

Thursday 10th September 2020

Term 3 Week 8

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 have enjoyed the week and the spring weather - the term is rushing by and we are very productive here at school with lots of fun and engaging activities. Fingers crossed we move down to ALert Level 1 on Monday!*



STEM ROTATIONS

Great excitement and learning this week with our mixed year group STEM Rotations. Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education puts an emphasis on preparing children for the future. The focus on hands-on learning with real-world applications helps develop a variety of skill sets, including creativity and 21st-century skills. The students have been participating in a range of activities that teachers spent time creating to get thinking skills and problem solving happening. From kitchen science, to

rocket launchers, to catapults, pencil construction and balloon towers. Engaging for students & entertaining!!

HOUSE SINGING COMPETITION

Our House Teams have selected a song that represents their House colour and have been meeting through the week to practise it - each is keeping their song a secret! The songs will be presented on the last day of this term in a House Team School 'Sing Off' Competition. Each of the houses will sing and judges will be selecting the winner. Lots of fun & singing skills on display!



JUMP JAM PRACTISE ROCKS

Our two teams, Year 5&6 and Year 7&8, have been very focused and practising daily in the hall with Ms Sayles. The competition is coming up in Week 10 and the routines are looking good! All students will need $\frac{3}{4}$ black leggings and sport shoes for the event. The t-shirts are provided by Jump Jam and have been already purchased for each student with thanks to the Home & School Assoc who have funded both teams. The students are all putting in 110% effort!

COMING UP:

Monday 14th - Friday 18th September - Te Reo Maori Week
Tuesday 15th September - Hockey Wairarapa Class Sessions
Wednesday 16th September - Tararua Volleyball Competition Yr 7&8
Thursday 17th September - Staff vs Student Volleyball Game

Monday 21st September - Year 7 & 8 Formal Dance Practise TBC
Monday 21st September - Jump Jam Competition @ 5:30pm
Tuesday 22nd September - Hockey Wairarapa Class Sessions
Wednesday 23rd September - Year 7 & 8 Technology
Thursday 24th September - Principal's Morning Tea



ENVIRO WITH ALI MACKISACK

This week we have had Ali Mackisack in school working with Nireaha and Hukanui. Both classes have their own projects which Ali is supporting them with. Our junior room is reviewing the current school recycling system which will see them visiting the local recycling centre and the Masterton Recycling Centre & Transfer Station. Their findings will then be used to create a new school recycling system the children can manage going forward. Nireaha is looking at 'worms'! The class is studying earthworms and

mealworms, along with composting. Our worm farm will be overseen by Nireaha students, and the mealworm production will be linked to Pukaha Mt. Bruce. The composting will support our school gardens going forward. Lots of planning and student engagement as they establish sustainable systems that can be monitored and will help support our school environment. Great stuff!

SCHOOL RUBBISH:

WE ARE ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO PUT FOOD 'WRAPPINGS' & PACKAGING BACK IN THEIR LUNCH BOXES ONCE THEY HAVE EATEN AT BREAK TIMES. WE ARE CONTINUING TO SEE A REDUCTION IN RUBBISH HERE AT SCHOOL. THANK YOU!



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 & NEED TO BE RETURNED! WE HAVE 10 OUTSTANDING SO PLEASE CHECK. THANKS.



TOWN LIBRARY BOOKS

SOME TOWN LIBRARY BOOKS HAVE MADE THEIR WAY HOME FROM OUR 'IN SCHOOL' PROGRAMME AND NEED TO BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY. PLEASE CHECK TO SEE IF YOUR CHILD HAS ONE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



NETBALL PRIZEGIVING ON MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

Due to the Covid Alert Levels we are having a different looking Netball Prizegiving. The teams will meet with their coaches in the school hall to receive their certificates and prizes on Monday. Correct social distancing will be maintained while we recognise the students efforts in the shortened season and celebrate their improved skills and team sportsmanship! A big THANK YOU to all those involved.



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 - has finished!

Due to Covid-19 and the lack of time left in the Term 3 ALL basketball & miniball has been cancelled this term.

Nga mihi,
Melinda & the Eketāhuna School Team

OUR SCHOOL DAY

We are noticing several children are repeatedly getting to school late in the morning. Just a reminder that it is important for students to be at school before the start of the day to get themselves organised, hear the daily plan and be ready for learning. It is also vital they are in attendance during the class roll call. Please check our daily timetable - thank you.



SCHOOL TIMETABLE:

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| 8:15am | Grounds open |
| 9:00am | <u>School commences</u> |
| 10:30am | Play & Food Break |
| 11:00am | Class resumes |
| 12:00pm | Play & Food Break |
| 12:30pm | Class Resumes |
| 1:35pm | Play & Food Break |
| 2:00pm | Class Resumes |
| 2:55pm | <u>School concludes</u> |

2020 Weekly Update

Hukanui News: (Room 1) We are getting busy but having fun at the same time. We have been to two classes in the STEM rotation and been learning new skills, of thinking like scientists, building things like engineers, constructing things for technology and measuring things for maths. This has been a great deal of fun. We have also begun house singing with each house team picking a song to match the colour of their house. Next week we start Hockey skills with Jess from Hockey Wairapa. Please send plenty of food each day as the children seem to go through a lot and a named drink bottle.

As ever if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. Thanks Jo & Jess.

Rongomai News: (Room 2) Another great week of learning in Rongomai. Thank you to Mrs Morgan for teaching us about the moon and its different appearances in the night sky. It was great making our Paper Plate Moon so we can see the different Phases of the Moon. Our speeches are coming along. We are now up to putting them onto card and practising our presentation in class. We have also been learning how to draw. So far we have learnt how to draw Tulips, Daffodils, Roses and Carnations. At the end of the term we will be having an Art Exhibition Display. We have some amazing artists in Rongomai. **FUN DAY FRIDAY:** This Friday during Fun Day Friday we are going to learn how to make our own lunch. We will be learning how to make sandwiches and getting ourselves ready for school independently. Look out for the photos on our Class Facebook Page!! Have a great week and thank you for letting me teach your children, they are truly awesome. Beyonce

Hamua News: (Room 3)

Another busy busy week! It's our assembly on Friday-I'll post the videos of the children's work on class dojo.

We are still working on Time in **Maths** this week, and next. Please take opportunities during the day to practise reading the clock in real life situations. We need lots of practice!

In **Writing**, we are using new 4-colored pens to help us with our editing, and now have a special display folder to show off our published, illustrated work. Something special for parents to look at when you come to parent-teacher conferences :) We have also been learning a new **song**, called "Catching polar bears"-ask your child to share it with you-it's also a ball/counting game. Lots of fun! For **Reading**-we are working hard on our comprehension skills.

Homework-I will be sending out the homework booklets in a new colored folder, along with any current math worksheets that your child is working on. We know, of course, that most people are very busy with calling and lambing at the moment, but if you can, please make the time to at least do reading and spelling with your child. That shouldn't take more than 15 minutes. The math is an extra that you can do as time permits, but also gives you an insight into what we are doing in class. Thanks Carol :)

Nireaha News: (Room 5)

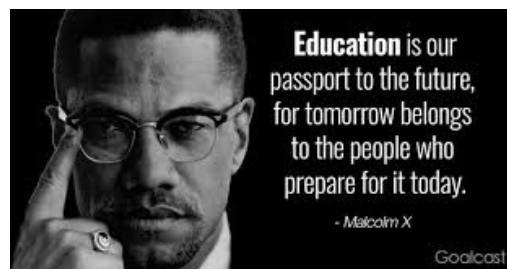
The Social Sciences curriculum is about how societies work and how people can participate as critical, active, informed, and responsible citizens. The focus tunes in the past, present, and future and addresses people and places within and beyond New Zealand. While we've written to various countries so far, meeting a team of ePals from Mexico 'live' on Zoom, took the whole focus to a new level. We didn't just talk - as everything from impromptu singing a song in Te Reo, to Julian's solo on his harmonica evolved. Questions flew between each country and so too globally pitched Kahoot quizzes and general introductions. Next up, we'll take our Mexican team on a Field Trip around our school while they (in lockdown) take us on virtual tours around their home. Alongside this, have been STEM challenges, Jump Jam work, the 'usual' subject work and Frisbee volleyball. It's busy! Good fun though. Cheers! Jo & Barb



Pūtara News: (Room 6)

This week at technology the children made pewter jewellery in hard materials and the chefs produced delicious vegetable fritters in cooking. The great thing about technology and cooking is the sampling!!! Ka pai, tamariki.

We also have a lot on at present; volleyball, jump jam, STEM rotations, Predator Free programme, singing, kapa haka, speeches, and the usual teaching programme. Life in the senior school is flat out! Please keep your children coming to school; they're always learning and we have lots of fun along the way.



Home and School Calf Scheme

On behalf of the Home and School Association thank you to those who have donated calves or are caring for calves for the calf scheme this year. We are looking for a few more grazers to take on more calves.

It is a really simple way to support our students.
If you can help out please ring: Kirby Duffy 375 8119



Eketahuna Cricket

Cricket starts up again in Term 4. Any primary aged children who would like to play get in touch with Jacqui Anderson on 375 8101 or bradandjacs@xtra.co.nz



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

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