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Term 1 Week 4

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

Another great week at Eketahuna - Week 5 looks just as busy - lots of awesome teaching & learning!

FANTASTIC 'MEET & GREET':

Thanks to everyone who came to support the school last Thursday at the Meet & Greet evening. We were lucky with the weather and had a great turnout. Congratulations to Megan Governor who won our Home & School Association jar of lollies - she put her name down to help at an event over the year and went into the draw!



SCHOOL DOCS REVIEW

SchoolDocs now manages our school's policies and procedures online, in a way that allows us to maintain, review, and update them regularly. This term we're asking parents to review:

Recognition of Cultural Diversity. The steps you need to follow are below 'Class Updates'. All feedback is great to get - and this is your opportunity to have your say! Please go online . . .



JUNIOR MINOR SPORTS DAY

Our junior rooms, Hukanui and Hamua, had a great day at the Tararua Bush Minor Sports Day on Tuesday. The event was a variety of skills based activities that the students rotated around. It was a 'fun filled' day that saw many tired little faces return to school in the afternoon! A huge thankyou to Joanna, Carol and Jess for organising our students, along with all the fantastic teacher aid and whanau support throughout the day. Well done everyone!



CHILDREN RINGING HOME

At times, we allow children to use the school phone to ring home. However, if children are wanting to organise 'playdates' after school, we will not be giving them access to call home. We suggest students plan this the night before and check with parents first.



STUDENTS 'OFF' THE BUS

Can we ask parents / caregivers of any bus students who are being taken off the afternoon buses to please let the office know **BEFORE 2:30pm**. Late 'ring ins' are hard to monitor and we want to avoid any miscommunication. Give Denise a call as early as you can!



BEHAVIOUR PLAN UPDATE

With this newsletter we have added a copy of our school behaviour plan which has been updated with our four school Values, time out options and a 'gold' now used as an incentive. Also a reminder that letters home must be signed and returned to school.

COMING UP:

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

Friday 6th March: Pyjama Day - Kids Can

Tuesday 10th March: Home & School AGM 7pm/Rippa Rugby Girls Y5 - 8

Friday 13th March: Bush Swimming Sports

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CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

It is always great seeing everyone at the school assembly each Friday, at 2:10pm, in the hall. It's a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week. Tomorrow's will be hosted by our senior students from Room 6. We look forward to seeing you all 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:

Hukanui (Rm 1): Renee Dennison
Hukanui (Rm 1): Braxton Duffy
Hāmua (Rm 3): Lucy White
Rongomai (Rm 2): Angus Manson
Nireaha (Rm 5): Tommi Davis
Pūtara (Rm 6): Sophie Drysdale

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:

Hukanui (Rm 1): Ramona Paul
Hukanui (Rm 1): Toby White
Hāmua (Rm 3): Annabeth Read
Rongomai (Rm 2): Heidi Hanson
Nireaha (Rm 5): Nancy Duffy
Pūtara (Rm 6): Harry Dickson

Principal's Award: Julian Powell demonstrating the Value 'Be Responsible' & handing in a dangerous item from the playground.

**HEAD LICE**

We have had a couple of cases of head lice at school and ask that you check your children's hair. If you require any further information or support in dealing with this issue please contact the school office.

**PYJAMA DAY - KIDSCAN**

Wear your pyjamas next Friday 6th March and bring along a gold coin to help raise funds for the great KidsCan foundation.

ACCOUNT PAYMENTS

Accounts came out last week for Year 7 & 8 Tech fee of \$35.00. This is for the 'take home' component, with the full cost at \$100.00, which the school subsidises. Accounts still outstanding from last year, mostly for uniform, will also need to be paid. We ask that all payments are paid by the end of March, 2020. At the moment we have allowed people to 'put items on account', but this may need to be reviewed if payments are not made. For more information about accounts, or payment options, please contact Denise in the office.

LOST PROPERTY

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT THAT COMES TO SCHOOL IS CLEARLY NAMED, TO HELP US CUT DOWN ON LOST PROPERTY! ONLY BACK THREE WEEKS AND WE HAVE A PILE! IF YOU ARE IN SCHOOL, PLEASE CHECK OUT THE BIN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**SCHOOL RUBBISH:**

WE ARE STILL ACTIVELY ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO PUT FOOD 'WRAPPINGS' & PACKAGING BACK IN THEIR LUNCH BOXES ONCE THEY HAVE EATEN AT MORNING TEA AND LUNCH. WE CONTINUE TO SEE A REDUCTION IN RUBBISH HERE AT SCHOOL. THANK YOU!

**DEVICES AT SCHOOL**

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. THANK YOU.

**EKETAHUNA SCHOOL WORM FARM UPDATE**

A group of dedicated senior students tend to the worm farm each week by filling up the worm farm compost with appropriate food scraps from the school worm food bins and also by emptying the worm juice, which we have been using on the school gardens. We now have enough stored juice to start going into 'production' and make it available to our school community. We are asking for ANY washed out plastic milk containers to please be donated to the school office. We are going to recycle and reuse! Thank you

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 Girls Development Blue @ 9am - Masterton Intermediate, Masterton, 1
Eke Typhoons vs Red Star Renegades @ 9am - Park Sports, Masterton, 3A



Nga mihi
Melinda, and the Eketahuna School Team

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2020 Weekly Update

Hukanui (Room 1)

Thank you to everyone who came to the meet and greet last week, it was great to catch up with you. The children were very excited to show off their classroom and some of the work they have been doing this term.

Junior sports day on Tuesday was fantastic, it was awesome to see so many children showing respect when listening to instructions and giving all of the activities a go. We are very impressed and think they did a great job representing our school.

This week during writing we will be looking at writing letters. In maths we are moving into number and counting, but we are still practicing our data gathering and graphing by predicting the weather each day.

As always don't hesitate to email us if you have any questions.

Thanks Jess and Jo.

Rongomai (Room 2): We have had a great time together in our class. Students are well settled into daily routines and are enjoying learning. Come and visit our room and check out the individual portraits students have sketched. We have some very creative artists. Students have moved onto addition and subtraction in mathematics. Reading is well underway with students taking home books daily. If you have some freetime and would like to come and listen to our students read please let me know. Thank you to those parents who have organised Book Bags for their child. With the warm weather swimming has been very welcome. Students continue to work with Lisa and Ryan daiy. They are learning valuable survival skills in and out of the water. Cross Country training has started in Rongomai. Students are learning to Breathe, Run and build up their running skills. Please send along suitable clothing and running shoes for practise. Have a great week.

Hamua (Room 3)

We really enjoyed our **Junior sports day** at Pahiatua on Tuesday-it was very well organised and the children had a lot of fun. We have done some work in our **butterfly garden** this week and witnessed three pupae hatch in the class-a little miracle! We are still needing more parent helpers at **reading time** (12-12.30) on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, please. Let the office know, or text me if you can help. Much appreciated. We have also initiated **'Writers' notebooks'** for class use, to help with writing ideas. Please send in magazines/photos etc. that your child can add to their books. These are to stay at school, and are kept in their chairbags. We have scheduled our butterfly house outing for 12/3/20 and a letter will be coming home shortly. Many thanks. Carol

Nireaha (Room 5)

Making sense of a message has been a key focus this week, with work around this covering everything from what we read, to what we hear and see. What does this week's 'School Value' for the week 'Resilience', really mean for example? What does something like 3x5 'really mean' even? Reading the message in facial expressions is also part of 'making sense of a message'. In terms of what we read, what's the 'actual' message the author is portraying? We've got the BFG (Big Friendly Giant) on the go as a class novel and with that come messages involving communication, teamwork, conflict and resolution, and justice. We've moved into a solid focus on tables also. We really have to nail them, in order for the rest of maths to really make a lot of sense also... All up - a full on week. Cheers! Jo & Barb

Pūtara (Room 6)**Kia ora, whanau**

Pūtara has been producing some fantastic writing of late. We are adding expressive language features such as: simile, metaphor, and hyperbole. This helps create a more vivid picture in the reader's mind.

Please ask your child to show you Pobble 365. This is an inspirational writing site, and one we will use often this year.

Ka pai, Pūtara!

INTRODUCING HOUSE TEAM LEADERS - 'MA'**Meila:**

I love to play sports, like rugby, netball, swimming, and volleyball.

One thing I like about Eketahuna School is that we have an amazing staff and great kids here. Also, I love that we are a country school, and that we have a good learning system!

Thank you.

Harrison:

I love playing sports like rugby, hockey, cricket, swimming and volleyball.

One thing I love about Eketahuna School is the kids and the teachers. Along with the fact we do lots of fun stuff.

Recognition of Cultural Diversity Review

Steps: Visit the website <https://eketahuna.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>

1. Enter the username (eketahuna) and password (4900).
2. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
3. Read the policy.
4. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
5. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
6. Enter your name (optional).
7. Submit your ratings and comments.
8. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.



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EKETAHUNA JAB RUGBY CLUB**2020 SEASON REGISTRATION/WEIGH IN****WHEN: Wednesday 11th March 3:30 – 5pm**

WHERE: Eketahuna Rugby Clubrooms. **WHAT:** Registration and weigh in of boys and girls for 2020 ripa and tackle age-grade rugby teams. **WHO:** All boys and girls aged 4 – 12yrs. We look forward to seeing everyone back and would love to welcome new members to our club! **SUBS:** \$20 per player (please pay at registration day)

*If you have previously played for Eketahuna JAB you will receive an email from us. Follow the website link in the email to update your child's online registration details (age as at 1st Jan 2020). We will alter grades for players that are being regraded up or down so enter your child's grade based on age. **New players to Eketahuna JAB club – please go to www.sporty.co.nz. Click on Find Your Club or School. Type Eketahuna Rugby Football Club into the search box at top right and click Search. Click on Eketahuna Rugby Football Club. Click on Online Registrations, then Junior Form. Complete this form and submit.***

REGISTRATION DAY TO BE FOLLOWED BY - EKETAHUNA JAB RUGBY 2020 AGM

Wednesday 21st March - Eketahuna Clubrooms – after registrations.

New committee members welcome. Can all current committee members please attend?

Team jersey and mouthguards distributed at first training to all paid up players. Black shorts and Eke socks to be provided by parents. Subsidised Eke kids hoodies can be ordered from club \$15. For those wanting to pay registration fees direct into the Jab bank account, details as follows:

EKETAHUNA JAB RUGBY - BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER - 02-0724-0103953-00

Please put your child's name as a reference.

Notifications via Facebook page - Eketahuna JAB Rugby - and posted in school newsletters

QUERIES - PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT..

Eketahuna JAB Secretary : Kirby Duffy 06 3758119 lanceandkirby@inspire.net.nz

Chairperson: Ben Johnston bpjohnston77@hotmail.com

Looking forward to another super year of JAB rugby – it will be great to see you all!

BUSH JUNIOR NETBALL AGM

4th March 2020

5.30 – 6.30pm

Stadium Pahiatua Lounge



Can we have a representative from all participating Schools please.



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**EKETAHUNA HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AGM**

Committee Meeting Tuesday 10th March, 2020

7pm in the school staffroom

We look forward to seeing you there!

