

EKETAHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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We hope you all enjoyed a lovely break, are feeling refreshed and ready for a great term. We have a full on and fun packed ten weeks planned so please read carefully to see what is coming up!



EXCITING NEW 'LEARNING LAB'

We have an exciting development for students in Room 5 and Room 6, with a new 'Learning Lab' being created in the library. From Week 4 onwards all students will get a morning session with Barbara Whitburn that integrates reading, writing and mathematics into other curriculum areas, such as science or technology, rather than teaching them separately. This learning will incorporate a blend of hands-on learning activities and online learning applications to solve real-world problems. This future focused learning

will give students the chance to apply strategies learned in class independently and will equip them for the future.

PRODUCTION - "EDGE OF GLORY"

This term we will be holding a whole school production in Week 9, on Thursday 19th September. The show will see all of our students performing on stage as we bring the 2019 Rugby World Cup to the Eketahuna community!! We will be asking for help, and more information will come home in the next few weeks, but for now please save the date as we are looking forward to seeing you all there!!



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Our awesome Home & School Association met on Tuesday evening. The group are continuing the work on turning the hall into a multi purpose learning space, with improved heating. They have also started planning for the Spring Show in Term 4, which will be held on Friday 1st November. We had a great time last year so look out for information coming home through the term, and the family competition that ties in with our 'Recycle or Reuse' theme! The next meeting is in the school staff room at 7.00pm on Tuesday 20th August. An information sheet on all that our wonderful Home

& School Association does is included in the newsletter. For those who would like to be involved, you are warmly invited to come along, support our school, share your great ideas, and enjoy a 'cuppa' & delicious piece of home baking!

COUGHS, COLDS & TUMMY BUGS

As we return to school we have lots of children with nasty coughs, colds and tummy bug. The bug is a nasty viruses that causes sore stomachs, leading to vomiting and diarrhoea. Children with this are infectious for at least 3 days after the symptoms stop and on some occasions for up to two weeks. Please keep your children home if they are unwell and remember to notify the office EACH DAY they are at home to avoid them being recorded as truant. Further, if



children are sick for more than 3 days and too unwell to attend, we will require a doctor's medical certificate for our school Enrol system.



AWESOME SPORTS RESULTS

In the last week of Term 3 we had two of our sports teams do very well in the local competitions. First our Senior Kiwi Netball team won the grade. The team were unbeaten all season! A big thanks to their coach Ngaio Hanson. Second, our Under 7 Hockey team came third. Thanks to Letitia Atkinson for coaching. Big congratulations to both teams!

Diary:

July 23rd: Home & School Association Meeting @ 7pm
July 26th: Celebration Assembly - Leaders Hosting
August 2nd: Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge
August 2nd: Lucky Book Club Orders Due

August 7th: 7-aside Tournament Pahiata
August 9th: Pp 7-aside Tournament Pahiata
August 26th: Mid Term Break - No School
August 30th: Daffodil Day
September 17th: School Photos

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 our team leaders.



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:

Room 1: Braxton Duffy
Room 2: Beth Anderson
Room 3: Gianna Simanu
Room 5: Oskar Mills
Room 6: Indy Burton-Foley

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: Lleucu Anderson
Room 2: Noah Duffy & Gus Manson
Room 3: Bella Ifill
Room 5: Jackson Wells
Room 6: Alice Bourke & Maia Morrison

Principal's Award: Ella Mitchell for being kind and caring with her peers and sister at school.

SENIOR CAMP FEES YEAR 7 & 8

Remember we need all camp fees for Green Pastures paid before the start of Term 4. Our senior class will be attending the Green Pastures Camp in Whanganui in Term 4. All children have had permission slips and health forms come home last term to complete and return to school, with more information to follow. The cost of the camp is \$155.00 and all students are expected to pay the full amount or have organised a payment system if they intend on going. To make the camp cost manageable, and affordable, the school has heavily subsidised the full cost, and informed parents in Term 1 of these, to ensure families had time to save if necessary. For more information on payment options contact the school office and speak with Denise.



Students 'off' Buses

A general reminder to parents and caregivers of bus students to please ring 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. Thanks!



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!



'Parent Tutor' Reading:

The programme started again this week which is fantastic. A big thanks to our volunteers - Kirby Duffy, Jenny Spring, Elka Griemink and Renna Tyler. All their support is helping students make some amazing progress at school!



Our last hockey session with Jess Collins from Wairarapa Hockey. Next week we start our Rippa Rugby sessions with Doug Bracewell!

NETBALL

Eke Snr Grade C vs Toki @ 3.40
Eke Int Grade A vs Dannevirke @ 3.40

MINIBALL / BASKETBALL

Basketball Eke 1 vs Pahi Wha @ 5.05, Court 1
Miniball Eke 2 vs Pahiataua Yellow @ 4.45 Court 2

RUGBY

Eke (U8) 1st Yr Tackle vs Gladstone Yellow @ 9.30am
Eke (U8) 1st Yr Tackle vs Marist Jaguars @ 10am
Eke (U10) vs Marist Mud Dogs @ 9.30
Eke (U13-East Coast) vs Carterton @ **6.45 Friday 26th**

2019 Weekly Update

Room 1

Welcome back to school for Term 3 and a special welcome to Toby and Renee who have started school this week. They have settled in well and the other children have been showing Manaakitanga, by looking after our new children very well. We have started to learn about money in maths. This is a good topic for you to chat to your child about to show them Maths in everyday contexts. We have our last session of Hockey this week, which we have thoroughly enjoyed. The topic for the first half of the term will be recycling.

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

Thanks Jo

Room 2

Welcome back

This term our two main focus will be on looking after our environment, and then later in the term our production pieces. The rest of our daily classroom routines will continue on as usual. For the first 3 weeks of the term in maths we are focusing on ordering fractions and then finding fractions of numbers, shapes and lengths. In writing we are working on making sure we use different sentence starters. It has been a great couple of days back at school. If you have any questions or concerns please make contact to sort out a time where we can meet. And lastly thank you for all the goodies that were sent in at the end of last term for the shared lunch.

Miss Oakly

Room 3

Welcome back to all the Clever Creatures :)

We have two new students this term: Olivia and Sophy-a special welcome to them both!

Our themes for this term are Conservation & Recycling from weeks 1-4, and Theatre Production from weeks 5-10. We will be asking for help with this later in term. Please support your child's learning this term by helping them with their homework daily. That daily extra repetition really does make a difference to your child's progress, and is much appreciated.

Also-there are a few parents who haven't yet joined Class Dojo. I'll send out another invite this week-please make the effort to join if you have internet access, as we do a lot of our sharing on that platform, and plan to do more.

We are looking for some small shallow boxes or shoe box lids to make mazes next week please.

Thanks

Carol Laubscher

Room 5

Term 3's taken off with new classmates, as we welcome Isaak and George into Year 6. With a new term comes new topics and everything from 7-Aside Tournaments, to Rippa Rugby training with a tournament to follow, House Competitions and a Production.

We've moved from 'contract' based learning now, to *Menus*, where work comes in the form of *Entrees* (warm-ups / practice), *Mains* (coaching camps / new learning) and *Desserts* (student directed and applied learning). A work-to-earn slice of fun's building up alongside, where a modified version of 'Kiwi Cash' will see fun evolve with earning, saving, investing and gifting.

Conservation's our first topic and we have a class website now also! However, before we go 'live', please let us know if you'd prefer that we don't post photos of your child on it.

Cheers! Jo & Barb

Room 6: Welcome back everyone. It's good to see everyone back for another great term of adventure and learning. We have a very busy start to the term.

Mathematics: We are working on measurement. Students have been identifying and measuring different angles.

Reading: We continue to increase our reading mileage with the use of Epic. **Writing:** Instructions is our focus for writing. Room 6 will be holding a Mini Market in week 8.

Students will have individual stalls and selling items to raise funds for camp. More information on this will come home nearer the time. **Camp:** Planning for Camp 2019 is well underway. Thank you to parents who have put their name forward to attend. Not all will be required, information and details of the parent evening and who will be attending will come home next week. If you have any questions or concerns about Camp please contact me through the school office. Have a great week.

Roseanne

Kia ora

Welcome back to a fun and busy term. Room 6 will be starting selling toasties again as a small fundraiser for camp.

Available Friday 2nd August

\$2.00

Orders taken in Room 6.



We have recently received notification of a confirmed case of **Chicken Pox**. Whilst cases are limited, it is important for you to be aware of the symptoms. Please ensure you inform the school if your child presents with any of the below symptoms.

Chicken Pox usually begins with:

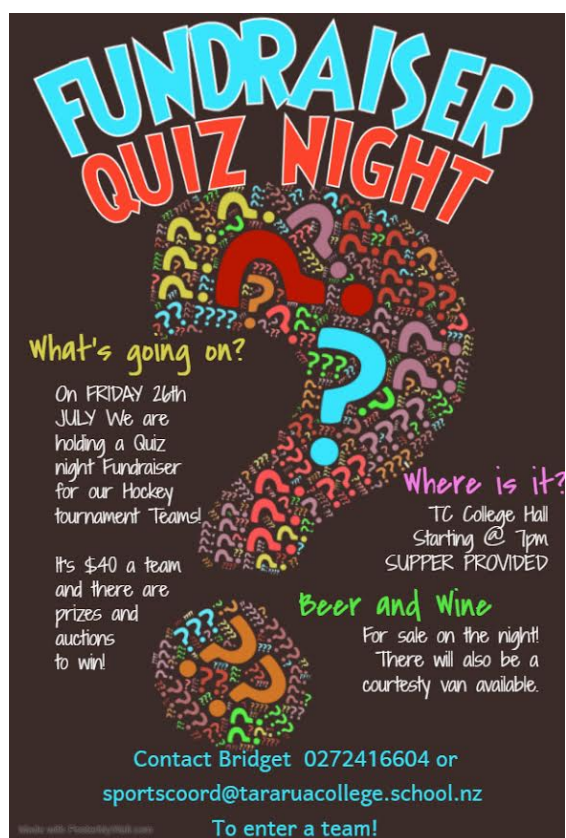
- Fever
- Fatigue
- Loss of appetite
- Followed by a generalised rash a day or so later.
- Rash starts as itchy red spots but rapidly progresses to blisters.

Chickenpox is infectious 2 days prior to the onset of the rash until the blisters have all crusted into scabs. This is usually about 5 days after they appear. Children must not attend school during this time.

Please also note that pregnant women and newborn babies should not be exposed to people with active chickenpox.

See the link below for more information.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/chickenpox>



**FUNDRAISER
QUIZ NIGHT**

What's going on?
On FRIDAY 26th JULY We are holding a Quiz night Fundraiser for our Hockey tournament Teams!

It's \$40 a team and there are prizes and auctions to win!

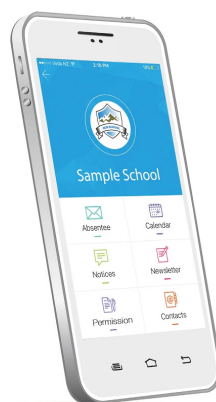
Where is it?
TC College Hall
Starting @ 7pm
SUPPER PROVIDED

Beer and Wine
For sale on the night!
There will also be a courtesy van available.

Contact Bridget 0272416604 or
sportscoord@tararuacollege.school.nz
To enter a team!

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Agenda for the Board Of Trustees' Meeting

The Agenda for the BOT meeting on the 1st August 2019 will close on
Friday 26th July at 6pm.

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