

Thursday 6th August 2020

Term 3 Week 3

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL CLOSURES THIS TERM - PLEASE NOTE

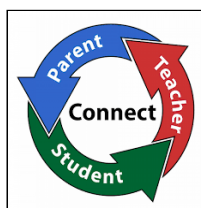
We are closed on Friday 21st August for a Staff Only Day & on Monday 24th August for our Mid Term Break.

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

A fantastic week here at school with teachers and students engaged in a variety of teaching and learning activities - Enviro education, kapa haka, whole school Jump Jam, 7-Aside Tournament, drum making, 'Bee Bot' programming, parent teacher meetings, along with daily class instruction - busy!

TARARUA BUSH 7 ASIDE TOURNAMENT

I was lucky enough to get along to the 7 Aside Tournament yesterday in Pahiatua where we fielded a Year 5 & 6 hockey team and netball team, along with Year 7 & 8 netball, hockey, and rugby teams. It was fantastic to see our students put in 100% every game - the children were amazing! Their sportsmanship, positive attitude and the constant support and encouragement they gave each other while playing was wonderful. These attributes are ones we need to acknowledge and what make being at Eketahuna so great! Well done to all of the children who participated - you made us all very proud! A HUGE thanks to Mr Parsons and Ms Sayles for organising the teams, the parents who gave up their time to manage and help with our teams; Jamie Governor, Teresa Duffy, Natalie Drysdale, Ngaio Hansen and Ali Mackisak. Thanks also to those who came along to support our teams playing. Well done everyone!

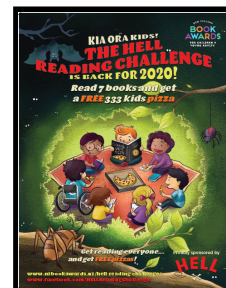


LEARNING PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

Yesterday, and again this afternoon, our Teacher & Parent meetings have been taking place to discuss student's mid year reports. The purpose of these meetings is for you to meet with your child's teacher and get an update on how your child is going at school. The new report format makes it clear where your child is at currently, keeping in mind we have two terms of learning to go before making a final overall judgement on how children have achieved. We have had a great response and the teachers are enjoying sharing students learning and work samples with parents and caregivers.

EKETAHUNA LIBRARY'S NEW WINTER READING CHALLENGE FOR OUR STUDENTS

This term we are working alongside our local library as they introduce a revamped, improved children's Winter Reading 'Chill Out & Read' challenge. The library has delivered awesome boxes of books for the children from Hāmua, Rongomai, Nireaha and Pātara to read. Each student receives a "Chill Out & Read" challenge card and a "Chill Out & Read" bookmark. Children are challenged to read a certain amount of books and complete a total of 6 challenges. Once students have accomplished the challenge card they receive a certificate, an authentic Hell Pizza voucher which can be redeemed at any Hell Pizza store and have their names put into a prize draw to win an Android tablet. Let the reading challenge commence!



COMING UP:

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 Nireaha (Rm5) hosts
Friday 21st August - School Closed for Staff Only Day
Monday 24th August - School Closed for Mid Term Break
Tuesday 25th August - Science Roadshow @ Tararua for Year 4 - 8



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY:

Our school assembly last Friday was hosted by senior students from Pātara (Rm 6). Please note that there will be **NO SCHOOL ASSEMBLY** tomorrow as it was the postponement day for the annual 7-Aside Tournament held earlier in the week. We look forward to seeing everyone again next week in the hall, at the earlier time of 2pm. Our assembly hosts then will be students from Nireaha (Rm5). See you there!

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: Renee Dennison/Rocco Burton-Foley
Room 2: Brent Knight
Room 3: Annabeth Read
Room 5: Lucy Bourke
Room 6: Carmen Bidois

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: Joseph McNamara/Mareana Roiri
Room 2: Jack Crawshaw
Room 3: Olivia Chasland
Room 5: Aurora Mitchell-Jensen
Room 6:

Principal's Award: Cleo Davis and Jehanne Knight for great care and respect of our school environment!



MUSIC WITH PIP HANSON

Hamua had a visitor last week who was an 'expert' on music! Pip came in to teach students about sound and rhythm. Our students loved exploring their musical side and were able to use new skills to identify beats. The class are looking forward to their next session!!



JUMP JAM COMPETITION

Training has begun for our two Jump Jam teams who will be competing in the Strictly Jump Jam Competition in Masterton later in the term. We have a Year 5 & 6 team, along with a Year 7 & 8 team entered this year. The teams practise daily, under the watchful eye of Ms Sayles! Both teams have chosen awesome routines - can't wait to see them both compete!

SPRING SHOW CUPS BACK

IN PREPARATION FOR THE SPRING SHOW EARLY NEXT TERM WE ARE NOW ASKING FOR THOSE CHILDREN WHO WON CUPS LAST YEAR TO PLEASE RETURN THEM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU!



JIGSAW DONATIONS PLEASE

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO ENJOY DOING JIGSAW PUZZLES. THE STUDENTS HAVE NEARLY RUN OUT OF PUZZLES TO COMPLETE SO WE ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS TO SCHOOL OF ANY UNWANTED JIGSAWS. THANKS!



STUDENTS OFF THE BUS

ANOTHER REMINDER TO PARENTS THAT IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE OFF THE BUS IN THE AFTERNOON THEY MUST LET THE SCHOOL KNOW BEFORE 2:30PM - ESPECIALLY ON THURSDAY WITH SO MANY OFF THE BUS TO PLAY SPORT. PLEASE RING/TEXT IN. THANK YOU!



SPORT UPDATE:

More great results from sport last week. Our netball SharpShooters team (Yr 7 & 8) lost 16-32 against Toki, with Stella Governor Player of the Day. Our Eke Snipers (Yr 5 & 6) won 30-0 against Pahiatua 3. In rugby the U12/13 Bush team went down to Kia Toa Club 12-27. Scott Duffy and Harry Dickson scored a try each! Please get your results into the office. :-)

Ngā mihi,

Melinda and the Eketahuna School Team

SCHOOL DOC - REVIEW OF OUR 'LEARNING SUPPORT' POLICY

This term we have a scheduled review of our 'Learning Support' policy. The review instructions for parents, staff, and board members are below. This review will close at the end of the term so we can consider the feedback and make any changes ready to view early in Term 4.

1. Visit the website <https://eketahuna.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (eketahuna) and password (4900).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.
9. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form



2020 Weekly Update

Hukanui News: (Room 1)

We have had another great week in Hukanui. We have enjoyed having Halo, Aria and Olivia visit this week and we hope they have enjoyed their visits too. It has been a lovely sunny week so we have had lots of outside play. In mathematics we are starting multiplication and division. On Friday we will be starting our recycled bottle monster art, thank you for sending those in. We have also practiced recycling this week with Ali, sorting things that can and cannot be recycled. Soon we hope to be recycling experts. We continue to enjoy jump jam twice a week and practicing our ball skills when it is sunny. It was great to see parents last night and we are looking forward to seeing more tonight. Please remember to send a named drink bottle with your child each day. As always contact us if you have any questions. Thanks, Jo and Jess.

Rongomai News: (Room 2) Hi everyone thank you for another great week. **Maths:** Students have been learning how to make improper fractions into proper fractions. They are able to divide the denominator into the numerator with ease and confidence. **Reading:** We have started our Chill Out & Read Challenge with the town library. Everyone has 6 challenges to complete for the remainder of the term. It is great to see our students enjoying and reading books on a variety of different topics. **Writing:** We have been learning how to write 'Information Reports' in class in preparation for writing our own report on our Marble Runs we recently created. **Learning Discussions:** It was great to celebrate your child's success in class with you this week. Excellent discussion and positive feedback, so thank you. If I have missed you I will make contact and we can arrange another time to meet. **Music:** We have several leftover giant cardboard tubes that we will be turning into our own Bongo Drums. Thank you to Mr Drysdale for helping us cut them. **Glass Jars:** If you have any glass jars to spare (doesn't need a lid) could you please send them along to school for a Science/ growing experiment. We need 24. Thank you in advance. Have a great week. Beyonce

Hamua News: (Room 3)

In Maths, we had fun playing place value games with cards, and the clever creatures have got really good with their number bonds-well done! We have now started doing sums with tens and units-this is a tricky concept but we know we'll soon get good at it! In Writing, we are all working on finishing, and publishing our funny stories and will hold a little 'judging competition' next week, hopefully. The clever creatures are also very busy working on their sea creature projects: speeches/posters/and plays! We are looking forward to showcasing the final products :) Have a great weekend. Carol

Nireaha News: (Room 5)

We've taken the integration of our subjects to another level this week, as we took a really good look at what inquiry and integration is all about. Since school's naturally not just about 'how' we read, write and get our head around numbers - but also about the topics we study, we're digging deeper into merging the lot. Making sense of what we're experiencing - and applying the 'how', must create a purpose where we are also learning how to *participate and contribute* to the world around us. So, if your child happens to claim that we didn't 'do maths' or didn't have 'a reading session' - do ask them about the topic they've been dealing with instead - duly spotting the subjects that'll be integrated within. Right now, that 'worm work' referenced here last week, is not just our topic, but our 'Integrated Inquiry'. They'll be questioning, researching (aka reading visually - or using text), reporting (probably writing) and so on. Thanks to those of you who signed up for the Learning Conversations this week - we appreciate the time you've taken to invest in your child and Eketahuna School. Likewise also - thanks to those of you who joined us at the 7-Aside Winter Tournament yesterday. It was a stunning day - the number of games the teams played was amazing! Tough stuff, but a lot of fun. Cheers! Jo, Barb & team.

Putara News: (Room 6)

Kia ora whānau

Congratulations to all the members of Pūtara who tried their very best during the 7-a-side competition. You represented our school extremely well, so kai pai!! We have been creating tracking tunnels during our Predator Free New Zealand lessons. The children have made these from corflute and positioned them around certain areas of the school. They look very impressive indeed! This will help determine the range of pests and predators at our school, as well as any unidentified species. Great start to PFNZ! Thanks, Ali.

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

Hello all! Lots happening at your local library right now - for parents and children!

We are currently running our annual Adult Reading Challenge from 6th July to 7th September 2020. Pop into your local library to register for free and pick up a challenge card - there are weekly prize draws plus a Grand Prize draw (weekly prizes - \$20 New World voucher, \$10 coffee voucher / Grand Prize - \$150 meal voucher for two at Black Stump Pahiatua; Regent Cinema experience for two; Winter Hamper). And of course we have the Winter Reading Challenge for school goers as well, being run in conjunction with Eketahuna School this year.



For year 7 and 8 students we have our annual Children's Book Awards quiz on the horizon - Wednesday 23 September at 6.30pm - if you're keen to enter let your teachers know!

August celebrates poetry with National Poetry Day on 21 August - we are honouring the day by hosting an "open mic" night at the Eketahuna Library on Thursday 20 August from 6.30-9pm if you fancy reciting some of your own or your favourite poems - or just soaking up the vibes!

BUT WAIT THERE'S MORE! Eketahuna Library this month, is hosting it's very own Book Sale!! We have a selection of cancelled hardcover books and DVDs at only \$1 each, and paperbacks and magazines for only 50c each! Be in quick to get the best bargains. We're open every day from 10.30am till 12.30pm, then again from 1.00pm until 4.30pm, Monday to Friday. All our library branches have a selection for sale this time round so if you are near Pahiatua, Woodville or Dannevirke pop in and check out their selection too!

Claire & Corinna

Poetry Open Mic Night 2020

When? 20th August 6:30pm-9pm

Where? Woodville Library 45 Vogel Street Eketahuna Library 31 Main Street

What? Join us for an evening of poetry on the open mic. Bring along some poetry to recite—either your own, or your favourite poets, or both.

Light refreshments provided.
BYO permitted.

Please register your intention to come by telling staff by 17th August at any branch of Tararua District Library, or email: Woodville to: letam.gundry@tararua.govt.nz 06 376 0218 Eketahuna to: claire.mitchell@tararua.govt.nz 06 376 0229

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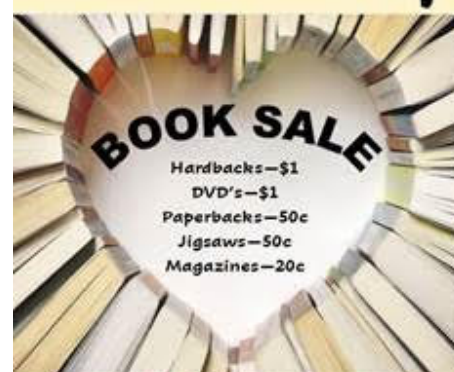


KAPA HAKA HELP

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.

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