

EKETAHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Another great week of teaching and learning. Please make sure you read the newsletter carefully - it's BUSY!

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF FOR 2020

With our increasing roll, and some changes for current staff we have advertised for teachers next year. Renee Oakly is relinquishing her full time position and will be part time in 2020, in a classroom release teacher role. Also, Roseanne Sayles will move down the school to work at a lower level. Therefore, it is my pleasure to announce that Dean Parsons and Jessica Wilkinson have been appointed to begin at Eketahuna School in 2020.



Dean is an experienced teacher, who has taught across all levels and is currently teaching at Fielding Intermediate School. He has been appointed as the Year 7 & 8 teacher for 2020. Dean has strengths in maths, literacy, IT and sport - having been the sports co-ordinator for the Intermediate this year. He has taught in single cell, collaborative and modern learning environments. Dean has recently made Pahiatua his home and is looking forward to getting to know the Tararua region.



Jessica is a beginning teacher who will work alongside Joanna Green in our junior room. She has had very successful practicums in Masterton schools this year and is looking to work in a rural setting. Jessica has strengths in curriculum knowledge & planning along with a passion for art and 'enviro' projects. Jessica lives in Masterton.

CHANGE TO BUS ROUTES FOR 2020

As part of the Ministry's continual process to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of school bus routes, the Ministry undertakes regular reviews. This year the Eketahuna School routes were part of this process. The review is to ensure that the school bus routes are servicing as many eligible students as possible in a safe, efficient and effective manner. The bus routes affected are the Rongomai bus route and the Newman bus route ('early bus'). From the start of Term 1 these will be combined to one circular route. At this stage we are still awaiting confirmation from Transit in terms of times and direction the bus will run. Those affected, please see attached map. More information will follow.

ROOM 6 ON CAMP

Our students are having a brilliant time in Whanganui at Green Pastures. All of the outcomes; friendships, overcoming challenges, staying healthy and building character, prepare them for bigger, brighter lives down the road. In addition to great friendships and enduring memories, many important life skills are learned at camp.



SPRING SHOW UPDATE

We are counting down to the Spring Show with only a week to go! All **Pet Registration Forms** need to **be in tomorrow**. There will be no late registrations accepted. If you are not bringing a live pet you are asked to bring along a pet of the 'stuffed toy' variety. Also remember to get your photo of your favourite pet in to the office to go in the '**Pet Photography Competition**'. Prizes are family passes to the movies, indoor pool and ten pin bowling!! These need to be back to school by Thursday 31st October. The plan for the day is also in today's newsletter.

Diary:

Monday 28th October: NO SCHOOL - Labour Day
Friday 31st: Lucky Book Club Due

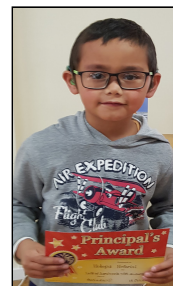
Friday 1st November: Spring Show

Monday 4th November: Eke Conservation Week starts!

Tuesday 5th November: Skate Project Sessions start

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! It is also a chance to see great learning that our host class shares! Tomorrow's assembly will be hosted by students in Room 1 and will be held in the library as the seniors are away!



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:	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: Lana Hamilton Room 2: Brent Knight Room 3: Carter Goodall Room 5: Robert Boddington Room 6: Grace Chase	Room 1: Toby White Room 2: Keira Bidois Room 3: Maclane King Room 5: Molly Mackisack Room 6: Kiara Potangaroa-Carter
Principal's Award: Hohepa Hoterini for all his hard work and great progress in learning	

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Last term we had a lot of illness with colds, the flu, chicken pox, tummy bugs etc and many children had significant amounts of time off school. Remember schools require students to attend around 95% of the term - days away have a huge impact on the progress students can make with their learning. So as we head into the summer months, we hope to see students healthy and attending regularly. A doctor's certificate is required for more than 3 days away.

LOST PROPERTY PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT THAT COMES TO SCHOOL IS CLEARLY NAMED, TO HELP US CUT DOWN ON LOST PROPERTY! ONLY BACK TWO WEEKS AND WE HAVE A PILE! IF YOU ARE IN SCHOOL, PLEASE CHECK OUT THE BIN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.		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 CONTINUE TO SEE A REDUCTION IN RUBBISH HERE AT SCHOOL. THANK YOU!		'PARENT TUTOR' READING: THE PROGRAMME HAS CONTINUED THIS TERM WITH A HUGE THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS. ALL THE SUPPORT IS HELPING STUDENTS MAKE SOME AMAZING PROGRESS AT SCHOOL! <u>WE HAVE A SPOT ON TUESDAY. IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.</u>	
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SCHOOL START TIME

Please be aware that there are no staff to supervise children before 8am in the morning. Classes are not open until 8:15am. If children need to be at school at 8am please guide them to the school office where they will need to stay until teachers open their rooms. No children should be on site before 8am.

SUMMER HOCKEY - Tuesday 29th October				
Eketahuna 1 (U13) Vs Pongaroa @ 4.20pm on Turf 4 M Redington (Coach)	Eketahuna 2 (13) Vs Toki 1 @ 4.55pm on Turf 4 J Bengston (Coach)	Eketahuna 3 (U11) vs St Ants Grey @ 3.55pm on Turf 1 J&M Governor (Coach)	Eketahuna 4 (U9) vs Toki 2 @ 3:30pm on Turf 4 S. Manson (Coach)	Eketahuna 5 (U7) Vs St Ants Blue @ 3.30pm on Turf 1B M. Dennison (Coach)
CRICKET - Saturday 26th October		SCHOOL ATHLETICS		
Eketahuna Typhoons vs Red Star Royals @ 9am Park Sports 3A Masterton H. Monk (Coach)	Eketahuna Tornadoes vs Wai JCB Girls Green @ 9am MIS 1 Masterton B. Anderson (Coach)	Coming up in Week 6 is our school athletics, which will look a little different. We will be having a Senior Athletics (Yr 3 - 8) day on Thursday 21st November and a Junior Athletics (Yr 0 - 2) morning on Friday 22nd November. Classes have started practising skills required for each event - more information on both the days organisation will follow.		

BUSH DISTRICT BOYS & GIRLS 'AG DAY'

The Bush District Ag Day is coming up on Thursday 14th November in Pahiatua. This year there are animal registration forms that need to be filled out before the day. The forms can be collected from Denise in the office, and need to be returned to the school by Tuesday 11th November so they can be sent through.

Nga mihi,

Melinda and the Eketahuna School Team



2019 Weekly Update

Room 1

We have had another busy week this week. We have been learning to tell the time to 'o'clock' in Maths and have been writing some great stories about our families this week.

We are the assembly hosts on Friday at 2.10 pm so come along and support us.

A reminder to be ready with the items you will need for the spring show and for pet day next Friday. I am excited for my first Eketahuna Spring Show.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding Spring Show or anything else.

Enjoy the long weekend.

Thanks Jo

Room 2

We are all back into normal school life routine now. This week we have been creating fact files about a NZ native bird or mammal. They have been working in buddies and focusing on putting their information into categories. This week we have also been fine tuning our sketching skills, and as you would have seen in this is part of their homework challenge.

Please remember to get your resources sorted for spring show in week 3. Enjoy the long weekend.

Renee

Room 3

Class has settled into a productive routine early this term which is great!

We are working collaboratively with Room 2 on our butterfly garden project, and have started studying NZ butterflies and measuring and researching for the planned garden-very exciting! The children have some great ideas.

We worked to finish our butterfly art and poems this week-they are beautiful!

Feel free to pop in and have a look.

Hope you all have a great long weekend and that we have some longed for sunshine!

Carol

Room 5

We've had an incredibly productive week! Pottery, today, is the activity that was the highlight of our week. Integrating this focus into our word study, reading and writing work was duly involved. We're also seriously nailing how to write to a recount, with last weeks' Golf Trip setting us up for that well. Maths is now a review of all we've learnt this year.

Our Kiwi Cash *financial literacy* work (with Room 5 'twists'), sees us now able to *buy* the rewards we all brainstormed - e.g. a Bake 'n Eat session, a Lego hour, being the bell monitor and even a little extra treat or two etc. Now, saving, spending, donating and investing just got even more interesting. Roll on next week! Cheers! Jo and Barb

Room 6

We are all having a great Time at Green Pastures! We have been kayaking, raft building, archery, water sliding and the famous MUD RUN! In the evenings we have been busy with quiz nights, roasting marshmallows and cooking on 'hobo stoves'. Today we hope to get to Mowhanau Beach for the day and then hold our 'Skits Evening' tonight. We will head home tomorrow and hope to be at school around 3pm. See you then . . .

Junior Golf

Eketahuna Golf Course.



Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm

Turn up to have a go!
There are clubs available for children to use.
If wet they cancel it & let the school know.

Nireaha Hall Disco
Thursday 31st October

EKETAHUNA SPRING SHOW

Nireaha Hall
Gold Coin Donation



Dress up in your favourite costume and come have a dance with us on Halloween night. Bring some change as we will have lollies, glow sticks, chips, drinks and more for sale. Bring your kids along to have a fun safe night, drop them at the door and the fun will begin. Seperate Scary Dark Cave.

We look forward to seeing you all there.



FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER



BAKE SALE

HOME AND SCHOOL ARE ONCE AGAIN RUNNING THEIR VERY POPULAR CAFÉ AND BAKE SALE. WE ARE ASKING EVERY FAMILY TO PROVIDE A PLATE OF BAKED OR BOUGHT GOODS FOR OUR CAFÉ.

PLEASE BRING ALONG ON THE DAY OR DROP INTO THE OFFICE.

MANY THANKS!

School Library & Reading Books



Please check at
home for any

School Library and Reading books and return to
the school office

Touch Rugby

Alfredton School are looking for any 6 – 7 year olds keen to join there touch team. They will be playing Friday afternoons in the Pahiatua competition.

If interested please contact Kirby Duffy
3758119 or lanceandkirby@inspire.net.nz



Agenda for the Board Of Trustee's Meeting

The Agenda for the BOT meeting on the 7th
November will close on

Thursday 31st October at 9pm.

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.

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