

Thursday 12th December 2019

Term 4 Week 9

EKETAHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

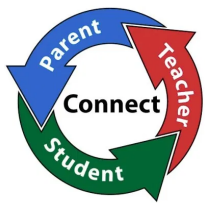
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Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

It is our second to last week and we've been busy preparing for Prizegiving - see you there tonight!

MS OAKLY IS LEAVING

Sadly, at the end of this term we will be saying farewell to Renee Oakly who is leaving us to take on a full time role at Douglas Park in Masterton. Renee has been involved with Eketahuna School for a number of years, both in a part time and full time capacity. She has been an integral part of our great teaching team, being a much loved and highly effective teacher. I know she will be successful in her new endeavours and I am sure you will join me in thanking her for her commitment and hard work over the last two years in Room 2. We wish her, and her daughter Fern, the very best for next year at their new school.



END OF YEAR REPORTS HOME TOMORROW

Over the last few weeks I have felt a great sense of pride and satisfaction as I read the reports of our students to see the amount of progress each has made and recall the many activities, opportunities and learning challenges that have been provided for them. Please take time over the holiday break to chat with your child about their reports and celebrate the progress made by them all. In the new year we look to send out an online survey to gather your thoughts and feedback about the new reporting format followed this year.



BOOK WEEK

Last week we celebrated books and reading. A week of fun activities throughout the classes, that all related to text and the wonderful worlds you can enter through the use of 'words'. Students and staff enjoyed Friday's dress up day which saw a multitude of book characters across the school - well done everyone!

EKETAHUNA FUN DAY FOR STUDENTS ON MONDAY

Staff have organised a 'FUN DAY' on Monday to celebrate the end of another fantastic year! A note with information about the day is included with this newsletter. Please read carefully and ensure children come prepared for the day. A sausage sizzle, hot chips and fruit ice blocks will be provided to students at lunch so if your child has a food allergies please contact the office.



PRIZEGIVING ON TONIGHT AT 6PM

We look forward to seeing you this evening at the Eketahuna Community Centre for our 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 say farewell to our Year 8 students. It is an important occasion for us as a school - we ask that children are neat and tidy, dressed in clothing that reflects the importance of the event. All children need to be at the hall around 5:50pm. We look forward to sharing our students successes with you!

Diary:

Thursday 12th December: Prizegiving 6pm

Friday 13th December: Reports Home

Monday 16th December: Whole School Fun Day

Wednesday 18th December: Rm 2 to decorate town Xmas tree

Thursday 19th December: Final School Celebration Assembly

Thursday 19th December: School Finishes 12.30pm

Monday 3rd February: School Starts 2020

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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. Our hosts at tomorrow's assembly will be the Deputy House Leaders. See you there!

**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:

Room 1: Joseph McNamara
Room 2: Spencer Goodall
Room 3: Hohepa Hotereni
Room 5: Kuini Kenrick
Room 6: Sam Willetts

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: Renee Dennison
Room 2: Jehanne Knight
Room 3: Mack Duffy
Room 5: Isla Dickson, Lucy Bourke, Aurora Mitchell-Hopa
Room 6: Mitchel Boddington

Principal's Award: Blake Rolfe for being very kind and helpful with a junior student

**PRINCIPAL'S MORNING TEA**

Last Friday, ten awesome students were picked out of the 'Green Choice' draw and this morning they were treated to a delicious morning tea at The Lazy Graze in recognition of their ability to make good choices! Congratulations to Harry Dickson, Amylee Mikoz, Emma Drysdale, Lachie Duffy, Evan Governor, Lana Hanson, Beth Anderson, Mack Duffy, Joseph McNamara, and Rocco Burton-Foley. Our school behaviour system is focused on "catching children when they are good" as these positive reinforcers have a powerful effect. It was a lovely morning treat!

PARENT TUTOR READING 2020

We are looking to extend the 'Parent Tutor Reading' programme at Eketahuna School next year as we have found students make accelerated progress with this daily support. This programme involved our parents, grandparents and members of the community who voluntarily offered to help children with their reading. Volunteers were given training in the basic reading strategies (provided by the school) and came along once a week to hear children read and practise taught reading strategies which are monitored. Each tutor would attend for an hour and 20 minute block each week in the morning (same day and same time). They work one on one or with a very small group of children to give them further practice with their reading. They work with the same children each week and this builds a bond between the child/children and parent/grandparent. The programme has been very successful in many schools across New Zealand, and parents of the children taking part, and their class teachers, record considerable improvement in the children's reading as a positive outcome.



If you would like to be involved, or know of anyone that would like to be a "reading buddy", then please contact the office before the end of term.

HOCKEY SUCCESS

Congratulations to our Eke 1 (Under 13) team who placed 2nd, and our Eke 5 (Under 7) team who placed 3rd in the Tararua Bush competition. A great effort both teams and testament to the hard work put in by the players and coaches. Well done!



Nga mihi,
Melinda and the Eketahuna School Team

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2019 Weekly Update

Room 1

We have had a fun week this week and we have begun to make some Christmas decorations. All artwork will come home on Tuesday next week. This is the last week of reading and I will keep book bags here at school over the summer.

Look out for reports in bags tomorrow night. As the letter inside says, we will use the stationary from this year and let you know when your child requires a new book. Please buy a glue stick and a whiteboard pen though as we are running low on these.

Looking forward to seeing you tonight at the prizegiving.

As usual, if you have any questions please contact me.

Thanks Jo

Room 2

This week Room 2 have been fortunate to have Mrs Morgan in on Monday and Wednesday. She does amazing art with the children and recently redecorated the school's office and foyer with kid's art, it looks fabulous! The cute Santas she made with the class will be sent home next week. Unfortunately the butterfly trip was cancelled due to the second butterfly enclosure not being completed in time. The trip will go ahead term 1 of 2020 though.

Hope to see you all tonight at the prizegiving.

Miss Oakly.

Room 3

We were very disappointed at having our butterfly trip postponed this week, but we are looking forward to going early next year! Our butterfly garden will be progressing in the holidays: Mr Drysdale plans to work on the fencing and we will be planting the seedlings as soon as they are ready.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the prizegiving tonight-a real highlight of the year!

We have been working hard on writing Thank You letters this week and creating our maps of the world. Great work Clever Creatures!

Carol

Room 5

Christmas around the world has continued as our theme this week, following the focus had for the Christmas Parade. It's involved the art of inquiry - where students researched a question they devised. Alongside, we took maths to a more practical level, merging the topics of measurement, tables, teamwork and calculation with the making of 'group servings' of sherbet. Food was present for much of the week - as we also harvested our broccoli and cauliflower - enjoyed by many, with cheese sauce. Others cashed in their 'work to earn' virtual *Kiwi Cash* also - so even cakes evolved. Next up: Prize Giving tonight! See you there. Thanks! Jo & Barb

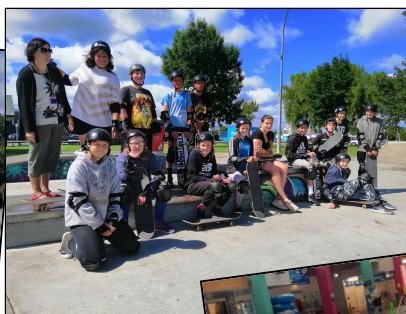
Room 6: Hi everyone. We are moving towards the end of the year very fast now. It has been another great week. We have been working on our end of year Memory Boards and our reflections for the year.

Year 8 Day Out: We had a great time on Monday on our trip to Palmerston North. We were lucky to have a final Skateboarding Class at the SkatePark with Craig and Steve. This time we practised our skills. The instructors taught many of us new and exciting skills.

We are looking forward to the Prize Giving tonight.

Year 8 Day Out:

A t the start of the week the Year 8's went to Palmerston North to finish their skateboarding sessions and have fun at the Lido. We all learnt more skills and tricks at the skateboarding session, thanks to the two Craigs for the skills they taught us, afterward we spent several hours at the Lido. We then came home and ate afternoon tea at the Lazy Graze. We had an amazing time. Mitchel, Charlie, Davey, Amylee, Ashton, Corey, Logan, Grace, Jack, Lily, Maia, Libby and Marshal.



**A GREAT
YEAR 8 DAY
OUT IN
PALMERSTON
NORTH!**

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'Tonight'

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.

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 LISA SEATOR FOR THE CHRISTMAS CAKE.
THANK YOU FROM THE HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR YOUR
HELP AND SUPPORT.