

# EKETAHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

This is the last newsletter of the term and what a fantastic term it has been! Staff and students have been very busy throughout the last ten weeks and it is time to reflect on what great teaching and learning happens at Eketahuna school. We have successfully hosted the Tararua Bush Road Race and had several students place in the top 3 of their age groups, also hosted the Tararua Bush Cultural Festival where our Kapa Haka troupe excelled, had our Year 7 and 8 team winning 3rd place in the Regional Jump Jam Competition, saw our poetry book "Perfect Material" officially launched, completed the classroom modifications for our New Entrants, sent Year 8 students to Palmerston North for NYLD 2019, had Room 2 visiting the marae in Pahiatua, introduced the new 'Circle Time' programme in all classes, had sessions with Wairarapa Hockey, and held great Parent Teacher meeting nights where the success of individual students was shared. We hope everyone has a restful two weeks holiday, and returns Monday 22nd July ready for an exciting Term 3!

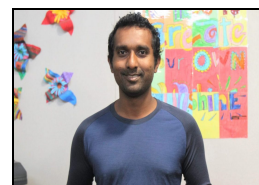
## PRINCIPAL'S MORNING TEA

Today I took 10 students out for morning tea at The Lazy Graze in recognition of their ability to make good choices! Congratulations to Lexi Mitchell, Brax Duffy, Lana Hanson, Callum Gear, Angus Manson, Nevaeh Carrington, Aurora Mitchell-Jensen, Angus Governor, Lilly Perkovic and Davey Shannon. These awesome students were picked out of the 'Green Choice' draw at last week's school assembly. Our school behaviour system is focused on "catching children when they are good" as these positive reinforcers have a powerful effect. We had a delicious morning tea treat!!



## RAVI DASS & THE MR FOUREYES FOUNDATION

We were lucky to have Glenys Hanson from the Lions, visit with us on Tuesday, to undertake the vision screening for the 'Foureyes Foundation'. The screening done will help Ravi Dass (optometrist and co-founder) determine which children need a full eye examination with an optometrist. Parents whose children need an eye test will be sent a referral letter. Ravi does full eye tests in practice rooms at Whaiora medical Center. Eye tests are free, and there might be a small charge for the glasses \$25-50 (although it may be covered by government subsidies if the parent/child is eligible). On average about 15-20% of kids are referred, and about 10-15% end up needing glasses. The Foundation allocates a limited number of free glasses to each school to provide to those that are in most need. Children with access to community service cards get them for free through a government grant. Please feel free to contact Ravi if you have any questions or need any clarification about this service. Email - [ravi@mrfoureyes.co.nz](mailto:ravi@mrfoureyes.co.nz) or phone - 021 938 269



## KEEPING CHILDREN HOME WHEN THEY HAVE BEEN UNWELL TO ENSURE FULL RECOVERY

Noroviruses are a group of viruses that cause stomach or intestinal infection, leading to vomiting and diarrhoea. Children with norovirus are infectious for at least 3 days after the symptoms stop and on some occasions for up to 2 weeks. Ministry of Health Guidelines state **"Don't go to school, early childhood centre or work until well and for 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting"**

## DIARY:

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

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

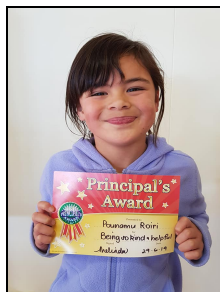
July 26th: Celebration Assembly - Leaders Hosting

August 2nd: Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge

August 7th: 7-aside Tournament Pahiatua

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY:

It is great seeing everyone at the school assembly each Friday, at 2:10pm, in the hall. It's a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week. Tomorrow's will be hosted by Room 1.



### 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:

### 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: Harley Greco  
Room 2: Aidan Rolfe  
Room 3: Lucy White  
Room 5: Ellie Pinell  
Room 6: Logan Rendel

Room 1: Jaxson Rendel  
Room 2: Joe Powell  
Room 3: Max Duffy  
Room 5: Arth Patel  
Room 6: AmyLee Mikoz

**Principal's Award:** Pounamu Roiri for being so kind and helpful



### Support Staff Day

Tomorrow is our support staff at school. This is our chance to reflect on how much support staff do to make a difference for our schools 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. We will all be wearing **black and/or white clothing** to tie in with the national theme. Come along dressed and ready to celebrate.



### Lost Property

We have lots of lost property 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.



### Camp Fees Yr 7 & 8

Remember we need all camp fees paid before the beginning of Term 4. The school has heavily subsidised the cost to try and keep it manageable. For more information on payment options contact the school office.



### Notifying school when sick

if your child is too unwell to attend school you need to notify the office EACH DAY they are at home to avoid them being recorded as truant. Further, after 3 days away from school due to poor health we will require a doctor's medical certificate for our school Enrol system. Thanks.



## SPORT SUPPORT

Our Term 2 sport is coming to an end with Indoor Hockey and the two junior netball finishing this week. A big thank you to Maree Redington, Jamie Governor and Letitia Atkinson for coaching our hockey teams throughout the season. Also to Skye White and Ngaio Hanson for coaching the Fun Ferns and Snr Kiwi netball teams so successfully. We could not put teams into local competitions without parent support - thank you - we really appreciate it!!



### NETBALL - THURSDAY

Eke Fun Ferns @ 3.40pm  
Eke Jnr Grade SK vs Pahiatua Black @ 4:30pm  
Eke Snr Grade C vs Pahiatua Jets @ 3:40pm  
Eke Grade A vs St Ants Tactix @ 3:40pm

### RUGBY - SATURDAY

Eke Black (U6) Rippa vs Pioneer @ 9.30am  
Eke Black (U6) Rippa vs MRS @ 10.00am  
Eke Yellow (U6) Rippa vs Marist Lions @ 9.30am  
Eke Yellow (U6) Rippa vs East Coast White @ 10.00am  
Eke (U8) vs MRS @ 9.30am  
Eke (U8) vs Carterton @ 10.00 am  
Eke (U10) vs East Coast @ 9.30 am  
Eke (U13-East Coast) vs MRS @ **6.45pm 6/7/2019**

Nga mihi,  
Melinda and the Eketahuna School Team

## Weekly Update

**Room 1**

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning this term. We have had fun making Matariki cards and biscuits to share this week. We also enjoyed making the clay into pots with Barbara.

We are hosting assembly tomorrow and would love to see you come along.

Have a happy holiday. Jo

**Room 2**

Hi everyone

This week we created some really neat kakapo faces. They are on display in the class if you want to come check them out. We wrote a letter to someone in the class as a way to encourage others. As you are aware PJ/movie and shared lunch this Friday. This is our first shared lunch for the year so the children are very excited.

Have a well rested holiday.

Miss Oakly

**Room 3**

What a great term the Clever Creatures have had :)

We will be having a little party on Friday to celebrate our hard work this term-please feel free to bring something yum to share for afternoon tea, and a fluffy toy (not obligatory but all donations appreciated).

Please also remember to wear black and white on Friday as a support for our support staff.

Other than that, have a great holiday with your children, and take some time out to do something fun together!

Look forward to seeing refreshed children after the break :)

Carol

**Room 5**

This week, the message to 'get serious' with what we do in class, was given an even greater emphasis. It was hugely impressive therefore, to see the difference this made. The respect for how we need to learn became really obvious.

Earlier this term, Luke brought in the walkie-talkies his Mum gave him for his birthday - and they've gone missing. If you've spied a set, or even one of them at home, they urgently need to be returned to Luke - or to the office.

All up - a productive term. Thanks for the support you've given in the background. Have a great holiday everyone!  
Jo & Barb

**Room 6:** Hi everyone. Thank you for an amazing term of learning, fun and adventure in Room 6. Where has the time gone?

**Clay:** Today we have made Wind Chimes. We created our chimes out of clay and look forward to having them fired and ready to hang.

**Reading:** Our reading challenge presentations have been presented. Students have worked hard on these all term.

**Technology:** Classes have swapped over this week. Food Technology students created fruit sponge puddings and they were delicious to eat. Hard materials have made 'holders' for sunscreen to go in.

**Camp:** Thank you for the prompt return of the permission slips and health sheets. We have had many brave parents putting their names forward to attend Camp 2019, which is exciting. Selected parents will be notified early next term, along with details of our Camp Meeting Night.

**Did You Know?** We will be having a cookout. We will be making Hobo Stoves to cook our dinner on. These are constructed out of empty tin cans. We build a fire underneath and cook our food on top. Afterwards we will toast marshmallows yum!!!!

**Black and White:** Remember to wear black and white clothing tomorrow to show our support for all of our wonderful support staff.

Have a safe and happy holiday break with your families  
Room 6. Don't miss me too much.

Roseanne

**Leaders Report**

Hockey has been on today with Jess from Wairarapa Hockey Assoc. We have mastered many skills and have been playing Hockey at lunchtime. Lots of fun!

**Tracking & Trapping Report:**

Next term we will be making weta hotels to encourage critters to our community. We want to get more traps to get more rats and mice and make the school pest free. We are also looking into a worm farm we are just waiting for the worms. We are going to clean our traps to clear the scent of old bait/pests. We are all we are all looking forward to the school holidays here at tracking and trapping. Below is a stunning photo of spider webs on a frosty morning - part of our tracking what insects are at school.

By M-jay, Sam, Scott, Harrison, Harry.





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## READING CHALLENGE

### FOR KIDS



Are you up for a Reading Challenge with a difference?

Register **NOW!** and receive your Reading Challenge puzzle.

Completed 7 challenges? Well done! You have won a HELL Pizza voucher and Reading Challenge certificate.



There is also a **GRAND PRIZE DRAW!**

**MILLER BOOKS**

You could win an Android tablet or a bundle of books.

Reading Challenge begins 8 July.

## Matariki at Aratoi

Tue 9 July – Thur 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.

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