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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.

We have had a great week here at school, a busy time in class, and at the pool, with lots of happy staff and children preparing for the Meet & Greet this evening. We will have our classrooms open so you can meet our teachers and see the engaging learning spaces, have a swim in our heated pool, and grab a free sausage or hot chips. We look forward to seeing you there tonight!

SCHOOL POWHIRI

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, students and community for the wonderful Powhiri held at Eketahuna School last Friday. Special thanks to Matua Warren and Whaea Evelyn for their support. Our senior students also did an amazing job of leading the school and made us all very proud. It was a very moving ceremony and lovely atmosphere afterwards at the morning tea. A wonderful welcome to this amazing school for our new staff, students, and whanau!



HOUSE TEAM LEADERS FOR 2020

Congratulations to our four newly elected Team Leaders and their Deputies. We now have a fantastic group of young leaders who were selected by their peers. I met with them this week and will continue to work with them over the next few days as we establish their roles and responsibilities across school this year. I am sure they will make us, their families and our community very proud!

- **Kikorangi:** Leader Hannah Mikoz & Deputy Lachlan Redington
- **Kakariki:** Leader Kiara Potangaroa Carter & Deputy Paice Mitchell-Hopa
- **Ma:** Leader Meila Mitchell - Hopa & Deputy Harrison Mackisack
- **Whero:** Leader Scott Duffy & Deputy Stella Governor

'ONBOARD SKATE' IN SCHOOL

Onboard Skate has provided wonderful skateboarding sessions for our students. Founded on a philosophy of "inclusion for all", OnBoard Skate offered our children an opportunity to participate in a safe, action oriented lifestyle activity where participants of all abilities and skill levels can be involved. Over the course of four weeks last year they helped our students to learn basic skateboarding skills and safety. Today they were back to instruct students on how to set up the great skateboard equipment, organise the safety gear and run training sessions at our break times. An amazing resource for our school and one the students are really enjoying - we look forward to seeing their skills in action at the town skate park over the weekends! We are also planning a community day in Term 4 - watch this space!



SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

This year we are moving to be a 'Rubbish Free' school. Currently we are having to recycle a large amount of rubbish generated by the contents of student lunch boxes. We have a 'burnable' bin, a 'recycling' bin, and 'worm farm' bin in each class. To assist us in reducing the rubbish we will be instructing students to take their lunch box wrappers, etc, home with them. We really appreciate your support with this as we try to reduce our waste. Thank you..



COMING UP:

Friday 21st February: Celebration Assembly @ 2:10pm - Leaders
Tuesday 25th February: Tararua Bush Sport Yr 0 -3 in Pahiatua

Friday 28th February: Celebration Assembly @ 2:10pm - Rm 6
Wednesday 4th March: Room 6 to Technology
Friday 6th March: Pyjama Day - Kids Can

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SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

We have our first school assembly tomorrow, which will be hosted by our new House Team Leaders. It's a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week. We are looking forward to seeing you, in the hall, at 2:10pm where we will have Star Student Awards, Duffy 'Caught doing Good' Awards, the Principal's Award and lots of others . . .

MUSIC LESSONS STARTING WITH PIP HANSON:

We are really excited to have Pip starting lessons at school on a Thursday. She is doing a variety of lessons, including drums, singing and some beginner guitar. Pip will also be leading our school choir which we hope will be attending Art Splash later in the year. It's fantastic to have her here - a great opportunity for a 'budding musician'!



EKETAHUNA FACEBOOK PAGE

It has been wonderful to see our community checking out the Eketahuna School facebook page on a regular basis. It is a great way for parents and whanau to feel connected to the day to day activities at school. We will post the school newsletter weekly and keep updating it regularly with what's happening around school each week.

'PARENT TUTOR READING' PROGRAMME

Thanks to those who have contacted the school about helping with the programme this year. The daily, one to one reading with students has shown to be incredibly beneficial - building fluency and confidence. There are still a couple of places left. Please contact Ms Green or Denise if you are interested or want more information.

BUS CODE OF CONDUCT

WE HAVE HAD LOTS OF THE AGREEMENTS RETURNED BUT THERE ARE STILL MANY TO COME IN. PLEASE SIGN THE FORMS AND RETURN THEM TO OUR OFFICE OR YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM TEACHER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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. THANKS.



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.



EKETAHUNA SCHOOL SPORTS SHIRT

A reminder that our school has a uniform which **ALL** children are expected to wear when representing the school. It is a school sports shirt with black shorts. The shirt can be purchased from the school office and costs \$25.00. We also have optional warm school fleeces that cost \$35.00 which can also be bought through the school office. We ask that all students have these uniform items as we require them to be worn on school trips and special events. Coming up is the Minor Sports Day for Year 1 - 3 in Pahiatua and all children are expected to be wearing their sports top. Our Year 8 students will be going to the Young National Leaders Conference next term and they will all be expected to wear their sports top - please ensure your child/ren have the expected uniform items. Thank you.



SCOOTERS & SKATEBOARDS AT SCHOOL

We have seen lots of scooters and skateboards coming to school this term, which is great with all the new equipment we will be organising! However there are a few reminders we need to issue:

- those children riding them to school will require helmets
- all children with these at school must wear covered shoes
- helmets are advised if students are using a ramp or doing any 'tricks'.

Our SkateProject training today will see senior students monitoring the use of the 'wheels' at school during breaks and that students follow expectations. It is fantastic to see children riding around the school but we do need to ensure we are all safe!

CRICKET DRAW 2020

Two great games played last week - our Eke team took on the Red Star Royals and after a close match, came out with a win by 13 runs. Awesome stuff TORNADOES!!

Saturday Game:

Eke Tornadoes vs Greytown Blue @ 9am - Queen Elizabeth Park, Masterton, Jr Grass South
Eke Typhoons vs Greytown White @ 9am - Queen Elizabeth Park, Masterton, Jr Grass North



Nga mihi

Melinda, and the Eketahuna School Team

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2020 Weekly Update

Hukanui (Room 1)

Our great learning continues with the children showing us lots of skills. Welcome to new students Bentley, Ramona and Ann who joined us at the start of term. We currently have Brodie and Nikau visiting. We are still loving swimming and each child is picking up new skills quickly and gaining in confidence. Both Jess and I are looking forward to seeing you at the meet and greet tonight. Come into the classroom at 4.30 pm to chat to us before having a swim and a kai. It is Bush Sports in Pahiatua on Tuesday next week. Please remember to send extra lunch and a water bottle on that day. Also, that students will need to wear the sports t-shirt. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us. Thanks Jo & Jess

Rongomai (Room 2)

Hi everyone, what a great week we have had. Rongomai are well practised with classroom routines and expectations. Students are improving with their knowledge of Place Value of Numbers. Next we will move onto numbers knowledge then fractions. Homework has been coming home weekly. Please check with your child that they have their reading books and homework book daily. Thank you for the magazines that have been sent along to class. Many students still need to bring along a photo that is meaningful to them. The photos will be photocopied for us to use. Swimming is going well, students are working towards making the Bush Swim Team. You can email me if you have any concerns or questions. I look forward to seeing you all at the 'Meet and Greet' tonight. Have a great week. Roseanne.

Hamua (Room 3)

We are working in our butterfly garden this week, weeding and planting some swan plants that were kindly donated. Stephen has built the fence and put up an arch and gate for us-many thanks Stephen. We are still looking for some stumps for tables and seating, and wooden rings as stepping stones. We are continuing to work on fractions this week, so please keep looking for examples at home, and in nature. Especially looking for equivalent fractions-find an example of how $1/2=2/4$ etc. Next week is our Sports Day in Pahiatua - please make sure students wear their sports t-shirt. Thanks Carol

Nireaha (Room 5)

Developing greater responsibility with our independent work has been a key focus for this week. That '*we will be responsible*' is the school value for this week, so it was great timing to combine it within all else we do. In class, that translated to our 'contracts'. On Monday, a 'contract' is given out - the activity plan. Students are learning to manage themselves, up the ante on finishing what they start - or ensure a plan's in place for being able to continue and complete it. This will migrate to a more collaborative, group based focus - with opportunities to even co-create topic plans and personal plans in particular. Thanks! Jo & Barb

Putara (Room 6)

We have been learning our pepeha in Ruma Pūtura. You may be asked some questions about your extended whanau and place of birth etc... This is a great way for children to learn who they are, where they're from, and who their ancestors were - (whakapapa / genealogy). Also, we have been tackling some rather precise mathematics. There are a couple of questions relating to discrete and continuous data in the homework tasks this week. Have a korero about what they have learnt. You may even learn something new... we're never too old to learn!

Lastly, please remind your child/ren we are a non-chewing gum school. One or two children are trying to be a little sneaky and chew gum discreetly. Thanks for your kind support. Dean

INTRODUCING HOUSE TEAM LEADERS - 'KIKORANGI'**Hannah:**

I love to ride my bike, go on the trampoline, and draw. I have a dog called Thirsty (funny I know). My favourite kai is a chocolate brownie!! Yum, yum, yum!!! One thing I like about Eketahuna School is that it's full of friendly people.

Lachie:

I love riding mountain bikes and my motorbike. I had a great time going to Bali last year. There was a cool water park. I like beef pattie burgers - they're delicious! One thing I like about Eketahuna School is that we learn lots, especially maths.

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

Vocabulary Games:

Visit Vocabulary Games to play a wide range of games that are designed to improve your vocabulary skills and word knowledge. To visit the site go to: <http://www.vocabulary.co.il/>

NZ Maths Family Page:

This page from the NZ Maths website has a lot of information, games, resources and activities to help children and families with their maths. To visit the site go to: <https://nzmaths.co.nz/families>



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MEET-AND-GREET

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.



SCHOOL DONATIONS 2020

We would like to thank the community for the support it has given Eketahuna School over many years in the form of school donations paid at the start of the year. We are not asking for direct

donations, or setting activity fees this year. Instead have taken up the Government's offer of funding \$150 per year per student. Parents will still be required to pay for stationery, uniform items and out of school sports fees. We will also be charging \$35.00 to Year 7 & 8 students for the 'take home' component from Technology. However, many other activities such as day trips, shows, and swimming lessons will no longer be charged to parents. School camps will need to be partly funded by parents but with this new government support we will be able to substantially lower the cost to parents. We try to make whatever we do as affordable as possible for all our families.



KIDZ CONFERENCE

The Wairarapa KidzConference is open to any 8-13 year olds.

It's supported by

approx 30 community groups and businesses who open their doors for the day - for the kids to experience something new...

For 2020, there will be volunteer service experiences with local and international opportunities. Speakers, Workshops and Youth Enterprise sections form the day, with workshops to date, ranging from Archery, to Coding, SASS Fit, Steel Pan Drums, Life Skills, Mitre 10, Pottery, Chess, Civil Engineering and more... The Youth Enterprise section from 3pm allows students to provide a service, share info, or sell a product, thus forming what's now become the KidzConference Micro-Enterprise Market. Kids get to keep all they earn.

Eketahuna School offered 25 subsidised places at \$20 (reduced from \$50) - there are only 10 places left at that reduced price!
Get in quick to secure your spot!

For more information go to: www.kidzconferences.co.nz

NO SWEETS OR SUGARY DRINKS AT SCHOOL

A reminder that no sweets or sugary /energy drinks are to be brought to school. Our Healthy Food Policy discourages consumption of foods high in fat, sugar and salt. It also advises that high energy and 'fizzy drinks' are not to be consumed at school. Thank you very much.

