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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 has been another fantastic 'full' week at school with lots of engaged learners and exciting activities. The start has been extremely positive, as evidenced by the excitement, enthusiasm, kindness and brilliant school values being demonstrated already. We have many exciting opportunities at all levels of school planned for 2020. We encourage all children and whanau to make the most of them all - Kia kaha!

EKETAHUNA SCHOOL VALUES

At Eketahuna School, our values are encouraged, modelled and explored. We believe that although our school community comes from a wide range of backgrounds and diversity of experience, we collectively believe and uphold a range of values that are reflected in the way we think and act. Our school values were reviewed and determined through discussion with staff, students and community consultation last year. They are integrated across the school curriculum and day. Our teachers and students are currently discussing these values, and how each one 'looks' in learning and behaviour at Eketahuna School. Our 4 core Values are:

BE RESPECTFUL	BE RESPONSIBLE	BE RESILIENT	BE REFLECTIVE
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POWHIRI FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY AT 10:00AM

Tomorrow, we will formally welcome our new staff, students and whanau to Eketahuna School. We will also welcome the Eketahuna Playgroup to our site. A powhiri is a Maori welcoming ceremony involving korero, kaikaranga, waiata and hongi. We look forward to seeing you all there!

The organisation for Friday is:

- New staff, students, whanau and supporters will gather outside the staff room by Hamua (Rm 1) at 9.55am for a 10:00am start.
- From there, the group will be led onto the school courtyard.
- At the completion of the ceremony there will be a morning tea provided for those who were welcomed to school.

TEAM CAPTAINS ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY AT 2:30PM

We will be hosting a special assembly tomorrow at 2:30pm in the school hall. This assembly will be important as we will be announcing our Team Captains for 2020. We have been going through the selection process this week with prospective leaders meeting with their teams, rotating around classes working alongside students, and tomorrow giving presentations to their house team about why they would make a great leader. We are very lucky to have a wonderful group of senior students to choose from! We are looking forward to the House Team competitions over the year...



BUS CODE OF CONDUCT

A significant number of school students at Eketahuna travel on buses to attend school. All students have the right to a safe and enjoyable journey between home and school. In the morning, a pleasant trip to school can set the tone for a day of productive learning. The purpose of the Bus Code of Conduct is to provide guidelines for those involved in the safe travel of school students on buses. We have sent the forms home for students and their families to read though and ask for them to be returned to the office. Thank you.

REPORTING TO PARENTS SURVEY

We value parents' thoughts & feedback about what we do here and how we do it. In order to reflect & to improve our practices we will be using 'Survey Monkey' this year to conduct online surveys. Look for a 'Reporting to Parents' survey being sent out next week!

DAIRY:

Friday 14th February: School Powhiri
Friday 14th February: Lucky Book Orders Due
Wednesday 19th February: Room 6 to Technology

Thursday 20th February: Skate Project Training for Seniors
Thursday 20th February: School Meet & Greet @ 5pm - 6:30pm
Friday 21st February: Celebration Assembly @ 2:10pm - Leaders
Tuesday 25th February: Tararua Bush Sport Yr 0 -3 in Pahiatua

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MEET & GREET EVENING THURSDAY 20th FEBRUARY @ 4:30 PM

Eketahuna staff are planning an awesome evening at school next week, where our community will get the opportunity to look at all the amazing work going on. We will have our classrooms open so families can meet our teachers and see the engaging learning spaces, have a swim in our heated pool, grab a free sausage or hot chips, supplied by school & our Home & School Association. We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate the amazing teaching and learning environment our school is!



TIME:	ACTIVITY:
4:30 - 5:00 pm	All teachers in classrooms - an opportunity to see the fantastic learning environments we have at Eketahuna School
5:00 - 6:00 pm	Sausage sizzle and hot chips available in our courtyard area - a chance to get to know our school community! Come along & have something to eat before heading home. . .
For our children - the school pool will be open for swimming from about 5:10pm, and a variety of sporting activities around the school availablea really FUN evening for all!	

Please note - ALL children are to be accompanied by parents or caregivers

We invite families to park on the field - please follow the parking signs to the designated areas.

HOME & SCHOOL FUNDRAISER COMING UP

Planning is underway for our Annual Golf Tournament, which will take place on **Sunday 5th April**. Our Home & School Association are once again leading this and may, at times, be calling for extra support - it is an awesome fundraiser for our school so put the date in your calendar....come along and support the school...we would love to see you there!

**EMERGENCY EVACUATION PRACTISE**

On Tuesday we held our first Emergency Evacuation drill for the year. We ran through the procedure for a fire and were very pleased with the quick and orderly response. As a school we need to hold regular practises that uphold the safety of children by ensuring that all adults at school have the necessary skills, knowledge and experience to deal with emergency situations and that children are familiar with, and confident in, responding to emergency procedures. We will look to hold another emergency evacuation drill later this term.

'PARENT' TUTOR READING

THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE CONTACTED THE SCHOOL ABOUT HELPING WITH THIS PROGRAMME. THERE ARE STILL A COUPLE OF PLACES LEFT. PLEASE CONTACT MS GREEN OR DENISE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR WANT MORE INFORMATION - WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!

**HATS & SUNSCREEN**

OUR SUN SAFETY POLICY REQUIRES HATS TO BE WORN IN TERM 1. 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.

**TOGS & TOWEL DAILY**

REMEMBER SWIMMING IS DAILY, SO PLEASE MAKE SURE CHILDREN HAVE TOGS & A TOWEL IN THEIR BAGS. IT IS ALSO ADVISABLE THAT ALL ITEMS ARE CLEARLY NAMED. IF YOUR CHILD HAS GOGGLES - SEND THEM ALONG TOO. THANK YOU.

**ABSENTEEISM**

Just a reminder that school attendance has a direct impact on academic achievement. In order to make the most of educational opportunities, students must have consistent, punctual daily attendance. If your child has a genuine reason for staying at home please make sure the office is informed.

CRICKET DRAW 2020

Two great games played last week - our Eke team plays here on Saturday so let's get as many supporters along as we can. Good luck everyone!

Saturday Game:

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

Eke Cyclones vs Greytown Blue @ 9am - Masterton Intermediate 1, Masterton



Nga mihi

Melinda, and the Eketahuna School Teachers

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2020 Weekly Update

Hukanui (Room 1)

We have had a fantastic week in Hukanui and are settling back into the routine well. In maths we have been collecting data using tallies and graphs. We went outside to count the different coloured cars and trucks driving past which was especially exciting. We have also created some 'about me' banners to hang up in the classroom. Students have been putting in more effort this week with reading and writing which is great to see.

If you can, please send extra food along while we are swimming. Children have been feeling hungry and eating in the afternoons after their swim.

As always please email one of us if you have any questions.

Thanks, Jess & Jo

Rongomai (Room 2):

Hi everyone. Our first week has seen our team setting up browsing boxes, practising new routines and getting to know each other. **Maths:** We are working on Place Value of Numbers. **Reading:** We are bringing books home to reinforce what we are doing at school. **Writing:** We have started creating our own personal 'writing note/books'.

Please send along any old photos your child could use that feature them. Photos that could be photocopied. We are also after some old magazines that we can cut up please. Feel free to 'pop' in and say hullo. If you do need to discuss your concerns with me you can either make an appointment or email me.

Have a great week.

Hamua (Room 3)

It's been a great week, and the children are loving the swimming lessons, especially in this hot weather!

Swimming does, however, make our day much shorter and busier and we would much appreciate some parent helpers during the day, in order to cover all the reading groups.

Reading comprehension happens at 11-11.25, and reading groups at 12-12.30.

Please consider if you get help one or more days in one of those time slots, and let me know:)

We will also be scheduling our butterfly trip in the next few weeks, and will keep you posted.

The children added writing to their self portraits this week, talking about what they are good at, and what they need to work on - pop in and have a look at the Meet and Greet next week.

Look forward to seeing you then!

Carol

Nireaha (Room 5)

We've had a gorgeously varied week, doing all that's translating into excellent work habits now, with an awareness developing around one of the school values: Respect. Most of us also had scope to take part in the planning and design of what we're about to in class, after Korero's/Hui's with Jo.

Angus asked if he could create a website and he's well underway with the build of a Nireaha 'Spelling Bee' site; our Monarch Caterpillars annihilated their Swan Plants (milkweed wanted as supplement food!); we're keen to be leaders for a KidzConference in Masterton, and the BFG's our new novel!

We're loving our swimming, we're enjoying 'Speed Writing', almost all do our homework and love the return of 'Kiwi Cash'. It's a modified version, where we work 'to earn' - coupled with the integration of stats, tax, decimals and financial literacy.

It's so good to be back! Cheers - Jo & Barb.

Putara (Room 6)

Kia ora, whanau

We've had a busy time this last week. Mathematics and spelling tests have been completed. Reading groups are established, and I have gained a better understanding of Pūtara's writing ability. Setting up systems and expectations takes time; however, your children are responding exceptionally well.

Dean Parsons

2020 Bus Monitors for the Newman, Rongomai, Rongokokako, Nireaha buses.



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

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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MUSIC LESSONS AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL



Lessons available Thursdays 9am - 12:30pm

- piano
- vocals
- drums

(guitar may be offered - waiting to see interest & skill level)

Please contact Pip via her email: pippilou295@gmail.com

As a school we will also look at the opportunity of having Pip work with a selected school choir to perform at 'ArtSplash' later in the year.

Spaces are filling FAST so please contact Pip before Friday 28th February!

ALFREDTON SCHOOL TRAIL RIDE



MNZ Permit No.TBC

Sunday 15th March 2020

Alfredton School Fundraiser in conjunction with Bush Riders MCC

62 Estcourt Road, Eketahuna 4993
(off Pa Valley Road)

Sign-posted from Alfredton School & Pahiatua

New location, GREAT RURAL HOSPITALITY, Awesome tracks
Sign-in from 8.30am, Riders' Briefing 9.45am, Track Open 10am - 3pm

*Large main loop with extra A loops off main track *junior track *suitable for Quads
*Mini track - parent/caregiver supervision required at all times

*No Passengers *No Dogs *No Alcohol *No Side by Sides
*No Helmet Cameras

****Helmets and sturdy footwear compulsory - No Gumboots****

ADULTS \$40 - CHILDREN 15yrs or under \$25
FAMILY \$100 - no more than 4 riders

Lunch including BBQ venison sandwiches! \$10 lunch for spectators and shop on site



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ORGANISED BY THE PAHIATUA LIONS CLUB

TUI BREWERY, MANGATAINOKA.
SAT 14TH MARCH 2020
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RACES: MACDOUGALLS 125KM ULTIMATE CHALLENGE
TOUR DE TOKI 15KM | MARTIN BEVERIDGE LTD 80KM FLYER
PAHIATUA PAPERPLUS 5K | MCI & ASSOCIATES 40KM EXPERIENCE

TOUR DE TOKI 15KM RIDE

A whole new course aimed at both younger riders and those who may not be fit enough to try the longer distances. Children 10 years and under are to be accompanied by an adult rider. Entry is \$25.00 per person. Accompanying adults are free.

PAPERPLUS KIDS 5KM

A 5km course for children, designed to encourage those young riders wanting to get out there and have a go, but feel that 15km is just a bit too far. Entry is \$10.00 and all riders must be accompanied by an adult. Accompanying adults are free. ENTRY DOES NOT RECEIVE FREE DRINK BOTTLE BUT CAN BE PURCHASED ON THE DAY. A meal is not included as part of this ride but extra meals can be purchased from the Tui HQ café menu

Riders who complete the course will receive a Pahiatua New World snack pack on crossing the finish line.

Prizegiving for this event will be held 15 minutes after the last rider for this event finishes. A meal is not included as part of this ride but extra meals can be purchased or there will be a sausage sizzle available.

All children who complete the ride will go in the draw to win a spot prize sponsored by PaperPlus Select Pahiatua.