

Thursday 5th December 2019

Term 4 Week 8

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

What a week it has been since our last newsletter, successful Tararua Bush Interschool athletics, the town Christmas Cruise with the Home & School sausage sizzle, our final hockey fixtures and our school Book Week. All these things rely upon our school community. This is a true partnership which is striving to ensure all children are successful & have positive experiences at school. Your input needs to be acknowledged-thank you! We look forward to seeing you at Rm 5's assembly tomorrow!

TARARUA BUSH INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS:

This year our students enjoyed a huge amount of success at our Bush Athletics, and showed skill and fantastic attitude throughout the event. The results are listed below and were separated into girls and boys events in age levels:

BUSH ATHLETICS FIELD RESULTS 2019			BUSH ATHLETICS TRACK RESULTS 2019		
SHOT PUT	PLACE	STUDENT	100m	PLACE	STUDENT
9 Yr Old Girls	2nd	Algera Puha	8 Yr Old Girls	1st	Brooke Duffy
11 Yr Old Boys	3rd	Harry Dickson	10 Yr Old Boys	2nd	Paice Mitchell-Hopa
11 Yr Old Boys	1st	Meila Mitchell -Hopa	11 Yr Old Boys	3rd	LeeRay King
LONG JUMP	PLACE	STUDENT	200m	PLACE	STUDENT
8 Yr Old Boys	3rd	Aidan Rolfe	8 Yr Old Girls	1st	Brooke Duffy
8 Yr Old Girls	3rd	Brooke Duffy	10 Yr Old Boys	2nd	Paice Mitchell-Hopa
11 Yr Old Boys	2nd	LeeRay King	11 Yr Old Boys	3rd	LeeRay King
12 Yr Old Boys	3rd	Jack Redington	12 Yr Old Boys	3rd	Jack Redington
13 Yr Old Boys	2nd	Logan Rendel	12 Yr Olds	2nd	Kingston Andrews
HIGH JUMP	PLACE	STUDENT	A big thanks to all those parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles that came to support our team in Pahiatua last Friday. I had lots of positive feedback about our students and their amazing behaviour throughout the day! Thanks also to our staff Roseanne, Jo, Carolyn and Jo B - a great team effort!		
11 Yr Old Boys	3rd	LeeRay King			
13 Yr Old Girls	2nd	Maia Morrison			



NO STUDENTS AT CAROL SERVICE

Due to only 9 students returning their permission slip we will not have a group to perform. Get along though & support the evening!



BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY

A reminder that we will be having a great book character dress up day tomorrow to celebrate the end of our fantastic Book Week. Can't wait for the staff costumes! 😊

Diary:

Friday 6th December: Helpers Morning Tea

Friday 6th December: Character Dress Up Day!!!

Friday 6th December: Room 5 Assembly

Monday 9th December: Year 8 Day Out

Tuesday 10th December: Butterfly Farm visit Room 2 & 3

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EKETAHUNA CHRISTMAS PARADE:

On Saturday our wonderful floats 'Christmas Around the World' & 'Christmas at the Beach' took part in the Eketahuna Christmas 'Cruise'. Both of the floats looked amazing and a lot of work by staff and students went into them. The feedback from people in town was incredibly positive - they loved seeing our children being an integral part of the community. Our students were fantastic for the entire morning and the highlight was having the Senior float receive an award! A big thanks to Rick and Shar for their tractor and trailer, and great driving, along with Rhys for the car trailer, and Tony for driving on the day. Finally, a special thanks to our staff Jo, Roseanne, Barbara, Renee, Joanna and Carol for the time put in. It was a very proud moment to see those happy faces go by in the parade - well done everyone!

RAFFLE TICKETS:

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 BY MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER. THANKS!

**LOST PROPERTY:**

PLEASE COME IN AND HAVE A LOOK AT THE LOST PROPERTY, WHICH IS LAID OUT ON THE HALL VERANDAH. LOTS OF CLOTHES; SWEAT SHIRTS, T-SHIRTS... EVEN A FEW LUNCH BOXES. IT ALL NEEDS TO BE COLLECTED!

**STATIONERY LISTS:**

YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL STATIONERY LIST WILL BE ONLINE AT [MYSCHOOL.CO.NZ](http://myschool.co.nz). FROM NEXT FRIDAY. SIMPLY SEARCH FOR OUR SCHOOL, SELECT YOUR CHILD'S CLASS LISTS & FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE WEBSITE.

**PRIZEGIVING ON THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER :**

Please make sure you have penciled in our end of year Prizegiving. Each class will be recognising two students who demonstrate 'Excellence, Effort and lead by Example' along with the presentation of our annual cups. This will also be an opportunity to farewell our Year 8 students. This is an important occasion for us as a school - we look forward to seeing you.

**HOCKEY SEASON ENDS:**

A big congratulations to our five great hockey teams who played so competitively after school on Tuesdays. A huge thanks to the coaches; Maree Redington, Jo Bengsten, Jamie & Megan Governor, Sarah Manson & Mel Dennison. Your time & support is appreciated!

**SWIMMING LESSONS 2020:**

Next year we will be providing all students with daily swimming lessons at school again. Ryan & Lisa Seator will be running the daily sessions. This comes under our Health and Wellbeing curriculum and just like all other areas, students will be expected to participate. There's no cost & we hope to start Wk 1 next year!

CRICKET DRAW

A great game last Thursday night which saw our Eke Tornadoes (130/8) go down to the Eke Typhoons 177/4. Some amazing batting and fielding, Thanks also to Brad for the wicket!!

Saturday Game:

Eke Tornadoes vs Red Star Royals @ 9am - Eketahuna School

Eke Typhoons vs Greytown Blue @ 9am - Masterton Intermediate School

CRICKET 2020: Any primary aged children who would like to start playing cricket in Term 1 of next year get in touch with Jacqui or Brad Anderson bradandjacs@xtra.co.nz or 375 8101.



Nga mihi,
Melinda and the Eketahuna School Team

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2019 Weekly Update

Room 1

We have had lots of fun this week for book week. We have written our own books and have had a themed week of learning around The Cat in the Hat. It has been great to do buddy reading with Room 6, with both sets of children really enjoying this time. A reminder that it is dress up as a Book Character Day on Friday. I can't wait to see all the outfits. We had a fun time at the library yesterday with Corrine, where we had a book hunt and listened to a funny Christmas story. This is a great place to your children in the school holidays. As usual please contact me if you have any queries. Thanks Jo

Room 2

What a great way to start celebrating the festive season and summer on its way with Book Week. This week our usual routine went out the window as we buried our heads in books, creating new endings to stories, new characters and researched authors. We are all looking forward to seeing everyone dressed up tomorrow. At the end of last week we finished filling up the butterfly garden with soil and soon we will have the particular plants we need to put in and attract native butterflies. Most permission slips are in for the trip next Tuesday. Renee

Room 3

The children are really enjoying book week! We went to look at the display in the office today and filled out our wish lists :) We have been working on writing our own plays this week and enjoyed our library visit yesterday, as well as doing lots of student and teacher reading in class. Purl has been enjoying being read to lots! Friday is **dress up day!!!** Another reminder about overdue library books please. The children are all very tired at this time of the year and we are trying to keep to class routines as much as possible in order to settle them. Parents can please help by ensuring early, regular bedtimes and routines. Only 10 more school days left! Carol :)

Room 5

What an awesome start to the week, to hear that the Senior Float won an award! It was a stunning experience - and thanks to the entire class for contributing towards all that it took to pull it off. Thanks to those who came to watch!

Can you please have a serious hunt at home for library books? We have a sneaky feeling that we're responsible for quite a few... Anything from conservation week to novels in particular.

This week, we received 27 letters from France and in turn, we're writing back, creating a book about life in NZ and a photo book - all for a Christmas package we'll send to them!

Room 6: Hi everyone.

Formal Dance: Students (and myself) had a great time at the practise on Tuesday. (Parents of my age of 21 plus would have loved the music.) It was really great to see our students confidence for them to take part in the dancing, learn new skills and dance with other students from other schools. New skills were experienced and a great time was had by all. Unfortunately I am not 'allowed' to attend tonight's formal, but for those students who are going have a wonderful time. Proud of you!!!!

Year 8 Day Out: is this Monday. Students get their information sheets on Friday. Have a great week. Roseanne

Very proud of these students who supported the Food Drive in the weekend. Excellent community service!

Big thanks to our Emergency Services, the kids helping to do the Eketahuna Health Centre Annual Food Drive and really big thanks to the households that donated food tonight.



Kiara & Carmen Bidois, Stella & Angus Governor, Arth Patel, Sam Willets, LeeRay King, Grace Chase and Charlie King

Seniors had a fantastic time at the formal dance practise in Pahiatua on Tuesday. The formal dance is tonight!



Juniors had an awesome time with Corrina at the library yesterday, with great activities and a story read to them!



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'Save the Date'

EKETAHUNA SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING

**Thursday 12th December
6pm - 7:30pm**

Come along and celebrate a successful year with our fantastic tamariki.

We look forward to seeing you there!



EKETAHUNA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Home & School Fundraiser

1st prize - Android Tablet

2nd prize - Delicious Christmas Cake

Tickets \$2:00

The raffle will be drawn at our school Prizegiving on
Thursday 12th December



Tickets sold will need to be returned to the school office by Monday 9th December.

EKETAHUNA CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Sunday 8th December 2019 at 7:00 pm

Eketahuna Community Centre



Come along and share the Christmas spirit -
Fun for the whole family

Items for the food bank can be left under
the tree
Collection plate will be available for offerings

**BRING THE CHILDREN TO MEET SANTA & A
PLATE FOR A SHARED SUPPER AFTERWARDS**

carols - santa -- singing -- family - fun - candlelight - supper

EKETAHUNA OUR TOWN

**Thanks to everybody who contributed
to the most successful Santa Cruise.**

**Special thanks to our sponsors,
Pahiatua Property Brokers,
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Home & School Association Fundraiser ECO-FRIENDLY BAG

The amazing eco-friendly bag with our
wonderful student designs will be available
at prizegiving.

\$5:00

A fantastic Christmas gift!!



A BIG THANK YOU TO BNZ PAHIATUA AND ROSSCOS START UP
SERVICES FOR SUPPORTING EKETAHUNA SCHOOL WITH OUR
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE.

ALSO TO MS SAYLES AND KIRBY DUFFY FOR THE CHRISTMAS CAKE.
THANK YOU FROM THE HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR YOUR
HELP AND SUPPORT.