

# 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 Eketāhuna,*

*I am sure you were as pleased as we were to hear the Prime Minister's announcement about moving to Alert Level 1. For us, there will be no major changes to what we are doing and our school continues to be safe to attend, including any staff and children who are considered more vulnerable to COVID. We have a good cleaning routine in place, people who are sick are staying at home and we continue to encourage good hygiene practices. We are supporting contact tracing by having QR code posters at our entrances. A great effort by all to beat Covid-19!*

## EKETAHUNA FUN RUN

Our school Fun Run went well with lots of positive attitudes, running skills and great levels of stamina displayed yesterday. A big thanks to Mr Parsons and Ms Sayles for organising such a great event. Thanks also to the Eketahuna Golf Club for a great venue!



YEAR GROUP	DISTANCE	BOYS	GIRLS
Year 0-1	430m	1st: Nikau Bidois	1st: Isabella Hook
Year 1	430m	1st: Toby White 2nd: Joseph MacNamara 3rd: Jacob Thomas	1st: Renee Dennison 2nd: Lexi Mitchell 3rd: Jaylah Keedwell
Year 2	650m	1st: Emmanuel MacNamara 2nd: Braxton Duffy 3rd: Mikey Hammond	1st: Madison Rankin 2nd: Mareana Roiri 3rd: Lleucu Anderson
Year 3	1.4km	1st: Mack Duffy 2nd: Patrick Thomas 3rd: Maxwell Crudis	1st: Bella Ifill 2nd: Annabeth Read 3rd: Lana Hanson
Year 4	1.4km	1st: Hunter Rankin 2nd: Angus Manson 3rd: Noah Duffy	1st: Brooke Duffy 2nd: Keira Bidois 3rd: McKenzie Moore
Year 5	1.4km	1st: Carlos Cresswell 2nd: Brent Knight 3rd: Johnny Dandy	1st: Holly Spring 2nd: Heidi Hanson 3rd: Priscilla Taiaroa-Stafford
Year 6	2.6km	1st: Lachie Duffy 2nd: Luke Downer 3rd: Brodie Burton-Foley	1st: Aurora Mitchell-Jensen 2nd: Charli Read 3rd: Mollie Mackisack
Year 7	2.6km	1st: Lachie Redington 2nd: Blake Rendell 3rd: Paice Mitchell-Hopa	1st: Kaia Aplin 2nd: Holly Cresswell 3rd: Sophie Drysdale
Year 8	2.6km	1st: Harrison Mackisack 2nd: Harry Dickson 3rd: Scott Duffy	1st: Kiara Potangaroa-Carter 2nd: Indy Burton-Foley 3rd: Stella Governor

### COMING UP:

Wednesday 17th June - Year 7 & 8 to Technology

Thursday 18th June - BOT Meeting 1pm - Library

Wednesday 1st July - Year 7 & 8 to Technology

**CELEBRATION ZOOM ASSEMBLY:**

Since our return to school during Covid-19 Alert Level 2, we have been holding 'Zoom Assembly's' at the end of the week, which each class has taken a turn to host online. Last week Rongomai (Rm 2) hosted our Friday 'online assembly'. It is also a chance to see the great learning that our host class shares - Rongomai showed the amazing workbooks they had created during remote teaching while in lockdown due to Covid-19! Our students have enjoyed the opportunity to host online assemblies, so we will follow the schedule for this term and return to whole school assemblies in the hall in Term 3. Tomorrow's online assembly will be hosted by our senior house leaders and their deputies.

**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: Jaxson Rendel / Jacob Thomas  
 Room 2: Luke McNamara  
 Room 3: Braxton Carrington  
 Room 5: Isla Dickson  
 Room 6: Kris Hight

**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: Joseph McNamara / Isabella Hook  
 Room 2: Keira Bidois/ Jehanne Knight/ Cleo Davis  
 Room 3: Ruby - Lee Burton Foley  
 Room 5: Robert Boddington  
 Room 6: Holly Thomas

**Principal's Award:** Angus Governor for being very responsible and organising road patrol cover!

**MATARIKI 'TUAKANA TEINA' ACTIVITIES IN WEEK 10,11 and 12**

Matariki signals the Maori New Year. It is a time of renewal and celebration in New Zealand. Our children will be studying Matariki and its meaning over the next 3 weeks and we will hold several art & craft afternoons which we would love whanau help with. The afternoons are Monday 15th, Thursday 18th, Monday 22nd, Thursday 25th and Monday 29th of June. Students will be grouped in mixed year levels and rotate around all classes. Please contact the class teacher or office if you are available to help on any of these days. We would love to see you.

Hukanui - Jo & Jess	Hamua - Carol	Rongomai - Roseanne	Nireaha - Jo & Barb	Putara - Dean
Collaborative mural art work	Screen printing on paper.	Book & String Painting, Making Poi.	Marae Art (Lanterns) Hauora representation.	Feather whakapapa art & Making a Porotiti

**NEW DIGITAL RESOURCES**

Last year our Home & School Association donated funds to the school to enable the purchasing of great new digital learning tools for our students! Pictured are some of our new resources about to be introduced to students via our Digital Technology curriculum. The sphero (and pack of mini sphero's) along with the set of 6 Bee Bots are a fantastic way to introduce simple programming and coding to our students. A huge thanks to Home & School for such awesome resources for preparing our children for tomorrow's world!

**BUS BEHAVIOUR**

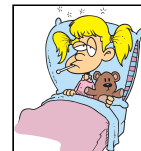
A REMINDER THAT WE HAVE A 'BUS CODE OF CONDUCT' WHICH STUDENTS AND CAREGIVERS HAVE AGREED TO. FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL WHO TRAVEL ON OUR BUSES WE MUST BE VIGILANT WITH BEHAVIOUR DURING TRIPS BOTH TO AND FROM SCHOOL. STUDENTS WHO EXHIBIT POOR BEHAVIOUR CHOICES WILL BE TAKEN OFF THE BUS AND WILL NEED TO BE TRANSPORTED BY PARENTS.

**DIGITAL USER AGREEMENTS**

WE HAVE SENT HOME DIGITAL USER AGREEMENTS WITH STUDENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE ONE CURRENTLY IN THEIR SCHOOL RECORD. WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR SOME OF THEM TO BE RETURNED. STUDENTS WITHOUT A SIGNED AGREEMENT MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ACCESS THE IPADS WE HAVE IN CLASSES WITHOUT ONE. PLEASE GET THEM TO THE OFFICE ASAP. THANK YOU.

**KEEP UNWELL CHILDREN AT HOME**

WE STILL WANT TO ENSURE EVERYONE IS WELL & HEALTHY, SO IF YOUR CHILD FEELS UNWELL PLEASE KEEP THEM AT HOME. ALSO REMEMBER IF YOUR CHILD HAS A TUMMY BUG, VOMITING OR DIARRHEA THEY CANNOT RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR AT LEAST 24 HOURS AFTER THEY WERE LAST SICK OR HAD A LOOSE MOTION. DON'T FORGET TO KEEP WASHING YOUR HANDS TOO! THANKS.

**SPORT TERM 3 - BASKETBALL, MINIBALL & NETBALL - GET PERMISSION SLIPS BACK ASAP!**

Permission slips for Miniball and Basketball are coming in thick and fast, and we now have netball to add. The netball season has been shortened and the competition will start this term and end part way through Term 3. Netball registration forms have been sent home so please make sure you get these back before Friday 12th June. Please be aware that all students representing the school will need to have paid their fees in full and have the expected sports uniform to be able play.

Nga mihi

Melinda & the Eketahuna School Team



## 2020 Weekly Update

**Hukanui News: (Room 1)**

It was a fantastic day at the fun run yesterday. We were very proud of how the children did yesterday and all their practising has paid off. It was great to see everyone trying their best and showing the school value of being resilient.

Lots of great learning has been happening. We will begin to start our learning around Matariki in the next few weeks.

Please contact us if you have any queries.

**Regards Jess & Jo**

**Rongomai News: (Room 2)**

Hi everyone, another great week of fun and learning. Lots of stories of children playing their first maths game with their families. Each week a new game will come home for students to share and practise their basic facts. The focus is to have fun and enjoy working with numbers. It is also a great opportunity for students to teach their younger siblings different maths skills. Our writing wall is coming together nicely. Feel free to come in and check out your child's writing. Have a great week. Beyonce.

**Hamua News: (Room 3)**

We really enjoyed the Fun Run this week-well done to Miss Sayles and Mr Parsons for their great organisation of the day. Math: We are finishing off fractions this week (phew!) and starting practising our times tables-so please practise counting in 2s/5s/10s at home. Also number bonds to 10 (9+1 / 8+2 etc.)

Writing: we have been doing procedural writing this week-we wrote out the recipe for milk plastic, and then experimented with making it. **We urgently need more whiteboard pens please.**

Art: We did balloon painting this week, and are finishing off our projects as well.

Other: Ali Mackisack is kindly coming in on Friday again, to help tidy the butterfly garden. We will also be welcoming parents to help at reading time, again, please: 12.30-1.30 daily. Let me know if you can help :)

Have a great weekend everyone :) Carol

**Nireaha News: (Room 5)**

We had a fab day at the fun day with everyone trying their absolute best. We are sure everyone will have slept well after their big day! Thank you to the families who were able to come along and support their children. On Monday afternoon, we 'cashed in' our Principals' Award which scored us a movie - and the popular vote saw us tune in 'Walk Ride Rodeo'. It was a great focus on managing our attitude and challenging us to 'give it our all' when the going gets tough. We've started our whole school focus on Matariki - and are enjoying more than just the astrological and navigational aspects of this. Genealogy's involved also, along with giving thanks, 'hanging out together' - playing games, doing crafts, harvesting, planting and telling stories etc. For us also, we're lining up our ePals in Brazil and the US for example - with a plan to teach them about Matariki too, coupled with a little Te Reo as well. Plenty's in the mix - our time flies 'incredibly' so. It's brilliant! Many thanks: Jo and Barb.

**Putara News: (Room 6)** Kia ora, whānau

We've had another great week's learning. It's always music to my ears when you're children say, "This is hard," or "I just don't get it." My response is, "You just don't get it - YET!" I love seeing their minds ticking away! Teaching isn't scripted; therefore, when a student wanted to share her maths strategy with the class, in terms of demonstrating a formula for working out the internal angles of geometric shapes, i.e. triangles, rectangles, pentagons etc... I let her.

Suddenly, what was to be a 5 min korero became the main focus of our lesson. This was a 'teaching moment'.

Her formula:  $(N-2) \times 180^\circ = \text{the internal angle for any shape.}$

A triangle has 3 sides:  $(3 - 2) \times 180^\circ = 180^\circ$

A square has 4 sides:  $(4 - 2) \times 180^\circ = 360^\circ$

A hexagon has 6 sides:  $(6 - 2) \times 180^\circ = 720^\circ$

Great work, Pūtara!! It was a "Stellar" lesson!



## 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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### CONTACTING CLASSROOM TEACHERS VIA THE OFFICE

Our Office Administrator Denise will also take a message for teachers and ensure they get the information, via the school cell phone on 022 368 1830 and also the office email address at: [office@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:office@eketahuna.school.nz)

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### Agenda for the Board Of Trustee's Meeting

The Agenda for the BOT meeting on the Thursday 18th June will close on  
Friday 12th June 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

**Thursday 11th June 2020**

**Term 2 Week 9**