

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Preparing today's child for tomorrow's world - Whakakaha ngā tamariki mo apopo

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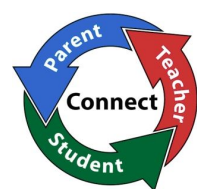
Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te kura Eketāhuna,

This is the last newsletter of the term and what an 'unprecedented' term it has been! Staff and students have been very busy throughout the last twelve weeks and it is time to reflect on what we have all been through, when we remember we started the term remote teaching due to the Covid-19 pandemic! We had five weeks of connecting with students and whanau via online methods, and deliveries of hard copy material to letter boxes! However we all 'stuck together' and showed what a fantastic community we are by doing the 'mahi' and returning to school at Alert Level 2 in Week 6. We have gone on to transition back onto the site very well, hosted an amazing 'Fun Run' at the Eketahuna Golf Club, and enjoyed the fantastic Matariki Tuakana Teina rotation afternoons. This along with the engaging teaching and learning experiences our teachers provide daily! We hope everyone has a well deserved safe and restful two weeks holiday. We look forward to you all returning, on Monday 20th July, ready for an exciting Term 3!

PRINCIPAL'S MORNING TEA

Today I took 10 students out for morning tea at The Lazy Graze in recognition of their ability to make good choices! Congratulations to Ashia O'Keefe, Lleucu Anderson, Micky Hammond, Pounamu Roiri, Elisabeth Anderson, Keira Bidois, Robert Boddington, Tommi Davis, Jackson Wells and Harrison Mackisack. These awesome students were picked out of the 'Green Choice' draw at last week's zoom assembly. Our school

behaviour system is focused on "catching children when they are good" as these positive reinforcers have a powerful effect. We had a delicious morning teat and it was lovely getting a chance to 'catch up' with the children!



REPORTING TO PARENTS

With the Covid -19 Pandemic and school closure, our planned parent and teacher meetings for Term 1 were cancelled. This gave us an opportunity to review the system for 2020 and modify it for the rest of the year. At the start of Term 3, in Week 1, we will send home forms to book a meeting time with class teachers to discuss children's progress to date. The form will have dates and times as usual, but also additional options for an 'on site meeting' or a Zoom meeting. There will also be a section where parents can record points for discussion so teachers are better prepared during the meeting. The Mid Year Reports will be sent home at the end of Week 2. The parent/teacher discussions will take place on Wednesday and Thursday of Week 3. Look out for the booking forms when we return after the holidays.

Week 1 - Monday 20th July	Week 2 - Friday 31st July	Week 3 - Wednesday 5th & Tuesday 7th August
Booking forms go home for meetings	Mid Year Reports are sent home	Parent / Teacher meetings

CELL PHONES AT SCHOOL

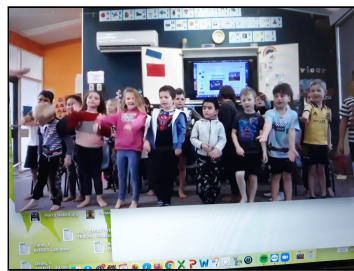
Students are actively discouraged from bringing cellphones to school as they are not needed through the learning day. Any messages from parents or caregivers can be via the school office phone or email, or by texting to the school mobile. Students are also able to access the school phone to contact parents if required. If it is necessary that your child brings a cellphone to school then it MUST be left at the office during school hours. Students are not to have them during school time. Our school policy states that any found on a student during school time may be held overnight. Please discuss the use of cellphones with your children and support the school expectations. Thanks.



COMING UP:

Friday 3rd July - Lunch & School Assembly @ 2:05pm
Friday 3rd July - Last Day of School - Holidays begin
Monday 20th July - First Day of School - Term 3 begins
Monday 20th July - Parent Meeting slips sent home

Wednesday 29th July - Yr 7 & 8 to Technology
Friday 31st July - Mid Year Reports sent home
Wednesday 5th August - 7 Aside Tournament in Pahiatua
Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th August - Parent/Teacher Meetings
Thursday 13th August - Board of Trustees Meeting @ 7pm

**CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY:**

Our 'Zoom Assembly' at the end of last week, was hosted by students in Hukanui (Rm 1). They invited all classes to join them 'online' in their class after lunch. They were great hosts and we all enjoyed their 'Matariki Macarena' dance. We are looking forward to tomorrow's Celebration Assembly being hosted by the staff in our school hall. We will be focussed on student success, share what we have been doing this term and we 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: Ramona Paul / Bentley McCabe
Room 2: Aidan Rolfe
Room 3: Campbell Mackisack
Room 5: Sharrae Highet
Room 6: Arth Patel

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: Ariki Wihone / Shelby Taiaroa
Room 2: Joe Powell
Room 3: Bella Ifill
Room 5: Brodie Burton-Foley
Room 6:

Principal's Award: Luke McNamara for being very kind and helpful when supporting another student.

**TUESDAY PLAYTIME RUGBY FUN**

We have seen a number of students sign up to the rugby sessions which has been great! The initiative is one of Mr Parsons and our seniors are playing tackle rugby during the mid-day break at school each Tuesday, with him diligently refereeing the games. Strict guidelines have been sent home and parents/caregivers have sent in permission slips to ensure the safety of all - and to allow a fun time during break! We are now looking at introducing junior training drill sessions at break times so look for information and permission slips early next term!

NETBALL

The netball season 'kicked off' last week with a win and a loss - Yr 7 & 8 Eketahuna Sharp Shooters lost 19-7 to Mangatainoka Juniors and the Yr 5 & 6 Eketahuna Snipers won 15 - 5 over Pahiatua. We also had a great turn out of players in the stadium enjoying the 'Fun Fern' drills and games. Great stuff!!

**'NO PAY = NO PLAY'**

A reminder that all students who are playing netball, and those who have registered for basketball next term, need to have paid their fees to play. We can not carry the cost for students who do not pay, so if you have not paid or not yet organised a payment system when school returns, you will not be able to play. For payments, and payment options, please contact Denise in the office on 375 8191 or email to office@eketahuna.school.nz

LATE TO SCHOOL

WE ARE STILL HAVING A NUMBER OF STUDENTS COMING TO SCHOOL LATE WHICH THEN IMPACTS THEIR DAY. STUDENTS NEED TO BE AT SCHOOL BEFORE 9AM SO THEY HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO GET THEMSELVES ORGANISED AND READY FOR LEARNING. CONTINUED LATENESS OF A STUDENT IS RECORDED IN THE DAILY ATTENDANCE, AND IF REGULAR CAN BECOME AN ISSUE FOR TRUANCY.

**NEW DAILY TIMETABLE**

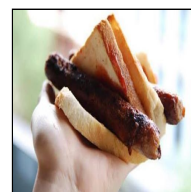
THIS TERM WE INTRODUCED A NEW DAILY TIMETABLE. IT WAS AN IDEA TEACHERS HAD DISCUSSED PRIOR TO THE 2020 YEAR IN RESPONSE TO TEACHING BLOCKS AND THE CONCENTRATION LEVELS OF STUDENTS. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NOW 4 LEARNING BLOCKS AND 3 BREAKS THE TOTAL TEACHING TIME AND PLAYTIME'S REMAIN THE SAME AS IN TERM 1. WE WELCOME ALL FEEDBACK ON THE NEW TIMETABLE, SO PLEASE SEND ANY COMMENTS OR THOUGHTS TO THE PRINCIPAL'S EMAIL.

KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME IF UNWELL

WE ARE STILL ASKING ALL PARENTS TO KEEP ANY SICK CHILDREN AT HOME. IF A SICK CHILD COMES TO SCHOOL, THEY SPREAD THE GERMS WITH BOTH STUDENTS AND STAFF. NEXT TERM WE EXPECT THOSE STUDENTS WHO ARE UNWELL TO BE GIVEN THE CHANCE TO RECOVER BEFORE RETURNING TO SCHOOL. WE WANT TO KEEP EVERYONE HEALTHY AND WELL. THANK YOU!

**SPECIAL LUNCH TOMORROW**

A reminder that tomorrow we are having our special late lunch to celebrate the end of our 'unprecedented' term! The late lunch starts at 1:40pm, and is followed by a whole school assembly in the hall, at 2:05pm. The sausages and bread has been kindly donated by Tanmay Patel from the local Four Square and our great Home & School Association. **This means ALL school students will get a free sausage and bread!** However, 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. Please make sure you get your orders to the office before 9am tomorrow. An order form is enclosed.



Nga mihi,
Melinda and the Eketahuna School Team

2020 Weekly Update

Hukanui News: (Room 1)

We have had a lot of fun this week. We have been celebrating Matariki in all areas of the curriculum. We set a goal in Writing of something we want to get better at, at school. We have made some stars in maths out of shapes and looked at turning shapes around. We have finished the Matariki rotation where all children have visited each classroom and completed Matariki activities. It has been great. Barb also came this week and worked with some new technology. She brought the Bee Bots where the kids looked at programming them to move in different directions. This was lots of fun.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the shared lunch if you can make it on Friday.

Thank you for your support this term, especially with all the home learning at the start of the term. Have a safe and happy holiday. We look forward to seeing you next term at the Parent Interviews. However, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. Regards Jess & Jo

Rongomai News: (Room 2) Thanks everyone for a great term of fun and learning. Rongomai students have worked hard with maths, reading, writing, art and cross country. Together we have coped with the different changes and lock down at the start. Students have been very busy all week working on their marble runs for the Weta Workshop Competition next term. Have a safe and happy holiday break with your families and I look forward to seeing you all next term. Don't miss me too much!!! Love Beyonce xxxxxxxx



Hamua News: (Room 3)

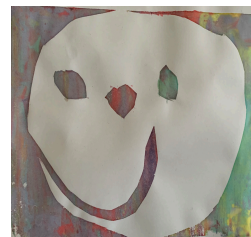
Well, it's been a great term, even including lockdown when I had the wonderful opportunity to work alongside so many parents in a 'co-teaching' role. Thank you so much :)

The resilience of the children constantly amazes me!

We are planning a **celebration party on Friday**, so please come in your pjs and bring a blanket and/or teddy. I will supply popcorn and a movie. Any other treats welcome but not compulsory. The children are also getting sausages at last break.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the final celebratory assembly!

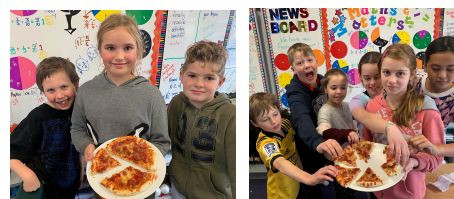
Carol



Nireaha News: (Room 5)

Hello! Last week, we shared an insight into our writing - noting that this week, we'd feature maths. Our class maths sessions typically run from 9.30am-10.30am. Since we returned from lockdown, we've been seriously intentional with our times tables work, so that fractions, decimals and percentages - at a Y6-7 level makes a whole lot more sense! We even dared involve pizza and chocolate - and try to default any random decimal to 'money'. - That's so that something like 1.20 makes far better sense, as if it was \$1.20c. If $\frac{1}{2}$ is about a 20c piece (of the 5 needed to make \$1.00 etc) - that's cool also!

Geometry, global time, strategic thinking and rounding's all been in the mix. It's been a brilliant subject and the gains made here also, are a huge credit to the focus in class! *Next up: reading!* Have a fabulous holiday break and see you during the interviews next term. Cheers! Jo & Barb



Putara News: (Room 6)

Kia ora, whānau

Thank you families for your support during the term. Also, thanks to the most amazing children I get to see and korero with each day. Although it's been five weeks since our return, it's still been a little challenging in some regards. The first two weeks meant we maintained - as best we could - a metre distance. Small group work was not possible; therefore, there was a huge reliance on whole class teaching and independent tasks. It's fair to say your children have fared very well.

Personally, this holiday period will give me a good opportunity to see how your children are placed mid way through the year, and how to best approach term three. New learning groups will be formed, and a different focus in each of the three core areas of reading, writing and mathematics will be established.

Looking forward, I'm very excited to start term three under 'normal' circumstances!

Have a wonderful break and be safe.

Dean

**TERM 3 - SCOOTER FREE**

Traditionally Term 2 and 3 have been scooter free at school. We have looked at the scooters and skateboards as 'summer activities'. After the break we will return to these school guidelines.

The only scooters at school should be those parked up for the day, if they have been used to transport a student in town to school. Please remember, it is a Road Safety expectation that those students riding scooters to school, from town, wear helmets and protective equipment.

CARS PARKING IN THE BUS AREA

We have had some notices of concern around cars parking at the front entrance of school in a manner that obstructs our buses and students who are boarding the school buses.

If you are unable to acquire a park along the footpath of Albert Street, then you will need to find a spot out on Alfredton Road. The safety of our students is paramount and the entrance and bus area does need to remain clear at all times. Thank you.



MANAWATU SPORTS

Outdoor Holiday Programme

6 - 8 July

Years 3 - 13

Time: 9am - 3pm

Cost: \$60 per child
Pita Pit sub provided

Location
Manawatu Cricket Assoc.
Ongley Park, Park Road
Palmerston North



Register at

www.sportmanawatu.org.nz



MANAWATU SPORTS

Indoor Holiday Programme

13 - 15 July

Years 3 - 13

Time: 9am - 2.30pm

Cost: \$60 per child

Location
B&M Centre
Pascal Street
Palmerston North



Register at

www.sportmanawatu.org.nz



Eketahuna JAB Rugby

Training

Wednesday 1st July - **New Time** - 4pm
Every Wednesday in Term 3

NEW PLAYERS WELCOMED!



There is still plenty of time to register. If your child is interested in Rugby then come along to training and have a go.
Email below for more info 😊

BOOT SWAP

There will be a Boot and Hoodie Swap at training on Wednesday 1st July. Bring along any unwanted Boots and JAB Hoodies. See you there!

COMPETITION STARTS - Saturday 25th July!

One or two still have not paid subs (\$20 per child) please pay into the bank account number below including your child's name(s) as ref or bring to training.

EKETAHUNA JAB RUGBY - BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER - 02-0724-0103953-00

Your own black shorts and Eke socks required. Socks can be purchased at Selbys, Pahiatua or The Uniform Shop, (Maccas carpark) Masterton.

Register your child on Sporty - go to www.sporty.co.nz. Click on Find Your Club or School. Type Eketahuna Rugby Football Club into the search box at top right and click Search. Click on Eketahuna Rugby Football Club. Click on Online Registrations, then Junior Form. Complete this form and submit. Any problems, contact Kirby - lanceandkirby@inspire.net.nz

A BIG THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEER COACHES THIS YEAR. IT'S AN IMPORTANT JOB AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU TAKING IT ON.