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EKETAHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Preparing today's child for tomorrow's world - Whakakaha ngā tamariki mo apopo

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Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Another busy week with beautiful weather! Please read carefully and mark dates on your calendars - its busy!



EKETAHUNA SCHOOL SPRING SHOW

It was great seeing so many of you come out to our Spring Show last Friday. I thought the day was really successful and the students really enjoyed themselves. Many, many thanks to everyone who helped out on the day; to the judges for giving up their time and doing a fantastic job with animals and the great class exhibits, to those who donated towards the bake sale; to the Home and School Association for their organisation and hard work - setting the rings, operating the BBQ, pouring the cups of tea and selling cakes from the hall, the amazing cake to be auctioned, all the parents for supporting their kids; Room 6 students their amazing 'Soda Cafe' and to the school staff for providing awesome class activities and giving 100% on the day. Well done to you all - it was a wonderful occasion! Our best wishes to those children who along with their lambs represented the school at the Bush Ag day next Thursday



SPRING SHOW'S PET RESULTS

The Supreme Champion Lamb was Scott Duffy the Reserve Champion Lamb was Holly Spring and the winner of the Anderson Family Cup for Best Pet was Toby White. Results from all pet competitions are on the insert with this newsletter. A big congratulations to all children!! The results for 'Match Staff & Pet Competition' will be announced at our school assembly tomorrow prizes to be won!



CONSERVATION WEEK

It has been fantastic to see the hands on activities going on around the school this week as week in celebration of our very own Eketahuna Conservation Week - a great way to "Prepare today's Child for Tomorrow's World - Whakakaha ngā tamariki mo apopo" - our school vision alive!



Diary:

Monday 4th November: Eke Conservation Week started!
Friday 8th November: School Assembly Room 2
Tuesday 5th November: Skate Project Sessions start
Wednesday 13th November: Year 7 & 8 Technology
Thursday 14th November: Road Patrol Movie Treat

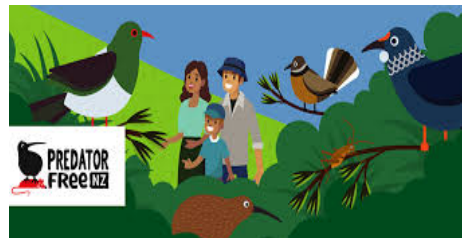
Thursday 14th November: Tararua Bush Ag Day
Friday 15th November: Tararua Minor Sports Year 1 & 2
Tuesday 19th November: Skate Project Sessions
Thursday 21st November: Senior School Athletics
Friday 22nd November: Junior School Athletics
Friday 22nd November: School Assembly Room 5

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CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

It is great seeing everyone at the school Celebration Assemblies each Friday, in the hall at 2:10pm. It's a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week. Tomorrow our host class is Room 2. We look forward to seeing you all there!

**PREDATOR FREE NZ SCHOOLS PROGRAMME**

Every year up to twenty schools nationwide are selected from hundreds of applicants to be part of of Predator Free Schools programme - and **EKETAHUNA SCHOOL HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL!!** This programme has a focus on teaching kids about what makes NZ's native species special and how introduced predators impact their survival. It also encourages them to take collective action for the care of the environment. Students will be encouraged to monitor the variety of native species that live in their community and what can be done to help them, detect what predators are in their school environment and where they occur,

and place a network of traps around their school grounds. Big thanks to Ali Mackisack for the support with the application - with the little taster of running a successful tracking and trapping programme in our school, next year will be that 'step up' that demonstrates to all our children that everyone can play a successful part in conservation in their own communities.

"Our young people are the next generation of advocates and community leaders, so it is essential that we install a sense of wonder empathy for nature in our children"

**EKETAHUNA CHRISTMAS CRUISE**

Coming up on Saturday 30th November is the town Christmas Parade. This year we will have two floats; a junior and a senior float. Permission slips and more information will be coming out next week . . .

BUSH 'AG DAY'

THE BUSH DISTRICT AG DAY IS ON THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER. 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 BY TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER SO THEY CAN BE SENT THROUGH.

**LATE STUDENTS**

OUR SCHOOL DAY STARTS AT 9AM AND WE SEEM TO HAVE A NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO ARE CONTINUALLY LATE TO SCHOOL. IT IS VITAL OUR STUDENTS ARE AT SCHOOL BEFORE THE START 9AM SO THEY HAVE TIME TO UNPACK, SORT THEIR EQUIPMENT AND PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR THE UPCOMING LEARNING IN CLASS.

**DIGITAL USER AGREEMENT**

WE HAVE HAD LOTS OF THE USER AGREEMENTS RETURNED BUT THERE ARE STILL MANY TO COME IN. PLEASE SIGN THE FORMS AND RETURN THEM TO YOUR CHILDS CLASSROOM TEACHER TO SEE WHICH CLASS WILL WIN THE REWARD BY GETTING ALL THEIR FORMS RETURNED FIRST, SO GET THEM BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

**SATURDAY CRICKET**

Another great game on Saturday morning saw great fielding and batting. A close game which the Eke Tornadoes lost by just 6 runs. Great attitude out on the field and from the parent supporters on the boundary - well done!

SUMMER HOCKEY - Tuesday 12th November

Eketahuna 1 (U13)
Vs Kumeroa
@ 3.55pm on Turf 3
M Redington (Coach)

Eketahuna 2 (13)
Vs Ballance/Papa
@ 3.55pm on Turf 2
J Bengston (Coach)

Eketahuna 3 (U11)
vs Pahiatua 12
@ 3.55pm on Turf 3
J&M Governor (Coach)

Eketahuna 4 (U9)
vs Pongaroa
@ 4:20pm on Turf 1
S. Manson (Coach)

Eketahuna 5 (U7)
Vs Pahiatua 1
@ 3.30pm on Turf 1b
M. Dennison (Coach)

CRICKET - Saturday 9th November

Eketahuna Typhoons vs TBC via Facebook

Eketahuna Tornadoes vs TBC Via Facebook

Nga mihi,
Melinda and the Eketahuna School Team

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2019 Weekly Update

Room 1

Thank you for your support on Pet Day, it was great to see most of the children arriving with all the items they needed to make their exhibits. What a talented bunch of children we have.

For Conservation week and for the next few weeks, we will be investigating the topic "Drains are for Rains", looking at where, the water from our drains go and how the pollution from our drains eventually runs into the sea. As ever please do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks Jo

Room 2

This week all the children have been getting ready for our last assembly that we will host as a class. Brooke has re-written the assembly script with a kiwi touch and we are all excited to show the school a slightly different assembly. As you will have seen on their arms this afternoon, a note, which asks that they bring a black t-shirt and a pair of black shorts so they can wear those alongside their Scottish outfit for their dance. Each morning this week the children have also been completing their standardised tests for the year. No homework this week, just rest and get outside for some fresh air to keep our minds fresh for the testing.

Miss Oakly

Room 3

We are continuing to enjoy learning about butterflies-we are practising songs, learning vocab (symmetry, pupae, metamorphosis), and exploring their life cycle.

We are making a start on our butterfly garden this week and are looking for donations of stumps- for a table and chairs, as well as tree slices for stepping stones. Also flat rocks and any used blue plastic drums please.

AND we are urgently needing some compost or manure PLEASE! Contact me if you have any :)

Thanks, Carol

Room 5

We've have another fabulous week in Room 5. Each morning the class have been focussed and striving to do their best on our school tests in reading, writing, and maths.

We have also been fully engaged in a range of Conservation Projects. Some children have worked with Jo to encourage native birds into our school environment and have made bird feeders and bird houses. They have also explored having an Eke School vege garden. With Barb, students have been learning about climate change and the impact of this on our world. We are looking at ways in which we can make a difference.

Room 6

Hi everyone. Thanks for your support with our 'Soda Pop Up Shop' during Pet Day. It was great to see everyone out in the sunshine enjoying the day. Well done on everyone who received a placing in the Creative Design activities.

Conservation Week: Year 8 Students have been working on designs to create and construct our own Eketahuna School Recycling Station. The aim is for our students to have somewhere to recycle their unwanted lunch waste.

Learn about our environment and how we manage our waste. We have been learning about sustainability, green waste, budgeting, materials that will be needed.

Donations: On behalf of the Year 8 students we are asking for donations of treated wood pellets. If you have any spare and would like to donate to our cause they can be left outside of Room 6.

We have visited the Eketahuna Recycling Centre to get an idea of how this has been constructed and the ongoing management of our towns rubbish.

The visit has generated many questions that will be passed on to our local council. We look forward to the councils reply. Have a great week.

A special visitor from the Northern Hemisphere in Rm 6!

Subin Jeong (Lana) came to visit us from Korea. She is traveling around NZ with her family and wanted to spend time in a New Zealand school. She wrote out our names in Korean. We had a great time with her!



More ideas to keep children developing their literacy and numeracy skills at home . . .

Spelling Games:

Interactive spelling games that teach everything from consonants and vowel sounds for younger students, to contractions and commonly mixed up words for more advanced spellers. To visit the site go to: <https://nz.education.com/games/spelling/>

Maths is Fun:

This page is full of activities for all areas of maths. You will find something for all levels of the primary school and beyond. To visit the site go to: mathsisfun.com

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EKETAHUNA HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION BAKING DONATIONS FOR GARDEN TOUR



POP UP CAFE ON SATURDAY 9TH & SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

HOME AND SCHOOL ARE ONCE AGAIN RUNNING THEIR VERY POPULAR CAFÉ AT THE PUKAHA MT BRUCE GARDEN TOUR.

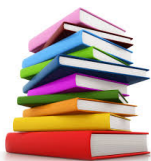
WE ARE ASKING EVERY FAMILY TO PROVIDE A SLICE OR PLATE OF BAKED GOODS FOR OUR FUNDRAISER

PLEASE DROP OFF AT THE OFFICE ON FRIDAY 8TH - MANY THANKS!

EKETAHUNA TOWN LIBRARY:

Are you a member of our library? If not it's really simple to become one – if you're under 18 you just need to talk to your grown-up at home and see if they are keen to come on in and join you up! No \$\$\$\$ needed!!!! Did you know that our library loans not just books but DVDs too!? And you can go to our sister libraries in Pahiataua, Woodville and Dannevirke to take books out as well. By the way – if you happen to be in Dannevirke over the next couple of weeks pop into the library there – they are having a big book SALE and you can big up some real bargains!

So come on in and see us – become a member and then you can take books home to read – and as Dr Seuss tells us:



Claire & Corrina

The MORE
that you read,
the MORE things
you will know.
The MORE that you
Learn,
the MORE places you'll go.

