

# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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*Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa*

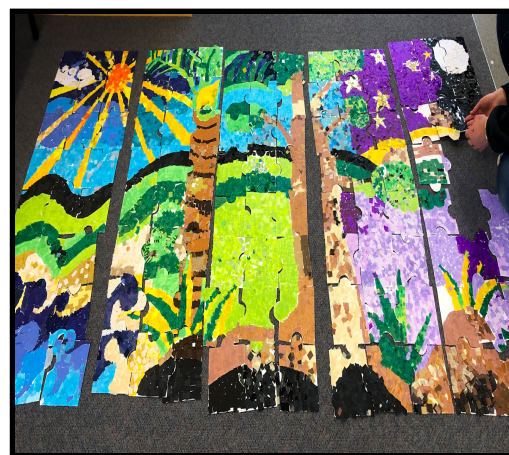
*We are coming to the end of Term 3 and it is time to reflect on what a challenging time we have had with the Covid-19 return and shift to Alert Level 2. Although we have had cancellations and limited access to school we have still stayed positive and managed to have a fantastic term with our great students. Hockey coaching, Tararua Bush 7 Aside Tournament, a 3rd place in the Tararua Bush Volleyball Competition, two Jump Jam teams, school speech competition, STEM rotations, work at the Eketahuna Community Gardens, and the celebration of te reo with Maori Language Week to name a few. Next term is shaping up to be 'full on' so we hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday, and we will see you next term refreshed and ready to go!*

## BREADCRAFT WAIRARAPA SCHOOLS ART EXHIBITION 2020

The annual exhibition of Wairarapa Schools Art officially opens on Saturday 26th September and the amazing mosaic mural all students contributed to during our Matariki rotations has been selected! Jess Wilkinson designed the piece and oversaw its construction - congratulations to her and our students - it's an incredible piece of art! The exhibition will run throughout the school holidays so we encourage children and families to visit and view the stunning work!

## END OF AN ERA FOR NEWMAN BUS

Tomorrow is the last day we will have the wonderful Matua Warren Chase driving the Newman Bus. Many children have been on the bus, helped decorate it at Christmas and enjoyed the wisdom & kindness of Matua. He has done an amazing job of ensuring our tamariki get to and from home safely and we all wish him well in his retirement!



## PRINCIPAL'S MORNING TEA

Today I took 10 students out for morning tea at The Lazy Graze in recognition of their ability to make good choices! Congratulations to Jaylah Keedwell, Lana - May Hamilton, MacLaine King, Annabeth Read, Joe Powell, Holly Spring, Mollie Mackisack, Ellie Pinnell, Meila Mitchell-Hopa and Hollie Thomas. All of these awesome students were picked out of the 'Green Choice' draw this week. Our school behaviour system is focused on "catching children when they are good" as these positive reinforcers have a powerful effect. The children were amazing ambassadors for school and we had a delicious morning tea treat!!

## JUMP JAM COMPETITION ENTRY

Some great dance skills on display on Monday, with both our Jump Jam teams sharing their routines with the school. The routines were videoed and have been entered into the Regional Jump Jam competition. A huge effort by both teams who gave up many breaks to practise. A big thanks to Ms Sayles for coaching them. Awesome!



## SCHOOL SPEECH COMPETITION TODAY

This afternoon we will have enjoyed the School Speech Finals with 2 students selected from Years 4 - 8. We had ten fantastic speakers: Brooke Duffy & Hunter Rankin, Carlos Cresswell & Brent Knight, Nancy Duffy & Tommi Davis, Arth Patel & Hollie Thomas, Harrison Mackisack & Harry Dickson. All the speeches were high quality and demonstrated not only great oratory skills, but also a level of confidence in public speaking which was very impressive! Well done!

## COMING UP:

**Friday 25th September** - House Team 'Sing Off'  
**Friday 25th September** - Last day of School  
**Monday 12th October** - First day of Term 4!

**Tuesday 13th October** - Hockey Wairarapa Class Sessions  
**Tuesday 13th October** - 'Lost Letter' Show in Carterton Y1-3  
**Thursday 15th October** - 'Shake Out' Earthquake Day  
**Friday 16th October** - Celebration Assembly Pūtura hosts (TBC)



### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

It was lovely celebrating with our students last Friday, with an online assembly created by students from Hukanui (Rm1). The class shared some lovely spring art work they had completed. Our online hosts for tomorrow are the students from Rongomai. **Assembly is at 2pm in the hall - all visitors will still need to sign in - see you there!**

### 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: Lleucu Anderson & Jaylah Keedwell  
Room 2: Johnny Dandy  
Room 3: Bella Ifill  
Room 5: Ellie Pinnell  
Room 6: Logan Atkinson

### 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: Braxton Duffy & Brodie Braddick  
Room 2: McKenzie Moore  
Room 3: Chelsea Spring  
Room 5: Blake Renel  
Room 6: Paice Mitchell-Hopa

**Principal's Award:** Lana-May Hamilton for her great attitude to school and her learning. Well done!



### SPRING SHOW INFORMATION

Coming out with this newsletter are detailed sheets about our upcoming 'Spring Show Day' on Friday 6th of November. Enclosed is the day's programme, class activities and information about the 'Pet Photography' competition. We have also enclosed the Pet Registration form again, and please note all registrations will need to be in by **Friday 16th October**. Please note **NO** late registering of pets will be accepted. Please ensure you read everything carefully.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO RUGBY STARS

A big congratulations to both Scott Duffy and Paice Mitchell - Hopa for Awards they received at the Tararua Bush Rugby Prizegiving last Sunday. Scott was awarded the 'Forward of the Year' in his Under 12/13 team and Paice was awarded the 'Most Valuable Player' in his Under 11 team. Well done boys!!



### HOUSE TEAM 'SING OFF'

Final day for House Teams to practise for the school competition tomorrow. We have four different songs to be performed, with props and costumes! The hard job of judging a winner falls on Pip Hanson who will be at school enjoying the show!

### TERM DATES FOR 2021

We are required to be open for instruction 380 half days next year and with the June 2019 Accord between NZEI, PPTA and the Ministry we are not required to 'make up' the planned Teacher Only Days. Below are the term dates for 2021:

Term 1 - 98 days (11 Weeks)	Term 2 - 98 days (10 Weeks)	Term 3 - 98 days (10 Weeks)	Term 4 - 86 days (9 Weeks)
Thursday 4th February to Friday 16th April <b>Public Holiday:</b> Waitangi Day Good Friday Easter Monday	Monday 3rd May to Friday 9th July <b>Public Holiday:</b> Queens Birthday & 1 x Teacher Only Day	Monday 26th July to Friday 27th September <b>Local Holiday:</b> Mid Term Break: & 1 x Teacher Only Day	Monday 18th October to Thursday 16th December <b>Public Holiday:</b> Labor Day

### PREPARING FOR SUNNY WEATHER IN TERM 4

A reminder that Eketahuna School has a Sun Safety Policy which requires all students shoulders and upper arms to be covered, along with hats to be worn in Term 4. A good idea is to have your child bring a hat (with their name on) that can be left at school. This will mean they won't run the risk of leaving it at home and then have to spend their breaks on the deck in the shade.



### NEW BUS TREE LISTS - BUS STUDENTS

With the issues we had last week with our buses not running and being late it has given us a chance to check our bus communication system. We are going to update our Bus Tree lists - which include family names and phone numbers - and ask those who **DO NOT** want to be part of our updated Bus Tree lists to advise the school office immediately.

*We hope you have a happy & restful two weeks holiday, and return safely to school on Monday 12th October.*

*Nga mihi,  
Melinda & the Eketāhuna School Team*

## 2020 Weekly Update

### Hukanui News: (Room 1)

Thank you for a fantastic term! We have had a creative week finishing off our spring art, our recycled bottle monsters and practicing for the house singing competition. We have also had lots of fun learning hockey skills and we are looking forward to practicing again with Jess after the holidays. We have worked really hard this term so we will be enjoying some movie time on Friday. Please remember to return your permission slip for the Lost Letter show by **tomorrow**. We need these now as the trip is at the beginning of term 4. We are also needing ice cream tubs or containers with lids, any help with this would be much appreciated.

We hope you have a fun, safe and relaxing holiday!

As always if you have any questions please contact us.

Thanks, Jess & Jo.

### Rongomai News: (Room 2):

Hi everyone. Well what an amazing term of fun, learning and creativity. It has been a very busy term. Thank you to everyone for your support. We will be having a Fun Day Friday end of term movie, pizza and ice-cream soda.

Please come along in your pajamas and slippers, ready for a day of relaxation, fun and creativity!!!

Assembly this Friday will be run by Rongomai so see you there. Have a great two weeks with your family.

Keep safe, happy, kind and don't miss me too much!!!!!!

### Hamua News: (Room 3)

It's PARTY TIME!!!

We are planning a 'bring your teddy and blankie' party day on Friday. I'll supply popcorn and a movie. All other donations welcome :)

We have finally finished doing 'Time' in Maths but the children still need lots of practise, so please refer to the clock/watch as many times a day as you can, asking your child to read the time. Remembering that the numbers on the clock face only speak the language of 'hours', and that we have to count the minutes in 5s, and read the minutes first.

We are also looking forward to the 'Lost Letter' show in Carterton. Note that this is on the **first day** of Term 4 so we need all permission slips back by this Friday please.

Happy holidays everyone!!

Carol

### Nireaha News: (Room 5)

This week, our newsletter info comes from four representatives: *Brodie, Oskar, Charli and Kaia*.

Tasked with the mission to share the highlights of this term, here's what came forward!

*"We got to dig holes, find worms, count them and put them all back again - all for a national survey. We're even breeding worms for Pukaha and pulling off a composting programme for the whole school! We loved doing things like: Kapa Haka, Jump Jam, Maori language week, Stem Rotations, Sign Language with Carolyn, Speeches and House Singing. In particular, we loved the Kitchen Science work (during the STEM Rotations) where we made butter for the pikelets we got given. Making catapults was also a highlight - where we built a structure that allowed us to fling marbles, marshmallows and wine gums out. We also had to make bridges in teams, out of pencils and rubber bands. That was called Civil Engineering! The bridges had to hold huge amounts of weight. Getting ePals from Arizona, Solway, Mexico, Iceland, Egypt, England and India has been soooo cool! Learning (the beginnings of) a new language (for some of us) was great too. In one case one of us got to 'be a teacher teaching French to Kora, in Arizona' for example. Creating activities, such as quizzes, for ePals - plus the PAT tests was also fun!"*

Have a fabulous holiday everyone!

Cheers! Jo, Barb & team.

### Putara News: (Room 6)

When asking Hayley Dennison what to put in the school newsletter her response was, 'Pūtara is the best class in the world and no one can beat it!' Hayley, thank you for your optimism and positivity!

We have been working continuously hard during mathematics. Basic facts with lots of variety has been our focus for the end of the term. Keep these going at home during the holidays if you like :)

Well done to all Pūtara children who have worked continuously hard during term three. Have a fantastic school holiday, keep safe and enjoy lots of time relaxing and enjoying yourselves.

I can't wait to see you all in term four!!

Dean

Thursday 24th September

Term 3 Week 10

### Junior Golf - Eketahuna

For children 6-13 years

Eketahuna Golf Club

Weekly on Tuesdays

Starting Tuesday 13th Oct for Term 4 2020

3.30pm -4.30pm

Please arrive 10 minutes before start time.

Bring a hat, suitable shoes, drink, snack  
& wear sunblock.

New players welcome.

Please contact Francie Duffy 375 8384  
or Jenny Anderson 375 8310



### 'She Loves Golf'

Ladies -For new or returning golfers.

Eketahuna Golf Club

4 week programme with golf pro attending the first 2  
sessions to teach the basics of golf.

Starts Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 10.30am -12.p for 4  
weeks.

Golf clubs provided. Or bring your own if  
you have them.

Enquiries to Jenny Anderson 375 8310  
or Francie Duffy 375 8384



### **Pukaha Junior Rangers school holiday programme.**

Runs every weekday from 28<sup>th</sup> September – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020 for children aged 5 – 14 years.

It's a huge amount of fun. Just \$30 per child (\$27 for members)

Full details can be found here:

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2020/p-kaha-junior-rangers3/masterton>

Parents should book now to avoid missing out.

Any questions, please give our team a call. We are happy to receive new and returning Junior Rangers.

We look forward to welcoming families these holidays too.

Please be aware our September opening hours are daily; 9:00am – 4:30pm

But in October we are open slightly later. Still daily but 9:00am – 6:00pm

Visitors are welcome to bring their own food and drinks and picnic on our tables inside the reserve, but alcohol and pets  
should be left at home.

### Eketahuna Golf Club Celebrations

#### 50 years of golf at the Makakahi Course on the 12<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> February 2021

We are pleased to invite all past & present members to join with us to celebrate 50 years of golf at the Makakahi golf course.

This will be an opportunity to renew old friendships, share memories & observe the improvements to the course.

If you are interested, or know of any past members & I have not contacted you, please get in touch with Janice Duffy to register. Phone:  
06-3758385

### **THANKS TO MR HAYES**

A big thank you to Bernie Hayes for his kind donation of tree trunk rings for our Butterfly Garden.  
The rings will be used as stepping stones and retaining walls in the garden Hamūa is creating - we  
really appreciate getting them!

