

# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

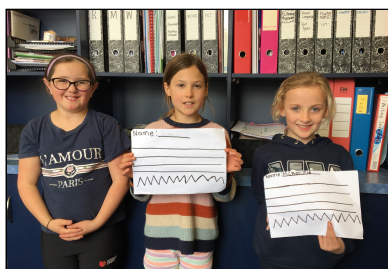
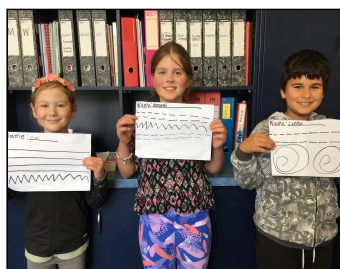
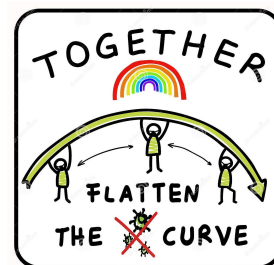
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## SCHOOL CLOSURES THIS TERM - PLEASE NOTE

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

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te kura Eketāhuna,

We are into the second week of the Covid-19 Alert Level 2 and remain hopeful that we will hear good news tomorrow around a possible shift to Level 1 next week. A huge thank you to our amazing community for the way in which you have supported our school and our children by following the Alert Level 2 Guidelines we sent out. It has been challenging returning to the more restrictive level but we have all worked together, stayed positive and kept on teaching and learning! However, with the constant threat of a Covid outbreak, as seen last week, we feel we need to ensure we are prepared for each Alert Level and that it becomes 'routine', therefore part of our Staff Only Day tomorrow will focus on developing a standard 'Eketāhuna School' response for each level that staff, students and our community can move to without any interruption to teaching and learning, or extra pressure to prepare the school site. To assist us with our forward planning we have asked that families inform us of their intentions regarding students attending school at Alert Level 3. Essential workers can send their children, but in a rural community this will look different each term depending on farming calendars, eg busy calving during Term 3 when parents are not able to be caregivers during the day compared to a quieter Term 1 when children can be kept home. At Alert 3 Level the idea is ALL TO STAY HOME if we can. To help us plan we ask those that have not yet contacted the school to please fill out the form below and send it back to the office as soon as possible.



### SEWING LICENCES GAINED

Students in Rongomai have been learning to use sewing machines. They have all learned how to sew a straight line and 'zig zags! Now they all have their licence they are going to start sewing marble bags and their own face masks to keep them safe. Ms Sayles has been instructing her class with lots of help from accomplished sewer Beth Anderson. We can't wait to see how they get on with their sewing - great skills to learn and apply!!

### NETBALL SEASON COMES TO AN END

We had awesome players in the shortened netball competition who gave 100% at every game. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 Alert Level 2 the committee had to cancel the last round of netball. It was a disappointing end to the season, with the prize giving also cancelled. However we know that keeping everyone safe is really important and trophies, certificates etc will still be sent to schools to distribute to players. This shouldn't take away from the effort players, coaches and parents put into our student teams so HUGE thanks to Emma Hopa, Ngaio Hanson, Lee Graham, Ali Mackisack and Skye White. We hope to have a school netball prize giving soon - more information to come.

#### NETBALL UNIFORMS

WITH THE SEASON NOW OVER, WE ARE ASKING FOR ALL NETBALL UNIFORMS TO BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.



#### STUDENTS "OFF" BUSES

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



#### LOST PROPERTY

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT THAT COMES TO SCHOOL IS CLEARLY NAMED, TO HELP US CUT DOWN ON LOST PROPERTY! IF YOU ARE IN SCHOOL PLEASE CHECK OUT THE BIN WHICH IS OVERFLOWING! THANK YOU.



### NOTIFYING THE OFFICE WHEN CHILDREN ARE UNWELL

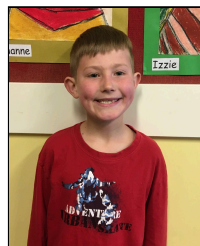
Thank you all for being so proactive with children's health and keeping them home when they have coughs, colds and bugs. With our fight against Covid-19, and being at Alert Level 2, it really helps us keep everyone at their best! Just a reminder that if your child is unwell and not attending school you need to notify the office EACH DAY they are at home to ensure they are recorded on our school attendance system under the correct code. Thank you all so much.

#### COMING UP:

Friday 21st August - School Closed for Staff Only Day

Monday 24th August - School Closed for Mid Term Break

Friday 4th September - Lucky Book Club Order Due



### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

It was lovely celebrating with our students on Friday, with a quickly organised, online assembly that classes could follow independently. It was hosted by our 'Admin Team'. We celebrated those students caught making good choices, star students in class and a principal award was given out! There is **NO ASSEMBLY TOMORROW** as it is Staff Only Day, and we hope we can go back to full assemblies next week.

#### 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: Emmanuel McNamara/Shelby Tairoa  
Room 2: Noah Duffy  
Room 3: Rubylee Burton - Foley  
Room 5: Rani Kenrick  
Room 6: Meilia Mitchell - Hopa

#### 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: Mareana Roiri/Braxton Duffy  
Room 2: Evan Governor  
Room 3: Lucy White  
Room 5: Aurora Mitchell - Jensen  
Room 6: Hannah Mikoz

**Principal's Award:** Joe Powell for excellent maths knowledge and sharing of his mathematical thinking!



### CONGRATULATIONS SAM!

Sam got ribbons for "17 and Under Rec Pony In Hand" and "Reserve Champion in the 17 and Under Rec Pony Ridden" in Wanganui over the weekend. Awesome stuff!



### UPDATING STUDENT INFORMATION

We are still finding a few parents and caregivers details are no longer up to date, especially phone numbers. Can we please ask that you notify the school with any new information regarding your contact details, emergency contacts, and any concerns in relation to children's health and well being at school ie, asthma, allergies etc.

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

#### Rugby

No Junior Manawatu Bush games for U11, U12 or U13 on Saturday. Wairarapa Jab rugby is going ahead on Saturday with restrictions.

#### Basketball

No basketball game on Friday 21st or Friday 28th of August due to Covid-19. Hope to restart the competition on Friday 4th September.

Take care, be kind and be safe! Have a lovely 'long weekend', and we will see you all on Tuesday 26th!!  
Nga mihi,  
Melinda & the Eketāhuna School Team

## CHILDREN AT SCHOOL AT COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 3

If Eketahuna School moves to ALERT LEVEL 3 our child / children :

(Full names)

☐ Will be attending school each day as there will be a requirement to work as I/we are 'essential workers' and can provide no child care.

Term 1 ☐ Term 2 ☐ Term 3 ☐ Term 4 ☐

☐ Will not be attending school and will participate in remote learning

Term 1 ☐ Term 2 ☐ Term 3 ☐ Term 4 ☐

Will their attendance daily at Alert Level 3 be dependent on school buses running? Yes ☐ No ☐

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2020 Weekly Update

**Hukanui News: (Room 1)**

We have had a great week in Hukanui. As we remain at level 2 we have limited some of the toys available to play with in our class and we have been cleaning them regularly. It is good to see the children's creativity with the toys we do have out. We continue to practice good hygiene by sanitizing our hands every time we enter the classroom and before we eat. Please make sure you send a drink bottle with your child each day as the drinking fountains remain closed. We can refill the bottle in class if it becomes empty.

Thank you for your support with home learning, we appreciate our great home school partnerships.

Just a reminder that it is staff only day tomorrow and school is also closed on Monday for the mid term break. We hope you enjoy the long weekend.

As always if you have any questions don't hesitate to contact us. Thanks, Jess & Jo

**Rongomai News: (Room 2)** We have had a great week in Rongomai. Students have been working on addition & subtraction and number puzzles to further extend their number knowledge and basic facts. We have also stepped up a level in reading by focusing on our reading understanding (comprehension) skills. We have been practising different reading strategies that we can use and question ourselves as we read the text (book). We have finished our Marble Run Writing and I am looking forward to sharing them with you all soon. We have some amazing authors in room 2! Unfortunately we didn't win the Marble Run Competition, but we had a great time learning, creating, building, designing, fair testing, sharing and filming our efforts. It was great. Our creations are staying up in room 2, so feel free to come in and try them out. Thank you for your continued support.

Have a great week and enjoy the lovely long weekend. Beyonce

**Hamua News: (Room 3)**

We have been busy creating superheroes this week, and are now busy planning/or have started writing about their adventures. The kids have come up with some great superpowers!

In maths, we are working on addition and subtraction of double digit numbers, with the emphasis on showing how we got the answer. We are using beads, counters, and sticks to support us.

For Art-we got the glue guns out this week, and have started creating 2D or 3D constructions, which we will paint next week. Some exciting work going on!

The children are being very good about keeping their physical distance, and sanitising their hands regularly. Well done.

Hope everyone enjoys the long weekend :) Carol

**Nireaha News: (Room 5)**

Hi all! This week's been stunning - as evident by just how much is covered and 'nailed' - so incredibly quickly now. In **Maths**, the team's right into converting fractions into decimals, decimals into fractions or both into percentages. All's in keeping what's either a \$, cm, m, kg or km too, rounded as challenged. Tables-based **homework** is proving really supportive now.

**Writing** is a mix of information reports, slideshows, creative 'all sorts' and letters to Egypt, Iceland, Brazil, Denmark, Arizona, and Solway Primary, Masterton. Next week, Mexico's in the mix, with WeChat conversations, coupled with Speech prep that'll scale up our **Oral language** work. **Reading's** focused on comprehension, while **Science** will tag Wormeries. **Art's** involved painting, plus rather maths-like precision-based symmetrical paper craft. Big ball and relay, work's **PE & fitness**, along with Jump Jam competition prep for some. The day's fly. *Enjoy now, our 4-day weekend for you!* Cheers! Jo & Barb

**Putara News: (Room 6)**

Hi all

We have been solving linear equations the last couple of weeks in class. Your children have been concentrating hard and working particularly well. Linear equations are used to find the value of unknown variables; in this case 'x'.

$$7x + 9 = 23 \quad 7x - 3 = 18 \quad 9x + 5 = 41 \quad 2x + 11 = -5 \quad 13 = 11 + 4x$$

We've also been using strategies to solve multiplication of fractions, in our heads; e.g.

$$3/8 \text{ of } 32 = ? \quad 5/9 \text{ of } 81 = ? \quad 3/5 \text{ of } 45 = ? \quad 3/11 \text{ of } 88 = ?$$

Please keep testing your child on their basic facts knowledge. Real confidence is developing as a result of your help in this area, so thank you!

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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/>

**CORONAVIRUS - HOW DO WE RESPOND? - ONLINE SURVEY TO COMPLETE**

Over the last week the government has brought in tough measures to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus in parts New Zealand. 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 are conducting an online survey which was emailed out last Thursday. Thanks to those who have completed it - we have had 27 responses to date. However, we want to hear from everyone and are asking for those who have not yet gone online, to please do so as soon as possible. If you require a hard copy please let Denise in the office know and we will send one home!



***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 that going forward we are prepared to support all children's learning.***

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**

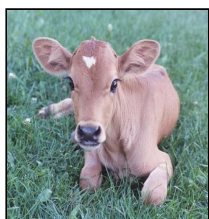


**We are reminding every child to bring a named water bottle to school each day.**

**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**



**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 months in light of the threat from Covid-19. If we do go ahead with the show and include calves, 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.

**We asked for those interested in bringing a calf to contact the office by Thursday 20th so we could gauge interest. As yet we have not heard from anyone - if you would like to bring a calf please let Denise know asap!**