

Thursday 28th November 2019

Term 4 Week 7

# 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

A great week, with lots of lovely sunshine - make sure you check all the upcoming events - lots of fun!!

## Athletics Team for Tararua Bush 2019:

We are looking forward to the Tararua Bush Interschool athletics which is on in Pahiatua tomorrow. Our best wishes go with Ms Sayles, Mrs Gibson and Ms Whitburn, and our team of great athletes, for the competition!

8 Years	9 Years	10 Years	11 Years	12 Years	13 years
Soloman Hotereni Spencer Goodal Aidan Rolfe	Lachie Duffy Romeo Cherry Brent Knight Raniera Kenrick	Paice Mitchell-Hopa Lachie Redington George McCall Jackson Wells	Leeray King Harry Dickson Scott Duffy	Jack Redington Harrison Mackisack Blake Rolfe Ashton Pinnell	Logan Rendel Mitchel Boddington
Brooke Duffy Heidi Hanson Keira Bidois	Payton Hansen Aurora Mitchell-Jensen Nancy Duffy Aleyra Puha	Carmen Bidois Isla Dickson Ellie Pinell	Meila Mitchel-Hopa Indy Burton-Foley Kiara Potangaroa-Carter	Alice Bourke Lily Croasdale Stella Governor	Maia Morrison Libby Stockbridge Charlie King



## HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Our fantastic Home & School team met last Tuesday to discuss the upcoming sausage sizzle at the Christmas Cruise and the raffle for the iPad which is out currently. The group have also generously given the following funds to the school for: \$150 for Year 8 activities, \$400 for Room 2 & 3's Butterfly trip, \$500 for the upcoming 'Eke Fun Day' and \$3,000 for Digital Technology resources to support our new digital curriculum. A huge thank you to you all!



## CHRISTMAS CRUISE

If your child has indicated they would like to participate in the Christmas Cruise on Saturday, please make sure they are **dropped off at school by 11:15am** and **collected from school at 1pm**. Lots of work has gone into the two floats and they will look fabulous. It should be a great event!

## EKETAHUNA BOOK WEEK

Next week is the **school Book Week**! It's the week where classes can spend time reading - and enjoying lots of creative activities and school events that celebrates reading and books! Classes will be walking to the town library on Wednesday and Thursday. We will have 'Book in the Window', Buddy Class Reading, a fantastic 'Read-a-thon', Book Week Treasure Hunt, the Scholastic Book Fair and a character dress up day on Friday! Come along as your favourite book character!



## Diary:

**Friday 29th November:** Bush Athletics - Pahiatua  
**Monday 2nd December:** Book Week Starts  
**Tuesday 3rd December:** Formal Dance Practise Y7 & 8  
**Wednesday 4th December:** Yea 1 - 4 visit to the town library

**Thursday 5th December:** Year 5 - 8 visit to the town  
**Friday 6th December:** Helpers Morning Tea  
**Friday 6th December:** **Character Dress Up Day!!!**  
**Friday 6th December:** Room 5 Assembly  
**Tuesday 10th December:** Butterfly Farm visit Room 2 & 3

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**CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK**

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 many students from Room 2, Room 5 and Room 6 attending the Bush athletics day in Pahiataua.

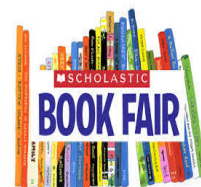
<b><u>Class Awards – Star Student:</u></b> Given to a student by their teacher to acknowledge the great work done in class and related to learning throughout the week:	<b><u>Caught Being Good Award – Duffy Book:</u></b> Given to a student by their teacher in recognition of outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:
Room 1: Jaylah Keedwell Room 2: Taimana Mokoraka Room 3: Maclane Ling Room 5: Lachie Redington Room 6: Sam Willetts	Room 1: Jaxson Rendel Room 2: Jackson Wells Room 3: Chelsea Spring Room 5: Carmen Bidois Room 6: Lachie Duffy
<b>Principal's Award:</b> Jackson Wells for outstanding attitude and effort during our school athletics.	


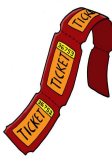

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

We have been asked to perform at the Community Christmas Carol Service this year. It will be on Sunday 8th Dec at the Eketahuna Community Centre at 7pm. Information about this evening, and a permission slip for those who are interested in performing is coming home in today's newsletter.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

We are excited about the book fair coming to school next week! A great opportunity to purchase some awesome books for children & as christmas gifts! The 'shop' will be set up in the admin area from Tuesday. Eftopos will be available. Students will be bringing a sample sheet of some of the books available home so families can get an idea of what is on offer! Denise will be supervising the 'Pop Up Book Shop' during school hours so please feel free to come in and browse . . .



<b><u>LOST PROPERTY</u></b> PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL CLOTHING THAT COMES TO SCHOOL IS CLEARLY NAMED, TO HELP US CUT DOWN ON LOST PROPERTY! THE BIN IS FULL, SO CHECK IT OUT! WHEN NEXT IN SCHOOL. THANK YOU.		<b><u>RAFFLE TICKETS:</u></b> THE HOME & SCHOOL ASSOC RAFFLE TICKETS ARE OUT AT THE MOMENT - SO BE IN TO WIN A 'TABLET'! PLEASE GET YOUR SOLD TICKETS BACK TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP. THANKS VERY MUCH!		<b><u>CELL PHONES:</u></b> STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO HAVE PHONES OR DEVICES OF ANY DESCRIPTION ON THEM AT SCHOOL. IF THEY DO NEED TO BRING ONE THEY ARE TO BE HANDED INTO THE OFFICE BEFORE SCHOOL.	
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**ROOM 6 AT TARARUA COLLEGE**

Our senior class have been at the college for the Moving Forward Conference and the Technology shared lunch!

**SUMMER HOCKEY - Tuesday 3rd December 2019**

<b>Eketahuna 1 (U13)</b> Vs Toki 1 @ 4.55pm on Turf 1 M Redington (Coach)	<b>Eketahuna 2 (13)</b> Vs Pahiataua 13 @ 4.20pm on Turf 1 J Bengston (Coach)	<b>Eketahuna 3 (U11)</b> Vs Pah 8 @ 3.55pm on Turf 1 J&M Governor (Coach)	<b>Eketahuna 4 (U9)</b> vs Pah 6 @ 3.30pm Turf 4 S. Manson (Coach)	<b>Eketahuna 5 (U7)</b> Vs St Ants Blue @ 3.30pm on Turf 1B M. Dennison (Coach)
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**CRICKET - Saturday 16th November @ 9am**

**Eketahuna Typhoons vs Eketahuna Tornadoes**  
 Tonight @ Eketahuna School @ 5:30pm  
 Come along and watch a great game!!

Nga mihi,  
 Melinda and the Eketahuna School Team

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**2019 Weekly Update****Room 1**

We had a great time at Athletics on Friday. It was neat to see all the kids trying their best.

This is a busy time of the year with lots on, we have been practising songs for the prize giving and carol service.

It will be good to see the children on the float for the Christmas Cruise.

It is getting warmer so please remember to put sunblock on your children before school. There is sunblock at school so we can re-apply if needed.

A reminder that next week is book week. We have a book fair at school and on Friday come to school dressed as a book character.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks Jo

**Room 2**

Tomorrow we will head back into the butterfly garden to add some more topsoil to get it ready for planting our the plants specific to attracting some native butterflies. The permission slips were sent out this week for the trip in week 9. Please get these back to school with the \$2. We are very fortunate to have the Home and School Committee paying a substantial amount to reduce the costs for each child, to a very reasonable amount.

This Tuesday we had the two men from On Board here to continue helping the children learn to skate. Most of the class gave riding over the ramp a go and I have seen such an increase in confidence with all the kids. This has been a highlight of the week for most of the children. Miss Oakly.

**Room 3**

**BUTTERFLY THEME**-On Friday we will be helping Room 2 to complete filling our planting box ready for the seedlings, and we are very excited about our outing to the Butterfly house-please remember to return your slips and donation. Many thanks.

**LIBRARY BOOKS**-the school library is missing over 200 books.please check carefully at home for any missing books and return ASAP.

**BOOK WEEK**- next week. There will be a book fair and a dress up day on Friday. Help your child find their favorite character!

We are also looking for 'dead' things (insects etc.) to examine through our microscope, please.

Carol :)

**Room 5**

Thank you to parents who were able to join us at our Athletics Day last Thursday. The day was a stunner; the effort was brilliant and now many of us are looking forward to tomorrow's Bush Athletics Day!

It's all go with our 'Christmas Around the World' float for the Christmas Cruise on Saturday. We've got a Southern and Northern Hemisphere *Christmas look and feel*. Everyone's been invited to be part of the float - and those who are keen and /or able to come, see you at our float, by 11.15am, THIS Saturday morning.. We'll represent the focus that involves relaxation, family time, gifting, helping, summer and winter. Many thanks! Jo, Barb and the Year 5-6s.

**Room 6:** Hi everyone. Room 6 has had a very busy week this week. **Tuesday** we attended the Moving Forward Conference at Tararua College. Students submitted their chosen activities by email. They participated in a variety of different activities from CupCake Decorating to making Environmental Bags out of T-Shirts to Art Challenges.

It was a great day and all students came away with new skills.

**Wednesday** we were once again back at Tararua College for our final Technology class. Students in Hard Technology designed and made their own spatula which they then used to cook a barbeque lunch with. Cooking Technology saw students cooking and making salads. At lunch time both classes came together to enjoy lunch one final time. It was a lovely way to enjoy our very last Technology Session together with food, laughter and kind words from our teachers. Both commented that Eketahuna students were one of the best classes they had taught.

**Athletics:** Students have had one final practise for athletics this afternoon. Students need to be at school at half past 8 ready to leave at **8:45** as we need to be there by **9:15**. Information has been sent home.

**Christmas Float:** Looking forward to the christmas parade on Saturday. I have 6 students out of 31 who will be part of the float with Room 5. They will be Rock n Roll dancing behind the float as we move along. They won't be dancing on the float. If you have any questions or concerns you can 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:

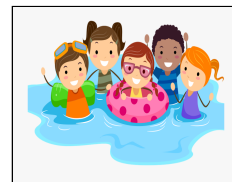
Family Pass to the complex PLUS 2 days admission to inflatable days.

2nd Prize:

Child's season pass PLUS admission to Inflatable Day.

3rd Prize:

Admission to Inflatable Day.





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



#### Fun Brain:

This is an american site but has plenty of great activities and games for your child to enjoy. To visit the site go to: <https://www.funbrain.com/>

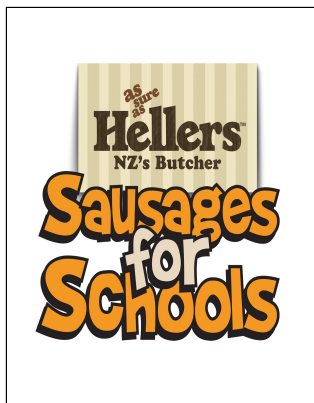
#### Kiwi Kids News:

Each school day 4 or 5 relevant news articles are uploaded to keep students informed about the world around them. To visit the site go to: <https://kiwikidsnews.co.nz/>

**Our 'Home & School' were successful with their application for Hellers Sausages for Schools!**

**They have received delicious sausages for our Christmas Cruise Sausage Sizzle!**

**Come along along, grab a Hellers Sausage and support the school!**



### ***Agenda for the Board Of Trustees' 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'!*



**Fun, actioned packed "try out" piano class.  
16-20 December 2019  
10-12pm**

**Ph 027 462 1975  
for more information**

### **School Library & Reading Books**

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

