

Thursday 21st November 2019

Term 4 Week 6

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

With lots going on, please make sure you read the 'Diary'! We are keeping students busy and positive, while maintaining our school expectations around effort and behaviour right to the last day - together we can do it!

SCHOOL DOCS IS LIVE

SchoolDocs now manages our school's policies and procedures online, in a way that allows us to maintain, review, and update them regularly. It ensures that our policies and procedures are up to date, that we're following Ministry of Education best-practice guidelines, and that we're meeting our reporting requirements. Please see the enclosed information sheet that will guide you through the new website.



ACCESS TO TEACHERS VIA CELL PHONES

Our teaching staff have kindly made themselves available to the school community by giving out their personal cell phones to caregivers of students in their classes. This is not a common occurrence in schools. While we want to build those learning partnerships, please be advised that teachers will only be responding to messages Monday to Friday from 8am to 5pm, and do not expect a reply during class teaching time. Further, please refrain from ringing or texting on their phones in the weekend as this is their personal time. The same goes for before school, as this is valuable preparation time for teachers. It is also a time for them to be greeting students arriving at school and checking they are ready for the day. Lastly, please ensure the language used is respectful and messages succinct. Our teachers do an amazing job of caring for your children, and updating you, but with the current issues we are having we may need to look at returning to contacting teachers through only the office, or their school emails, as was done in the past.



ROAD WARDENS TREAT

Last Thursday our Road Wardens went to Pahiatua where they were treated to a movie at The Regent Theatre. The treat was organised by local Police in recognition of the great work our wardens do each afternoon out at the roadside where they keep our students safe - we need to thank them for their commitment to the job, rain, hail, sun and wind. They all really enjoyed the movie "Mosley" and had a wonderful time!

SENIOR ATHLETICS 8 YEARS UP

A GREAT DAY TODAY WITH OUR STUDENTS GIVING 100% IN ALL EVENTS. THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO CAME ALONG TO HELP AND SUPPORT. FINAL RESULTS WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER!



DIGITAL USER AGREEMENT FORMS

PLEASE SIGN FORMS AND RETURN THEM TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM TEACHER TO SEE WHICH CLASS WINS THE REWARD BY GETTING ALL THEIR FORMS RETURNED FIRST. WINNING CLASS ANNOUNCED AT ASSEMBLY!



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE BOOK FAIR COMING TO SCHOOL IN WEEK 8! A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE SOME GREAT BOOKS FOR CHILDREN & AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS!



EKETAHUNA CHRISTMAS CRUISE

Next Saturday, on the 30th November, is the town Christmas Cruise. This year we have been hard at work on two floats; a junior one and a senior one. Permission slips need to come back to the office if your child/ren are wanting to participate on the day. Please note that the time has been changed to a 12pm start so an updated information sheet & slip are coming home today.

JUNIOR ATHLETICS

The fun competition is on **tomorrow** at 11am and will through to 12:30pm with sprints to finish.

- 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!



Diary:

Friday 22nd November: Junior School Athletics
Friday 22nd November: School Assembly Room 6
Friday 22nd November: Lucky Book Club Due

Friday 29th November: Bush Athletics - Pahiatua

Monday 2nd December: Book Week Starts

Tuesday 3rd December: Formal Dance Practise Y7 & 8

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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. Our hosts tomorrow will be Room 6 and we look forward to seeing you there!

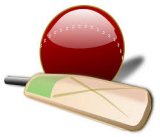
**EKETAHUNA HOME & SCHOOL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Coming home today are raffle ticket for each family to sell as a Home & School Fundraiser. The 1st prize is an Android Tablet, 2nd prize is a delicious christmas cake. The tickets are \$2:00 each and those sold will need to be returned to the school office by Monday 9th December. The raffle will be drawn at our school prizegiving.

EKETAHUNA CHRISTMAS CAROL

Coming up on Sunday 8th December is the town Christmas Carols at the Eketahuna Community Centre and we have been practising a couple of Christmas items to perform on the evening. Information for those keen to attend will be sent out next week.

**SUMMER HOCKEY - Tuesday 26th November**

Eketahuna 1 (U13) Vs Pahiatua 14 @ 4.55pm on Turf 3 M Redington (Coach)	Eketahuna 2 (13) Pongaroa @ 4.20pm on Turf 4 J Bengston (Coach)	Eketahuna 3 (U11) vs Pahiatua 10 @ 3.55pm on Turf 1 J&M Governor (Coach)	Eketahuna 4 (U9) vs Pahiatua 4 @ 3.30pm on Turf 2 S. Manson (Coach)	Eketahuna 5 (U7) Vs BYE M. Dennison (Coach)
CRICKET - Saturday 23rd November @ 9am				
		Eketahuna Typhoons vs Red Star Renegades Douglas Park - Masterton 1 H. Monk (Coach)		Eketahuna Tornados vs Martinborough Moas Queen Elizabeth Park - Junior Grass North B. Anderson (Coach)

Nga mihi,

Melinda and the Eketahuna School Team

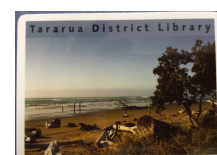
Student	Placing	Category
Kiara Potangaroa-Carter	CHAMPION EXPORT LAMB & RESERVE CHAMPION	
	Senior Reserve Champion	
	1st	Senior - Export Lamb Y7 & 8
	2nd	Senior - Blackface Lamb Y7 & 8
Scott Duffy	3rd	Senior - White Face Short Wool Y7 & 8
Jackson Wells	3rd	Intermediate - White Faced Short Wool Lamb Yr 6
	4th	Intermediate - Export Lamb Yr 6
Holly Spring	3rd	Intermediate - Black Face Lamb
Hunter Rankin	4th	Junior - Pet Lamb Y2 & 3
	1st	Junior - Blackface Lamb
Madison Rankin	4th	Junior - Pet Lamb Y0 & 1

BUSH AG DAY RESULTS

Our students put a lot of effort and hard work into raising lambs this season and the excellent results at the recent Tararua Bush Ag Day are a testament to this. Well done to everyone who participated and congratulations to all those who gained placings!

**EKETAHUNA TOWN LIBRARY:**

Hi All – we are gearing up for the summer holidays and it is a bit exciting as we are doing something quite different this year – hoping we will see some of you pop in over the break and enjoy some of the different activities we have planned – watch this space for more info! In the meantime, there are still games to play in the library, jigsaws, dvds and of course books you can take home (if you have a library membership). And last but not least – Sunday November 24 there will be a Nationwide Emergency Mobile Alert Test! To check if your phone is compatible so you can receive alerts in the case of an emergency, go to <https://getready.govt.nz>



Claire & Corrina

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2019 Weekly Update

Room 1

BUSH MINOR SPORTS will be cancelled as it is a busy week with Book Week, also Room 2 & 3 are going to the Butterfly Farm that day.

Reminder that it is Athletics day is Friday from 11 am so if you would like to come along and watch please do so.

We have been continuing our learning about plastic in the ocean following on from Conservation week. We will begin designing some murals to remind people about the effects of plastic getting into drains.

A letter came home last week about the Christmas Floats please return that if your child wants to take part.

Thanks Jo

Room 2

We have been busy practising for athletics this week. We have also been learning to use all our senses to create the base of a poem. The class has completed their fact-files about the native red admiral butterfly. They have included some very interesting facts and we look forward to sharing them with the rest of the school. This week we have also been measuring objects in the class, using the units of cm and mm. The children worked in buddies to create a scene where they designed accessories and had to write their measurements down.

We are excited about athletics - see you there!

Miss Oakly

Room 3

We have been having fun learning how to do research on the internet this week and the children have discovered some wonderful things about butterflies!

This has inspired some amazing writing. Well done Clever Creatures!

In Math we are working on understanding teen numbers and how to do addition with them.

We would like to use our microscope next week so please look out for any dead insects, especially butterflies.

Please also check for outstanding library books.

Look forward to seeing you all at athletics on Friday :)

Carol

Room 5

We are ready for action in the school athletics sports today. The children have arrived all energetic and ready to do their best.

There is a current focus in Room 5 that all students are working hard to ensure they are meeting our school's behaviour expectations. It's a busy time of the year, with lots of exciting things happening. It is really important that students are using their self control skills and are being considerate of others.

We've made a change to the assembly roster and we will be hosting school assembly Friday 29th November, you are very welcome to come along.

The Eke Christmas Cruise is on Saturday the 30th. We would love to have as many of our students involved this year as possible. The children have a note about this. Please complete the permission slip and return it to the office.

Room 6: Hi everyone we have had a great week of learning, athletics practise and singing. Students have been learning skateboard skills with Stephen and Craig.

Maths: We have been reviewing numbers such as percentages, fractions and decimals.

Reading: We have been working and reviewing SRA Cards to help with our reading comprehension.

Athletics: What a great day for athletics. Students showed excellent sportsmanship. Thank you to all the parent helpers. It was a fun day.

Notices: For Year 8 Day Out, Formal Dancing & Christmas Parade Notices. Please take the time to read these notices carefully to avoid confusion. If you have any questions regarding any of these notices please feel free to email me. Have a great week.

Roseanne

DESIGN THE SWIMMING POOL SIGN COMPETITION

Students have been invited to design and create a new sign for the town swimming pool.

Competition opens this:

Friday 22nd and closes Monday 2nd December.

Entry forms are available in this newsletter.

1st Prize:

Family Pass to the complex PLUS 2 days admission to inflatable days.

2nd Prize:

Child's season pass PLUS admission to Inflatable Day.

3rd Prize:

Admission to Inflatable Day.



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 literacy and numeracy skills at home - keep checking weekly to see new suggestions . . .



PBSKids:

Hundreds of literacy games to play - top right corner has a drop down box for more games including letter, spelling & vocab games. To visit the site go to: <https://pbskids.org/games/>

Math Playground:

Full of activities for all areas of maths and guaranteed to give your 'maths brain' a real 'workout'! You will find something for all levels of the primary school and beyond. To visit the site go to: <https://www.mathplayground.com/>

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School Library & Reading Books

Please check at home for any School Library, Reading books and return to the school office



HOME & SCHOOL SPRING SHOW BBQ

A big thank you to Richard Thurston from Silver Fern Farms for supplying the steak and Property Brokers for the bread and sausages.



Fun, actioned packed "try out" piano class.
16-20 December 2019
10-12pm
Ph 027 462 1975
for more information

Agenda for the Board Of Trustee's Meeting

The Agenda for the BOT meeting on the 5th December will close on Thursday 28th November 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.



EKETAHUNA CHRISTMAS PARADE

Come along and see our amazing 'Eketahuna School Christmas Floats'

12pm Eketahuna Main Street

Come and enjoy the Home & School sausage sizzle

Time for some 'festive cheer'!



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