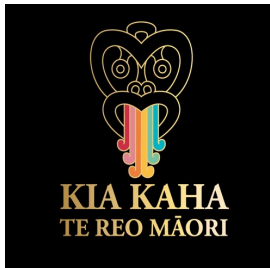


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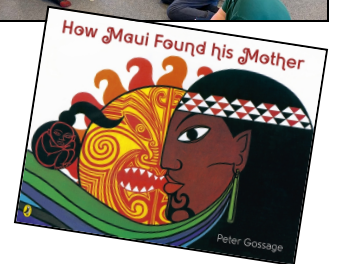
Kia ora ki nga whānau me nga hoa o te kura tuatahi o Eketahuna
Greetings to all families and friends of Eketahuna School



MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK - TE WIKI O TE REO MAORI

Celebrated since 1975, Maori Language Week acknowledges and celebrates the Māori language as a unique cultural treasure for all New Zealanders. You will have noticed that I have started this newsletter with "kia ora" which was chosen to celebrate New Zealand's

indigenous greeting, but also because the words 'kia ora te reo Māori' mean 'let the Māori language live'. Here at school we have been working hard to integrate te reo into our daily programme, along with structured sessions led by Matua Warren and Whaea Everlyn Chase. We acknowledged the special week with Cool to korero cafes at morning tea in our House Teams which links to our charter action plan to create tuakana teina which refers to the relationship between an older child (tuakana) and a younger child (teina). It is specific to teaching and learning in the context of Māori. We also celebrated our great Maori myths and legends with 'Book in the Window' yesterday, which was enjoyed by both students and staff!



SCHOOL SPEECH COMPETITION

The school met in the hall on Tuesday afternoon to hear our Year 5 - 8 speech finalists. We had 6 fantastic speakers: Lilly Perkovic, Maia Morrison, Carmen Bidios, Kaia Aplin, Harry Dickson, and Marshall Anderson. All the speeches were of a high quality and demonstrated not only great oratory skills, but also a level of confidence which was very impressive! Congratulations to Maia Morrison who will go on to

represent the school next week at the Tararua Bush Speech Competition. Well done to Harry Dickson, who came second, and Kaia Aplin and Marshall Anderson who placed third equal!



NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Due to our school production schedule there will be no Celebration Assembly this week or next. We will move Room 1 and Room 3's to next term, where they will be our hosts at the beginning of Term 4. Tomorrow we will all be working hard as we rehearse 'Edge of Glory' and next Friday we will all be packing down the set, school hall (our rehearsal stage), putting away costumes, props etc. We look forward to seeing everyone in Week 10, at our last Term 3 assembly which our leaders will run!

SCHOOL VANDALISM

Sadly we have had a number of incidents over last weekend where people have come up to the school and damaged both property and equipment. We have talked to our local police officer who will increase the monitoring of our school and we are asking the community to please keep a 'look out'. We have lots of great developments happening for our children and it has been disappointing to have some members of our community disrespecting and misusing our school environment. Vandals have been trespassed from the school grounds in the past, we hope to avoid this type of action, but will follow this process if necessary, to ensure 'our great learning place' is safe!

Diary:

Tuesday 17th September: School Photos

Wednesday 18th September: Interschool Speech Comp

Thursday 19th September: Production - 'The Edge'

Tuesday 23rd September: Home & School Meeting

Friday 27th September: Crazy Hair Day

Friday 27th September: Last day of Term 3

Monday 14th October: First day of Term 4

**CONSERVATION WEEK /TE WIKI TIAKI AO TUROA**

Next week New Zealanders celebrate 50 years of Conservation Week! Conservation is not an abstract or theoretical concept ... it's about our natural environment and the plants, animals and birds that live in our very own backyards, school playgrounds, local parks and reserves as well as the public conservation land found further afield in Aotearoa. Due to our current commitment to our production we will be having a special week in Term 4 dedicated to this great cause. Our teachers are already planning ahead with lots of hands on activities students, and staff, can do to support our native fauna, flora and school 'eco' system!

PRIZE GIVING CUPS

The year is rushing by and next term we will have school prizegiving. Can we ask children who won cups last year to please return them to the school office as soon as possible. Thanks.

**SCHOOL RUBBISH**

To reduce the amount of rubbish here at school we are actively encouraging children to put food 'wrappings' & packaging back in their lunch boxes once they have eaten at morning tea and lunch. We are tidy kiwis!

**CAMP PAYMENTS**

We still have some students that have made no payments towards the senior camp next term. Please get in touch with Denise in the office as soon as possible so as not to miss out on going! Thank you.

**UPDATING IMMUNISATION INFORMATION**

From 1 January 2019 to 9 September 2019 there have been 1131 confirmed cases of measles notified across New Zealand. The majority of these cases are in Auckland, but the epidemic is continuing to grow and is currently impacting multiple regions, including the Manawatu. For all schools it is a timely reminder to make sure all our student details on immunisation information is up to date. Currently we have over half the school WITHOUT immunisation details recorded on our school management system. We will be sending out a letter with information, to those families it concerns, explaining how we can work together to update our records - look out for it in Week 10!

Nga mihi

Melinda + the Eketahuna Teaching Team

YOU'RE INVITED TO EKETAHUNA SCHOOL'S PRODUCTION

Edge Of Glory

An evening full of dancing and singing for the opening of the Rugby World Cup!



**RUGBY
WORLD CUP™**

Thursday 19th September 2019
Eketahuna Community Centre

6PM

Gold coin entry.

2019 Weekly Update

Room 1

We have been very patient this week as we move into the final week of production. It is all coming together nicely and the children look awesome on the stage. They will look even better once they are in their costumes. If you have not sent in the black items, T-shirt and leggings for girls, T-shirt, shorts and the added black pants (tracksuit bottoms) please do so before Monday. Next week we will be having dress rehearsals in our costumes before the performance on Thursday!

We won't have assembly this term due to the production, so look out for us to be the presenters early in Term 4.

A similar plan to last week for homework next week.

As always please contact me if you have any queries.

Thanks Jo

Room 2

We have been fortunate to have some pretty neat visitors to Room 2 over the last week. On Friday after assembly we had Mr Possum, Hunter's pet possum, come in for a cuddle with the children. He was very cute and furry! I smiled when I realised that Jason (Hunter's Dad) had him curled up in his hood. On Tuesday, Mrs Morgan had organised her very gifted nephew to come in and show the children how the bagpipes work and he also shared with us a couple of music pieces. It was a great link to our Scottish dance and also the Scottish fairy tale Mrs Morgan had read to the class last week. We even had some four legged fluffy little lambs come in, I look forward to seeing everyone's pet at the Spring Show next term.

Thank you
Renee

Room 3

The children have been patiently practising all week, and excitement for production is mounting fast!!

There remain just a few children who need to bring their black outfits to class in marked bags by Monday latest please-T-shirt and leggings for girls, T-shirt and shorts for boys.

Note that there will be no assembly this week, due to production. Room 3 will host the first assembly on Term 4.

We plan a cruisy day on Friday after production-feel free to come dressed in a onesie and bring a stuffed toy. We will have a popcorn and movie day :)

Carol

Room 5

It's congratulations to Carmen, Marshall and Kaia - the winners of the Room 5 Speech Presentations! Top job to students who worked on speeches from early this term, into the self-directed homework zone and then 'full-on' during the past week in particular.

Now, we're hyped - we're seriously hyped up for our production next week! We have some great numbers and it's been full on practicing the routines, the positions, costume changes and prop management. Learning about Stage Right and Stage Left has been in the mix, along with managing ourselves and being an ideal audience also. See you on Production Night next week! Jo, Barb & Team

Room 6 Hi everyone. Production practise is going really well. Some students still need to bring in their costumes. Please check with your child that they have everything needed for the night. Ideally they need to be in tomorrow. We will be having a sewing circle after school today in Room 6. Thank you to Mel Dennison for leading us with this. If you have a spare hour or two please feel free to come down for afternoon tea and some sewing. Camp is getting closer which is exciting. Over the next couple of nights I will be ringing parents to find out if their child is definitely going to camp as some people have made no effort to make payment which is disappointing. This is now necessary for activity planning, transport to be organised and weither camp will go ahead. If you know your child will not be attending please make contact with me directly. Do not send a message along with your child. Thank you for your support with this. Have a great week. Roseanne.

MINIBALL / BASKETBALL

Miniball Eke 2 vs Pahiutua
White
@ 3.50pm

Basketball Eke 1 vs Pahi
Toru
@ 4.15pm

**PRODUCTION UPDATE****Practise at the Eketahuna Community Centre**

On Monday 16th, Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th all students will be at the Eketahuna Community Centre taking part in rehearsals in preparation for the show. We hope to bus students there at 9:15am and back to school at 2:20pm, in plenty of time for daily buses. Denise will man the phone at the office and relay any messages to staff at the hall.

Drop off & Collection of Students on the Night

We ask that ALL students are at the Eketahuna Community Centre by 5pm This will give them time to get into costumes, warm up etc and be ready to start. At the end of the show ALL children will be in the supper room changing out of their costumes, so we ask parents to wait in the hall for teachers to bring their classes out. Thanks.

ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE PRODUCTION EVENING**Photographs & Video**

We have organised a photographer to take pictures and a professional video operator to video the show. We will make all photographs available to the community. The video recording will be available in CD form with protective case or digital memory stick for \$20.00 through the video operator. These would be available to order via the school office and delivered by the video operator early in Term 4.

We ask that no personal phones or other recording devices are used during the show. Thank you.

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.

Home and School Calf Scheme

On behalf of the Home and School committee thank you
for the generous donations of calves for the calf scheme
this year. We are looking for a few more grazers to take
on these calves. If you can help out ring:
Kirby Duffy 375 8119 or Jacqui Anderson 375 8101.



Eketahuna Cricket

Cricket starts up again in term 4.
Any primary aged children who
would like to play get in touch with
Jacqui Anderson on 375 8101 or
bradandjacs@xtra.co.nz



FUNDRAISER

Sweets for Sale in the Office

Crunchie Pieces

Large Bag \$5 Small Bag \$2

Eskimos

Large Bag \$5 Small Bag \$1

