

Thursday 14th November 2019

Term 4 Week 5

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 great week here at school. It is lovely to see all the children so positive and enthusiastic about their learning. This term has only five weeks to go, with lots 'crammed in, and it is going to fly!



'PUSHING FORWARD' - SKATEBOARD PROJECT

We were very pleased this week to have 'Pushing Forward - Skate Project' in school. The project, facilitated by Sport Manawatu & OnBoard Skate, will run for 4 weeks this term and teach fundamental skateboard riding skills 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Yesterday all school photos, done by Scott Photographs, were sent home. Any families who are not satisfied with their photographs have 10 days from distribution to return them to Scott Photographs for a full refund. Any families wishing to re-order can do so directly from Scott Photographs or visit their website. You can phone - (04) 568 6721, access them through the website - www.lcscott.co.nz or email - info@lcscott.co.nz



POLICIES UP TO DATE & ONLINE

Our School Policies and Procedures, created with expert input, are nearly ready to load onto our school website. This will make all policies accessible to the whole school community. The unique review system also allows board members, staff and parents to comment on policies and procedures online. Look out for the link next week!

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOC

A huge thank you to our Home & School Association, and everyone who helped out over the weekend to make the 'Pop up' cafe at the Pukaha Mt Bruce Garden Tour such a success. Lots of positive comments about its appearance, food on offer, and how well the 'team' operated! We still have a couple more events coming up so we look forward to seeing everyone next week - Tuesday 19th - at 7pm in the school staffroom. Come along for a 'cuppa' and catch up!



DIARY

Friday 15th November: Tararua Minor Sports Year 1 & 2 **Postponed**
Monday 18th November: Yr 8 Testing - Tararua College
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
Friday 22nd November: Lucky Book Club Due
Monday 25th November: Senior School Athletics pp
Friday 29th November: Bush Athletics - Pahiatua

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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. Please note there is **NO** assembly tomorrow due to Room 1 and Room 3 attending the Bush Minor Sports day in Pahiataua.

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: Emmanuel McNamara Room 2: Joe Powell Room 3: Lana Hanson Room 5: Isaak Chasland Room 6: Kris Highet	Room 1: Rocco Burton-Foley Room 2: Ella Mitchell Room 3: Braxton Carrington Room 5: Hayley Dennison Room 6: Davey Shannon
Principal's Award: Anthony Dennison for being kind and caring when helping a parent in school.	




**EKETAHUNA CHRISTMAS CRUISE**

Coming up on Saturday 30th November is the town Christmas Cruise. This year we will have two floats; a junior and a senior float, with two different themes around Christmas. Permission slips and information is included with this newsletter for those interested students.

EKETAHUNA SCHOOL BOOK WEEK

We are planning an exciting Week 8, which will have a strong literacy focus - the Eke School Book Week! Exciting and fun activities across all the classes are being organised, including trips to the Eketahuna Library, school wide 'Stop, Drop & Read' and a great 'Scholastic Book Fair'. The week will end with a dress up day based on well known characters from books - get your thinking caps on about who you will be - the staff are already getting themselves sorted!



HATS & SUNSCREEN OUR SUN SAFETY POLICY REQUIRES HATS TO BE WORN IN TERM 4. IT IS BEGINNING TO HEAT UP, SO A GOOD IDEA IS TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BRING A HAT (NAMED) THAT CAN BE LEFT AT SCHOOL, THEREFORE AVOIDING SPENDING THEIR BREAKS ON THE DECK IN THE SHADE. THANK YOU.		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.		IMMUNISATION UPDATES THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SENT IN THE INFORMATION NEEDED TO UPDATE OUR SCHOOL SMS SYSTEM. THERE ARE STILL MANY CHILDREN WHO HAVE NO DETAILS ENTERED. PLEASE GET THE IMMUNISATION FORMS ALONG TO SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.	
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**SCHOOL ATHLETICS**

Senior Athletics is on **Thursday 21st November** at 9:30am (pp date Monday 25th Nov)


- 8 year olds and up will participate
- 6 events to rotate around between 9:30am - 12:30pm
- Sprints/Running finals will be from 1:30pm

Junior Athletics is on **Friday 22nd November**, at 11am and going through to 12:30pm

- 5 - 7 year olds will participate
- A variety of teacher events to rotate around, with our school leaders supporting

ALL CHILDREN WILL NEED APPROPRIATE SPORTS ATTIRE, HATS, SUN LOTION AND DRINK!

SUMMER HOCKEY - Tuesday 19th November

Eketahuna 1 (U13) Vs St Ants Purple @ 4.20pm on Turf 2 M Redington (Coach)	Eketahuna 2 (13) St Ants Green @ 4.55pm on Turf 4 J Bengston (Coach)	Eketahuna 3 (U11) vs Pahiataua 11 @ 3.55pm on Turf 2 J&M Governor (Coach)	Eketahuna 4 (U9) vs Pongaroa @ 3.55pm on Turf 3 S. Manson (Coach)	Eketahuna 5 (U7) Vs Pahiataua 3 @ 3.30pm on Turf 1B M. Dennison (Coach)
CRICKET - Saturday 16th November @ 9am				
 Eketahuna Typhoons vs Martinborough Hawks Douglas Park - Masterton 1 H. Monk (Coach)		Eketahuna Tornadoes vs Martinborough Moas Queen Elizabeth Park - Junior Grass Sth B. Anderson (Coach)		

Nga mihi,
Melinda and the Eketahuna School Team

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2019 Weekly Update

Room 1

We have begun to talk about Fractions in Maths so ask your children if they want their sandwiches cut in halves or quarters for the next few weeks and ask what that means i.e. 2 or 4 pieces.

BUSH MINOR SPORTS HAS BEEN CANCELLED TOMORROW DUE TO THE WETHER and postponed until a later date.

There are quite a few things that are coming up to look forward to, Christmas Parade, Carol Service are just a few. Make sure to look out for notes in bags.

As ever if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks Jo

Room 2

This week we are learning about the red admiral so we can share the information with the rest of the school. With Room 3 last week we started to make the butterfly garden to attract them.

We have also been learning how to write a formal letter, especially since Xmas is coming up. Santa will be receiving quite a few letters from the children in Room 2, and there have been lots of requests to have him send the Elf back to us.

In case you hear that a wink can kill, we've been learning to play wink murder in class this week for a bit of fun during the transitions between learning. It has been a lot of fun for the children and for me to watch their 'subtle' winking strategies.

Room 3

So much going on! Our **Bush Minor Sports Day** tomorrow has been postponed to 5 December which is the date for our butterfly house outing, so unfortunately we won't be able to go to the athletics.

We urgently need some **sheep poo** for our butterfly garden. Please let us know if you can help.

Also, we are still waiting for digital agreement slips to be returned, and **ALL library books** need to come back to school next week.

In **writing** we are focussing on editing our work this week, using peer feedback to help us, and in **math** we are working on understanding that subtraction is the opposite of addition.

Have a great weekend :)

Carol

Room 5

Christmas Around the World is now our theme and we're taking a collaborative planning approach as a class. Just how we'll pull off this theme together, is part of this. Ideas are coming through from one extreme to another and we're figuring out how the learning will actually evolve - why, when, how and who and what with! Parents - if your Room 5 child is keen to bring anything from home to contribute, or lend etc, we'll leave you to discuss how you'd like to roll with whatever outcome you'd like.

Testing's over; reports are underway; Senior Athletics is next week; how we'll contribute to a Senior School float is in brainstorm mode and skateboarding's become the new rage! Life here's full on & it's awesome! Cheers! Jo, Barb & class.

Room 6: Hi everyone another busy week. We have been working on our Camp Recounts which will be bound into a booklet to keep. **Bus Monitors:** Students spent time with Maxine training to be bus monitors.

SkateBoard Skills: Students got to spend time with Steve & Craig learning skills on skateboarding, safety, stopping and starting. We look forward to continuing next week.

Technology: Today students were introduced to sewing. Students learned how a sewing machine works, how to thread, reverse and forward stitching. All students created a cloth bag to take home.

Athletics: Skill practise for long jump, high jump & sprints continue along with discus and shot put.

Year 8 Day Out: This will be on Monday the 9th of December. Information about this day will be sent home tomorrow. Please make sure you read the notice carefully. Have a great week.

Leaders Report:

We are looking forward to the senior school athletics on the 21st of November and Bush athletics on the 29th of November. Room 6 went to the first technology of the term. Next Monday some year 8 students will be travelling to Tararua College to take their entry tests for 2020.

Maia, Jack.



You can help your child's learning every day, by supporting and encouraging them and being excited by their learning. Here are some ideas to keep them developing their general knowledge skills at home - keep checking weekly to see new suggestions . . .

Kiwi Kid News:

Here's a great way for kids to stay up to date with current events from New Zealand and around the world. You'll find current events challenges, fun home activities, games, and a whole lot more. To visit the site go to: <https://kiwikidsnews.co.nz/>

National Geographic Kids:

This is where you can discover some of the coolest facts for kids from around our planet. From animals and geography to science, nature and history, there are so many amazing facts for kids just waiting to be discovered. To visit the site go to: <https://www.natgeokids.com/nz/>

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EKETAHUNA Santa Cruise

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30th

11am - 2pm

Stalls-Prizes-Santa-Fun-Games

Facepainting

For Registration of Floats and Stalls please email Clive on
cbickerstaff@tararuacollege.school.nz

Further details will be given out on registration: **Registration is helpful**



Parade starts 12 noon—rain or shine

Prize for best float

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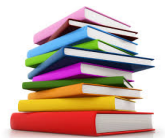
Do you like reading? Telling people what you think?? Come to our book club, read different books and talk about it. YOLO is the library book club for 8-12 year olds. Held every month, this is a great way to meet likeminded people. Next YOLO meeting is 21st November. Hope to see you there.

Super Smash Reading Challenge:

Registration is open for the Super Smash Reading Challenge! This is a partnership between Read NZ Te Pou Muramura (formerly the NZ Book Council) and New Zealand Cricket. Primary and intermediate-aged children are invited to register online for free and choose their local cricket team to 'play' for. Players log the books they read over the summer, along with a star rating and short review. A leader board keeps track of the Super Smash teams as they move up and down the rankings accordingly. Paper Plus gift cards are up for grabs every day of the Super Smash cricket tournament, which ends 19 January 2020.

There are lots of other spot prizes on offer, including books and signed sports gear from NZ Cricket, along with double passes to games. Have a great weekend.

Claire & Corrina



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.

