

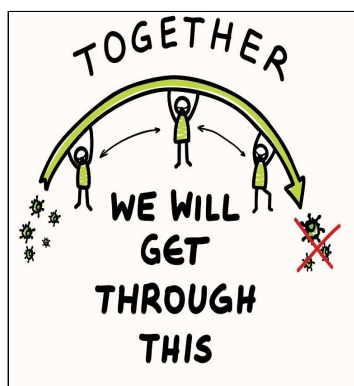
EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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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 e te whanau o te kura Eketahuna,
We are in the midst of challenging times again with Covid-19. The shift to Level 2 yesterday was news none of us wanted to receive or share. From our perspective, we have moved back into our Level 2 restrictions and await further updates tomorrow. As we go forward, the only information we will share is from reputable sources, such as the Secretary of Education and the Ministry of Health. We will continue to mitigate the threat of the virus through basic hygiene, particularly hand washing and continuing to ask children to bring their own water bottles to keep at school, limiting non-essential school events and social distancing at 'moist breath zones'. Be assured that while we care for your wonderful children, we're still teaching and planning great learning activities at school!

HUGE THANKS TO OUR HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

A big thank you to our Home & School Association for their kind donation of \$450.00 to support our two Jump Jam Teams entered in this year's regional competition. The funds will enable us to enter both teams, receive the Jump Jam t-shirt and purchase other costume pieces. The Home & School Team would love to hear from anyone who is keen to join our school calf scheme. It's a great way to support the teaching and learning here at Eketahuna. For more information please contact the school office.



JUNIOR STUDENTS IN HUKANUI ENJOY 'SPHERO'S'



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY:

Due to the shift to Alert Level 2 yesterday our whole school assemblies will now be postponed until further notice. We will celebrate Star Students, Duffy Book 'Being Caught Being Good' students and the student awarded the Principal's certificate via a digital platform which we will share with classes. We will continue to celebrate our weeks with our fantastic and successful students!



CORONAVIRUS - HOW DO WE RESPOND - ONLINE SURVEY

Over the last few days the government has brought in tough measures to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus in parts New Zealand. Going forward, we will be monitoring all Ministry of Education, and Ministry of Health updates and act accordingly, for example, we will not be holding a whole school assembly tomorrow. We expect further announcements on Friday that could impact on more events, and will get all information to our school community as soon as we have it. We are remaining positive and hoping to return to Level 1 as soon as possible. We will still be planning for school to operate at the lower levels. However, along with all other schools, we have been asked to plan ahead in terms of students returning to learning from home and to help with our proactive plan we will be conducting an online survey, going out today, that we ask you to complete. Please be aware that there is currently no advice indicating that school closures are either imminent or likely in our area and any such decisions would be made at a government level. Your responses will help us plan for all eventualities and ensure we are prepared to support all children's learning.



COMING UP:

Friday 21st August - School Closed for Staff Only Day

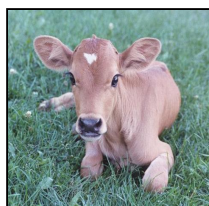
Monday 24th August - School Closed for Mid Term Break

Tuesday 25th August - Science Roadshow @ Tararua for Year 4 - 8

'SPRING SHOW' FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER - TO BE CONFIRMED

With the term flying by so quickly we had thought it a good time to send information for lambs at our Spring Show next term. However in light of the current situation and Covid-19 Alert Levels we can not guarantee the event. With that said we are remaining hopeful and below are the regulations for lambs in preparation being shown on the day :

- All lambs competing must be born on or after August 1st and be hand reared to be eligible
- On the day lambs are to be left natural, NO WASHING, CLIPPING or TRIMMING, except for cleaning around the tail.
- Brushing lambs is now allowed but will not advantage them in any classes
- No halters allowed on lambs for leading
- Lambs must be taught to lead by their handler, being led from the left-hand side
- Lambs must be handled and cared for by the competitor

**CALVES AT THE SPRING SHOW A POSSIBILITY . . .**

We are currently exploring the possibility of including calves at this year's Spring Show, which will obviously also depend on developments over the next few weeks. If we do go ahead with them, the regulations will be strict and include calves remaining in their trailer until 'ring time', having their own water & food container, own halter & lead, a readable NAIT ear tag and be kept 2 metres apart from any other calves, at the show, at all times. If you are hoping to show a calf at the Spring Show please contact the office by Thursday 20th so we can gauge interest.

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!

**UPDATED CONTACT DETAILS**

PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE CONTACTED THE OFFICE IF ANY OF YOUR CONTACT DETAILS HAVE CHANGED. IT IS IMPORTANT ALL CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAILS ARE CURRENT SO WE GET IN TOUCH WITH PARENTS WHEN NEEDED.

**SPEED LIMIT FOR PASSING A STATIONARY SCHOOL BUS**

We have been asked by Transīt to issue a general reminder that the speed limit for passing a stationary school bus that is dropping off or picking up children is 20kph in either direction. Further, please remember that children can sometimes run out into the road without looking, and the school bus is a large obstacle that obstructs their view of the road. Also, if you are following a large vehicle that suddenly slows on a rural road, don't assume you can overtake; it might have spotted a school bus and is obscuring your vision of it. On rural roads it's possible to come around a corner and find a school bus on the side of the road, not leaving you much opportunity to slow down. Please take care in all these situations - especially at school run times - be prepared to have to slow down. Thanks.

**SPORT UPDATE WITH COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 2**

Netball	Rugby	Basketball
No primary grade netball games this afternoon - at this stage all games have been postponed to next week.	No Junior Manawatu or Wairarapa rugby games will play on Saturday and further information will follow after tomorrow	No basketball game on Friday due to Pohiatua Schools unavailability to run the competition. More information will follow.

STUDENTS 'OFF' BUSES IN THE AFTERNOON

Another reminder about letting the school office know if your child/children are not going to be on any of our four school buses in the afternoon. It is vital we have the message **BEFORE** 2:00pm from parents and caregivers as we need to remove them from the bus list and ensure the message is relayed to the students before the end of our school day. Further, if we have not been told, it makes the bus duty challenging and holds up bus departures while we have to contact parents to confirm. Please contact the office 375 8191 or text on 022 368 1830. Thank you.



Take care, be kind and be safe!
Nga mihi,
Melinda & the Eketāhuna School Team

2020 Weekly Update

Hukanui News: (Room 1)

Thank you for coming to the learning discussions last week. We really enjoyed chatting to you about your children's learning. If you still wish to catch up with us please email for a suitable time.

We have decided to postpone the trip to the recycling centre in Eketahuna until we know what is happening with the change in alert levels. You will be informed when it is on with another letter.

We have been enjoying Kapa Haka with Matua Warren, learning a waiata with Poi and also we have moved on to the haka Ka Mate. On Tuesday we had a fantastic time learning how to use the Spheros. We used the ipads to get them to follow directions and we coded a path for them to follow.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards Jess & Jo

Rongomai News: (Room 2)

Hi everyone, how are we all? Thank you for a great week. It was lovely to catch up with everyone during learning discussions. If you have not caught up with me please make an appointment through the school office.

Maths: We continue with fractions, but are also moving onto 'family of facts' to help with our basic facts knowledge.

Writing: We have some skilled authors in Rongomai. Students have been learning and practising how to write an Information Report about our Marble Runs. Once again don't forget if you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me through my email or school office. Have a great week, Beyonce.

Hamua News: (Room 3)

It was great to catch up with most parents last. Thank you for coming in and helping us all to be on the same page, in order to best support your child's learning. If you couldn't make it last week, please call or email me to arrange another time. I would love to see everyone!

Homework: Most of the families are very good at doing homework, thank you! I know that this is a busy time on the farms, but even if you can just read before bed-that would be great! I have provided an extra sheet as of this week, to allow for spelling and maths practice.

Writing: There are a few finishing off their funny stories this week, and we are also writing our first letter to our Epal contact in France. Exciting! Next week we plan to create a superhero and send him/her on some adventures!

Art: the class is doing some more screen-printing this week, with the left-over inks. Fun!

Thanks
Carol

Nireaha News: (Room 5)

Many thanks to those of you who came to our Learning Discussions last week - or booked an appointment for a time that suits coming up. It was a pleasure to have discussions based on the reports you've recently received and drill down into how your child's managing their learning now. Likewise, it was great to chat about homework when possible also. As a result, we've been able to take it to the next level - as you'll hopefully have noticed this week. The way we've structured the maths part in particular, will give you more of an indication regarding what's covered in class. The rest involves the usual spelling and reading that we've always had.

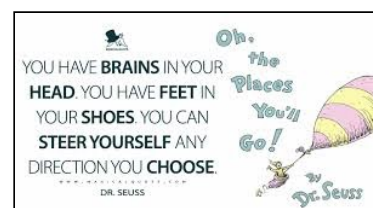
Our partnerships with the local community - and globally increased a notch this week, with an invite to join a team from the Rumuhunga Lions Club - to help them plant more of the new bush around the Anzac Bridge area. A note will come home next Monday regarding this - once we nail a time to do it in class time, and according to how all rolls with the Covid-19 levels. We can team up next Saturday (for anyone who can) to help plant also. On the global front, we've partnered with several schools, from other countries (through ePals.com), in a joint project. It involves the Global SDGs: **Sustainable Development Goals**, set by the UN - sharing what we're doing, as students. The work we're doing with the Enviro focus and near Anzac Bridge will fit 'the ball' perfectly!

Interesting times all round! Have an awesome weekend and week ahead. Cheers! Jo & Barb

Putara News: (Room 6)

Thank you to the parents and caregivers who attended last week's teacher conferences. It was wonderful discussing how your child has progressed year to date. I appreciate your feedback and encouragement.

Unfortunately, we had no technology, sports or Year 8 expo this week. Fingers crossed this doesn't last too long and we can get back to normal as soon as possible. Please keep your child active with basic facts and reading, where possible. It doesn't need to be difficult, just frequent.





You can help your child's learning every day, by supporting and encouraging them and being excited by their learning. Here are some ideas to keep them developing their general knowledge skills at home:

Kiwi Kid News

Here's a great way for kids to stay up to date with current events from New Zealand and around the world. You'll find current events, challenges, fun home activities, games, and a whole lot more. To visit

the site go to: <https://kiwikidsnews.co.nz/>

National Geographic Kids

This is where you can discover some of the coolest facts for kids from around our planet. From animals and geography to science, nature and history, there are so many amazing facts for kids just waiting to be discovered. To visit the site go to: <https://www.natgeokids.com/nz/>



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

A Mobile Dental Unit will be visiting Eketahuna School from Monday, 17 August 2020 to examine and provide preventative treatment (cleaning, fissure sealants, x-rays and fluoride treatment) where required for patients due for their annual check.

Students requiring further treatment, (fillings and extractions) will be sent an information pamphlet, medical history update form and consent form. These will need to be signed and returned to either the Mobile or the school office before any treatment is undertaken.

If parents have any concerns or wish to be present at their child's dental appointment please contact us on either of the numbers below.

Regards from the Dental Team
Telephone 027 475 0760

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

Eketahuna JAB Rugby

What a week! Due to New Zealand going back into Level two and following NZRU guidelines, **Wairarapa Rugby have decided to postpone all JAB games for this Saturday 15th August.** As we are all awaiting feedback over the next week regarding covid and where to from here, JAB will keep you posted with updates on when training and games can proceed.

Keep an eye on your email, school newsletters and the Eketahuna JAB Facebook page. Thank you for your patience.

U11 Eketahuna/Gladstone Combined - 8th August: Lost to Marist. POD: Fred Oliver

A big shout out to PGG Wrightsons Eketahuna for sponsoring our JAB hoodies yet again! Thank You

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WE'VE DONE THIS BEFORE.



WE CAN DO IT AGAIN.