

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 & Greetings to our 'virtual' Eketahuna School bubble! It is very strange indeed to be sitting, working, at my own kitchen table at 10am, on Day 4 of Week 2 as I begin this newsletter! I am sure that all of us would agree that we would prefer to be amongst the hustle and bustle of being at school. However, we are all working together to stay safe and ensure our efforts to beat Covid-19 have the maximum effect! We are getting closer to this but for those of you at home multitasking, whilst supporting your own children with distance learning, this must present challenges. We here at school hugely value what you are doing, and grateful for the way you are all ensuring teaching and learning is happening in your homes. The parents I have made contact with have commented that they have appreciated the flexibility from classroom teachers and the range of learning opportunities. Some parents have also expressed how they understand their own child's learning better, which is great to hear.

We, as a staff, have also discovered new understandings about ourselves, our colleagues' strengths and our ability to adapt and change with this extraordinary period in teaching history. One thing for sure, our hand washing capability, and awareness of how virus's spread worldwide will have improved for the better! Have a safe week and enjoy this unique opportunity to spend time with your family within your bubble. The Eketahuna School Team :-D

SCHOOL OPERATIONS - Student Work Packs for Week 3 & 4

The school site will be closed during Week 3 and Week 4 as **NO** children will be attending. Remote Teaching & Learning will continue the same as our last two school weeks. New student work packs are being provided by class teachers, with a mixture of hard copy work and online tasks. The packs have set activities for Week 3 & Week 4. As with the previous packs, many will come with school equipment and teacher's personal resources so please take good care of these as we expect to have them returned. Teacher support for the learning during remote teaching at Level 3 will continue unchanged. The '1 to 1' teacher/student 'catch ups' will continue, along with the daily Zoom meetings for each class. The links for the new online booking schedules is below:

[Week 3 Eketahuna School Booking Schedule](#)

[Week 4 Eketahuna School Booking Schedule](#)



Our weekly staff meeting online via Zoom!

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION PACKS

We have ordered ALL students a hard copy pack to be couriered to their home. These packs, provided by the government come with extra fun activities and resources for children to do during the next few weeks. Each year group (ie Year 5) has a specific pack tailored for the learning level of the individual student. These are optional extras and come with a variety of work books, reading material, maths tasks and a great assortment of writing/drawing equipment. These packs should start arriving early next week!



ANZAC DAY - SATURDAY 25TH APRIL

Anzac Day is a national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that broadly commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders "who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations" and "the contribution and suffering of all those who have served". This year we are not able to get together to show our respect and in place of our community remembrance services, we are asked to 'Stand At Dawn'. Initiated by the New Zealand Defence Force and the Royal New Zealand Returned and Services Association, the 'Stand At Dawn' campaign calls for New

Zealanders worldwide to take a moment to remember fallen servicemen. People can join at 6am on the 25th April by standing at their letterbox, front door, lounge rooms or other places while staying within their bubble. See below for more information & 'colouring in' sheets to put up at home in preparation for the day!

COMING UP:

Thursday 23rd April - Preparation of Wk 3 & Wk 4 Student Work Packs

Friday 24th April - Wk 3 & Wk 4 'Student Booking Sheets' link shared

Tuesday 28th April - Delivery to student letter boxes of Wk 3 & Wk 4 Work Packs

Wednesday 29th April - Week 3 Remote Teaching & Learning begins

Monday 4th May - Week 4 Remote Teaching & Learning begins

Monday 11th May - Level 3 Extension or a 'Shift To Level 2' To Be

Confirmed as a decision is pending

2020 Weekly Update

HUKANUI (Room 1)

Thank you for your ongoing support whilst we are learning from home. We both realise this is not an easy task, so we thank you for your commitment and patience.

It has been fun to see the photos of the learning that has been happening.

Here is Jess taking the Art activity on the class zoom last week. I loved everybody's hats.



Happy Birthday to Nikau who turned 5 on the weekend. Welcome to Eketahuna School.

If you are looking for stories to listen to, try [Storyline Online](#). This website has lots of great books to choose from.



RONGOMAI (Room 2):

Hi everyone I hope you are all well. It has been great catching up with you all during our classroom Zoom times. Our classroom facebook page is filling up with photos of different activities and challenges you have been doing. I thought I would let you know what some people have been up to....

Today lucky Hunter got to chat with a couple of All Blacks for breakfast, which is very exciting. Nevaeh has been sharing photos of her yummy baking, Cleo has been making cupcakes,

Noah and his family have been creating really cool colourful T-shirts,

Evan and his family have been creating 'Chalk' Challenges,

Noah has also been practising on his guitar, Izzie has been writing a letter to her friend,

Johnny has finished his letter AND has posted it already!!!

Hunter has also taken part in a photo shoot and looks really cool!!!!

Micheal has been working really hard on his writing and has been helping out at home.

Keira and her family have been playing card games, baked and creating challenges outside.

Jack has been working hard on his schoolwork and getting creative with cardboard.

Brooke has planned out her days & has finished her letter, Jehanne & Brent have been working hard on their letters, McKenzie has been working on her letter, Gus has finished his.

I will continue to share what everyone else has been up to next week.
Take care, keep up the good work and I look forward to seeing you soon.

HAMUA (Room 3)

It's been an exciting week-we have had two lost teeth (Chelsea and Madison), and two birthdays (Campbell and Rubylee). Congratulations to all :) The tooth fairy must've been busy!

I am loving seeing photos and videos of all your work and am blown away by the amazing job parents are doing teaching their children-well done mums, dads, and caregivers :)

It sounds like everyone is in a great routine of schoolwork in the morning, and real life in the afternoons, and I am seeing some very happy children!

"Too happy to come back to school", says Braxton :O !

Purl and I are keeping busy at home too. I had to put Purl on a new diet as she was so podgy!!!



NIREAHA (Room 5)

*Hello everyone,
We are missing you and thinking of you often.
It has been wonderful to see some of you in our Zoom meetings. This is a great way to catch up and see what everyone is up to. The photos and videos on our Nireaha2020 Facebook page are neat too!*

We are working on your new Learning Packs for Weeks 3 and 4. These will be coming out next week.

Jo and Barb



My family have been creating a giant poppy for Bob the Bear, ANZAC Day, Saturday 25th April, 2020. ANZAC Day has always been a very important day for my family. Usually we attend the Carterton Service, as that is where I grew up. However, this year my "Bubble" will be standing at our gate at 5:55am, shining our torches up into the sky in a minutes silence. Perhaps your family will be doing something special for ANZAC Day too. 💜

Barb

PUTARA (Room 6)

Kia ora, whānau

Clearly this is a very special week and a special time for all New Zealanders. ANZAC Day is a day of remembrance; therefore, it would be wonderful to share some discussion with your child/ren about why this is such a significant time.

I have attached two clips - both short - which are well worth watching.

[What is ANZAC Day - for children.](#)

[Anzac for children](#)



Keep up your amazing work, Pūtara! I love seeing you each day when Zooming. Keep booking appointments, and certainly keep the pictures of your fun activities coming through!

Dean

SCHOOL CONTACTS

During this week and at the start of the new term, while the school remains closed, students and families are able to contact Melinda via her email at: principal@eketahuna.school.nz.

Our Office Administrator Denise will also be accessible during the 'term time' via the school cell phone on 022 368 1830 and also the office email address at office@eketahuna.school.nz

CONTACTING CLASSROOM TEACHERS

Pūtara - Room 6 Dean Parsons - dparsons@eketahuna.school.nz

Nireaha - Room 5 Jo Gibson - jgibson@eketahuna.school.nz

Nireaha - Room 5 Barbara Whitburn - bwhitburn@eketahuna.school.nz

Hāmua - Room 3 Carol Laubscher - clauscher@eketahuna.school.nz

Rongomai - Room 2 Roseanne Sayles - roseanne@eketahuna.school.nz

Hukanui - Room 1 Joanna Green - jgreen@eketahuna.school.nz

Hukanui - Room 1 Jess Wilkinson - jwilkinson@eketahuna.school.nz

CLASS ZOOM MEETINGS ONLINE DAILY

Pūtara - Room 6 @ 10am daily with Dean

Nireaha - Room 5 @ 10:30am with Jo on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Nireaha - Room 5 @ 10:30am with Barb on Thursday & Friday

Rongomai - Room 2 @ 11am with Roseanne

Hāmua - Room 3 @ 11:30am with Carol

Hukanui - Room 1 @ 12pm with Joanna & Jess

Class teachers will email out the invites to the Zoom Meetings.



RNZ National is partnering with the RSA and New Zealand Defence Force to broadcast a special Dawn Service. Coverage starts at 5.50am, with the official Stand At Dawn service starting at 6am on Saturday 25 April. Join us on Anzac Day - Stand at your letterbox, at the front door, in your lounge room, on your balcony, or in your driveway. Stay in your bubble but wherever you are in the world, stand with us and take a moment to remember.

RNZ's 'virtual' dawn service will be presented by Shannon Haunui-Thompson, and will include The Last Post, and a reading of the Ode of Remembrance in both Te Reo Māori and English.

A broadcast of the National Anthems of Australia and Aotearoa / New Zealand will be followed by a special address by Hon. Ron Mark, Minister of Defence and Minister for Veterans.

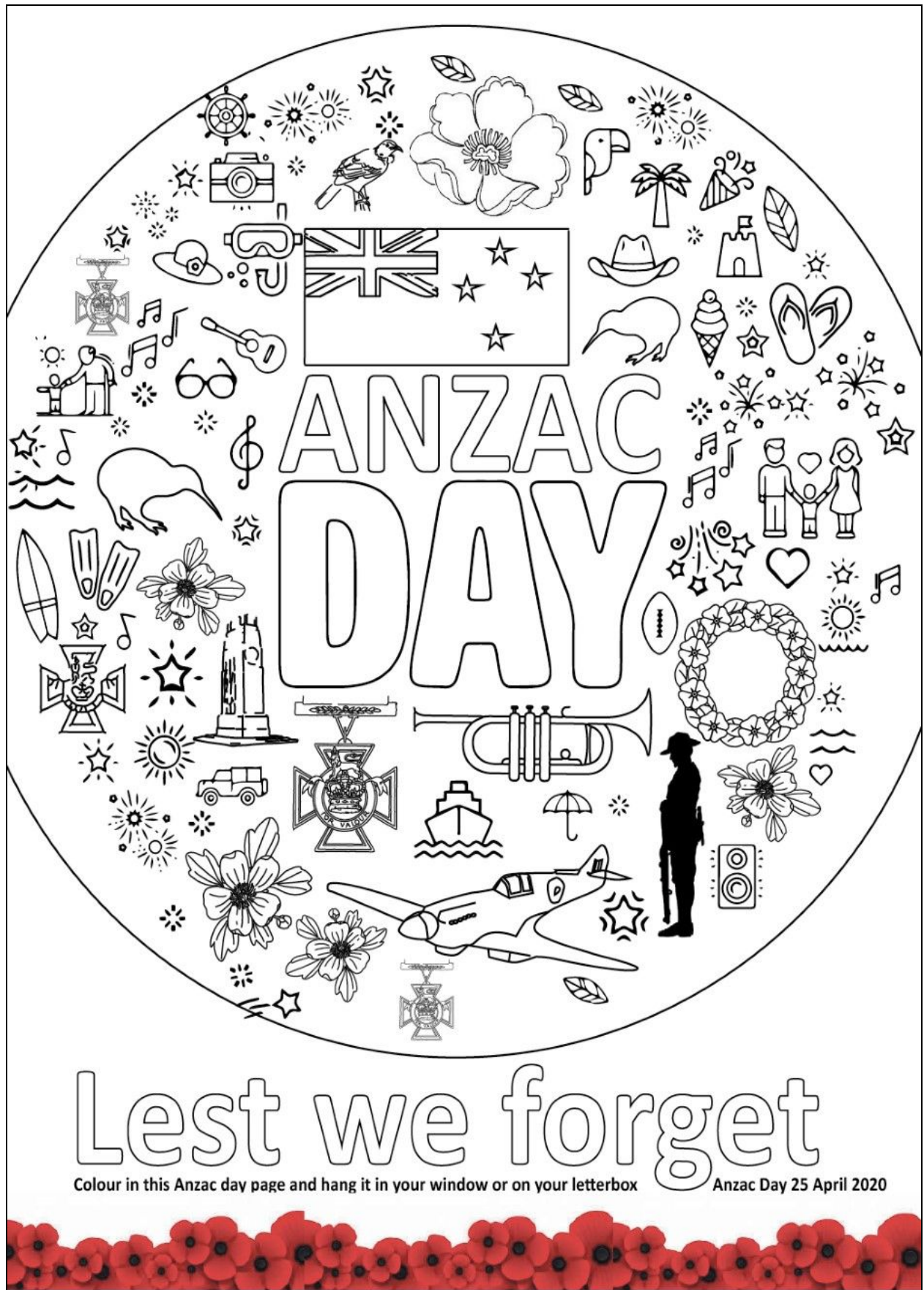
RNZ's Anzac Day programming will also include stories and features on Kim Hill's Saturday Morning show, and at 11.05am there will be a repeat broadcast of a recent Anzac Day National Commemoration Service.

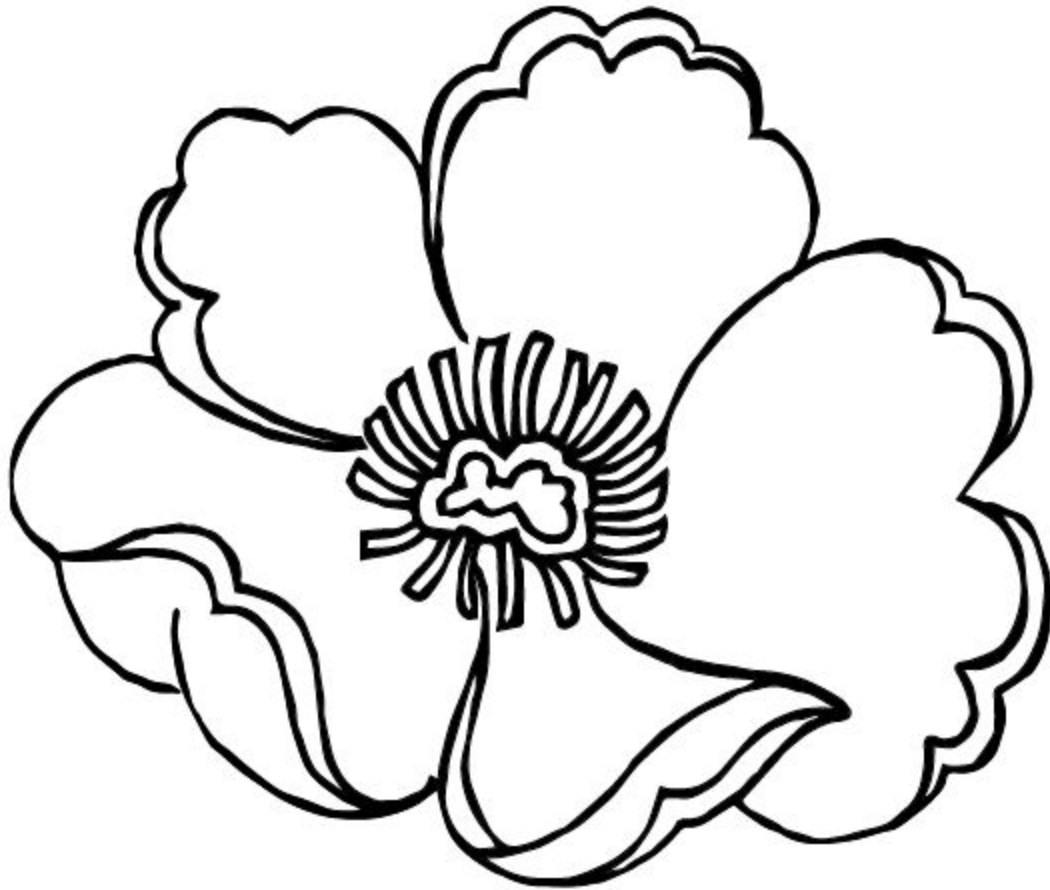
How to #StandAtDawn from 5.50 am on Saturday 25 April:

Tune in to RNZ National on 101 FM, streaming live on the website rnz.co.nz/national, on your phone or mobile device ([download the app here](#)) or find your local radio frequency here: rnz.co.nz/listen/amfm.

You can also follow our live blog on rnz.co.nz.

For additional Information visit standatdawn.com





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