

EKETAHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

A great week here at Eketahuna with Zero Waste visiting and the * Aside tournament - great opportunities for students!

TARARUA BUSH 7 ASIDE TOURNAMENT

I was lucky enough to get along to the 7 Aside Tournament yesterday in Pahiatua where our Year 5, 6, 7 and 8 students were competing in netball, hockey, soccer and rugby. It was fantastic to see our students all put in 100% throughout the tournament - the children were awesome! I had several wonderful comments about the overall presentation of students, their attitude on and off the field and the constant support and encouragement they gave each other while playing - a few even managed to read books in between games which was noted! These attributes are ones we need to acknowledge and what make being at Eketahuna so great! Well done to all of the children who participated - you made us all very proud! A HUGE thanks to Ms Sayles for organising the teams, the parents who gave up their time to coach and manage our teams; Brad Anderson, Lee Pinnell, Mike Duffy, Matt Rolfe, and Kirby Duffy. Thanks also to those who came along to support our teams playing. Well done everyone!



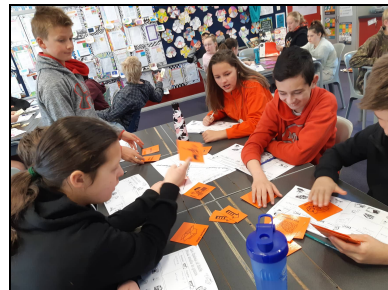
MID YEAR RESULTS



Towards the end of last term our children participated in a variety of assessments and activities that staff analysed. This data collecting was to show where each year group was tracking, in terms of achievement, for the middle of the year. This data is also used by teachers to establish class grouping for learning and students next steps. We have now compared these results to the mid year results from this time last year to see progress indicators and to get a true picture of the school wide achievement to date. Included in this newsletter are the results and you will see there has been steady progress made across reading, writing and maths which have all improved. The staff have continued their professional development with a focus on effective teaching and we feel these results show the impact the focus is having.. We still need to work on moderation in writing, to ensure we are clear around what student achievement looks like at each year level. We also need to keep our focus on boys who are still low in comparison to our girls. Good results for our mid way point we will continue to focus on explicit teaching. Awesome teaching and learning going on at Eketahuna!

ZERO WASTE

We have enjoyed having Chris Simons from Zero Waste with us this week. Our Year 1 & 2 students looked at 'Is that really rubbish?' focused on items of rubbish found in student's homes and school. They were asked to consider "is that really rubbish?" before exploring whether the items could be used again, put in the recycle bin, or fed to the worms in a worm farm or compost. Our Year 3 & 4 looked at 'Reduce', a unit looking at reducing the waste pile through sensible shopping, reusing, recycling and composting. Our Year 5 - 6 class focused on 'Recycle'. Students looked into the concept of recycling



and key issues such as contamination and their responsibilities as a recycler at home. The Year 7 - 8 students had a 'Resource Sustainability' unit which looked at natural resources - renewable and non-renewable were the focus. All students found the sessions valuable and it was a great opportunity to 'Educate today for a sustainable tomorrow'.

Diary:

August 9th: Pp 7-aside Tournament Pahiatua
August 22nd: Rippa Rugby Tournament Yr 3 -8
August 26th: Mid Term Break - No School

August 30th: Daffodil Day
September 17th: School Photos
September 19th: Production - 'The Edge'

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY:

It is always 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. **Please note that there is NO assembly tomorrow due to the date being the postponement day for the 7 Aside Tournament.**

**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: Renee Dennison
Room 2: Heidi Hanson
Room 3: Mikey Hammond
Room 5: Emma Drysdale
Room 6: Kris Highet

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: Lexi Mitchell
Room 2: Aleyra Puha
Room 3:
Room 5: Ellie Pinnell
Room 6:

Principal's Award:**TOUGH GUY & GAL CHALLENGE**

Our students who competed last Friday had a great time - awesome event which the children and their families enjoyed!

CUPS BACK

In preparation for the Spring Show next term we are asking for those children who won cups to please return them to the school office as soon as possible. Thanks.

**CAMP FEES**

With only seven weeks to go until the end of term, we need to remind those with children in Room 6 that all camp fees need to be paid in full or a payment schedule organised. For more information on payment options please contact the school office. Thank you.

**HOUSE TEAM COMP**

Tomorrow we start our new Rippa Rugby competition which will be run by our Team leaders. Each house will field a Junior and Senior team. **Come along in your house colours!**

**NETBALL**

Tonight is the last game for netball - good luck to our teams and a huge thanks to Beatrice Cooper and Lee Pinnell who have coached our Eke Snr Grade C Team and Ms Green/Ms Sayles and Emma Mitchell for coaching Eke Snr Grade A Team. Both have had an awesome season with many great games and huge improvements both in skill and team play. Next week, on Thursday 15th, all teams will be having a lunchtime 'wind up' with prizegiving in the school hall. Parents are invited along and can players please bring along a plate to share.

NETBALL	RUGBY
Eke Snr Grade C vs St Ants Magic @ 3.40 Eke Int Grade A vs St Anthonys @ 3.40	Eke (U8) 1 st Yr Tackle vs Martinborough @ 9.30am Eke (U8) 1 st Yr Tackle vs Pioneer @ 10am Eke (U10) vs @ Martinborough/Greytown @ 9.30 Eke (U13-East Coast) vs greytown @ 10.30
MINIBALL / BASKETBALL	
Basketball Eke 1 vs Pahiataua Tahi @ 3.50pm Miniball Eke 2 vs Woodville @ 3.25	

Nga mihi,
Melinda and the Eketahuna School Team

2019 Weekly Update

Room 1

We have had an exciting week this week with the announcement of the Production - *Edge of Glory*. We have been practicing the songs we will sing and next week we will start to practice our parts. Chris the Zero Waste educator came into class to continue our topic of "Is that really Rubbish?". The children were able to give lots of suggestions. House sport begins tomorrow, this terms sport is Rippa Rugby. Children can wear their house colours for the next 4 Fridays.

I am still looking for a parent who can come in and assist me and the class to do an activity, 1 hr per day for a couple of days next week? Thank you to Renee's Mum Mel, who came this week. Please let me know if you can help.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thanks Jo

Room 2

We have been fortunate to have Chris from Zero Waste in our class this week. He has been speaking to the children about ways to reduce waste and ways which items can be recycled. On Tuesday he even brought in some tiger worms from his own worm farm! At school we are starting up our own worm farm so it was good to see where this is and how it works.

Jenny Davidson (Evan's Gran) comes in each week and gives up her time to help Room 2 on a Tuesday. This week she began teaching us our dance for the production. You might hear lots of one, two, three at home when we start practising the steps a little more. Hope all is well at your end, pop on or give me a call anytime if you have any questions. Keep warm out there. Renee

Room 3

It's good to be back at school after a long bout of flu-ugh! We are also busy learning our production song and dance this week. Let us know if you can come and help please! The Clever Creatures loved the Zero Waste theme, and gained lots of ideas on how to reuse/recycle/reduce waste, in the interests of helping our poor planet. We are encouraging children and parents to try alternatives to single use plastic packaging in lunch boxes-such as compartmentalised lunch boxes, beeswax wraps etc. Every bit helps!

I've noticed an encouraging improvement in the return of reading bags and homework books this week-thank you! We are looking forward to house team sports on Friday, weather permitting.

Thanks for your support :)

Carol

Room 5

ZeroWaste was the theme for Monday and Tuesday, with the focus on recycling. We first learnt about the sad reality of six Garbage Patches that exist in the ocean. The greatest one is the Great Pacific Garbage Patch - the largest accumulation of ocean plastic in the world, located between Hawaii and California. As part of our study, we tuned in how plastic in particular, is brilliantly recycled in New Zealand, through to how glass is made and what's done with the recycled paper.

The 7-Aside tournament yesterday was full on and very well played by all teams! Thanks sooo much to parents and many adults at school for doing all that it took to pull this off for us.

From here, we dive into work for the Production and as of next week, get to enjoy some serious 'project' time in the school's new 'Learning Lab' - alongside regular class work. Cheers! Jo and Barb

Room 6

Hi everyone. We are very excited to start our production singing practises and dance routines. It is fun, features technical moves and looks amazing. I cannot wait for everyone to see it. I will be calling for help to make our costumes so if you are handy on the sewing machine and would like to help, please let me know.

Zero Waste: Chris from Zero Waste held two sessions on recycling, waste management and the environment. The really interesting part was learning about Extraction, Production, Distribution, Consumption and Disposal of products. **Rippa Rugby:** The House Competition will start tomorrow and will be run by the house leaders. **7 Aside:** The Tournament was great. Students represented Eketahuna School with pride and sportsmanship. It was great to see students participating in the different codes. Thank you to Corey for being our official photographer. Have a great week and keep warm. Roseanne

Eketahuna Kerbside & Alfredton Rubbish Collection

Rubbish stickers cost **\$4.50** per sticker
Please remember that you can always cut a sticker in half if you only have a half bag of Rubbish

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ORDERS TAKEN IN ROOM 6



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