

# EKETAHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

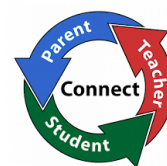


## TARARUA BUSH CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Our senior Kapa Haka troupe were fantastic at last Friday's Cultural Festival in Pahiatua. The group sang beautiful waiata, showed skill with poi and made us proud with a strong haka - awesome stuff! Special mention to Jack Redington for speaking from the paepae and for singing a solo. Also Jesse Mills for his solo singing and Maia Morrison along with Grace Chase for their karanga and back up singing. A huge thanks to Matua Warren and Whaea Evelyn for their guidance, along with Ms Sayles and Ms Whitburn for all their hard work behind the scenes. Big shout out to all the family members who were there on the day. Pai te mahi!

## LEARNING PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS:

Last Tuesday, and again this afternoon, our Teacher & Parent meetings have been taking place to discuss student's mid year reports. The purpose of these meetings is for you to meet with your child's teacher and get an update on how your child is going at school. The new report format makes it clear where your child is at, what their next steps are and how you can support their learning at home. We have had a great response and the teachers are enjoying sharing students learning and work samples with parents and caregivers.



## CELEBRATING MATARIKI

Matariki signals the Māori New Year. It is a time of renewal and celebration in New Zealand that begins with the rising of the Matariki star cluster (the Pleiades or Seven Sisters). The twinkling of the Matariki stars in the pre-dawn sky heralds a special celebration for young and old. Across New Zealand, people come together to remember their ancestors, share food, sing, tell stories, and play music. Our children have been studying Matariki and its meaning.

As part of our acknowledgement of Matariki children have been scheduled for baking and over the next week. Classes are creating their own special biscuits, and the treats will be shared with their whanau along with their knowledge of the event.



## Support Staff Day

On Friday, 5th July, we will be acknowledging all the great support staff at school. This is our chance to reflect on how much support staff do to make a difference for our schools, kura, kindergartens and centres, for children and young people, and for our communities. It's a great opportunity to think about all of the different roles that support staff play throughout the education sector and show our appreciation for this mahi. To show our appreciation we will all be wearing **black and/or white clothing** to tie in with the national theme. Thanks.

## DIARY:

**June 21st:** Room 2 School Celebration Assembly  
**June 26th:** BOT Meeting, Staffroom 6pm  
**June 28th:** Room 3 School Celebration Assembly  
**June 5th:** Support Staff Day - Wear Black and/or White

**July 5th:** Room 1 School Celebration Assembly

**July 5th:** Last Day of School

**July 22nd:** First day back at school - yaye!

**July 23rd:** Home & School Association Meeting @ 7pm

**July 26th:** Celebration Assembly - Leaders Hosting

### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at school tomorrow, at the **slightly earlier time of 2:00pm**, in the hall. It's been a few weeks since our last assembly and we have lots of certificates to give out as we share the many successes children have had this term. Our assembly tomorrow will be hosted by the wonderful students in Room 2!



### ARATOI ART EXHIBITION

We have been invited to enter students art work to be selected the 2019 Breadcraft Wairarapa Schools Art Exhibition. This year the Wairarapa Schools Art Exhibition will run from 28 Sept 2019 to 28 Oct 2019. The exhibition will showcase the best art work produced by students in our region's primary, intermediate and secondary schools. In preparation we have had Mrs Morgan in our classes this week doing extension art with students. The children have been enjoying the sessions and producing some wonderful pieces! Below are creative students in Room 6.



### YEAR 7 & 8 TECHNOLOGY REPORTS

Students will be coming home with their mid year technology reports as they have finished their first topic and have now swapped teachers and rooms. A return slip was enclosed for parents/caregivers to sign and make comments if they would like to. Could these please be returned to the office by Wednesday 3rd, as they need to be returned to the technology teachers. Many thanks for your help.

#### Students 'off' Buses

A big thanks to parents and caregivers of bus students who are ringing in before 2:30pm to let the office know their children are to be taken off the afternoon bus lists. It makes the job so much easier and safer!



#### A Board of Trustees

If you would like to become involved in representing and serving our school - monitoring student learning, well being, achievement and progress then please talk to one of our board trustees or come along to our meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> June.



#### Lost Property

We have lots of lost property again at school. When next in school, please come and check the bin as it will be washed and taken to the second hand shop in town during the upcoming school holidays if not claimed. Thank you.



### SCHOOL SPORTS SHIRTS & SCHOOL FLEECES

Eketahuna School has a sports uniform which all of the children are expected to wear when representing Eketahuna School. It is our school sports shirt with black shorts. The t - shirt can purchased from the school office and costs \$25.00 We also have optional warm school fleeces that cost \$35.00 which can also be bought through the school office. We recommend students have these uniform items as we often require them to be worn when on school trips, sports fixtures etc. Please make sure that the uniform items are clearly named.



### SPORT DRAWS

Great feedback from the community about our students sportsmanship and positive play - way to go 'Eke' Kids!!

NETBALL - THURSDAY	INDOOR HOCKEY - FRIDAY	RUGBY - SATURDAY
Eke Fun Ferns @ 3.40pm Eke Jnr Grade SK vs Pah Black @ 4.30 Eke Snr Grade C vs St Ants Magic @ 3.40 Eke Grade A vs Pahiatua A @ 3.40	Eke 1 (U7) vs Pah 1 @ 3.40 Semi Eke 2 (U11) vs St Ants Yellow @ 5pm Eke 3 (U13) vs Kumeroa @ 5pm	Eke Black (U6) Rippa vs Eke Yellow @ 9.30 am Eke Black (U6) Rippa vs Marist Lions @ 10am Eke Yellow (U6) Rippa vs Eke Black @ 9.30 Eke Yellow (U6) Rippa vs Tuataras @ 10am Eke (U8) vs Carterton @ 9.30am Eke (U8) vs Gladstone Yellow @ 10am Eke (U10) vs MRS @ 9.30 Eke (U13-East Coast) vs Greytown @ 10.30am

Nga mihi,  
Melinda and the Eketahuna School Team



## Weekly Update

**Room 1**

Thank you for coming to the Parent interviews on Tuesday, and tonight. I always enjoy sharing your child's learning with you. If you were unable to come please contact me and I can catch up with you.

This week we have enjoyed hockey skills with Jess and we have continued learning about Matariki. We have begun to discuss Height for maths using the words short and tall to describe people.

As ever if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks Jo

**Room 2**

This week room 2 has been learning a new app called puppet pals, where we make fairy tales. For sport we have been doing skipping. We hope your children got a good report, we also hope you had a good time listening to your children's interviews. Only Room 2 will be coming to school as their favourite fairy tale on Friday.

**Holly and Nevaeh.**

A note from Miss Oakly: We have had members of room 2 with worms. Please worm your family if you notice your child showing any symptoms of having worms.

**Room 3**

Thanks to all the parents who came to the Learning discussions :) Please contact me if you couldn't make it and would still like to make an appointment.

We are looking for some plant pots please-about 20cm diameter- for next week.

Our whiteboard pens are dying :( Can each child please bring \$4.80 to the office for 4 new ones, which will hopefully last all of next term.

We made some cool Matariki art this week, and have been baking star cookies with Carolyn today-yum!!

Newly revised math kits will be going home soon-please enjoy them with your child.

And Purl (my little Jack Russell) is doing her first school visit on Friday :) She will be leashed and under my supervision at all times. Please let me know if there are any allergies/other concerns.

Thanks

Carol

**Room 5**

*Class life:* It got seriously creative this week, with two chunky sessions with a difference featuring. Monday scored a day buried in *Matariki*, while Tuesday scored much time designing *Zentangles*! Ask your child about these, to tune more in...

*Learning Partnerships:* Thank you, *hugely* so, to those of you who've seen us, or will be/have today. The report that goes with it is one of the best styles we've experienced. Feedback from one grandparent acknowledges them as the clearest picture possible, where ideas for parents were brilliant and work samples great to see. Letters to parents from the kids also feature - each done with gorgeous levels of enthusiasm!

*Upcoming 7 aside tournament:* We've got some kids keen to play sports that they don't have the gear for... If you've got soccer boots and shin pads that won't be used on the day - can we please borrow them? Note also, it's a single *free* day event, where transport to and fro school occurs during hours. Many thanks! Jo & Barb

**Room 6:** Hi everyone. Thank you to those parents who came along to our Learning Discussions. It was great to see everyone. If you haven't made it in to celebrate your child's learning, I am available to meet with you any day after school. You can make contact through the school office or email me on my school email address to make an appointment. **7 Aside Tournament:** Notices and permission slips were sent home last week. Teams are currently being organised for the Tournament in Term 3. Please check with your child that they have received their notice and discuss what sport they are playing.

**BasketBall:** Notice's and permission slips for Miniball and Basketball have been sent home today. Please fill in and return on Monday so teams can be registered before the end of the term. **Camp:** Notices and permission slips have been sent home regarding Camp, Venue, Health Information and Cost. These are expected to be filled in and handed back in by Friday 28th. This is important as organisation has begun for our week away.

**Matariki Baking:** Could we please borrow some electric mixers, bowls and hammers to create our Matariki biscuits. Please send along to school on Monday.

Thank you. Have a great week.

Room 6 Team.

**Leaders Report: Alice Bourke**

*Today I am writing this report from the cooking room at Technology. We have been cooking and making salads for lunch. Both classes have worked really hard this term and this is a celebration of all the skills we have been learning.*



*Coming up next Term is the 7 Aside Tournament and Basketball. Make sure you get your notices back on time.*

## Kopuaranga Hall Committee Craft Market

Kopuaranga Hall on Sunday 23rd June from 10 am.  
Stallholders are welcome and can contact Jenny 06 9297685  
or email [mauriceville85@gmail.com](mailto:mauriceville85@gmail.com)  
Entry is free and there will be a splendid array of Country Crafts



## Junior Rangers School Holiday Programme

8th -12th & 15th -19th July

Who wants to become a certified Junior Ranger? Prepare yourself for adventure as we learn all about the natural world with bug hunts, kākā feeding and more. Holidays aren't meant to be boring!



Price: \$30 per day  
Ages: 5-14 yrs  
Includes: lunch and all activities  
Hours: 11.00am - 3.00pm

For more information contact Kyleigh:  
e: [info@pukaha.org.nz](mailto:info@pukaha.org.nz)  
p: 06 375 8004

**PŪKAHA**  
NATIONAL WILDLIFE CENTRE



## Aratoa Matariki School Holiday Programme

Tuesday 9 July – Thursday 11 July  
10am - 3pm

(Bring your own lunch and warm clothes)

For ages 8 -12

\$90

We will be exploring Matariki, the stories and the science behind it (including using a telescope, Augmented Reality and our Star Dome).

We will make art, do gardening, perform, weave stars and create mathematical star patterns, while being sustainable and raising awareness about our environment.

Book at [info@aratoi.co.nz](mailto:info@aratoi.co.nz) / Tel 06 370 0001

