

# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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Kia ora ki nga whānau me nga hoa o te kura tuatahi o Eketāhuna  
Greetings to all families and friends of Eketāhuna School

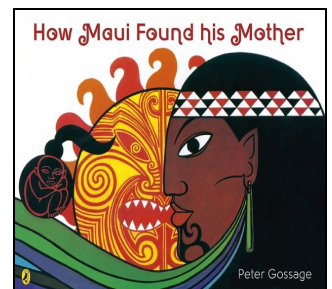


## MR DRYSDALE IS LEAVING

Tomorrow will mark the end of an era as we say farewell to Stephen Drysdale, our amazing school caretaker. Stephen started in the position in 2016 and quickly became a much loved member of the staff. He has been a huge asset to our team and the school, always ready to help, joining in all school events to ensure they would run well, and keeping the school and the grounds maintained to an excellent level. Stephen is following his dream of working with motorbikes, and taking up a motorbike mechanic apprenticeship in Pahiatua. Stephen will be missed, and I am sure you will join us in thanking him for his commitment and hard work at school over the last four years. We wish him all the very best for the future.

## TE WIKI O TE REO MAORI - MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK

Celebrated in Aotearoa since 1975, Māori Language Week acknowledges and celebrates the Māori language as a unique cultural treasure for all New Zealanders. Here at school we have been working hard to integrate te reo into our daily programme, along with our senior and junior Kapa Haka sessions. We have also been very lucky to have Matua Warren volunteer time to work in our junior classes each week. We started the week by acknowledging the call to all New Zealanders to speak te reo on Monday at 12pm to create a Maori Language Moment. (We did it a little earlier at 11:45am!) Each class has timetabled 20 minutes daily where they will focus specifically on te reo with activities ranging from learning a daily phrase, to a whakatauki, to a myth & legend being read, to new waiata with actions, to our mihi and pepeha in te reo! Lots of opportunities to use, hear and celebrate the language of Aoteroa this week!



## EKETAHUNA PLACES 3RD IN VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION

Our Year 7 & 8 volleyball team competed on Wednesday in Pahiatua and took out 3rd place!! Meila Mitchell - Hopa was named Most Valuable Player. The team was awesome and consisted of Harry Dickson, Meila Mitchell-Hopa, Scott Duffy, Harrison Mackisack, Lilly Perkovic, Stella Governor, Anthony Dennison, Jacob Read, M-Jay Carrington. A big thanks to Mr Parsons and Teresa Duffy for their support on the day.

## 'SPRING SHOW' PET REGISTRATIONS NOW!

Our Home & School group met last night to start planning for the Spring Show next term. Coming out with this newsletter is the Pet Registration form for our Spring Show Day on Friday 6th November. Please read the information carefully. All registrations will need to be in by Friday 16th October. Please note **NO** late registering of pets will be accepted.



## COMING UP:

Tuesday 22nd September - Hockey Wairarapa Class Sessions  
Wednesday 23rd September - Year 7 & 8 Technology  
Thursday 24th September - Principal's Morning Tea

Thursday 24th September - Senior Speech Competition  
Friday 25th September - House Team 'Sing Off'  
Friday 25th September - Last day of School  
Monday 12th October - First day of Term 4!



### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

It was lovely celebrating with our students last Friday, with an online assembly. The assembly was created by students from Hāmua (Rm3). We celebrated students who are making good choices and making great progress! Our online hosts for tomorrow are the junior students from Hukanui!

#### 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: Ann Kent & Jacob Thomas  
Room 2: Aidan Rolfe  
Room 3: Braxton Carrington  
Room 5: Mollie Mackisack  
Room 6: Jaxon Moore

#### 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: Jaxon Rendel & Isabella Hook  
Room 2: Beth Anderson  
Room 3: Mikey Hammond  
Room 5: Julian Powell  
Room 6: Hayley Dennison

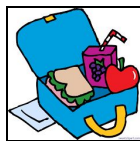
**Principal's Award:** Harry Dickson for his great attitude and thinking skills during STEM rotation activities!!

### COVID CANCELLATIONS - JUMP JAM & FORMAL YEAR 7 & 8 DANCE

Due to the Covid-19 Alert Level staying at 2 until at least next Tuesday, the Jump Jam Competition that was to be held in Masterton on Monday has been cancelled. Instead both teams will be entering their routines by video. Rehearsals and videoing will be held tomorrow with Ms Sayles. Also cancelled is the formal dance for Year 7 & 8 that was to be held next Thursday evening. Due to the Alert level the practise on Monday could not be held so the event has been called off.

#### 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!



#### BASKETBALL UNIFORMS

WE ARE STILL ASKING FOR ALL BASKETBALL UNIFORMS TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THESE ARE A SCHOOL ASSET & NEED TO BE RETURNED! WE HAVE ONLY GOT ONE BACK SO PLEASE CHECK AT HOME. THANKS.



#### PRIZE GIVING CUPS

THE YEAR IS RUSHING BY AND NEXT TERM WE WILL HAVE SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING. CAN WE ASK CHILDREN WHO WON CUPS LAST YEAR TO PLEASE RETURN THEM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANKS.



### HOCKEY SESSIONS WITH WAIRARAPA HOCKEY

On Tuesday we had the 'Small Sticks' programme return. This is a school based hockey programme, which develops each child's basic fundamental skills whilst introducing the sports specific skills in the appropriate setting and with the Hockey NZ recommended game format. We have coach Jess Collins also returning to take the four x 30 minute sessions for each class which was fantastic. It will be great to build on the skills the children learned last year!



Have a great weekend and keep warm!

Nga mihi,  
Melinda & the Eketāhuna School Team



## 2020 Weekly Update

**Hukanui News: (Room 1)**

We have had lots of fun this week, with lots of different learning happening. We have continued with the STEM rotation and also house singing. You might hear your children practising their house song around the house and throwing in some dance moves. We started Hockey this week with Jess from Wairarapa Hockey. This was great to go back over existing skills we had and a good opportunity to learn new skills. There are some changes to our reading programme to accommodate these extra opportunities.

Please try not to send heat up food with your children unless prior arranged. We do not have a microwave in our classroom and trying to squeeze in heating up food into our lunchtime is tricky. We appreciate your help in this matter.

As ever if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thanks Jo & Jess.

**Rongomai News: (Room 2)** Hi everyone I hope you have had a great week. Rongomai students you guys ROCK. You were absolutely amazing and awesome while I was home sick on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Thank you to Barbs for coming in and teaching our class. Te Reo Maori 'Phrase Of The Day'. We have been practising different phrases throughout the day and class. Speeches are finally written, edited, printed and published. Lots of oral practise will be happening at home for next week's speech competition. Our STEM rotations have gone really well along with Hockey Skills and Jump Jams. Have a great week everybody.

**Hamua News: (Room 3)**

The children have really enjoyed the start of their hockey lessons with Jess this week. They practised the correct handhold and stance, and how to 'dribble' the ball, and stop it quickly. I noticed lots of the children displaying the school values of respectfulness, resilience, and responsibility in their conduct. Well done Clever Creatures!

There has also been great excitement in the STEM sessions. In Hamua we have been making parachutes. There has been great scientific thinking going on, as we needed to carefully calculate the correct weight of the parachute "person" proportionate to the size of the chute. We went and tested them by hurling them off the playground equipment but this famous Eketahuna wind blew some of them over into the neighbouring paddocks!

Have a great weekend :)

Carol

**Nireaha News: (Room 5)**

Kia ora whanau,

This week the Nireaha students have been presenting their speeches to the class. The students have been working hard to research their topic and correctly shape/structure their speech. They are focussing on how they present their speeches with effective use of voice projection, speed and body language.

It has been a delight to hear the wide range of topics.

Well done Nireaha!

**Putara News: (Room 6)**

Kia ora whānau

We've had a lot of fun completing various tasks during our school STEM rotations. Two more sessions to go - this week and next - and all children would've had the opportunity to create an amazing balloon tower!

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori is this week; therefore, please be encouraging with the use of te reo as much as possible. Te reo is one of two official languages in Aotearoa New Zealand. The second official language being sign language. English is the predominant language spoken which makes it a de facto official language.

The end of term is upon us, so please keep encouraging your children to come to school equipped to learn. We can get through a great deal in our last week at school for term three.

*"Poipoia te kakano kia puawai."  
Nurture the seed and it will blossom.*



## School Bus Driver

*Help your community.*

*And join a well-respected family business.*

School bus drivers are an integral part of the community. We are looking for a motivated school bus driver to cover a morning and afternoon school run, Monday-Friday, during the school term. You may be semi-retired and have a genuine interest in working with children.

- Positive attitude
- Excellent customer service
- Excellent communication
- Clean Driving Record

While licences are preferred, Tranzit will give full assistance for Class 2 licencing, passenger endorsement and training for the right person.

Police checks will be required for both positions and applicants should have NZ residency or a valid NZ work permit

To apply for these positions please give us a call 06 370 6600 and ask for Jenna. Applications close 2 October 2020 if position not filled prior.



## **Tararua College Community Duathlon**

**Saturday 17th October 2020**

### **BUSH MULTISPORT PARK**

If you would like more information please don't hesitate to contact our sports leaders:

Abby Bailey –16baileya@tararuacollege.school.nz

Sophie Oswald —16oswalds@tararuacollege.school.nz

9am– Event 1: 500m run, 1km bike \$5

9.30am– Event 2: 1km run/walk, 1.8km bike \$5

10am– Event 3: 1km run, 5km bike, 1km run \$5

10.30am– Event 4: 5km run, 10km bike, 1km run \$10

11.00am– Event 5: 5km run, 20km bike, 1km run \$15

(Teams are welcome in Events 4 & 5)

**Anyone can enter; from pre-schoolers through to adults. This is an event that the whole family can participate in.**

**Entry forms are available from Tararua College and Laskeys Auto Services or Finest Batch Bakery.**

**Visit our Facebook page 'Tararua College Community Duathlon' for more information and to enter online.**

## **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



## **Eketahuna JAB Rugby**

Wow we are coming to our last game for the season!

Prizegiving will be held on Wednesday 14th October at the rugby clubrooms from

4:30pm. Please return your playing jersey. Team photos will be handed out on the night.

Bring along a plate of food to share.

Please inform your coach if your child will not be at training and/or the game and attempt to be at the grounds 20mins before kick-off. Thank you. Chairperson: Ben Johnston

bpjohnston77@hotmail.com

Secretary: Kirby Duffy lanceandkirby@inspire.net.nz

FACEBOOK PAGE: Eketahuna JAB Rugby

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



