

Thursday 23rd July 2020

Term 3 Week 1

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

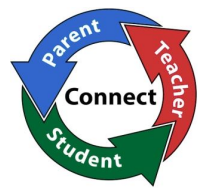
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Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

We hope you all enjoyed a lovely break, are feeling refreshed and ready for a great term. We have a productive & fun packed ten weeks - lots on, so please make sure you check out the Term overview!

SCHOOL CLOSURES THIS TERM - PLEASE NOTE

This term we will be closing the school early on Thursday 6th August, at 1:30pm, for the Learning Partnership Meetings. All buses will run at this earlier time. We will also be closed on Friday 21st August for a Staff Only Day and on Monday 24th August for our Mid Term Break.



LEARNING PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS:

This week you would have received meeting time slips for the learning discussions on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th of August. Meetings on Wednesday will start at 4 pm and go through until the last at 6:30 pm. On Thursday the meetings will start at 2:30 pm and go through until the last at 6:30 pm. We are offering meetings at school or via zoom. These meetings will be 15 minutes and enable our teachers to share your child's learning to date and discuss their mid term reports, and set goals with you for the rest of the year. Refreshments will be available in the staff room and the library will be open for children to

enjoy while meetings take place. Make sure you book times by sending your slip to the office.



ENVIRO WITH ALI MACKISACK

We are very excited to have Ali working on Monday and Tuesday afternoons in classes. Ali is an 'enviro' expert who will be supporting us with our recycling, insect garden, fruit & vege garden, worm farm, composting and the Predator Free programme.



WRITING MODERATION

Teachers have spent time moderating all student writing and are pleased with progress! They can now plan the next steps for the students and are looking forward to discussing them with you in Week 3.

WHANAU SUPPORT AVAILABLE

If you or your whanau is experiencing hardship through these times, the Eketahuna Community Health Centre is open to provide food parcels. If you need this support, you can contact them on (06) 375 8188. The best thing to do is ring first and they will inform you of current procedures in obtaining a food parcel. They are there to support the local community so give them a call!



RONGOMAI MARBLE RUN FUN

Rongomai is taking part in the Weta Workshop Marble Run competition this term. Students have formed construction companies which sees each group researching and designing their own marble run. The students have learned how to make pivots, waterfalls and track changes. This is in preparation for the class entry for the competition which will be videoed and uploaded to Weta on the 31st of July. A big thank you to Mr Drysdale for his expertise and discussion with



our students about their ideas and construction. A big challenge for Rongomai and we are looking forward to seeing their fantastic marble run creation ready to enter next week!

DIARY:

Wednesday 29th July - Yr 7 & 8 to Technology
Friday 31st July - Mid Year Reports sent home Meetings
Friday 31st July - Lucky Book Club orders due

Wednesday 5th August - 7 Aside Tournament in Pahiataua
Wednesday 5th August - Parent/Teacher Meetings
Thursday 6th August - Parent/Teacher Meetings School finishes 1.30pm
Thursday 13th August - Board of Trustees Meeting @ 7pm



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY:

It was great seeing everyone at the school assembly on the last Friday of Term 2 - the students we acknowledged then are below. We had not had an assembly all term due to Covid-19 alert level requirements and as they eased we then had the opportunity for students to create virtual assemblies hosted from their classes. Term 3 will see a return to whole school assemblies on most Friday's at 2:10pm, in the hall. It is a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week. Tomorrow's assembly will be hosted by the Leader's. See you there!

<u>Class Awards – Star Student:</u> Given to a student by their teacher to acknowledge the great work done in class and related to learning throughout the week	<u>Caught Being Good Award – Duffy Book:</u> Given to a student by their teacher in recognition of outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:
Room 1: Toby White / Nikau Bidois Room 2: Heidi Hanson Room 3: Olivia Chasland Room 5: Rani Kenrick Room 6: Kuiru Kenrick	Room 1: Noah Trass / Jacob Thomas Room 2: Jehanne Knight Room 3: Maxwell Crudis Room 5: Mollie Mackisack Room 6: Stella Governor
Principal's Award: Zyana Crudis, Maxwell Crudis and Kaia Aplin for their positivity and great resilience! Awesome!	



JUNIOR KAPA HAKA & TIKANGA

This term we welcome Matua Warren into the junior school for tikanga Māori sessions with Hukanui and Hamua. He will also be supporting us with a junior Kapa Haka group which had its first practise this morning with special guest support from Grace Chase - tino pai tamariki!!



SMALL WHEEL FRIDAY 31st

Next Friday children can bring scooters, rollerblades, roller skates, balance bikes, hoverboards etc to school to ride. All children must wear helmets and the necessary protective gear in order to ride.



SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORMS AND FEES

Please remember that **ALL** students need to wear the correct sports uniform to play sport for the school. Sports shirts can be purchased for \$25.00. We also expect **ALL** students registrations fees to be paid prior to their games - those who have not paid or organised payment options will not be able to play. Please contact the office for further information. Thank you.

CELL PHONES

A REMINDER THAT STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO HAVE PHONES OR DEVICES OF ANY DESCRIPTION ON THEM AT SCHOOL. IF THEY DO NEED TO BRING A DEVICE OR PHONE TO SCHOOL, THEY ARE TO BE HANDED INTO THE OFFICE BEFORE SCHOOL. THANK YOU!



STUDENTS 'OFF' BUSES

A GENERAL REMINDER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF BUS STUDENTS TO PLEASE RING IN BEFORE 2:30PM TO LET THE OFFICE KNOW THEIR CHILDREN ARE TO BE TAKEN OFF THE AFTERNOON BUS LISTS. IT MAKES THE JOB SO MUCH EASIER AND SAFER. THANKS!



SCHOOL RUBBISH:

WE ARE STILL ACTIVELY ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO PUT FOOD 'WRAPPINGS' & PACKAGING BACK IN THEIR LUNCH BOXES ONCE THEY HAVE EATEN AT MORNING TEA AND LUNCH. WE HAVE SEEN A HUGE REDUCTION IN RUBBISH HERE AT SCHOOL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



CARS PARKING IN THE BUS AREA

If you are parking at the front entrance of the school, ensure you are in a curbside park. 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 & bus area does need to remain clear at all times.



SPORT UPDATE

Good luck to our netballers this afternoon and our basketball team starting their competition tomorrow. A big thank you to Maree Redington and Jamie Governor for coaching & managing the Year 7 & 8 team this season! Eketahuna can be proud of the 100% effort our students give at these ties and the awesome support from families on the sidelines!

Nga mihi,

Melinda and the Eketahuna School Team

2020 Weekly Update

Hukanui News: (Room 1)

Welcome back! We have had a great week in Hukanui with lots of new learning. We have been looking at volume and capacity in mathematics using the words full, half full and empty. We enjoyed a Goldilocks and the 3 Bears experiment this week using corn flakes and different sized bowls. It was very exciting. We will be practicing our throwing and catching skills during P.E. We are also enjoying learning about recycling and will soon be creating some recycled art. Thank you for sending in your empty fizzy drink bottles, we need these by week 2.

Please remember to send a named drink bottle with your child each day as the drinking fountains are still closed.

As always please contact us if you have any questions. We are looking forward to meeting with you in week 3 at the parent interviews, please return your form if you have not already done so.

Jess & Jo

Rongomai News: (Room 2) Welcome back everyone. We have had a very busy and engaging week in Rongomai. It's been great to have everyone back. Congratulations to Brooke Duffy for winning the Room 2 Facebook Challenge!!!

Maths: We have been learning how to add fractions together. **Action English:** We are looking at prepositions in our writing.

Reading: We have started independent literacy tasks which look at New Zealand history.

Weta Workshop Competition: Students have been working really hard on their group Marble Runs. We are going to video our 'Runs' and up load to the competition this weekend. On Monday and Tuesday we will be putting together our competition entry. Thank you to Mr Drysdale and our wonderful parents for volunteering their time to help us with our final entry.

Have a great week. Beyonce

Hamua News: (Room 3)

Welcome back everyone!

Our BIG NEWS this term is that we have new fishy class members-15 to be precise.

We are all very excited!

This week, we made 3D animal art out of egg boxes and cardboard which was great fun.

In Math we are learning about rounding numbers to the nearest ten, and revising some fraction work.

Also new this term is our self-directed worksheet that each child has in their (new) desk and completes over the course of the week. Part of that is our project work on sea creatures(as part of our enviro theme). Children are busy researching their chosen creature in teams or individually and will present their work through a poster, speech, book, or play.

Have a great week :)

Carol

Nireaha News: (Room 5)

Hello! It really is good to be back, with a whole half year ahead of us, to just 'do life' together, in a manner that's becoming more mindfully future focused and globally orientated. We're very much into learning how life rolls with what's to learn, how we interact with others in school and beyond. The class has settled extremely well - very used to the four blocks, with several references being made as to how much 'we love' how they feel, how more refreshed or 'awake' we are and therefore how productive we are also.

As Putara notes below, there's much on this term, and on offer for us is Jump Jam, the 7-Aside Tournament, Science Roadshow, Kapa Haka, Speeches, composting and raising mealworms for Pukaha. Reports and 'Learning Partnership Meetings' - with you as parents / caregivers, are in the mix also. It's an awesome term to be! Cheers! Jo and Barb

Putara News: (Room 6)

Kia ora, whānau

Welcome to what will inevitably be a huge term for our tamariki. Here's a little snapshot of what we will be covering:

Technology, 7-a-side tournament, Basketball and Netball games and finals, Year 8 expo at Tararua College, Jump Jam, Science Roadshow in Pahiatua, Bush Formal Dance, Speeches, Predator Free NZ (enviro & science focus, with links to mathematical statistics), Kapa Haka, Speech Competition, plus the usual reading, writing, maths and other curriculum areas.

As you can see, there is a lot of opportunity and variety for all to be involved in. It will be a fun time!

I look forward to liaising with you either via zoom or in person during our parent meetings in week three of this term.

Dean

OUR SCHOOL DAILY TIMETABLE

Last 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. It was also a way to support transition back to school after Covid-19 as a way to negate the long 'wet' lunch time that can be a challenge in the winter months. We feel the change has improved learning and have seen students more settled after each break. We welcome all feedback on the new timetable, so please send any comments or thoughts to the principal's email: principal@eketahuna.school.nz



9:00 - 10:35 Class Learning
10:35 - 11:00 First Break with morning tea eaten
11:00 - 12:00 Class Learning
12:00 - 12:30 Second Break with lunch/snacks eaten
12:30 - 1:35 Class Learning
1:35 - 2:00 Third Break with some lunch/snacks eaten
2:00 - 2:55 Class Learning

BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE



We are now right in the middle of the cold and flu season and are reminding every child to bring a named water bottle to school each day.

The drinking fountains will remain closed.

Teachers will be able to organise the refilling of water bottles in classes when they are empty.

THANK YOU

2020 Palmerston North Brick Show

Sat 1st August 9am - 5pm
Sun 2nd August 9am - 4pm

Barber Hall, Waldergrave Street PN

This year our 60+ exhibitors have been working hard to create new and amazing LEGO displays. There will be lots to do including a large Lego play pit, graffiti wall, and other activities/challenges.

Adult \$10, Child \$5
Family Pass \$30 (2 Adults and 3 Children)
Under 3 Free

This show will be raising money for Parafed Manawatu.

Presented by **WELL-LUG** Sponsored by **TOYWORLD** **GO MEDIA** Supporting **PARAFED**

For more info visit <https://www.facebook.com/PalmyBrickShow>

Agenda for the Board Of Trustees Meeting

The Agenda for the BOT meeting on the Thursday 13th August will close on Monday 10th August 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

CONTACTING SCHOOL OFFICE & PRINCIPAL

Our Office Administrator Denise is available via the school phones on 375 8191, the school cell phone on 022 368 1830 and also the office email address at office@eketahuna.school.nz

Students and families are able to contact Melinda via her email at: principal@eketahuna.school.nz.

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