

EKETAHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Great to see everyone after the 'long weekend' and exciting to get back into the fantastic learning activities across school!!



TEACHER ONLY DAY

We had a very valuable 'Teacher Only Day' at school on Monday and a big thanks to our wonderful school community for enabling staff to have this opportunity. The day was facilitated by Ben Layborn from Evaluative Associates and was focused on several of our current Charter Goals and actions. We are looking to update and revitalise our school values and principles, bringing them into line with our great school vision "Preparing Today's Child for Tomorrow's World". This links in to the work we are already doing around what good learning is and what it looks like here at school. Along with this, we have also

been building a picture of the skills and capabilities children moving to secondary school need to have in place to continue as successful learners. We will be looking to get student, and community voice on all of this as we continue on our 'journey'. A questionnaire will come home for whanau about values and principles next week. This will be followed up in the coming weeks with information for you to read, discuss and think about, and bring along with you to a planned workshop in Term 4.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION - EDGE OF GLORY

We are well into production practise with all students involved - and we have some very talented children! We have daily singing and dancing, along with specific items and individual acting pieces being worked on! We have attached a copy of the specific items each child will need to provide and look forward to the performance in Week 9!



BAD LANGUAGE



We have had complaints about students using bad language and inappropriate hand gestures in the playground and on our school buses. I have spoken to all classes about this over the week, and spent time in the senior rooms reminding this specific group of students that we expect them to be our role models. One of our behaviour expectations is we "Care for People" which is underpinned by our school value of 'Respect'. This type of language, and rude hand gestures are not respectful or caring. Some of our students use the excuse that they hear this type of language, and see these hand gestures at home! Please be aware that we will not tolerate the

use of either at school. It would be a good time to have a discussion with your children about this. Working together, in partnership, to ensure we are consistently respectful and caring in the way we treat each other at school, and at home, we will undoubtedly see this issue reduced.

RIPPA RUGBY

We had a great time playing Round 2 of our House Team Rippa Rugby Competition last Friday, and today having our last session with Doug Bracewell. Students have all made great progress with their ball skills. Awesome stuff! Friday results below:

Rippa Junior 1	Rippa Junior 2	Rippal Senior 1	Rippa Senior 2
Wheroi vs Kikorangi Whero won 4/3	Kakariki vs Ma Ma won 3/2	Kikorangi vs Whero Kikorangi won 3/0	Ma vs Kakariki Ma won 3/2
Player of the Day: McKenzie Moore	Player of the Day: Noah Duffy	Player of the Day: Carmen Bidois	Player of the Day: Lachie Duffy



Diary:

Friday 30th August: Lucky Book Club Due

Friday 30th August: Daffodil Day

Wednesday 4th September: School closed @ 2pm

Friday 6th September: Volleyball Comp - Year 7 & 8

Thursday 12th September: Capital E Show for Year 3 - 8

Thursday 12th September: BoT Meeting @ 6pm

Tuesday 17th September: School Photos

Wednesday 18th September: Interschool Speech Comp

Thursday 19th September: Production - 'The Edge'

Friday 27th September: Crazy Hair Day

Friday 27th September: Last day of Term

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY:

It is great seeing everyone at the school Celebration Assemblies 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 assembly will be hosted by our Deputy Leaders. We look forward to seeing you there!



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: Johnny Dandy
Room 3: Oliva Chasland
Room 5: Luke Downer
Room 6: Harry Dickson

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: Rocco Burton-Foley
Room 2: Cleo Davis
Room 3: Sophy Smith
Room 5: Aurora Mitchell
Room 6: Lilly Perkovic

Principal's Award: Hunter Rankin for spending his morning tea break helping a junior student find the jersey.

CONGRATULATIONS JACK & SCOTT



Well done to Jack Redington and Scott Duffy who have been selected to play for the Wairarapa Bush Under 12's Rep team. Both are awesome players and we wish them well for their upcoming matches. Well done boys - we are very proud!

TRACKING & TRAPPING TEAM SAVING THE NATIVE WETA



Our Tracking & Trapping team have spent the last few sessions at 'Technology' making weta hotels. The team researched and designed the hotels, discussed their plans with the Tech teacher, Mr Swale, and organised all the equipment needed to create the Hotels. The hotels will give our native wetas a safe dry place to crawl into and be safe from predators such as rats and mice.

NETBALL UNIFORMS

With the season now over, we are asking for all netball uniforms to be returned to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.



STUDENTS "OFF" BUSES

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



PIANO LESSONS

There are still spaces available with Stephanie. If you would like lessons please contact her on phone number 027 462 197 or email: tararuapiano@gmail.com



SCHOOL CLOSED @ 2pm WEDNESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

We are hosting this term's Kahui Ako Teacher Development meeting for all schools across the Tararua Bush region on Wednesday 4th September. This will be the third session this year, and to accommodate this, we will need to close early in preparation of a 3pm start for staff coming to the school. **All buses will leave at 2pm EXCEPT the Newman bus, which means parents will need to collect their children.** We appreciate your support & apologise for any inconvenience.

DAFFODIL DAY - YELLOW TOMORROW

The Cancer Society of New Zealand's Daffodil Day symbolises hope for 1 in 3 New Zealanders affected by cancer. We are asking everyone to come to school tomorrow wearing yellow and bring along a gold coin which will be donated to our local Cancer Society.



UPDATING STUDENT INFORMATION

We are still finding a few parents and caregivers details are no longer up to date, especially phone numbers. 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.

Nga mihi
Melinda & the Eketahuna Teaching Team



2019 Weekly Update

Room 1

This week we welcome Jaylah to school, she has settled in well and has reconnected with her old playgroup friends.

We are still busy practising for the production and the timetable for learning will be changing over the next few weeks, as we work towards the final performance. Don't forget to be organising the outfit needed for the performance. Please contact me if you need to discuss this.

I am looking for toy animals for a play activity, if you have any at home you wish to donate I would be most grateful.

As ever any questions don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks

Jo

Room 2

We welcome Taimana, and her family, from Masterton Primary to Room 2 this week!

Thank you to all of you who made it to our assembly last week. It is very rewarding as a teacher to see how confident the children are becoming and proud to see them give it a go and speak in front of a whole school.

Please note there is no set homework this week because of the shorter week and I am on release on Thursday. Mrs Morgan will be in Room 2 and we are all looking forward to seeing what amazing art ideas she will bring with her on the day. As production practises ramp up, our daily timetable will change focus for a bit, so if no homework is sent home then please still have your child read each night, simply for fluency and enjoyment. They each have a book box inside the class so I will be asking them to choose a text out of that box.

Any questions then please come and see me,
Renee

Room 3

The term is getting very busy with our production practise! Please remember to send the black clothing to school in a marked bag, as soon as possible. Many thanks!

We welcomed a new boy to our class this week - Kaiwero Mokaraka.

Please remember to wear yellow on Friday and to bring a gold coin donation.

Looking forward to the arrival of SPRING next week!

Carol

Room 5

In last week's newsletter I asked for the girls to have shorts for the production. We'd like to change to leggings please, as the girls feel more comfortable with this. Thank you, Barb.

One of our items involves a French theme and we're keen to liven up our 'look' to fit accordingly. If you have a beret at home, can we please borrow it? We're after several...

Rustic mugs and even a waist-coat or two would go down well also. Many thanks! Jo

Room 6

Hi everyone. The term is flying by and we are very busy with speeches, volleyball and production practise. Our first item is really slick and students have worked really well. Our second item is coming together with practise and is looking really good. If you need to discuss with me your concerns regarding anything, let me know. Have a good week.

Thanks Roseanne

MINIBALL / BASKETBALL

Miniball Eke 2 vs Pahiatua Yellow
@ 5.05pm

Basketball Eke 1 vs Toki @ 5.30pm



SCHOOL PHOTOS

TUESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER @ 9:00am

Envelopes to order are coming home today.
You can order on line or return the envelope with your details and photo choices.

If you wish to have a 'family portrait' done please contact Denise in the office for a specific ordering envelope.

All orders MUST BE DONE by Monday 16th September.

On the photo day students will be issued with an internet access key to enable all parents/whanau access to online viewing of the photographs and to allow online ordering after photo day for those that have not pre-ordered.

Photos will be returned to school in approximately 4 - 6 weeks.



EKETAHUNA JAB RUGBY

PRIZE GIVING – for all teams – THIS SATURDAY 31st AUGUST

We have Kia Toa U13s coming over for a game against our U13s. Come along and cheer on our boys. Prize giving will follow, after the game and lunch. Kick Off 11am

Please bring along you're playing shirts to be handed in at prize giving night. We have all the numbers and need to chase up unreturned jerseys so it would be fantastic if everyone remembers to bring them along.

Parents a large supper plate please.

Chairperson: Ben Johnston, bpjohnston77@hotmail.com

Secretary: Kirby Duffy, lanceandkirby@inspire.net.nz

Treasurer: Sally Duffy

FACEBOOK PAGE: Eketahuna JAB Rugby

Eketahuna Kerbside & Alfredton Rubbish Collection

Rubbish stickers cost **\$5.50** per sticker

Please remember that you can always cut a sticker in half if you only have a half bag of Rubbish

Any enquiries please contact us

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Stickers can be purchased from the school Office.

TOASTED SANDWICHES

**ON SALE
TOMORROW
\$2.00**

**HAM + CHEESE
DOUBLE CHEESE**

ORDERS TAKEN IN ROOM 6



**Saturday 19th
October 2019
BUSH
MULTISPORT PARK**

**Tararua College
Community**

DUATHLON

Anyone can enter; from pre-schoolers through to adults.
This is an event that the whole family can participate in.

9am– Event 1: 500m run, 1km bike	\$5
9.30am– Event 2: 1km run/walk, 1.8km bike	\$5
10am– Event 3: 1km run, 5km bike, 1km run	\$5
10.30am– Event 4: 5km run, 10km bike, 1km run	\$10
11.00am– Event 5: 5km run, 20km bike, 1km run	\$15
(Teams are welcome in Events 4 & 5)	

Heaps of SPOT PRIZES!
Entry forms are available from Tararua College, Laskeys Auto Services
and Pahiatua Paper Plus
Visit our Facebook page 'Tararua College Community Duathlon' for
more information and to enter online.

If you would like more information please don't hesitate to
contact our sports leaders:
Marika Braddick – 15mbraddick@tararuacollege.school.nz
Poppy Wilkins – 15wilkinsp@tararuacollege.school.nz
Jack Wylie – 15jwylie@tararuacollege.school.nz

Agenda for the Board Of Trustees' Meeting

The Agenda for the BOT meeting on the 12th September will close on

Friday 6th September at 7pm.

*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*