

Thursday 12th March 2020

Term 1 Week 6

# EKETAHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

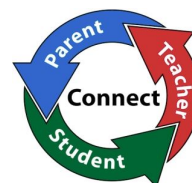
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Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te kura Eketahuna,

It has been another awesome week here at school - lots of fantastic teaching and learning happening!

## PARENT - TEACHER LEARNING DISCUSSIONS

In the Week 5 newsletter you would have received interview slips for the Parent Teacher Meetings, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th of March. Meetings on both days will start at 3.30 pm. These learning discussions are vital in forming a positive, collaborative relationship with parents and whanau, as research suggests that having strong, positive partnerships between home and school lead to greater student outcomes. Extra forms are available or contact Denise in the office to organise times. We look forward to seeing you there!



## MATARIKI GLOW SHOW

On Friday 19 June, our Hukanui, Hamua and Rongomai classes will be attending the Matariki Glow Show in Masterton! Students will celebrate MATARIKI with a giant scale puppet show of magical glow-in-the-dark characters from Māori myth and legend! Hiwa-i-te-rangi (the Matariki wishing star) helps a courageous Kina on her journey of discovery across the Pacific Ocean to Aotearoa. It's a delightful story of our kai moana and the whakatauki "He waka eke noa. We are all in this together." The upbeat

45-minute show has the audience buzzing from the onset. Illuminating kids' hearts and minds, they'll be singing all the way home! There is also a Q&A session after the show where children can meet the cast! A large majority of the costs for the show and travel has been covered by school and the Home & School Association. However the students will be doing a small amount of fundraising themselves by selling juices at school throughout the rest of this term and next term.

## PYJAMA DAY

A big thank you to all of those who gave so generously last week and brought along a gold coin for KidsCan. Having their support has been great for our school and it's good to 'give back'. Pyjama Day was fun!



## HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AGM

Our Home & School Association met last Tuesday night for their Annual General Meeting and it was great to see such a huge turn out! At the AGM there were several new appointments to positions:

- Chairperson is Jacqui Anderson
- Deputy Chair is Lauren Hutchings
- Secretary is Rachael Dickson
- Treasurer is Sally Duffy
- Calf Scheme Liaison is Kirby Duffy
- Golf Liaison is Sandy Bourke

This group is an amazing support for our school and are already busy organising the upcoming Golf Tournament. We really appreciate all their hard work and commitment to making our school a wonderful place!



## CRICKET SUCCESS

Congratulations to Lachie Redington and Marshall Anderson who were selected to play for the Wairarapa Bush Year 6/7 cricket team. They had a one dayer in Lower Hutt last Sunday where they batted first and collected 136 runs off 35 overs. They then bowled out Hutt Districts for 96 and had a win by 40 runs!! Awesome stuff boys!!

## COMING UP:

Friday 13th March: Bush Swimming Sports

Friday 13th March: Celebration Assembly - Hukanui (Rm 1)

Friday 20th March: Lucky Book Club Orders Due.

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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 Hukanui (Room 1). We look forward to seeing you all there!

**Principal's Award:** Braxton Carrington 'Reflective'. He has put a lot of effort into writing and now has been reflecting on learning intentions and his 'writer idea notebook' as inspiration!

**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): Maisyn Parr  
Hukanui (Rm 1): Emmanuel McNa  
Hāmua (Rm 3): Pounamu Roiri  
Rongomai (Rm 2): Carlos Cresswell  
Nireaha (Rm 5): Charli Read  
Pūtara (Rm 6): Paice Mitchell - Hopa

**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): Bentley McCabe  
Hukanui (Rm 1): Mareana Roiri  
Hāmua (Rm 3): Carter Goodall  
Rongomai (Rm 2): Hunter Rankin  
Nireaha (Rm 5): Isaak Chasland  
Pūtara (Rm 6): Meila Mitchell - Hopa

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Well done to Hunter Rankin who entered a colouring competition, and won a family pass to the Golden Shears. He and his family had a wonderful time in Masterton - great artistic skills Hunter! Great to see students giving things a go!

**STAFF SUPPORT**

Teachers stayed late last night to watch the final cricket game for the season. Our team played Alfredton and set a good score but narrowly lost as the opposition passed the it with 4 overs to spare

**SATURDAY CRICKET**

Our Eketahuna team had a great game on Saturday against Greytown - not a win, but we only lost by 20 runs and the opposition had twice as many players! Marshall Anderson was Player of the Day, and Harry Dickson was Most Improved Bowler. Harry, along with Paice Mitchell-Hopa, Lachie Redington and Harrison Mackisack all bowled a wicket. Marshall and Harry both retired and then went back for a second bat. What an awesome effort and awesome team spirit! A big thanks to all the sideline supporters too - great positivity and encouragement throughout!



**Nga mihi**  
Melinda, and the Eketahuna  
School Team

**Parent Tutor Reading 2020**

We have been hoping to start up the 'Parent Tutor Reading' programme at Eketahuna School this year. Volunteers are given training in the basic reading strategies (provided by the school) and along once a week to hear children read and practise taught reading strategies which are monitored. 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 schools across New Zealand. Parents of the children taking part, and their class teachers, record considerable improvement in the children's reading is a positive outcome. Currently we are still in of one lovely volunteer on Wednesday morning . . .

**If you would like to be involved, or know of any grandparents that would like to be a "reading buddy", then please contact the office or Joanna Green in Hukanui (Room 1) as soon as possible**



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## 2020 Weekly Update

**Hukanui**

This week we welcome Jacob who joined our class on Monday. We hope you have had a great first week. Tomorrow we will be hosting the assembly so we hope to see you there. We have been practicing what we will say and can't wait to show you the wonderful art we have been working on.

We have practiced our letter writing skills again this week by writing to Kids Can to tell them about how much we enjoyed pyjama day and to thank them for the jackets, shoes and food.

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

Thank you, Jess & Jo

**Rongomai:** We have had a very busy few weeks with lots of learning taking place. We are thinking about our learning Intentions and how it can help me with my work. **Reading:** sees us looking at Strategies and applying them when working out difficult text. **Maths:** see us continuing to work on adding and subtracting numbers. **Writing:** two writing groups are starting to publish their individual work.

**Butterfly Trip:** We travelled to the Pahiatua Butterfly House to explore the different butterflies. Thank you to our wonderful parents who gave up their time to visit with us.

**Daily Fitness:** we continue to practise our breathing, running and technique everyday. Please encourage your child to bring suitable footwear and a water bottle. We have also had a couple of Jump Jam sessions when it's raining. Have a great week.

Roseanne

**Hamua**

A BIG thank you to all the parents who came with us on our Butterfly Trip today. We had lots of fun-many children got to hold a butterfly, and we all enjoyed the scavenger hunt and bush walk at Carnival Park.

No doubt we will see lots of interesting stories at writing time.

Looking forward to seeing our parents at the swimming show-off next week :)

Thanks

Carol

**Nireaha**

We welcome Kayden King to our class! He's come from Porirua and has a brother in Ruma Pūtara (the Y7-8 class).

Our focus on communication and the management of messages has continued to evolve across all curriculum areas this week. **Evidence** and **proof** have been the key words - finding and creating them being the actual work involved. Being able to show evidence of progress, share info with evidence of facts, stats, quotes and examples has duly kicked in. Swimming's even through the focus of evidence of skills learnt.

**Putara****Kia ora, whanau**

This week, we have been using different sentence starters to enhance our writing. Words ending in "ing" such as: grasping, seeking and emerging are used to begin a sentence.

*"Rising from the ice cold water, I shivered as the wind howled around me!"* Lilly

*"Lurking in the shadows of the dim, dark, creepy attic, I saw..."* Meila

*"Grasping my spear, I stood on the edge of my lands."*

M-Jay

*"Rising from the bubbling, hot lava, surprisingly I am somehow still alive!"* Sophie

*"Painting my future on a canvas that only I can see."* Kuini

Ka pai, Ruma Pūtara

**INTRODUCING HOUSE TEAM LEADERS - 'WHERE'****Scott:**

Hi, I'm Scott.

I love building, engineering, hunting, riding my motorbike and having fun!

I like Eketahuna School because I get to see my friends, my mates and my cousins.

I am really happy to be a house leader for Where.

**Stella:**

Hi, I'm Stella. I love art, netball and basketball and I enjoy te reo maori. I love Eketahuna school because of the amazing teachers and seeing my friends.

I am happy to be deputy for Where.



More ideas to keep children developing their literacy and numeracy skills at home . . .

**Spelling Games:**

Interactive spelling games that teach everything from consonants and vowel sounds for younger students, to contractions and commonly mixed up words for more advanced spellers. To visit the site go to: <https://nz.education.com/games/spelling/>

**Maths is Fun:**

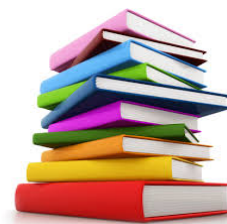
This page is full of activities for all areas of maths. You will find something for all levels of the primary school and beyond. To visit the site go to: [mathsisfun.com](https://mathsisfun.com)

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**EKETAHUNA TOWN LIBRARY:**

"Hi All – Eketahuna Library is back – brighter and bolder than ever! Come on down to check out our new paint job – everything looks clean and fresh and we have a selection of new DVDs and new books in all sections. Have you ever considered reading a non-fiction book? We have a great selection for both young and old and some fascinating topics – we are happy to help you find what you are after and it's a great opportunity to revisit the old faithful "Dewey Decimal system" – one thing that hasn't changed since I was at school! We also have some new puzzles and games in the kids section, and our new LEGO collection is proving super popular! Also remember you can tap into the free WIFI at our local libraries too – truly something for everyone."



*Claire & Corrina*

**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.

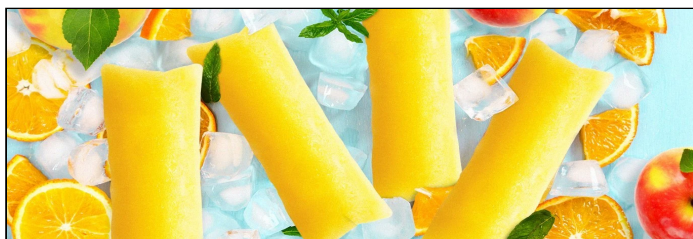
Any items for the BOT agenda will need to be accompanied by a written outline, so the BOT can prepare any information they need to constructively discuss these items.

**JUICIES FUNDRAISER**

Fundraising to go to the Matariki Glowshow

**\$1.00**

**Lunchtime on Friday 20th March.**



If you have time on the day and would like to help out please contact

**Sandy Bourke 021735543**

You could help on the BBQ or the clean up at the end

All help is appreciated

**Eketahuna School– Home and School Association– Annual Golf Tournament**

**Sunday 5th April 2020**

Every year we provide morning tea for the golfers before the tournament begins. We are asking for your help in providing that morning tea. Funds raised come back to the school to pay for a lot of the extras our children enjoy at school.

We welcome donations of cakes, biscuits, slices and any savoury finger food.

Please have you baking at school by

Friday afternoon, 3rd April, or you are welcome to bring it down to the golf club on Sunday morning by 10 am.

Remember, this is a community tournament,  
everyone is welcome.

You don't have to be especially talented—just have fun!  
Dust off your clubs, morning tea 10.30, shotgun start at 11am

Entry \$20 per player—many *many* prizes

Write it on your calendar NOW!

