

Thursday 4th June 2020

Term 2 Week 8

# EKETĀHUNA 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,*

*Another great week here at school. It is lovely to see all the children so positive and enthusiastic about their learning. This term has only four weeks to go until the school holidays, and with the upcoming 'fun run' and Matariki celebrations we are looking forward to - it is going to fly!*



## EKETAHUNA FUN RUN (CROSS COUNTRY) ON WEDNESDAY 10th JUNE - PLEASE NOTE DATE

Traditionally this term would see us holding a whole school cross country event, and then attending the interschool cross country. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, all Term 2 interschool sports were cancelled. However, we were keen to hold a running event which could be enjoyed by our school community. Next week will see a 'fun run' at the Eketahuna Golf Course. Information about the day is included with this newsletter. Dean Parsons and Roseanne Sayles have done a fantastic job planning the event and are calling for parent volunteers to be marshals on the day. If you are available, please ring the school office or email Dean at [dparsons@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:dparsons@eketahuna.school.nz) or Roseanne at [roseanne@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:roseanne@eketahuna.school.nz) before Monday afternoon. It is going to be a fun time!

## LOVELY KNITTED GIFTS ARRIVE



Jo Wood kindly dropped in another amazing class set of warm, woolly hats and slippers. Junior students in Hukanui and Hamua, who have not received any before, were thrilled to see The beautiful knitted items are able to take home and keep. Thank you Jo!

## CONGRATULATIONS SAM & LOGAN



A big congratulation to Sam Willetts and Logan Atkinson for being selected to play hockey for their age group for the first division team for Pahiata/Bush competing in the Palmerston North competition. An awesome achievement and we wish them both all the best for a great Season 2020!

## SPORTS UPDATE FOR TERM 3

With our battle against Covid-19 seeming successful, the local area is beginning to plan for sport next term. The Bush Basketball Competition is looking to start on Friday, 25th July and finish on Friday, 18th September. This would see our Year 5 & 6 students playing miniball, and the Year 7 & 8 students playing basketball. All games will be played on Friday afternoons at Stadium Pahiata. Notices will come home tomorrow with those students who would like to play. Also being considered is the annual Tararua Bush 7 Aside Tournament currently scheduled for the Wednesday 5th of August. We will keep you updated on developments going forward.



## AMAZING 'POTTERY PROWESS' IN HAMUA

These pieces are examples of the fantastic works Carol and her Year 2 & 3 students created in Hamua. The painting, glazing and then firing has produced stunning pieces each child can be very proud of!



## DIARY:

Friday 5th June - Lucky Book Club Due  
Wednesday 10th June - Eketahuna Fun Run

Thursday 11th June - Eketahuna Fun Run pp  
Wednesday 17th June - Year 7 & 8 to Technology  
Wednesday 1st July - Year 7 & 8 to Technology

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**CELEBRATION ZOOM ASSEMBLY:**

While we are at Alert Level 2, we are not going to have whole school assemblies in the hall. Instead we have started 'Zoom Assembly's' which each class will take a turn to host online. Last week Nireaha (Rm 5) hosted our Friday 'online assembly'. It was a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week. It is also a chance to see great learning that our host class shares - Nireaha shared the posters they had created while researching and reflecting on Covid-19! Tomorrow's online assembly will be hosted by Rongomai students (Rm 2).

**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:

Room 1: Shelby Taiaroa / Mareana Roiri  
Room 2: Micheal Cunningham  
Room 3: Mack Duffy  
Room 5: Oskar Mills  
Room 6: Lachie Redington

**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:

Room 1: Jaylah Keedwell / Renee Dennison  
Room 2: Holly Spring / Brooke Duffy  
Room 3: Maclane King  
Room 5: Ellie Pinnell  
Room 6: Hayley Dennison

**Principal's Award:** Carlos Cresswell for his great attitude to all areas of school life. Well done!

**NEW DATES FOR 'NYLD 2020' AND THE 'TOUGH GUY & GAL' CHALLENGE**

Traditionally our Year 8's travel over to Palmerston North for the 'National Young Leaders Day' conference. It is an exciting opportunity for our senior students to engage with other students across our region as well as hearing from keynote speakers in Leadership. Due to Covid-19 this event has been postponed until Monday 16th November. The other event which has been postponed due to Covid - 19 is the Tough Guy & Gal Challenge. The new date for this event is Monday 19 October. Everyone who was already entered into an event will have been contacted by the organisers, and those parents who intended to register their children can now do so.

**LATE TO SCHOOL**

A NUMBER OF STUDENTS ARE COMING TO SCHOOL LATE WHICH THEN IMPACTS ON THEIR DAY.

CONTINUED LATENESS IS RECORDED IN ATTENDANCE, SO IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THEY ARE AT SCHOOL BEFORE 9AM, WITH TIME TO GET THEMSELVES ORGANISED AND READY FOR LEARNING. THANK YOU.

**NO SWEETS OR SUGARY DRINKS**

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.

**LOST PROPERTY**

WE HAVE ONLY BEEN BACK ON SITE FOR ONE WEEK AND WE ALREADY HAVE A PILE IN THE LOST PROPERTY BIN! PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT THAT COMES TO SCHOOL IS CLEARLY NAMED AS IT WILL HELP US RETURN ITEMS TO STUDENTS AND CUT DOWN ON LOST PROPERTY. THANKS!

**SCHOOL SPORTS SHIRTS & SCHOOL FLEECES**

With lots of sport coming up next term, as we move down the Alert Levels, now is a good time to check you have the correct clothing items. Please remember that **ALL** students need to wear the correct sports uniform to play - our school sports shirt with black shorts. Sports shirts are available at the office and can be purchased for \$25.00. We also have optional warm school fleeces that cost \$35.00 which can also be bought through the school office. We want our teams to represent the school with pride and ensuring all players are in the correct uniform is essential. Please make sure that the uniform items are clearly named.

*Nga mihi,*

*Melinda & the Eketahuna School Team*



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 general knowledge skills at home: **Kiwi Kid News**

Here's a great way for kids to stay up to date with current events from New Zealand and around the world. You'll find current events, challenges, fun home activities, games, and a whole lot more. To visit the site go to: <https://kiwikidsnews.co.nz/>

**National Geographic Kids**

This is where you can discover some of the coolest facts for kids from around our planet. From animals and geography to science, nature and history, there are so many amazing facts for kids just waiting to be discovered. To visit the site go to: <https://www.natgeokids.com/nz/>

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## 2020 Weekly Update

**Hukanui News: (Room 1)** Hi families, we hope you enjoyed the long weekend. Lots of learning is happening this week as we have settled back into our usual routine with our reading, writing and maths groups. We have noticed some big improvements in students learning too, the hard work over the lockdown is definitely showing and it is pleasing to see. In maths we have been doing lots of counting practice and basic facts. We are also practicing cross country daily. Our spring onions are growing taller which is exciting! Soon we will start our Matariki topic, we have a collaborative art mural planned which we are looking forward to creating together.

As usual if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us

Jess & Jo

**Rongomai News: (Room 2)** Hi everyone I hope you have had a lovely long weekend. Thank you to Barbs for working with us and allowing us to use the new school 'walkie, talkies'. Students were given the opportunity to learn how to follow directions and were outside searching and giving directions. It was a lot of fun. Cross Country practice continues each day. Please make sure your child has suitable clothing, footwear and a water bottle. For maths we have been working on our basic facts. The past two weeks Rongomai have been working on addition and subtraction strategies. Next week we will start working on multiplication and division strategies. Each student will be bringing home a GAME Pack. It will have a game, dice and instructions on how to play the games. Children have been learning how to play and are looking forward to teaching you at home. The purpose of the game/s is to help our kids with their basic facts and playing games on a regular basis is a fun way to help. It is their responsibility to look after it. Thank you for your support with this. Have a great week. Beyonce

**Hamua News: (Room 3)** Hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend :) Some news from Hamua this week:  
*Art- we used paint and pencils and glue, and pieces of chain to make feathered pictures this week. It was lots of fun! We also finished our clay, which will be coming home today.*  
*Projects- We watched videos to learn about some characters from a book we are reading this week; Amazing Grace: Joan of Arc, The Trojan horse, and Mowgli from the Jungle Book. The children are enjoying making posters.*  
*Math- we have practised our times tables, worked on division sums, math challenges, and fractions this week. We also enjoyed playing Sharks and Minnows for PE, as cross country practise.*  
*And I hear that Mr Bear has been visiting the childrens' homes and eating all the bananas and honey! We are loving reading his diary everyday. Thanks moms! Carol*

**Nireaha News: (Room 5)**

Hello! Class life has become a really settled, conscientious place these days - it's so good to see how everyone's adjusted to being back and enjoying all that each week has in store. Perhaps best of all, was the scope to have access to gear to play with during breaks and the idea of having a movie to look forward to. In the mix, we've taken writing to a whole new level - with a serious focus on how we paragraph, coupled with goal setting. Goals range from being able to use dialogue, through to a concerted effort to use commas and vocab we've never used before. In maths, our reality's been around evidence of progress. The gains that the class have shown are INCREDIBLE! We've several who've moved levels and a vast majority who've seriously conquered specifics that were challenging. Independent work has become a lot more manageable and the level of responsibility taken by some has been outstanding. All up - an awesome week - as always!

Cheers! Jo & Barb

**Putara News: (Room 6)**

Kia ora everybody,

It's just wonderful having all the children back in class. There has been a strong emphasis on maths and basic facts this last few weeks. I have conducted some knowledge based tests and it's fair to say that I'm elated with the results and improvement.

Despite the large, enforced Covid-19 break, the entire class has moved in the best direction possible - upwards!

Your children have worked particularly well, and the tests I've conducted are testament to their hard word work and mahi.

Moving forward, parents, the best thing you can do with your children is to keep encouraging them to learn times tables. Also, have discussions at home regarding the relationship between fractions, percentages and decimals.

I.e.  $30/100 = 30\% = .30$  .68 =  $68/100 = 68\%$

**Easy tip to remember**, 'percent' means 'per century' - or 'per hundred'. Therefore,  $68/100$  means 68 out of 100.

68 cents out of one dollar (which is 100 cents) equates to  $68/100$  or .68 or 68%.

Stay warm and rug up this weekend!

Kind regards

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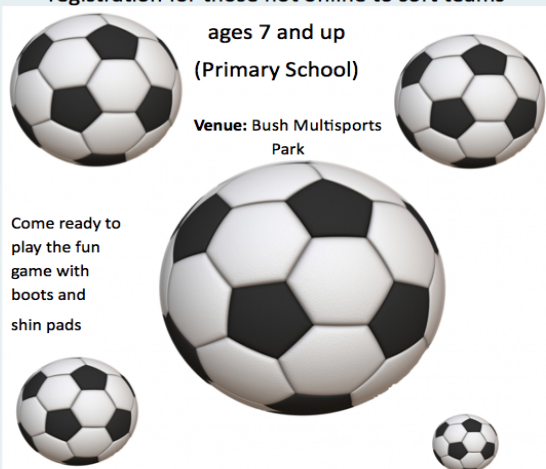


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**PAHIATUA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

Fun Game of Football— 6th June 10am kick-off and registration for those not online to sort teams



Subscription \$40 per player

If you are interested in coaching a team please let us know!!

Any questions, contact Tally 06 376 8400

or email [tally@totaranuistud.co.nz](mailto:tally@totaranuistud.co.nz)

**HOME & SCHOOL PIE FUNDRAISER**

The Home and School thanks you for all of your pie orders.



Pies will be delivered to school on Wednesday 10th June, 11am onwards. Please Contact Kirby if you are able to help sort pies on Wednesday morning (time tbc) at the Hamua Hall.

It normally takes an hour.

[lanceandkirby@inspire.net.nz](mailto:lanceandkirby@inspire.net.nz) or 3758119

*Thanks for your support!*

**VISION HEARING SCREENING**

The Vision Hearing Technicians plan to visit your school on:

**Date: Thursday 25th June 2020**

**Approx Time: 9.30am**

Children to be screened during this visit are:

**New Entrants** - who have not had/ completed their B4 School Check

**Year 7 Students** - distance vision for all Students

**A Number of Year 8 Students** - follow-ups from the previous year - those who have previously not been screened as a year 7 Children who have no previous screening record.

**\* If any parent/guardian does not wish their child to be checked could they please inform the school.**

If request screening is required at any time during the year: (Note this will normally be carried out at one of our clinics in your area)

Parents please contact the Vision Hearing Service on 0800 153 042 Or 06 350 4560, for an appointment to one of our clinics.



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