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Term 2 Week 11

# 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,  
Lots of great learning happening at school this week with our Matariki rotations  
and lunchtime activities. Teachers on duty at break time caught some of those...*



## WEEK 12 LUNCH & SCHOOL ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY 3rd JULY

To celebrate the end of our 'unprecedented' Term 2, we will be having a shared late lunch starting at 1:40pm on Friday 3rd July, followed by a whole school assembly in the hall, at 2:05pm, which will be hosted by staff. All sausages and bread for school students have been kindly donated by Tanmay Patel from the local Four Square and our great Home & School Association. Any extra family members who are planning to attend will need to purchase theirs. Also available to purchase - as a 'one off' treat - will be flavoured milk and juice. An order form for these items is included with the newsletter. We look forward to seeing you at school to reflect on, and celebrate the end of our unique 12 week term!!

TERM 1 (Traditional)			TERM 2 (New)			<b>NEW DAILY TIMETABLE</b> This term we introduced a new daily timetable. It was an idea teachers had discussed prior to the 2020 year in response to teaching blocks and the concentration levels of students. We held off in Term 1 due to our swimming times, but thought it would be good to trial the new timetable as we transitioned students back after the Covid-19, and in preparation for winter where long 'wet' lunch times can be a challenge. Although there are now 4 learning blocks and 3 breaks the total teaching time and playtime's remain the same as in Term 1. Teachers feel the change has improved learning and have seen students more settled after each break. Although the time of eating recorded is 5 minutes at the first and the last break, teachers are allowing children to eat an extra 5 minutes in class as they silently read, prepare for lessons, listen to teacher reading or view learning via the class TV. We welcome all feedback on the new timetable, so please send any comments or thoughts to the following email: <a href="mailto:principal@eketahuna.school.nz">principal@eketahuna.school.nz</a>
Activity:	Instruction:	Break:	Activity:	Instruction:	Break:	
9:00 - 10:30 Class	1 H 30 M		9:00 - 10:35 Class	1 H 35 M		
10:30 - 10:50 Play		20 M	10:35 - 10:55 Play		20 M	
10:50 - 11:00 Eat		10 M	10:55 - 11:00 Eat		5 M	
11:00 - 12:30 Class	1 H 30 M		11:00 - 12:00 Class	1 H		
12:30 - 1:10 Play		40 M	12:00 - 12:20 Play		20 M	
1:10 - 1:20 Eat		10 M	12:20 - 12:30 Eat		10 M	
1:20 - 2:55 Class	1 H 35 M		12:30 - 1:35 Class	1 H 5 M		
			1:35 - 1:55 Play		20 M	
H = Hours			1:55 - 2:00 Eat		5 M	
M = Minutes			2:00 - 2:55 Class	55 M		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4 H 35 M Class</b>	<b>1 H Play 20 M Eat</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4 H 35 M Class</b>	<b>1 H Play 20 M Eat</b>	

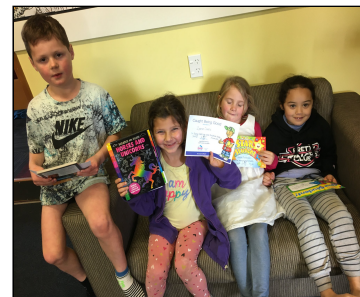
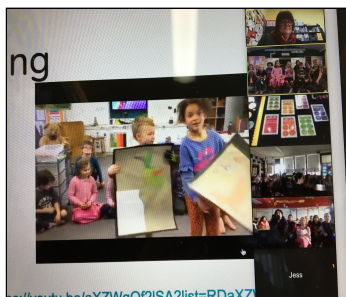
### COMING UP:

Friday 26th July - HPV Year 8 Immunisations.  
Wednesday 1st July - Year 7 & 8 to Technology

Friday 3rd July - Lunch & 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 students in Hāmua (Rm 3). They invited all classes to join them 'online' in their class at 2:15pm. They were great hosts showing their signing skill, their story writing and a new song. We are looking forward to tomorrow's online assembly being hosted by the students of Hukanui (Rm 1). Our last assembly will be hosted by staff next week in the school hall. We will share what we have been doing this term and look forward to seeing you all there!

**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: Lleucu Anderson / Ashaia O'Keeffe  
Room 2:  
Room 3: Madison Rankin  
Room 5: Mollie Mackisack  
Room 6: Scott Duffy

**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: Zyana Crudis / Braxton Duffy  
Room 2: Gus Manson  
Room 3: Patrick Thomas  
Room 5: Isaak Chasland  
Room 6: Kiara Potangaroa- Carter

**Principal's Award:** Sophie Drysdale for demonstrating responsibility as a Bus Monitor and Library Monitor

**INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CERTIFICATES**

Due to the Covid-19 Lockdown we have only just been able to acknowledge our great swim team with their certificates. A reminder of our great teams results - Scott Duffy was a top performer with a 2nd in Boys 12-13 25 SC Meter Freestyle, a 1st in Boys 12-13 50 SC Meter Freestyle, 2nd in Boys 12 25 SC Meter Breaststroke and another 1st in Boys 12-13 25 SC Meter Backstroke. Stella Governor placed 3rd in Girls 12-13 75 SC Meter IM, Evan Governor placed 1st in Boys 7-9 25 SC Meter Breaststroke, Lachie Duffy placed 2nd in Boys 7-9 25 SC Meter Breaststroke, Lachie Redington placed 3rd in Boys 10-11 25 SC Meter Butterfly, Harrison Mackisack placed 3rd in Boys 12 25 SC Meter Breaststroke and Meila Mitchell-Hopa placed 2nd in Girls 12-13 25 SC Meter Backstroke in Girls 12-13 25 SC Meter Backstroke. We also won the School Relay with a team of Brooke Duffy, Stella Governor, Scott Duffy, Lachie Redington, Lachie Duffy, and Harrison Mackisack. Awesome team effort!

**PLEASE KEEP SCHOOL GATE SHUT**

OVER THE LAST WEEK WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL VISITORS TO SCHOOL LEAVE THE GATE OPEN AT THE ROAD ENTRANCE. WE EXPECT THE GATE TO BE SHUT EVERY TIME IT IS DRIVEN THROUGH - IF YOU ARE COMING UP TO THE OFFICE, PLEASE CLOSE IT AFTER YOU HAVE ENTERED THE SCHOOL GROUNDS. THANKS.

**STUDENTS 'OFF' THE BUS**

CAN WE ASK PARENTS / CAREGIVERS OF ANY BUS STUDENTS WHO ARE BEING TAKEN OFF THE AFTERNOON BUSES TO PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW BEFORE 2:30PM. LATE 'RING INS' ARE HARD TO MONITOR & WE WANT TO AVOID ANY CONFUSION. SO GIVE DENISE A CALL AS EARLY AS YOU CAN. THANKS!

**PARENT TUTOR READING**

WE HAVE STARTED UP THE GREAT READING SUPPORT PROGRAMME AND ARE STILL IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS. THE PROGRAMME HAS A HUGE IMPACT AND STUDENTS MAKE SOME AMAZING PROGRESS AT SCHOOL! IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE PLEASE CONTACT JOANNA GREEN OR DENISE VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE. THANK YOU.

**NETBALL COMPETITION BEGINS TODAY**

The netball season 'kicks off' this afternoon with our Year 7 & 8 and Year 5 & 6 playing on the turf courts in Pahiatua, and our junior 'Fun Ferns' teams playing in the stadium. A very different looking competition of only six weeks, but a great opportunity to build skills and experience after the Covid-19 Alert Levels postponed all team sports. A big thank you to the coaches, and good luck to all our fantastic players!

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



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, to contractions and commonly mixed up words. 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://www.mathsisfun.com)



## 2020 Weekly Update

**Hukanui News: (Room 1)**

We have had another great week in Hukanui with lots of learning. We have enjoyed some hands-on team based activities in maths this week looking at height. We have ordered ourselves from shortest to tallest and challenged ourselves to build towers with different materials to see which team can build the highest.

We have been enjoying the Matariki rotation and it is wonderful to see the children working with and getting to know others from different classes who they would not usually work with. We think our mural is looking amazing and we can't wait to show you.

We are working on being responsible for our things this week and making sure we clean up and put our toys away as soon as we are finished playing with them. We will be really impressed if we hear the children have been responsible for their toys at home over the holidays too.

As always if you have any questions please contact us

Jess & Jo

**Rongomai News: (Room 2):** Hi everyone I hope you have had a great week. We have had another fun, but busy week in room 2. Maths see us continuing daily with basic facts and being introduced to basic fractions such as quarters and halves.

We are now moving onto equivalent fractions. The 3rd basic facts game has been practised in class this week and has quite a few elements to it. Students have been practising their skills in preparation to teach you at home. Our writing wall is up and running with individual students work being celebrated as it 'makes the wall'. Literacy Hour continues with spelling, handwriting then action english - this includes learning about nouns, adjectives etc. Daily fitness continues inside or outside of the classroom. Fun Day Friday encourages students to reflect and interact with their peers through specific activities, conversation and play.

Weta Competition: students have begun to research different marble runs. We have been learning how to create different pipes and tunnels out of tubes, sticks and tape. Keep sending along 'bits and bobs' for our final construction.

Have a great week. Beyonce

**Hamua News: (Room 3)**

**Math**-please help your child practise their number bonds to 10 at home as we are running a class challenge to try and better our personal time in getting 5 bonds correct, each day ( $1+9/2+8/3+7/4+6/5+5$ ).

**Writing**- we are still focussing on rereading and editing our work, as well as adding detail.

**Reading:** Thanks SO SO much to the mums who volunteered to come and help with reading in class. I now just need someone for Thursdays, 12.30-1.30, pretty please!!

Barbara brought the **Bee Bots** in to visit our class this week which was VERY EXCITING!! Some great writing and math ensued. Thanks Barbs!

We have also joined the **ICKABOG competition**. JK Rowling has released this new story online and children around the world are being invited to submit illustrations for the book, to be published in November. Check it out online :)

Carol

**Nireaha News: (Room 5)**

When it became apparent that the class was now ready to write more authentically, digitally and with pictorial and photographic support, 'letting loose' took off! Authenticity in writing is when we ask our students to write to audiences outside the classroom, for real-world purpose and topics of significance. So now, imagine if you will - magazines, letters, word finds, movie scripts, postcards and (school journal-like) journals. The class are now authors of such material. Our audience? That class in Iceland - we noted in last week's newsletter. The topics are real - and relatable.

*Reading what they write, in their eyes of an audience* - and *reading as a way to research 'how to write'* is in turn churning out some seriously robust pieces. They're nailing the point that writing is not what they do for their teacher, for gone are those 'old school' deals - and close on these kick-into-touch toes, is that clunky concept that one must 'draff' as well. To adopt the method of *workshopping* our written piece as we write, instead, is far more conducive to what they're now capable of managing. It's a style that's now more in keeping with real-life styles of writing - and it's absolutely awesome!

Next week? Watch this space for a parallel look into how driven they've become in the maths department. Cheers! Jo & Barb.

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

A week to go and we're on holiday. The children have worked particularly well the latter half of this term; they deserve a break! Hopefully, we can have a solid second half to the year without any nationwide crisis.

One of the Eketahuna School values is being 'reflective'. This week we wrote about ourselves as individuals.

Here are some of the wonderful ingredients the children used to describe themselves:

- a dash of kindness
- 1 cup of adventurousness
- two pinches of craziness
- ¼ cup of savageness
- a whole packet of laughter
- 2 cups of caring
- 3.5 cups of shortness
- ½ tablespoon of blood-thirsty

**In my opinion, Pūtara is simply:**



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**CONTACTING CLASSROOM TEACHERS**

If you have any concerns regarding your children please make sure you get in touch with their classroom teacher. From homework advice to uneaten lunches, teachers are happy to work with parents to ensure all students' well being. Teachers can be emailed:

Pūtara - Room 6 Dean Parsons: [dparsons@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:dparsons@eketahuna.school.nz)

Nireaha - Room 5 Jo Gibson: [jgibson@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:jgibson@eketahuna.school.nz)

Nireaha - Room 5 Barbara Whitburn: [bwhitburn@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:bwhitburn@eketahuna.school.nz)

Hāmua - Room 3 Carol Laubscher: [claubscher@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:claubscher@eketahuna.school.nz)

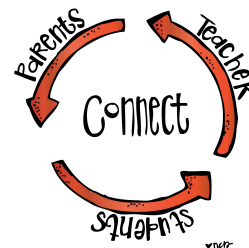
Rongomai - Room 2 Roseanne Sayles: [roseanne@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:roseanne@eketahuna.school.nz)

Hukanui - Room 1 Joanna Green: [jgreen@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:jgreen@eketahuna.school.nz)

Hukanui - Room 1 Jess Wilkinson: [jwilkinson@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:jwilkinson@eketahuna.school.nz)

**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)



And now for something completely different... Got an event coming up? A new initiative from the Tararua Alliance means you may be able to have Alliance staff bring along their brand new large trailer barbecue to your event – and they will even cook the food for you! Available for community and sporting events, school functions etc when they commence once more, this initiative has been driven by the fact the team get a lot of requests for sponsorship to help with barbecues etc says Matt Erard, Delivery Manager for the Tararua Alliance. "This is pretty exciting and we are keen to get out and meet people in our community and promote the Tararua Alliance. We have to show a measurable difference by doing this, so all we ask is that the groups give us proof, by a letter, showing they've made a donation to charity." To make use of this awesome community initiative, email - [bbq@tararuaalliance.co.nz](mailto:bbq@tararuaalliance.co.nz)

And last but not least – it's a wee way away yet but if we are keen to have a quiz here in Eketahuna this year we will need to be thinking ahead...

The annual Children's Book Awards Quiz will be held in September this year – we have registration forms etc available now if you'd like to have a nosey.



## Tararua District Library

### New Zealand

## Children's Book Awards Quiz

Year 7 & 8s—Make up a school team—Test your reading recall and be part of the Tararua District Library NZ Children's Book Awards Quiz. There will be prizes and a trophy for the overall Tararua District winning team.

• WHEN:	Wednesday 23 September 2020 at 6:30pm
• WHERE:	Your local Community Library
• REGISTRATION:	Due by 5:00pm Friday 28 August 2020



# TARARUA SEVEN-A-SIDE

PRIMARY SCHOOL MULTI SPORT TOURNAMENT


**WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST**

BUSH MULTISPORT PARK, PAHIATUA

RUGBY, FOOTBALL, NETBALL AND HOCKEY

**CIRCLE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!**

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EVERYONE ACTIVE

# The Treasure Hunt

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

**10.00AM - 12:30PM 06 - 10 JULY 2020**

**ST PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, PAHIATUA**  
**FOR ALL 5-12 YEAR OLDS - \$2 PER DAY**

**FUN-CRAFTS-GAMES-DRAMA-FOOD**

**Enquiries/Pre-registration ring Jill 0274184867**

