

EKETAHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

The weather has turned wet and icy cold but with our positive staff + their wonderful teaching we have children participating in awesome daily learning activities - our warm, engaging Eketahuna classrooms are the place to be!!

'PUSHING FORWARD' - SKATEBOARD PROJECT

We were very pleased this week to get confirmation that we have been successful with our grant application to the KiwiSport Regional Partnership Fund! We have been awarded funds for the 'Pushing Forward - Skate Project'. The project, facilitated by Sport Manawatu & OnBoard Skate, will run, during school curriculum time, 4 x 45-minute fundamental skateboard riding skills sessions for each class of students in Years 3 and above. The purpose of these sessions will be to provide participating students with the skills and confidence to be able to engage in regular skateboard activity in and out of school. The aim of this unit is to promote student's health and physical wellbeing through movement and skill, identify potential risks and hazards in the environment and modifying behavior to mitigate hazards. In addition, the physical and mental skills attained will enhance student's ability to be able to participate successfully in organised sport. OnBoard Skate will also assist the school in establishing their own student led skateboard 'club'. Our school will receive support to purchase their own skateboard ramps, skateboards, and safety equipment to be made available for all students. In addition, they will provide leadership training for selected senior students to enable them to facilitate the delivery of weekly lunchtime skateboard sessions for the rest of the school. We are looking to having this running early next term and build links between school and community with events at the skate park in town.



8th ANNUAL TARARUA BUSH 7 A-SIDE TOURNAMENT:

Next Wednesday we will be taking 8 teams from our Year 5 & 6 and Year 7 & 8 classes to the Tararua Bush 7 Aside Tournament in Pahiatua. The competition, run by Sport Manawatu, will see 16 schools and over 630 students take part on the day! We have teams for netball, rugby, soccer and hockey. A huge thanks to those parents who are coaches and/or managers for the day - your time and support is much appreciated. Also thanks to all those planning to come along and cheer on our teams along - kia kaha Eketahuna!!

UPDATING STUDENT INFORMATION

We are finding a few parents and caregivers details are no longer up to date. Can we please ask that you notify the school with any new information regarding your contact details, emergency contacts, and any concerns in relation to children's health and wellbeing at school ie, asthma, allergies etc. Thank you.

TOUGH GUY & GAL CHALLENGE

We have 19 students from Year 3 up to Year 8 off to Linton Army Camp tomorrow for the 'Tough Guy & Gal Challenge'.

It's a fantastic venue and a great experience. We wish them all the best of luck and hope they all have a fantastic time. We also give a big thanks to parents who are travelling over to support them.



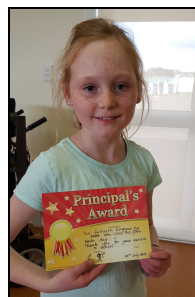
Diary:

August 2nd: Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge
August 2nd: Lucky Book Club Orders Due
August 9th: Pp 7-aside Tournament Pahiatua

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

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. Tomorrow's will be hosted by our senior students from Room 6.



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: Ariki Wihone
Room 2: Hunter Rankin/McKenzie Moore
Room 3: Madison Rankin
Room 5: Kaia Aplin
Room 6: Room 6

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: Mareana Riori
Room 2: Priscilla Taiaroa - Stafford
Room 3: Maxwell Crudis
Room 5: Tristan Williamson
Room 6: Davey Shannon

Principal's Award: The Rongomai bus team who close our school gates every morning. Nancy Duffy collected it.



RIPPA RUGBY

Great to have Doug Bracewell in school today for Rippa Rugby. The activities look to support all children to learn basic rippa rugby and ball handling skills, which will be vital at the upcoming inter-school competition in Week 4. Coming home today are forms that need to be completed by all students who are not currently registered to a rugby club. This is just a formality to get the Wairarapa Bush coaching into school. Please return the form to the office. We look forward to Doug returning next week and hope the weather stays clear for the sessions!

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 very full! Thank you.



Cell Phones

Students are not permitted to have phones or devices of any description on them at school. If they do need to bring one they are to be handed into the office before school. Thanks.



Sports Uniform

It is good to see everyone is making an effort ensuring students wear the correct uniform at our after school games each week. Sport shirts & fleeces are still available at the office if needed.



NETBALL

Eke Snr Grade C vs Pahiatua Stars @ 3.40
Eke Int Grade A vs Toki @ 3.40

MINIBALL / BASKETBALL

Basketball Eke 1 vs BP Bull @ 5.05pm
Miniball Eke 2 vs Toki @ 3.25

RUGBY

Eke (U8) 1st Yr Tackle vs Pioneer @ 9.30am
Eke (U8) 1st Yr Tackle vs MRS Red @ 10am
Eke (U10) vs Gladstone @ 9.30
Eke (U13-East Coast) vs Martinborough South @ **6.45 Friday**

Nga mihi,
Melinda and the Eketahuna School Team

2019 Weekly Update

Room 1

We have had a fun week of learning this week. We have started our first Rippa Rugby session today, where all the children enjoyed polishing up on their skills. In art we drew some fantastic rubbish trucks, following step by step instructions from a video. All children continue to make good progress during Reading, look out for new high frequency words which are coming home. We have continued with our topic of what is rubbish and recycling learning about what can be recycled.

I am 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? Please let me know if you can help. Please contact me if you have any queries.

Thanks Jo

Room 2

For writing we are learning how to use different sentence starters. We are doing boats/towers for our task boards.

Our class teddy is missing PLEASE help find him. We are looking forward to the tough guy and gal challenge on Friday. We made missing bear posters for a writing activity. Last week we made rice bubble crunch for golden time. This week for our fitness we are doing rob the nest, line tag and rippa rugby.

This Thursday we are excited to have Doug Bracewell come and teach us to play rippa rugby.

By Keira and Brooke.

Room 3

We are enjoying learning about conservation and spent last week exploring the water cycle, doing a condensation experiment, and understanding how precious our limited water supply is, and how important it is that we keep it clean. This week we are working on designs for the new Worm Farm buckets-the competition closes on Friday!

We are checking Homework books every morning now-many thanks to parents who regularly take the time to read with their children, I understand how busy life can get. We will start practising our production songs next wee-very exciting!

Thanks

Carol

Room 5

Kiwi Cash returns! Back by popular demand is a *modified* version of Kiwi Cash - an incentive 'work-to-earn' slice of fun. Just like that, the amount of work being completed, of a standard that's rising yet again - is stunning! Everyone's got their own (virtual) cash book, to record what's earned, then it's *banked*. Bankaroo's (www.bankaroo.com) our 'bank'.

Speech prep & poetry's underway, and so too Bootcamps. One's a fitness programme and another hosts a Mental Agility focus. It's seriously *go-go-go* in the neuron department! Rippa Rugby's started and our 7-Aside Tournament's in Pahiataua next week. We've even seen how the 10x10 tables grid ends up looking like a bunch of equivalent fractions! A top week all up. Cheers! Jo & Barb

Room 6: Hi everyone we have had a very busy week.

Mathematics: Students continue to work on measuring angles. They are moving into calculating different units of measurement. Students have also been learning how to measure using different apps online.

Reading: Groups have been working on reading strategies that they apply throughout their reading. We are researching different people that have made a difference in the world. We will focus on a different person each week. Each student is reading their selected novel from the library at home each night. They are to fill in their log sheet daily.

Writing: Students are becoming familiar with descriptive writing. We have been studying different photos adding adjectives and verbs to describe what we see.

Fundraising: Toasties will be available for sale on Fridays. They are \$2 each and can be ordered from room 6.

We are also holding a 'Mini Market' in week (7/8). Students will be selling their individual items, baking, coffee, sweets, games, toys etc. This is an opportunity for students to learn financial literacy by making and selling their own products. Money raised will go towards individual students camp fees. Discuss with your child things they could make, bake or create at home to sell. We will also be holding a Bake Sale this Term. More information about the Bake Sale will come home nearer the time.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

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Room 6 Leaders Report:

Hi everybody. On Friday we helped organise the old dental clinic building into a learning space for school. We have cleaned and cleared the area. An oven has also been put in so classes will have their very own cooking space. We have discussed some of the items we will need to run a successful 'kitchen'. If you would like to donate items you no longer use please drop them off to the school office. Thank you. :-D

Items we need

Tea Towels, Oven Gloves, Oven Trays, Baking Tins, Grater, Measuring Bowls & Jugs, Measuring Teaspoons & Cups, Baking Scales, Containers for ingredients to go in, Tongs, Mixing Bowls, Baking Racks, Cutlery, Plates, Cups, Aprons, Roasting Dish, Table Cloths, Wooden Spoons, Jug, Toaster, Microwave, Spice Rack, Broom/ Mop, Bucket, Shovel & Brush and chopping boards.

Written by Lily Croasdale from the Technology Room.

Room 5 Leadership Lounge:

Those keen to tune in how to lead, have an exciting term ahead of them. There are two Room 5 students who are now class captains - Emma and Ellie, with Carmen our Finance (Kiwi Cash) Manager and Angus is our class Logistics Manager... The chess club's got online bookings now and the Green Team club plants flower bulbs next week! What's more, the team's doubled in size - such is how 'infectious' it's become! Perfect! Watch this space... Competitions are next!

Eketahuna JAB Rugby

Results for July 27th

Under 8: Eketahuna, 1 – Gladstone Yellow, 6. Game 2: Eketahuna, 9 – Martinborough, 0

Player of the Day: Connor Williamson. Most Improved: Hillary Sims

Under 10: Eketahuna, 14 – Marist Mud Dogs, 3.

Player of the Day: Johnny Fowler, Best Tackler: Angus Monk.

Term 2 saw the end of the season for our two Under 6 teams. Well done kids, parents and coaches for a great season. In the holidays the Under 8s and Under 10s took part in the 7s tournament in Pahiatua. Both teams played well and showed great sportsmanship over the day. Congratulations to the U10s for winning there grade!

Weekly practices – Wednesday's 4.30pm – 5.30pm - Eke grounds – U6, U8, U10.

Please inform your coach if your child will not be at training and attempt to have your child on time at each Saturday game, especially if your team is low on numbers. If they cannot play it's great to let the coach know as far in advance as possible. Thank you. Chairperson: Ben Johnston

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FACEBOOK PAGE: Eketahuna JAB Rugby

TOASTED SANDWICHES

On sale tomorrow



Cheese & ham or Double cheese

\$2.00.

Orders taken in Room 6.

EKETAHUNA SPRING SHOW

FRIDAY 1 ST NOVEMBER

MARK THE DATE IN YOUR CALENDAR! PLANNING HAS BEGUN AND THE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION ARE EXCITED TO BE HELPING TO ORGANISE ANOTHER GREAT SPRING SHOW!

CAN WE PLEASE HAVE ALL THE CUPS RETURNED TO THE OFFICE.

ONCE AGAIN WE HAVE MADE THE DIFFICULT DECISION TO NOT HAVE CALVES AT THIS YEAR'S SHOW AND EVEN THOUGH THERE WON'T BE CALVES WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE EVERYONE'S AMAZING PETS AND CRAFTS.