

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te kura Eketāhuna,

We are into the third week of the Covid-19 Alert Level 2 and are really hoping to move down to Alert Level 1 next week! Thank you to everyone for continuing to support us and the regulations currently in place.



NEW 'KEA CROSSING' OPERATIONAL

We were very excited to see the completion of our Kea Crossing! This will provide children with a safe place to cross the road. A Kea Crossing only operates when a school patrol and two fluorescent orange crossing point flag signs (one on each side of the road) are present. In addition to this, there are new "40km" signs alluding to traffic that children will be around as they approach the crossing from both directions. The school patrol will be operating after school daily. **When the school patrol displays their STOP signs, traffic must stop.** This helps keep children safe when they're going to and from school. When there's no school patrol and no crossing signs, the crossing point is just like any other section of road. We are organising a training day with Constable Maxine Walsh to upskill our great Road Safety Team! A great development for Eketahuna School!!

NETBALL UNIFORMS

WE ARE STILL ASKING FOR ALL NETBALL UNIFORMS TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THESE ARE A SCHOOL ASSET AND NEED TO BE RETURNED! 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. GET YOUR CHILD TO CHECK THE BIN.



STUDENTS LATE TO SCHOOL

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO ARE COMING TO SCHOOL LATE - WE START CLASS AT 9AM AND IT IS BEST TO BE AT SCHOOL BEFORE THAT TO UNPACK & GET PREPARED. THANK YOU.



SCHOOL NETBALL SUCCESS

A big congratulations to our Eketahuna Snipers team, who have won the Bush Junior Netball C Grade competition this year! The team was coached by Lee Pinnell and Ali Mackisack. The team consisted of our Year 5 & 6 students - Ellie Pinnell, Mollie Mackisack, Nancy Duffy, Emma Drysdale, Aurora Mitchell-Jensen, Heidi Hanson, Nevaeh Carrington, Holly Spring, Izzie Oliver, and Beth Anderson.



Well done to our Year 7 & 8 team who were also highly competitive, the Eketahuna Sharp Shooters, who were coached by Emma Hopa and consisted of Meila Mitchell-Hopa, Sam Willetts, Lilly Perkovic, Stella Governor, Kiara Potangaroa-Carter, Indy Burton-Foley, Holly Cresswell, Sophie Drysdale, Arth Patel, Carmen Bidois, Hollie Thomas. Finally a 'shout out' to our great junior players the 'Eke Angels & Meerkats' who were coached by Skye White. The students who played were Angus Manson, Ella Mitchell, Brooke Duffy, Keira Bidois, McKenzie Moore, Lana Hanson, Lucy White, Bella Ifill, Madison Rankin, Chelsea Spring, Campbell Mackisack, Ramona Paul, and Toby White. We hope to be able to hold a 'Netball Windup' later in the term when we get down to Alert Level 1. We will keep you updated. . .

COMING UP:

Friday 4th September - Lucky Book Club Order Due

Wednesday 16th September - Tararua Volleyball Competition Yr 6 - 8
Monday 21st September - Jump Jam Competition



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

It was lovely celebrating with our students last Friday, with an online assembly. The assembly was created by Angus, Ellie, Nancy & Lachie from Nireaha (Rm5). We celebrated students who are making good choices and making great progress! No online assembly tomorrow but hoping for a whole school one 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: Olivia Capes / Noah Trass
Room 2: Rongomai Students
Room 3: Patrick Thomas
Room 5: Lachie Duffy
Room 6: Indy Burton - Foley

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: Nakau Bidois/ Halo Crudis
Room 2: Nancy Duffy / Carlos Cresswell
Room 3: Kerrin Atkinson
Room 5: Tristan Williamson
Room 6: John McGill

Principal's Award: Madison Rankin for her positivity and awesome attitude to school!!

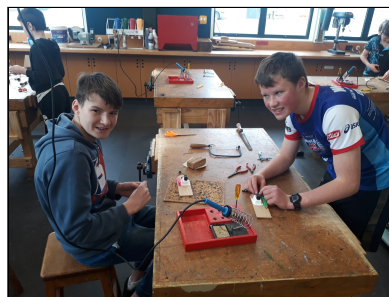


PROGRESS ON OUR NEW SCHOOL MURAL

Over the last few months we've been working away on the amazing mural Carol Laubscher has created to go up as a replacement for the 'Our Magic Place' mural that hung on the Rec Shed at the end of our school drive. The mural encompasses our school vision and values, with links to our local mountains, rivers and 'growth'.

OUR YEAR 7 & 8 STUDENTS ENJOY TECHNOLOGY

Great to have our students return to Technology under Alert Level 2 rules. We are able to be safe & be learning!



SPORT UPDATE WITH COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 2

Rugby

All Junior Manawatu Bush and Wairarapa JAB rugby games are going ahead on Saturday with Covid-19 restrictions.

Basketball

No basketball game tomorrow due to Covid-19. The competition hopes to restart on Friday 11th September.

PLANNING FOR A POSSIBLE SHIFT TO COVID-19 ALERT 3

As we have mentioned in previous newsletters, 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. There is no current threat to move to this level - this is just ensuring we are organised and ready to move! 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 on the back page and send it back to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Nga mihi,
Melinda & the Eketāhuna School Team

2020 Weekly Update

Hukanui News: (Room 1)

We have had a good week in Hukanui with lots of learning. Soon we will start to practice our hockey skills as school hockey training starts in week 9. Until then we continue practicing our ball throwing and catching skills with class relays which we are enjoying. We will also start practicing singing in our house teams for the upcoming house sing off competition. There is lots to look forward to. We continue to work on our recycled bottle monsters and have drawn up our plans for the final designs. Lots of effort has gone into these. Thank you for sending a named drink bottle with your child each day as the drinking fountains are still closed. As always if you have any questions please contact us.

Thanks Jess & Jo

Rongomai News: (Room 2) Jump Jam and Rock n Roll Rongomai style!!!!!! Way to go Rongomai.

We have had a great week of PAT Testing. Next week we are looking forward to the school wide STEM rotation. Currently we are writing our speeches in class. There is a wide range of topics from The Rainbow Warrior Bombing to Outer Space. Children are researching their topics by reading and finding information in magazines we have in class, for some students this has been a very different learning experience. Discuss with your child their topic at home. I am looking forward to the final speeches. Have a great week.

Hamua News: (Room 3)

And the countdown is on for the end of term!

We are preparing for the STEM rotations next week and looking for long cardboard tubes and 2 or 1.5 litre plastic drink bottles. Please send these to school if you have. We have had great fun with our superhero writing challenge and look forward to sharing some of our stories at our assembly next week. In Math we are continuing with our theme of Time-please keep taking every opportunity to read analogue clocks at home with your child-focussing on reading hour/half hour, and what will the time be after 30 mins or 1 hour? Thanks :) Carol

Nireaha News: (Room 5) Many thanks for the brilliant support that enabled us to pull off some partnership time, contributing to

The Great NZ Earthworm Survey. We played 'real' in the rain - donned jackets, hoods and gumboots to enjoy time in two neighbouring paddocks. We had to dig three holes in each, 30cm deep, by 20cmx20cm wide. We found all the worms we could. Since it was too wet to take out classification sheets, we've taken photos of our find - per hole and will classify them next week. We encourage more of this - from paddocks around the district. But, photos of 'the worm count' please!

This Saturday, at 1-2pm (NZT), some of our new ePals, from Mexico are keen to meet us 'for real' via Zoom. So, for any of us in the Nireaha team who are available and keen, please email me, at jgibson@eketahuna.school.nz. I can then share the link. Otherwise - a neat week, involving testing, the completion of Slave Girl - a historical novel, new songs and speech prep! Cheers! Jo & Barb

Putara News: (Room 6)

Kia ora whānau

Pūtara children have been developing their listening and instruction giving skills by using walkie-talkies to give instructions to their peers in other areas of the school. Also, they have been learning how to code. Spheros are then used to see just how well the coding has been applied. A useful site to look at is code.org. The children enjoy these activities and it's a lot of fun!



Have a wonderful weekend!!

Thursday 3rd September 2020

Term 3 Week 7

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

EKETAHUNA CRICKET

Contact Jacqui Anderson on 375 8101 or bradandjacs@xtra.co.nz if any students would like to play cricket in Term 4



Agenda for the Board Of Trustees Meeting

The Agenda for the BOT meeting on the Thursday 17th September will close on Monday 14th September 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

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 ☐

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