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Term 2 Week 10

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 Ekētahuna,

A great week here at school with all the fantastic teaching and learning experiences students enjoy!

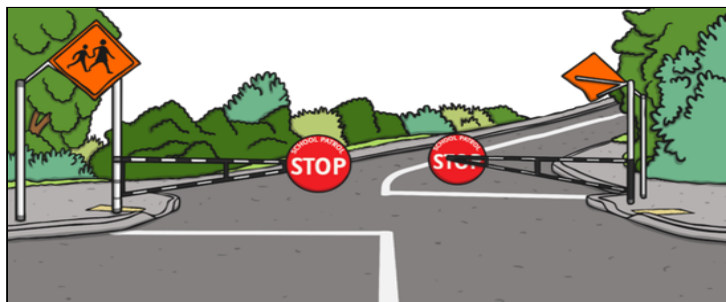


MATARIKI AFTERNOONS A SUCCESS

It was lovely to be in all our classes during the tuakana teina afternoons which saw students in groups ranging from Year 1 to Year 8 participating in a learning activity with links to Matariki - the Māori New Year. Our tuakana teina groups recognise an integral part of traditional Māori society, in providing a model for buddy systems as young learn from old. Our students enjoyed screen printing, mosaic murals, poi making, navigation research and porotiti making. We have four more rotations to go - lots of fun!!

NEW 'KEA CROSSING'!

We were very excited with the news of our new crossing being installed this week. Kea Crossings provide children with a safe place to cross the road. They're installed around schools so school patrols can control traffic and safely guide children across the street. A Kea Crossing only operates when a school patrol and two fluorescent orange crossing point flag signs (one on each side of the road) are present. The school patrol will be operating after school daily. **When the school patrol displays their STOP signs, traffic must stop.** This helps keep children safe when they're going to and from school. When there's no school patrol and no crossing signs, the crossing point is just like any other section of road. Once the crossing is complete our Road Safety student team will be trained by Constable Maxine Walsh.



REASON FOR STUDENT ABSENCE AND OUR ROLL RETURN



Taking a school roll twice a day is very important. It ensures we are keeping track of all students and preparing for our March and July 'roll return' which is when the Ministry of Education collects data from all schools about the students enrolled. Our school roll is accessed online, through a school management system, and all students' absences are coded according to a nationally established criteria. We ask all caregivers to notify the school office as to why a child is away so we can code correctly - from a dentist appointment, to a funeral, to being unwell - all have an individual code. As we are required to code all absentees please don't be offended if you are asked to explain why your child is not attending school - it is a requirement.

END OF TERM MATARIKI CELEBRATION - LUNCH & ASSEMBLY - FRIDAY 3rd JULY - SEE YOU THERE!!

On the last day of term we will be celebrating! We are celebrating the achievements of our school throughout Term 2 and this 'unprecedented' time', along with the Māori New Year. We will join with the community to have a shared lunch and our first 'whole school' assembly in the hall where our staff will be the hosts! Students will be able to order sausages and flavoured milk for the last break and parents can join us. After the late lunch we will have a whole school assembly where we will share with everyone what we have been doing this term. More information will follow . . .



HOME & SCHOOL PIE FUNDRAISER

A big thank you to all those people who ordered the delicious pies on offer - over 600 pies sold! A great meal option and a great fundraiser for which we are most appreciative. Also thanks to our wonderful Home & School Association who organised it and gave their time sorting the packs. Their continued support is incredible and of huge benefit to us!

COMING UP:

Wednesday 1st July - Year 7 & 8 to Technology

Friday 3rd July - Community Shared lunch @ 1:35pm

Friday 3rd July - Whole School Assembly @ 2:05pm

Friday 3rd July - Last Day of School - Holidays begin

Monday 20th July - First Day of School - Term 3 begins

**CELEBRATION ZOOM ASSEMBLY:**

Our 'Zoom Assembly' at the end of last week, was hosted by our deputy house leaders Stella, Paice, Lachie and Harrison. They invited all classes to join them in the Principal's office at 2:15pm. The ongoing digital assembly has been a great experience for all students and we look forward to tomorrow's online assembly being hosted by the students of Hamua (Rm 3). Our last online assembly will be hosted by Hukanui in Week 11.

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: Lexi Mitchell / Brodie Braddick
Room 2: Jehanne Knight
Room 3: Chelsea Spring
Room 5: Charli Read
Room 6: Blake Rolfe

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: Nikau Bidois / Rocco Burton - Foley
Room 2: Angus Manson
Room 3: Pounamu Roiri
Room 5: Jade O'Dwyer
Room 6: Holly Cresswell

Principal's Award: Logan Atkinson for 'resilience' displayed during the Eketahuna Fun Run!

TWO NEW CASES OF COVID-19 ANNOUNCED ON TUESDAY

In regard to the two new cases announced earlier in the week, there is no school or early learning service linked to these cases. However, it is a timely reminder to continue to follow good hygiene practices and to act with caution for anyone who is showing new onset or worsening symptoms of one or more of the following:

- Cough
- Fever
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Temporary loss of smell

Anyone with these symptoms should ring Healthline on 0800 358 5453 or their GP.

**SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORMS AND FEES**

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 also expect **ALL** students registration fees to be paid prior to their games.

CELL PHONES

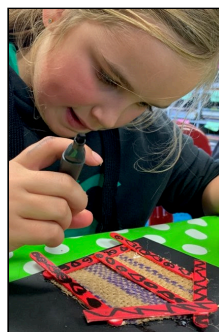
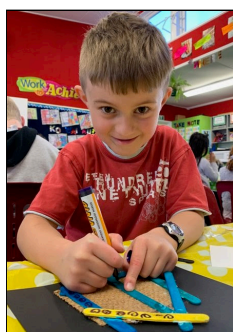
STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO HAVE PHONES OR DEVICES OF ANY DESCRIPTION ON THEM DURING THEIR DAY AT SCHOOL. IF THEY DO NEED TO BRING ONE THEY ARE TO BE HANDED INTO THE OFFICE BEFORE SCHOOL. THANK YOU.

**SCHOOL RUBBISH**

TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF RUBBISH HERE AT SCHOOL WE ARE ACTIVELY ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO PUT FOOD 'WRAPPINGS' & PACKAGING BACK IN THEIR LUNCH BOXES ONCE THEY HAVE EATEN AT MORNING TEA AND LUNCH. WE ARE TIDY KIWIS!

**LOST PROPERTY**

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT THAT COMES TO SCHOOL IS CLEARLY NAMED, TO HELP US CUT DOWN ON LOST PROPERTY! IF YOU ARE IN SCHOOL, PLEASE CHECK OUT THE BIN WHICH IS VERY FULL! THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



*Nga mihi nui,
Melinda & the Eketahuna School Team*

Pictures from a lovely Matariki Afternoon on Monday in Nireaha (Rm 5)

2020 Weekly Update

Hukanui News: (Room 1)

We have had a great week this week. The children really enjoyed the Monday Matariki rotation and are looking forward to going to another room, with different activities today. This will continue for the next few weeks until everyone has had a turn in each class.

Next week we will begin measurement in Maths, looking at height and weight. Please talk to your children about heavy and light things, and ask them to make comparisons.

Thank you for practising the high frequency word rings and reading each night with your child. It does really make a difference in class.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions.

Thanks Jo & Jess

Rongomai News: (Room 2)

Hi everyone. I hope you have had a great week. Game 3 will be coming home tomorrow. It's great to hear families are taking up the challenge and playing the different games together. It has been a great way for students to practise their basic facts. We have now moved into fractions and students have discovered Fraction Matcher which is helping with their learning. **Weta Workshop Competition:** Rongomai is now entered in the Marble Run Challenge. We have started discussing, planning and collecting cardboard tubes, pipes etc to build our run. If you can help with this please feel free to drop off items at the school office. **Daily Fitness:** This will continue. Naturally if it is wet we will work on our fitness inside. As always please feel free to email me if you have any concerns or questions. Have a great week Beyonce.

Hamua News: (Room 3)

It's been a busy week and we are all enjoying the Matariki art activities in the different classes.

Hamua is doing screenprinting-let us know if you can lend a helping hand on a Monday or Thursday afternoon, please!

Writing: We are focussing on re-reading and editing our work, and on adding adjectives and detail to make our stories more interesting.

Phonics and Spelling: please do this homework daily as it makes a big difference in supporting your child's reading and writing progress. Thank you!

Maths: Please also practise doubling/halving numbers (What's half of 12? Double 7?), and times tables (2/5/10)-this can be done while driving/in the bath/ 5 minutes before bed etc.

We are also busy practising for Friday's assembly :)

Hope you are all keeping warm as winter deepens-not long till the days start getting longer again, though.

Have a great weekend. Carol

Nireaha News: (Room 5)

Highlights - one after the other, appear to have been the theme of the week, this week. First up, the Art Rotations for Matariki saw us split into 5 groups and by the time the holidays roll up, we'll have worked with every teacher in the school - and in every classroom. Next up, we scored ourselves an ePal connection from Iceland - with letters coming in from Arizona as well. We were treated to a Digital Technology day yesterday - complete with Bee Bots and Walkie Talkies! Our writing's been brilliant - with over half the class exhibiting skills that are expected of Year 7-8s, featuring paragraphing, dialogue, captivating vocab and an imaginative edge that hooks the reader in, big time! Our next steps in that department, is to present 'evidence' that backs our statements also. As for maths? Equations such as $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of 32 have been mastered by a fabulous portion of the class - coupled with plenty of 'Ah ha' moments as many realise how closely fractions are connected to multiplication and division. Roll on % next!

Top Job Nireaha! Cheers! Jo & Barb.

Putara News: (Room 6) Kia ora whānau

We've still had a strong focus on basic facts during mathematics. The children are developing good strategies for multiplying decimals, such as: $.25 \times 36 = ?$ $.5 \times 68 = ?$ $.75 \times 18 = ?$ This is being done in their heads - without the use of paper to work out - which means they're increasing their ability to hold numbers and calculate effectively.

In literacy we're writing to instruct, also known as procedural writing. The children understand the format of having a title, listing any equipment or resources, and finally writing clear, sequential instructions which can be easily interpreted by the reader. Their understanding on how to write succinctly is still developing; however, the necessary steps required are nicely embedded.

Please ask your child for their homework book. The tasks are not too demanding i.e. 8-10 spelling words, a maths task, and some independent reading at home.

Thank you all for your on-going support.

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JUNIOR SQUASH

Come and have a go!

Term 3, 8 – 16 year olds, \$30
Racquet, balls and coaches provided
Times, days and abilities to suit individuals

Have a hit and register
Tues 30th June 4:30-5:30pm or
Wed 1st July 3:15-4:15pm
Any questions Contact Glenn Fergus
027 417 1183, 565ferg@gmail.com
Check out Tararua Junior Squash on Facebook



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.



Town Library:

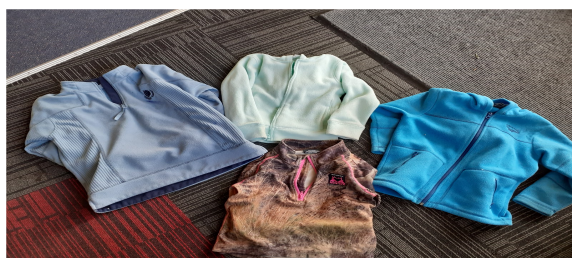
Welcome back! It's been so good to see some of you back in the library – still washing our hands frequently and coughing into our elbows!! But we are allowed to hang out together again, which is pretty awesome. So come on in - if you weren't sure, we are now back to normal operating hours (10.30am-12.30pm then 1pm-4.30pm). We have changed the time of our "Little Ears" reading programme - for any caregivers of under 5's – we read stories at the library every Tuesday morning from 11am til 11.30ish. Come along and join in, it's a great place to hang out and listen to stories on a cold winter morn!

We also have the Lego available for playing with in the library now which has already proven really popular with some of our regulars – hang out with your buddies in our nice warm library and have a go at building something! Or maybe play a boardgame instead.

Look forward to seeing you soon.



Claire & Corrina



Lost Property

Some of the items of clothing that we now have in our lost property.

