

Thursday 5th March 2020

Term 1 Week 5

EKETAHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te kura Eketahuna,

It is hard to believe we are half-way through Term 1 - staff and students have been fully engaged with teaching and learning across the curriculum, with each day full of fun activities and great opportunities! Our school value 'We will be Reflective' has been our focus this week, which has seen students reflect on their learning!



TARARUA BUSH INTERSCHOOL SWIM TEAM

Congratulations and good luck to those students selected to swim at the Bush Interschool competition on Friday 13th March. The interschool team selected by Ryan & Lisa Seator is:

Junior	Brooke Duffy, Lachie Duffy, Evan Governor
Intermediate	Paice Mitchell-Hopa, Lachie Redington, Kiara Potangaroa-Carter, Kaia Aplin, Ellie Pinnell, Aurora Mitchell-Jensen
Senior	Stella Governor, Meila Mitchell-Hopa, Harrison Mackisack, Scott Duffy, Indy Burton-Foley, Jacob Read

There were many great swimmers who trialled for the team and you will be able to see all students skills at the upcoming senior 'Swimming Festival' to be held at the town pools.

ERO VISITING SCHOOL

Next Monday we will welcome reviewers Frank Hay and Christine Walker to Eketahuna School. They will be on site from Monday to Thursday and will spend time with students, staff and BOT members. The focus of the review is student achievement. The Education Review Office is the public service department of New Zealand charged with reviewing and publicly reporting on the quality of education and care of students in all New Zealand schools and early childhood services. An ERO review looks at how a school reaches positive learning outcomes for all children and young people. The review also provides an opportunity to identify what is working well and areas for improvement in our school. As a school, ongoing improvement is important to us and therefore we look forward to this inquiry into our teaching and learning, knowing that it will celebrate much of what we are doing well and affirm or suggest our next steps.



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.



'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. THANKS!



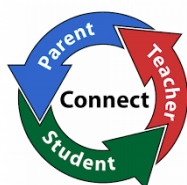
SCHOOL RUBBISH:

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. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



LEARNING PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

Our first teacher and parent meetings are coming up in Week 8. We are looking to hold these on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March. The purpose of these meetings is for you to meet with your child's teacher and have the opportunity to share information, look through your child's work, and discuss their 'Key Competencies'. These 'competencies' are the capabilities people have, and need to develop, to live and learn today and in the future. With this newsletter is material outlining the 'Key Competencies' which are a major part of our New Zealand Curriculum. Forming a positive, collaborative relationship with parents and whanau is very important to us and research suggests that having strong, positive partnerships between home and school can lead to greater student outcomes. Meeting time information is included with this newsletter, so please complete the forms and return them to the office.



COMING UP:

Wednesday 4th March: Room 6 to Technology
Friday 6th March: Pyjama Day - Kids Can Fundraiser
Friday 6th March: Celebration Assembly - Nireaha (Rm 5) hosts
Monday 9th March: ERO on site

Tuesday 10th March: Rippa Rugby Girls Y5 - 8 in Masterton
Tuesday 10th March: Home & School AGM 7pm in staffroom
Thursday 12th March: Rongomai & Hamua Butterfly Trip
Friday 13th March: Bush Swimming Sports
Friday 13th March: Celebration Assembly - Hukanui (Rm 1)

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CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

It is lovely 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 students from Nireaha (Rm 5), and our Assembly in Week 6 will now be hosted by Hukanui (Rm1). We look forward to seeing you!

Principal's Award: Mack Duffy for demonstrating our school value 'Resilient'. He gives everything a 'go', even when it has been physically challenging, and he never gives up!

**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): Joseph McNamara
Hukanui (Rm 1): Rocco Burton-Foley
Hāmua (Rm 3): Teacher Absent
Rongomai (Rm 2): Priscilla Stafford
Nireaha (Rm 5): Nathan Atkinson
Pūtara (Rm 6): Jackson Wells

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): Lana - May Hamilton
Hukanui (Rm 1): Lleucu Anderson
Hāmua (Rm 3): Teacher Absent
Rongomai (Rm 2): Brooke Duffy
Nireaha (Rm 5): Alyera Puha
Pūtara (Rm 6): Indy Burton - Foley

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AGM

Our Home & School Association are meeting on Tuesday 10th March at 7pm, in our staffroom, for their AGM. The group has a number of great fundraising events coming up this year so come along, support our school, share your ideas, and enjoy a 'cuppa' & slice of cake! See you there!

**LATE STUDENTS**

A reminder that our school day starts at 9am as we seem to have a number of students who are continually late to school. It is vital our students are at school before the start of their day, so they have time to unpack, sort their equipment and prepare themselves for the upcoming learning in class.

CRICKET DRAW 2020

Only two games to go in this season and both teams have been having great games, with lots of improved skills on display. A big thanks to the coaches and ongoing parent support - wonderful!

Saturday Game:

Eke Tornadoes vs Greytown White @ 9am - Park Sports Ground 1, Masterton
Eke Typhoons vs JCB Girls Blue @ 9am - Eketahuna School, Eketahuna



Nga mihi

Melinda, and the Eketahuna School Team

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

FROM IONA HOLSTEAD - SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION

“Help us to keep you and everyone else safe”

“The Prime Minister has announced the first case of COVID-19 has been confirmed in New Zealand. The Ministry of Health has noted that although we have our first case of COVID-19, the chances of community outbreak remain low. This case was identified because the person affected and their family did the right thing and got in touch with health authorities. This is a good wake up call. New Zealand has been free of the virus to date, but we knew that would not last. For now this doesn't affect what you already are doing and the plans you and health authorities have in place.

Continue to reinforce messages about hygiene practices. Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence:

- wash your hands often with soap and water before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet
- cover coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or your elbow
- put used tissues in the bin.

Note: Encourage staff and students to stay home if unwell.

We are still focused on keeping it out, and now stomping it out through track, trace and contain. It's important we all continue to be alert but not alarmed.”

For more information go to: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

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2020 Weekly Update

Hukanui (Rm 1)

We are continuing to enjoy swimming and feel very lucky to have Ryan and Lisa here teaching us. More details will follow about the day you can come in and see what we have been doing.

Tomorrow is pyjama day raising money for KidsCan Charity. KidsCan is a fabulous organisation, who fund raincoats, shoes and food. We have all enjoyed the food when our lunch boxes and tummies are empty after swimming this term.

We will be hosting assembly next Friday 13th March, it would be lovely to see you there.

As usual if there is anything you need to ask please contact us.

Regards Jo & Jess.

Rongomai (Rm 2) Hi everyone we have had a great week of learning, adventures and fun. Students are now practising daily breathing and running techniques in preparation for Cross Country in Term 2. We will be doing this daily, please encourage your child to wear suitable clothing, footwear and bring a water bottle. We are also swimming daily - some students are not bringing their togs / if your child is not swimming please send along a note. **Maths:** we are practising strategies for addition and subtraction. **Reading:** daily books are coming home, please check in your child's book bag for their book and homework. **Writing:** we have been spending time learning to set goals and write for an audience. Students have been writing about the High Diving Giraffes from Literacy Shed. They have been working on different sentence starters and adding detail to their work. **Pajama Day** is this Friday - students can come along in their PJ's with a gold coin donation for KidsCan. **Butterfly House Trip:** Notices have been given out. Some permission slips are outstanding and need to be returned ASAP thanks. Have a great week. Roseanne

Hamua (Rm 3)

Remember **Pyjama Day** tomorrow!!! It's a fundraiser for KidsCan, who supply our snack food for the classes, among other things.

Just a reminder that we are still asking for parent helpers for reading time, please :) Tuesdays and Thursdays.

And we are also needing tree stumps/rings to use as chairs and tables in our butterfly garden please, if anyone can help?

Writing: we are working on onomatopoeia (noisy words) like smash, bang, etc. and adverbs (words that describe 'how') such as quickly, brightly etc.

Math: we are still working on fractions-moving into figuring out problems with fractions. Have a great weekend!

Carol

Nireaha (Rm 5)

With our learning we took reading and writing to a new level, where in writing we also designed our own writing groups, turning ourselves into journalists (on a global scale), poets, song writers, novelists, language artists (learning another language) and more.

The Wairarapa KidConference: There are 11 subsidised places by the school left for the hugely reduced cost of just \$20.00 - open to any student from Year 4-8. We've got carpool parents to get your child there and it's just 3 weeks away.

Ingrid's even joining us - coming back from Auz! If keen, please view/access www.kidzconferences.co.nz, to register. Cheers! Jo & Barb

Putara (Rm 6)

Kia ora, whanau,

Please remember pyjama day is on Friday. This is a lot of fun for the children. If they can please bring a gold coin for us to help support KidsCan, we would really appreciate it.

We finished some pretty decent work relating to statistics during the first four weeks of the term. We are now moving on to different strategies associated with addition and subtraction. There will be an emphasis on partitioning, rounding and compensating, reversibility, rich tasks and word problems. Writing is progressing well with keen interest from the children. The goal is to have our children enjoy writing; therefore, if you read something which impresses you, please share and discuss it with your child. It will highlight to them exactly what good writers do.

Kind regards Dean

INTRODUCING HOUSE TEAM LEADERS - 'KAKARIKI'**Kiara:**

Hi, I'm Kiara. I like to play sports and swim. I like helping dad on the farm. We live in Nireaha. Butter chicken is my favourite thing to eat.

When I grow old I would like to help stray animals that are lost or hurt.

One thing I like about Eketahuna School is learning, so I get ready for college.

Paice:

Hi, I'm Paice. I love playing rugby and Fortnite. I also love hanging out with dad on the weekends. We shoot hoops at school.

Butter chicken is my favourite kai.

One thing I like about Eketahuna School is seeing my amazing friends.

**Year 5 - 8 STUDENTS SWIMMING FESTIVAL**

Tuesday 17th March @ 10am Eketahuna Town Pool

Ryan & Lisa Seator, along with class teachers, have planned a great event at the town pool where students will be racing, participating in relays, demonstrating skills taught in school and having lots of fun!

More information to follow - we will need volunteers - save the date!

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Agenda for the Board Of Trustee's Meeting

The Agenda for the BOT meeting on the 19th March will close on Friday 13th March at 9pm.

If you have any items you feel should be on the BOT agenda please contact Maree Redington (376 6843) before this time.

Any items for the BOT agenda will need to be accompanied by a written outline, so the BOT can prepare any information they need to constructively discuss these items.

PYJAMA DAY - KIDSCAN

**Wear your pyjamas tomorrow
&
bring a gold coin
to help raise funds for the
great KidsCan Foundation.**

**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.

**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 rippa 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!