

# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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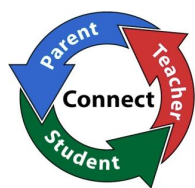
Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Another great week of teaching and learning with students engaged in a variety of in class, and outside 'hands on' activities. Lots coming up so please take note...

## SCHOOL CLOSURES THIS TERM - PLEASE NOTE

This term we will be closing the school on Friday 13th November for a Staff Only Day.

## END OF YEAR REPORTS & LEARNING PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS:



This term we will be sending home the End of Year reports at the end of Week 6, once final assessments have been completed. In keeping with our new system for the year, in light of the ongoing pandemic complications, we will follow these reports with the opportunity for parents and caregivers to meet with class teachers to discuss the content. Next week meeting time slips will be coming home for the learning discussions on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th November. The afternoons will start at 4pm and go through to 6:30pm.

We are also offering meetings at school or via zoom. These meetings will be 10 minutes and enable our teachers to share your child's achievement for the year, celebrate their successes and look towards 2021.

## HOUSE TEAM LEADERS COMMUNITY SERVICE

Today our House Team Leaders returned to the Community Gardens to continue their service in the Eketahuna town. The students were weeding and then replanting the raised beds. The project has been going since 2013 overseen by LeeAnn at the Medical Centre. The service our leaders do will help them to connect positively with our community, and provide great learning opportunities.



## HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Our Home & School Association met on Tuesday and went through a HUGE agenda, and most generously donated \$1,000 for the school 'Fun Day Out'. The group is now preparing for the Spring Show, the annual Santa Cruise and the raffle to run, and be drawn at, the school prizegiving. Can we ask families to start their planning for baked items to bring along to the Spring Show Bake Sale. Please see the leaflet attached. :-D



## LOUD SHIRT DAY TOMORROW

We are asking everyone to wear a 'loud shirt' tomorrow and bring along a gold coin donation which goes to organisations that support children with hearing loss. Thanks!



## TIM SWALE FROM TECH IS RETIRING

Sadly we will be saying 'farewell' to Tim Swale at the end of the year. Tim has provided our students with many awesome hard materials tasks and practical skills. We wish him all the best!

## SPRING SHOW UPDATE

We are counting down to the Spring Show with only 2 weeks to go! Remember to get your photo of your favourite pet into the office to go in the 'Pet Photography Competition'. Prizes are family passes to the movies, indoor pool and ten pin bowling!! These need to be back to school by Wednesday 4th November. The plan for the day is also in today's newsletter. Please make sure children have chosen their two in class activities for the day.



### COMING UP:

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 opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week it is also a chance to see great learning that our host class shares! Tomorrow's assembly will be hosted by students in Nireaha (Rm 5). 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: Brodie Braddick & Ashaia O'Keeffe  
Room 2: McKenzie Moore  
Room 3: Maclane King  
Room 5: Nathan Atkinson  
Room 6: Sam Willetts

#### 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: Emmanuel McNamara & Zyana Crudis  
Room 2: Harrison Mackisack  
Room 3: Lana Hanson  
Room 5: Charli Read  
Room 6: Anthony Dennison

**Principal's Award:** Noah Duffy for great leadership displayed when working with his 'Enviro Team'. Wee done!

### SCHOOL START TIME

Please be aware that there are no staff to supervise children before 8am in the morning. Classes are not open until 8:15am. If children need to be at school at 8am please guide them to the school office where they will need to stay until teachers open their rooms. No children should be on site before 8am.



### SCOOTER FUN

In term we welcome scooters back to school. If your child intends on bringing one along please ensure they wear a helmet if riding it to school. They will also require a helmet if they plan to use the 'ramps' available at school. Shoes that cover the whole foot are also required. The school rules are clear that no equipment is to be shared and that scooters are to be ridden only on the basketball courts. We want to keep kids safe!

#### LOST PROPERTY

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT THAT COMES TO SCHOOL IS CLEARLY NAMED & THAT ITEMS BROUGHT HOME ARE YOURS.

WE HAVE BEEN BACK TWO WEEKS AND WE HAVE A HUGE PILE! IF YOU ARE IN SCHOOL, PLEASE COME IN AND CHECK OUT THE BIN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH EVERYONE.



#### HATS & SUNSCREEN

OUR SUN SAFETY POLICY REQUIRES HATS TO BE WORN IN TERM 4. IT IS BEGINNING TO HEAT UP, SO A GOOD IDEA IS TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BRING A HAT (NAMED) THAT CAN BE LEFT AT SCHOOL, THEREFORE AVOIDING SPENDING THEIR BREAKS ON THE DECK IN THE SHADE. 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.



### HOCKEY UPDATE FROM ALI MACKISACK

It was a great start to the outdoor hockey season on the turf at Pahiataua. Everyone was in their school shirts which really made us look good as teams, and everyone remembered their mouthguard, long socks, shin pads and sticks too. So thanks parents and caregivers - we know it takes some sorting to get everyone "geared up"! The Under 7s played St Anthonys and won 5 nil. The Under 9s played Pahiataua 6 and won 1 nil. The Under 11s played St Anthonys Red and lost 2 nil. The Under 13s played Pongaroa and won 5 nil. With such a promising start it's going to be exciting to watch our teams develop over the term. Thanks Dean, and all the parents and caregivers, for coming along to support our players on the day.

#### CRICKET DRAW

Team practise  
Wednesday 28th  
@ 5pm  
Eketahuna School

#### SUMMER HOCKEY DRAW

**Eke Superheroes (U7)**  
vs Kumeroa  
@ 3.30 pm  
Turf 1B

**Eke Ninjas (U9)**  
vs Pahiataua 7  
@ 3.30 pm  
Turf 3

**Eke Warriors (U11)**  
vs Pahiataua 12  
@ 4.20 pm  
Turf 2

**Eke Blazers (U13)**  
vs Pahiataua 15  
@ 4.20 pm  
Turf 4

### SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Coming up in Week 5 is our school athletics. We will be having a Senior Athletics (8 - 13 year olds) day on Monday 9th November and a Junior Athletics (5 - 7 year olds) morning on Thursday 12th November. Our classes have started practising skills required for each event. More information on both the days will follow.

Nga mihi,

Melinda & the Eketahuna School Team

## 2020 Weekly Update

**Hukanui News: (Room 1)** We have had another great week in Hukanui. Welcome to Darcy, Kyla and Quinny! We are excited to have you join our class. We also have Nieve visiting us on Wednesdays. In maths we have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes. We made our own cubes and pyramids using a shape net which we cut out, folded and glued together. In writing we have practice letter writing by writing some thank you letters. We have also been working on our school recycling system with Ali. We are looking forward to visiting the Masterton recycling center on November 4th, please return the permission slip that was sent home as soon as possible. We are hoping for lots of sunny weather so we can have outside play, please make sure a sun hat is sent each day otherwise the children will need to stay on the deck at play times.

As always if you have any questions please contact us.

Thank you, Jess & Jo.

**Rongomai News: (Room 2)** Hi everyone, another great week of fun and learning in Room 2. We continue to work through Problem Solving and Basic Facts for Mathematics. **Reading:** we have been working through different reading texts, concentrating on our comprehension skills. **Spelling:** we have been working on dictionary skills and interesting sentences. **Art:** we are researching Vincent Van Gogh and learning to sketch sunflowers. As a class we will also be growing our own Sunflower Plants. **Camp:** we are counting down to camp 2020. Students are excited about camping at school in the classroom or in tents. Permission Slips have gone home and need to be returned by tomorrow before planning can begin. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me on my school email address. Have a great week. Beyonce Sayles

### Hamua News: (Room 3)

We have been very busy working on our 'information reports' on a topic of our choice this week, and I have been so impressed with the interesting facts the children have learnt from their research!

In Math we are now starting on picture graphs and the new homework booklets are coming home today. Please try and do a little each day :) Yesterday we worked with compasses and maps, learning to follow directions, which was fun!

Have a great weekend.

Carol

### Nireaha News: (Room 5)

We have been learning about the NZ Elections and how the voting works. We have learnt about the 5 leaders of the main NZ political parties. We are developing our own political parties to create our own parliament. Our parties have a name, logo, members plus leader profiles. Our parties include: the Emerald Party, New Zealand United, Party Awesome, The Wolf Party, National First, The Support Party and Animal Lives Matter. Voting will happen soon...watch this space.

This term we are going to be writing our own School Journals. These will include plays, articles, poems and will feature our own artwork.

### Putara News: (Room 6)

We have been writing points for 'discussion' this week. The children are understanding the format well: Opening statement, points for, points against, and finally a conclusion. This writing is of a topical nature; however, there is no bias when writing this. We're just wrapping up the end to our home schooling topic. Ask your child about their "for and against" - there has been some excellent thinking going on. Here are a couple of snippets from some of the children.

*"Home schooling is better than normal school because of the lack of violence, effective learning, better education and flexible hours. It's known that 67% of children do well in college as opposed to 53% in public schools.; so what is the better option?"*

- Blake

*"Home schooling can benefit children who are antisocial or prefer to do work in their own time. Home schooling is a lot better for costs. You are able to start school when you want, and when learning from home you can get more one-on-one time with your teacher" - Lilly*





**School Library  
&  
Reading Books**  
Please check at home for any  
School Library and Reading  
books and return to the  
school office

### Agenda for the Board Of Trustees Meeting

The Agenda for the BOT meeting on the  
29th October will close on  
Thursday 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.

### BUSH DISTRICT BOYS & GIRLS 'AG DAY'

The Bush District Ag Day is coming up on  
Thursday 12th November in Pahiatua.  
This year there are animal registration  
forms that need to be filled out before  
the day.

The forms can be collected from Denise  
in the office, and need to be returned to  
the school by Thursday 5th November so  
they can be sent through.



### Nireaha Hall Disco

Saturday 31st October  
Nireaha Hall  
Gold Coin Donation  
6pm - 8pm



Dress up in your favourite costume and come have a  
dance with us on Halloween night. Bring some change as  
we will have lollies, glow sticks, chips, drinks and more for  
sale. Bring your kids along to have a fun safe night, drop  
them at the door and the fun will begin.

Separate Scary Dark Cave.

We look forward to seeing you all there.



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

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

**MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER @ 9:00am**

Envelopes to order came home last Thursday..  
You can order on line or return the envelope with your details  
and photo choices.

If you wish to have a 'family portrait' done please contact Denise in the  
office for a specific ordering envelope.

**All orders MUST BE DONE by Friday 30th October.**

On the photo day students will be issued with an internet access key to enable all  
parents/whanau access to online viewing of the photographs and to allow online ordering  
after photo day for those that have not pre-ordered.

**Photos will be returned to school in approximately 4 - 6 weeks.**

