.

**Learning Discussions:** I am looking forward to meeting everyone next week. If I have not met with you this year I will be making phones home to set up an appointment.

Have a great week.

Roseanne

## SENIOR KAPA HAKA STUDENTS

ALL STUDENTS PERFORMING AT THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL  
TOMORROW WILL NEED TO WEAR THE EKETAHUNA SCHOOL  
SPORTS SHIRT AND FLEECE.

WE WILL WEAR THESE AT THE POWHIRI WHICH WE ARE  
LEADING AS THE HOST SCHOOL. THOSE WHO DO NOT  
CURRENTLY HAVE THESE ITEMS PLEASE CONTACT  
MS SAYLES OR MS WHITBURN.

THANK YOU.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

Did you know that if you live from the Ruamahanga River to Eketahuna then Pukaha National Wildlife Centre may be your nearest civil defence centre in an emergency?

Pukaha and Tararua District Council will be hosting a neighbours get together to talk about getting disaster prepared on:

Thursday July 4th  
2pm - 3pm

Please stop by for coffee and biscuits, and the chance to discuss what we will do in the event of an emergency.

To RSVP, contact [events@pukaha.org.nz](mailto:events@pukaha.org.nz)



### MAKE A PLAN

**Thursday 4th July**  
**2pm - 3pm**

### PREPARE FOR A DISASTER NEIGHBOURS GET TOGETHER

Tararua District Council Civil Defence  
Talk at Pukaha National Wildlife Centre;  
85379 Statehighway 2  
Mount Bruce

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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*