

Thursday 28th October 2020

Term 4 Week 3

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...

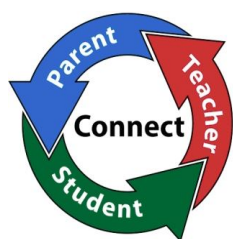
SCHOOL CLOSURES THIS TERM - PLEASE NOTE

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

FINAL HOCKEY SESSIONS

We had our final sessions with accredited coach Jess from Wairarapa Hockey this week. She has run the Small Sticks programme over the last 3 years, which develops each child's basic fundamental skills whilst introducing the sports specific skills in the appropriate setting. Our students have enjoyed the sessions and we have seen their skills improve over the three years!!

LEARNING PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS:



This week we are sending meeting time slips for the learning discussions on Wednesday

25th and Thursday 26th of November. Meetings will start at 4 pm and go through until the last at 6:30 pm. We are offering meetings at school or via zoom. Each meeting will be 10 minutes and enable our teachers to share your child's achievements and discuss their end

of year reports. Refreshments will be available in the staff room and the library will be open for children to enjoy while meetings take place. Make sure you book times by sending your slip to the office.



STUDENTS ART SESSIONS

We had Mrs Morgan in school on Tuesday and Wednesday taking art sessions in Hukanui, Pātara and Nireaha. Students worked in a variety of mediums, using different techniques to produce some stunning pieces of work which will be displayed around school. We are looking forward to the finished results!

SPRING SHOW ON NEXT FRIDAY:

Coming home today is the programme for the day and a map of the school showing where all events are taking place. Also included is the back up plan if we have rain on the day so please read carefully and note that NO animals will be brought to school in the event of rain.



COMING UP:

Friday 23rd October - Celebration Assembly Rongomai hosts
Monday 2nd November - School Photos
Wednesday 4th November - Technology Year 7 & 8 @ Tararua

Thursday 4th November - Yr 8 testing for 2021 @ Tararua College
Friday 6th November - SPRING SHOW
Monday 9th November - Senior Athletics Day for 8 - 13 year olds
Thursday 12th November - Junior Athletics Day for 5 - 7 year olds

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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 Rongomai (Rm 2). 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: Bentley McCabe & Ramona Paul
Room 2: Izzie Oliver
Room 3: Harley Greco
Room 5: Robert Boddington
Room 6: Lachie Redington

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: Ann Kent / Rocco Burton Foley
Room 2: Brent Knight
Room 3: Maru Donald
Room 5: Angus Governor
Room 6: Sophie Drysdale

Principal's Award: Izzie Olliver for the great effort she put into creating a colourful shirt to wear on 'Loud Shirt Day'. Awesome stuff!

**BOOK AMNESTY**

We are asking for all Eketahuna School junior readers and library books to please be returned. Please have a hunt around your homes for any books you might have that belong to School - drop them into the school office - **NO** questions asked! The 'missing books' can add up to be a costly item, eg, junior readers alone are worth around \$10 each and with many going home nightly never to return, it is a cost to the school. Thanks.

LATE STUDENTS

OUR SCHOOL DAY STARTS AT 9AM AND WE SEEM TO HAVE A NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO ARE CONTINUALLY LATE TO SCHOOL. IT IS VITAL OUR STUDENTS ARE AT SCHOOL BEFORE THE START OF 9AM SO THEY HAVE TIME TO UNPACK, SORT THEIR EQUIPMENT AND PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR THE UPCOMING LEARNING IN CLASS.

**SCOOTERS AT SCHOOL**

WE LOVE TO SEE OUR STUDENTS USING THEIR SCOOTERS AT BREAK TIME BUT WE DO ASK THAT THEY WEAR COVERED SHOES AND BRING A HELMET IF THEY INTEND TO USE THE SCHOOL RAMPS AND JUMPS. WE WANT TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE WHILE THEY ARE HAVING FUN! THANK YOU.

**SCHOOL RUBBISH:**

WE ARE STILL ACTIVELY ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO PUT FOOD 'WRAPPINGS' & PACKAGING BACK IN THEIR LUNCH BOXES ONCE THEY HAVE EATEN AT MORNING TEA AND LUNCH. WE CONTINUE TO SEE A REDUCTION IN RUBBISH HERE AT SCHOOL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

**HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CALF SCHEME**

On behalf of the Home and School Association, and the school, a big thank you to all those in our community who are supporting the school through the calf scheme. Your generosity is most appreciated. If you would like to join the scheme or would like more information please ring Kirby Duffy 375 8119 or Jacqui Anderson 375 8101. Thanks :-D

CRICKET DRAW

Eketahuna Cyclones
vs Red Star Royal
@ 9.00am
Hadlow School - 1

SUMMER HOCKEY DRAW

Eke Superheroes (U7)
vs Pah 3
@ 3.30 pm
Turf 1B

Eke Ninjas (U9)
vs Pahiatua
@ 3.55pm
Turf 3

Eke Warriors (U11)
vs Pahiatua 9
@ 4.20 pm
Turf 2

Eke Blazers (U13)
vs St Ants Purple
@ 4.20 pm
Turf 4

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 Tuesday 10th November so they can be sent through.

Nga mihi,
Melinda & the Eketahuna School Team



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Weekly Update

Hukanui News: (Room 1)

We have had another busy week in Hukanui. We have had Mrs Morgan here to complete artwork and we have also been working on our pet day art for the Spring show next week. We are moving back into number knowledge for maths as well as focussing on Fractions. A few reminders, the first is for the spring show and pet day on Friday 6th November, please look at the items our class is making and organise the relevant items for your child to make. We are going to the recycling centre in Masterton on Wednesday 4th November. If you have not returned your child's permission slip please do so. Lastly, please send drink bottles to school each day as the weather gets warmer, it is important that children have lots to drink.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Thanks Jess & Jo

Rongomai News: (Room 2) Hi everyone. We have had another busy week of fun and learning. **Math:** we have been working together in groups to 'problem solve'. Students share, discuss and solve problems together. They are also using mathematical language to explain their strategies to find an answer. So far we have looked at 'doubles', fractions and multiplication'. **Reading:** we continue to work on our comprehension skills. **Spelling:** we have dictionary meanings and interesting sentences. **Writing:** we have completed our sample pieces of writing on last terms Stem Rotation. Art: we are learning about sunflowers and how to sketch and colour them. They look amazing!! For enviro we have planted seeds in pots to grow. **Countdown to Camp 2020:** the permission slip has gone home. Information regarding what your child will need to bring comes home this Monday, so please look out for it. **Spring Show:** is next Friday. Information regarding what students in Rongomai need to bring will come home tomorrow so please look out for it. Reminder: just a reminder that if you do need to contact me my door is always open, if you need to make an appointment then you can do so through my school email address. Have a great week and as always Rongomai students you rock. Beyonce

Hamua News: (Room 3)

We are looking forward to the Spring Show next Friday and there will be a note coming home reminding parents which activities your child has chosen and what they need to bring to school, please.

In Maths we have been working on pictograms, and will be moving onto measurement next week. We have been making clay tiles in art, which the children have greatly enjoyed. These will be kiln fired, painted, glazed, and refired before coming home. Something to treasure :)

Please remember water bottles and hats need to come to school daily, too. We also have an outing planned for 2 December-we are visiting the New Forest School on Mikimiki road. Exciting!!!! Please let us know if you can join us. Thank you

Carol

Nireaha News: (Room 5)

It's been an interesting week this week - with a real mix of activities on the go. The week began with our last lesson of Hockey and a focus on athletics that jumped to an even more intense level. Yesterday, the class scored a full half day with Mrs Morgan, developing art for 2021 calendars. The end of term reports are underway and following the latest in 'writing samples', done yesterday, the progress has been encouraging. Students are either into their next level, or consolidating what they've been learning, beautifully! Discussions are underway with how we'll roll as a school with the upcoming Christmas Cruise, from what the float will be that'll drive through, to discussions involving a stall as well! In Term One, our class decided that an end of year sleepover will be an awesome idea - so (drum roll...) we've booked the Friday night before the Christmas Cruise as our night! A sleepover at school! As for next week, it'll be the Spring Show on Friday and soon after, a Trip to Pukaha (TBC). So, all up, a lot of fun in the mix! Cheers! Jo and Barb.

Putara News: (Room 6)

Kia ora, whānau,

We've had a great week with lots of variety i.e. transformation in mathematics - learning about reflection, rotation, enlargement and translation. Next week we begin a new focus centred around financial literacy.

Mrs Morgan has produced some beautiful calendar artwork with our tamariki. Ka pai, Mrs Morgan. This week, the children will conduct a formal writing sample - recount writing. Also, a post assessment for Predator Free New Zealand will be conducted. Lastly, we have started our athletics training. Already, I can see there will be some fierce competition, so please encourage your child to try their very best. Any niggles or concerns can you please send a signed note, otherwise the expectation is that all children will participate fully.

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FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

BAKE SALE

HOME AND SCHOOL ARE ONCE AGAIN RUNNING THEIR VERY POPULAR CAFÉ AND BAKE SALE. WE ARE ASKING EVERY FAMILY TO PROVIDE A PLATE OF BAKED OR BOUGHT GOODS FOR OUR CAFÉ.

PLEASE BRING ALONG ON THE DAY OR DROP INTO THE OFFICE.
MANY THANKS!

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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.

