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Term 3 Week 2

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

We have had another fantastic week here at school with lots of quality teaching and learning with some of the nicest winter weather to begin our second week! It has been great to see the students able to be outside at sport practices and just enjoying the sun. Long may it last!

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.



SCHOOL LEADERS BEGIN COMMUNITY SERVICE

Today our eight House Team Leaders spent time down at the Eketahuna Community Gardens weeding and then replanting the raised beds ready for spring. This project was started in 2013 with the aim to grow "vegetables, herbs and fruit to feed the hearts,

minds and bellies of the people of Eketahuna". Community Service will help our young leaders to connect positively with our community, and provide an opportunity to apply their learning to real life activities.

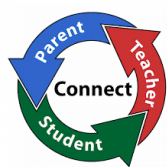
RETURN OF THE DENTAL BUS

The Mobile Dental Unit will be on our school site from Monday 17th August. While the dental hygienists, and their mobile bus, are at school they will check every student and give them a 'teeth clean'. Those students who require a follow up appointment will have information sent home by the hygienists, with the issue outlined and date for appointment. Parents will also be able to speak with the hygienist and attend specific appointments to support their children if necessary. Watch for more information as we get closer to their arrival on site.



LEARNING PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

Next week we are holding meetings to discuss students progress and their mid year reports which come home tomorrow. You would have received slips for meetings on the 5th & 6th of August. Please get your time slip back to the office to secure a meeting time at school or an online zoom meet up. 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. Refreshments will be available in the staff room and the library will be open for children to enjoy while meetings take place.



MARBLE RUN ENTRY TO WETA WORKSHOP COMPETITION

A huge effort this week to get the great marble run entry completed and off to Weta Workshop. Thanks to Ben Dandy, Jason Rankin, and Ian Olliver for volunteering their time to help the students of Rongomai.



COMING UP:

Friday 31st July - Mid Year Reports sent home
Friday 31st July - Lucky Book Club orders due
Wednesday 5th August - 7 Aside Tournament in Pahiatua
Wednesday 5th August - Parent/Teacher Meetings

Thursday 6th August - Parent/Teacher Meetings School finishes 1.30pm
Wednesday 12th August - Year 7 & 8 Technology @ Tararua College
Thursday 13th August - Year 8 Expo @ Tararua College
Thursday 13th August - Board of Trustees Meeting @ 7pm
Friday 14th August - Celebration Assembly @ 2pm with Nireaha (Rm 5) hosts



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY:

It was great seeing everyone at the school assembly last Friday. It was hosted by our great House Team Leaders. The leaders shared an awesome powerpoint they had made showing all the fantastic things they have been doing up at Tararua College technology! Tomorrow's assembly will be in the school hall at the slightly earlier time of 2pm. It is a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week. Tomorrow's assembly will be hosted by the senior students from Pātara (Room 6).

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: Isabella Hook & Ann Kent
Room 2: Priscilla Stafford
Room 3: Maxwell Crudis
Room 5: Rani Kenrick
Room 6: Sophie Drysdale

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: Brodie Braddick & Jaxson Rendel
Room 2: Gus Manson
Room 3: Campbell Mackisack
Room 5: Julian Powell
Room 6: Kris Highet

Principal's Award: Meila Mitchell-Hopa for excellent leadership and service to school. Well done!



TERM 3 - NO SCOOTERS AT SCHOOL

Traditionally Term 2 and 3 have been scooter free at school. We have looked at the scooters and skateboards as 'summer activities'. This term we are returning to the school guidelines. The only times scooters are at school is if they have been used to transport a student from town up to school and they are parked up during the day. Please remember, it is a Road Safety expectation that those students riding scooters to school, from town, wear helmets and protective equipment.

SMALL WHEEL FRIDAY 31st

Tomorrow only, children can bring scooters, rollerblades, roller skates, balance bikes, hoverboards etc in to school to ride. All children must wear the necessary protective gear in order to ride. Please note - **NO BIKES**.



OUTSTANDING DUFFY RUNNING REWARDED

The Duffy family were very impressive on Sunday, running in the Masterton Harrier Cross Country competition with the ACM Club. Lachie came first in Under 11 for the third year in a row. Brooke came first in Under 9 Girls for the second year in a row, and Mack second in the Under 9 boys. These kids are so fast, Mum says she can't keep up!



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!



'PARENT TUTOR' READING:

THE PROGRAMME HAS CONTINUED THIS TERM WITH A HUGE THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS. ALL THE SUPPORT IS HELPING STUDENTS MAKE SOME AMAZING PROGRESS AT SCHOOL! WE HAVE A SPOT COMING UP ON TUESDAYS SO IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE. THANK YOU.



SPORTS UNIFORM

IT IS GOOD TO SEE EVERYONE IS MAKING AN EFFORT ENSURING STUDENTS WEAR THE CORRECT UNIFORM AT OUR AFTER SCHOOL GAMES EACH WEEK. SPORT SHIRTS & FLEECES ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE IF NEEDED.



9th ANNUAL TARARUA BUSH 7 A-SIDE TOURNAMENT:

Next Wednesday we will be taking 5 teams from our Year 5 & 6 and Year 7 & 8 classes to the Tararua Bush 7 Aside Tournament in Pahiatua. The competition, run by Sport Manawatu, will see our students compete in netball, rugby, and hockey. A huge thanks to those parents who are coaches and/or managers for the day - your time and support is much appreciated. Also thanks to all those planning to come along and cheer on our teams along - kia kaha Eketahuna!!

SPORT UPDATE

Some great results from sport last week. Our netball SharpShooters team (Yr 7 & 8) won 9 - 4 against Alfredton and our Eke Snipers (Yr 5 & 6) won 5 - 2 against St. Anthony's. In rugby U8 Eke Yellow lost 3 - 5 to Martinborough and Eketahuna Black vs Marist Black lost 3 - 4 & vs Marist White lost 3 - 5. The U12/13 Bush team lost to Te Kawau with Lachie Redington and Scott Duffy named Players of the Day. Students playing in the Alfredton Hinds hockey team beat South End 4 - 0 with Angus Governor named Player of the Day. We also have students playing in the Alfredton Mighty Oaks team who won their game 10 - 0, with Evan Governor named Player of the Day. Please get your results into the office. :-)

Ngā mihi,

Melinda and the Eketāhuna School Team



2020 Weekly Update

Hukanui News: (Room 1)

We have had a great week this week in the sunshine, so we have enjoyed outside play. Last week we started our first Kapa Haka session with Matua Warren which we all enjoyed. We also liked going back to having the assemblies in the hall with everybody in their house teams. We have been working on the concept of volume in Maths for the last few weeks. We have been estimating the volume of containers and checking our guesses afterwards. This has been lots of fun. It has been lovely practising our ball skills for P.E. in the sun.

We are looking forward to seeing you next week at the learning partnership discussions. If you have not made an appointment please do so, so we can further discuss your child's learning. Look out for reports which come home tomorrow. As usual if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us by email. Jo & Jess

Rongomai News: (Room 2) It has been a busy and exciting week. **Mathematics:** we have been learning how to add fractions together with the same denominator. **Reading:** we have started to learn from Junior Journals with our reading this term.

English: literacy tasks, spelling and writing rotations. **Marble Run:** we have finished our marble run creations. Students have planned, discussed, researched and created their group marble run. They have learned how to be directors, producers, engineers, builders, supervisors, artists, recyclists and camera operators! It has been an amazing fun filled adventure and we are looking forward to sharing our final entry with you during the next few weeks. Rongomai students would like to give a big thank you to our wonderful dads who gave up their time and expertise on Monday. So thank you to Ben, Jason and Ian - we couldn't have done it without you.

Tararua Reading Challenge: we will be taking part in this year's reading challenge. Students have set reading tasks to work through. Next week we have our learning conversations, please make sure you have your appointment time arranged. I am looking forward to seeing you all. Have a great week, Beyonce.

Hamua News: (Room 3)

We are taking part in the TARARUA READING CHALLENGE!!!! Very exciting!!

The children have 6 tasks to tick off, and have been able to choose a book from the selection sent up from the library. They may bring these home, but please take very good care of them.

Also-we will need to schedule a walk-down visit to the library within the next month, and will need some parent helpers. Please let us know if you can help.

We have been focussing on rounding numbers off to the nearest ten, please practise this at home, and also continue to practise the number bonds to 10 (8+2 etc.)

In writing, we are working on funny stories this week and next. When you are reading with your child, help them notice what the author has done to make the story funny/scary etc., what language they have used, and so forth.

Have a great weekend. Carol

Nireaha News: (Room 5)

Like Rongomai, Hamua and Putara, we too have joined the Tararua Reading Challenge, with every class member in possession of a book from the town library now and a card of challenges. The books are a mix of fiction and non-fiction, inclusive of those with a comic like nature also. Reading at a senior level now involves them to manage a really wide range of text, and the skill set now involves not just word attack and basically retelling the story, but figuring out *the point* of the message also. A far trickier skill...

A meeting was had this week, with Ali Mackisack - the guru who's facilitating the schools' Enviro focus. Of the 5 enviro themes adopted, ours involves *worms*! Much will evolve, from composting, to generating Worm Wee for our school soil and for sale, coupled with the raising of mealworms for Pukaha. Some students have also called on the desire to have a 'pet worm'(!) - complete with a competition focused on who ends up with the fattest and longest ones! In the mix, there will be a couple of trips to Pukaha - hopefully free, if we can go by car. We'll let you know dates when we have a plan. Thanks in advance!

All up, a neat couple of 'chunky' deals to add - and integrate, into the mix of regular class work. We look forward to sharing more about that work, during the learning discussions. Look out for the reports that come home tomorrow, for more. Cheers! Jo & Barb.

Putara News: (Room 6)

Kia ora, whanau

We have started the term well and we're tackling some fairly decent maths. Cartesian planes have kept the children busy and challenged. That said, they are developing a firm understanding for how to plot positive and negative coordinates, what the 4 quadrants are, which axis is plotted first, and how to figure out a 'gradient' using rise over run.

Sound complex?? - Try asking your child :)

I look forward to catching up next week at the parent / teacher conferences.

Kind regards
Dean



KAPA HAKA HELP

Calling all Nanny's who can make beautiful poi . . .
We are looking for help to make some class sets of practice poi's for our Kapa Haka groups to use. Please let us know if you have any spare time to give over the next few weeks to make these. We welcome you to school or you might be able to make them at home on these cold winter nights if we provide you with the materials.
Please call Denise at the office and we can organise what suits you.

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

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 MANAWATU**

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