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Term 4 Week 1

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Welcome back everyone - hope you all had a great break and are fully refreshed for a busy term!



EKETAHUNA SCHOOL SPEECH FINAL RESULTS

The school speech finals were held on Thursday of our last week and were judged by Carol Laubscher and Denyse Clifton. All students presented their speech to the school, and students from Rongomai entertained the audience between speakers while the judges discussed marking. The high quality speeches made the selection a challenge for the two judges, with both very impressed with all of the students ability to speak so confidently in public. The winners from Year 4 - 8 were: Brooke Duffy, Brent Knight, Tommi Davis, Hollie Thomas and Harrison Mackisack. The runners up Hunter Rankin, Carlos Cresswell, Nancy Duffy and Harry Dickson. Well done to all speakers!

HOUSE SINGING COMPETITION

A great first 'sing off' competition was held on the last day of Term 3 with Pip Hanson coming in to judge! All houses put in amazing performances! 1st Whero, 2nd Kakariki, 3rd Ma, and 4th Kikorangi.



COMING UP:

Friday 16th October - Principal Award for school - free sausage and extra play time at school!!

Friday 16th October - Celebration Assembly Pūtara hosts

Wednesday 21st October - Technology Year 7 & 8 @ Tararua

Friday 23rd October - Loud Shirt Day & bring gold coin donation

Friday 23rd October - Celebration Assembly Nireaha hosts

Friday 23rd October - Book Club orders due

Monday 26th October - Labour Day & school is closed

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY:

It is great seeing everyone at the school Celebration Assemblies each Friday, at **2:00pm**, in the hall. It's a great time to share the successes children have had throughout the week. Tomorrow's assembly will be hosted by our senior students from Pātara. 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: Lexi Mitchell & Toby White
Room 2: Nevaeh Carrington
Room 3: Patrick Thomas
Room 5: Isla Dickson
Room 6: Hollie Thomas

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: Ariki Wihone & Maisyn Parr
Room 2: Priscilla Stafford
Room 3: Madison Rankin
Room 5: Charli Read
Room 6: Jackson Wells

Principal's Award: The whole school for such an excellent Term 3! **ALL STUDENTS WILL GET A SAUSAGE TOMORROW & EXTRA PLAY!**

SPORT UPDATE

This season's **hockey** competition gets underway next Tuesday afternoon with four teams entered - it's awesome to see so many students playing in the competition! We also have **cricket** down to start on the 31st October and have one team entered. Thanks to all those who have given up their time to coach our teams this term. We really appreciate your commitment to our students and the school.

SUMMER HOCKEY DRAW - TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER

Eke Superheroes (U7)
vs St Ants Magenta,
@ 3.30 - Turf 4A
S. White (Coach)

Eke Ninjas (U9)
vs Pahiutua 6
@ 3.55 - Turf 4
A. Mackisack (Coach)

Eke Warriors (U11)
vs St Ants Red
@ 3.55 - Turf 1
L. Atkinson (Coach)

Eke Blazers (U13)
vs Pongaroa
@ 4.20 - Turf 1
M. Redington TBC(Coach)

LOUD SHIRT DAY FUNDRAISER FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER

Loud Shirt Day is the annual appeal of The Hearing House and the Cochlear Implant Programme who are dedicated to ensuring that children and adults with hearing loss have the opportunities to listen and communicate with spoken language. We are asking everyone to wear a 'loud shirt' on Friday 23rd October and bring along a gold coin donation which goes to these organisations that support children with hearing loss. All Loud Shirt Day donations go to the region in which they were raised.



SPRING SHOW UPDATE

We are counting down to the Spring Show with lots going on. Please remember to return your **Pet Registration Form** by **tomorrow**. There will be no late registrations accepted. If you are not bringing a live pet you are asked to bring along a pet of the 'stuffed toy' variety. Also remember to get your photo of your favourite pet (Note: it doesn't have to be the one you are bringing to the Spring Show) into the office to go in the **'Pet Photography Competition'**. Prizes of a family pass to the movies, indoor pool and ten pin bowling are



up for grabs!! Entries in by Wednesday 4th November. Class activity information is in today's newsletter. :-D

STUDENTS ARE SUN SMART IN TERM 4

Another friendly reminder that Eketahuna School has a Sun Safety Policy which requires all students' shoulders and upper arms to be covered, along with sun hats being worn. 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. We want to ensure everyone is 'sun smart' and safe!



Nga mihi,

Melinda and the Eketahuna School Team

Weekly Update

Hukanui News: (Room 1)

Welcome back to school. We hope you have had a great holiday. It has been a great start to the term. The children were all happy to see each other and we have had a busy week already. We have started Hockey again with Jess from Wairarapa Hockey, children are picking up skills quickly with the regular practice. On Tuesday we went to see the Lost Letter Office Show at the Carterton Events Centre. This was fantastic, and a great opportunity for the children to experience live theatre, which for many of them was their first time. We stopped after the show for lunch at Carterton park and playground. This is a neat place to go and even to take small wheels as they have a road like course with traffic lights to use. It was a great day out, made even better by the childrens awesome behaviour. Now is the term to send a hat. From this week if your child does not have a hat at school they will have to play on the deck in the shade. Also a reminder for Water bottles each day too.



Rongomai News: (Room 2)

Welcome back to term 4. We have had a great start to our final term for the year. It's great to see everyone happy, excited AND ready for some great learning. Maths: we have been learning how to problem solve. Students have been working together to discuss, share ideas and solve a variety of different word and number problems. Reading: we are learning about our Elections. Students have been learning Democratic Elections and the process it involves. English: we are looking at dictionary meanings and completing interesting sentences for spelling.

Writing: we are draft writing, re-crafting and editing our work. PE: we will start daily Boot Camp exercises. Please send your child to school with suitable footwear and clothing that allows them to participate fully.

CAMP 2020: Our overnight camp will be held in Week 6. **Information and permission slips will come home THIS Monday for you to complete and send back to school.** Day (1) We will have an 'outing' then return to school and have a sleepover. Day (2) we will spend the day working through a variety of Survivor Type activities.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to email me on my school email address.

Have a great week. Beyonce

Hamua News: (Room 3)

School has started with a bang! We had a great time on our trip yesterday. The children especially enjoyed the digital background with moving cats and birds and letters. They liked the theme of the lost letters that ended up in the lost letter shop and eventually reached their recipients!

In Phonics we are learning all the 'i' sounds this week. In math we are practising place value and we have started our projects-the children chose their own topics.

Please remember to bring sunhats and water bottles :) Carol



Nireaha News: (Room 5)

It's great to be back! We're covering the Elections, getting our Mealworm Care Plan sorted for Pukaha and enjoying new ePal work! We scored several videos from kids we're connected with as Social Science 'project partners' in the US & Iceland. This has us also partnering with the UN, sharing examples as to how youth generations are interacting with the UN's SDG's: the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, logged for 2015-2030. Our partners showed us their Tiny House designs to help alleviate poverty. What's more, we've also tuned in videos from kids in Thailand! It's been an exciting week. Cheers! Jo & Barb.



Putara News: (Room 6)

Kia ora, whānau.

I trust you all had a nice break, enjoyed the sunshine, and got to spend some wonderful time with your children.

I'm really hoping term four is going to be a settled term for all of us. Believe me when I say that the first three terms have presented some challenges; however, on the whole we have all fared particularly well. For those attending next week's Tough Guy / Tough Girl challenge, I wish you all the very best of luck!!

There is a lot happening for us between now and the remainder of the year. I'm looking forward to the Spring Show, Young Leaders Day Out, Pūtara overnight camp / sleepover - yet to be confirmed where, the school fun day, our school prizegiving, school and Bush athletics day, bikes in schools and finally the xmas parade.

As always, I have an open door policy; therefore, you're welcome to contact me at any time. Have a wonderful weekend!

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NOTIFYING SCHOOL IF UNWELL

Remember if your child is too unwell to attend school you need to notify the office **EACH DAY** they are at home to avoid them being recorded as truant. After 3 days away from school due to poor health we will ask for a doctor's medical certificate for our school Enrol system.



SPORTS UNIFORMS

Please ensure all students playing sport are all wearing the correct uniform of black shorts/skort & the school sports top at our after school games this term. We want to represent the school well and taking pride in our uniform is a great start. Eketahuna sport shirts are still available at the office. Thank you.



STUDENTS 'OFF' BUSES

Can we ask parents & caregivers of any bus students who are being taken off the afternoon buses to please let the office know **BEFORE** 2:30pm. Late 'ring ins' are hard to monitor and we want to avoid any mix ups at the end of the school day. Thanks.



Agenda for the Board Of Trustees Meeting

The Agenda for the BOT meeting to be held on Thursday 29th October will close on Friday 23rd October 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. Thank you.

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

'SHAKE OUT DAY'

Get prepared - Me takatū

We have practised what you need to do to get your school ready in case of an earthquake today - go to the website below to prepare your household!

<https://getready.govt.nz>



CHECK CLOTHING IS YOURS!

Can you please check that the clothes that your child brings home are their own clothes as we have had several named items go missing.