

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

It has been another productive and fun week here at school. We are enjoying the Alert Level 1 which has allowed so many more activities to go ahead! We all have our fingers crossed for fine weather tomorrow so we can welcome the community to school and participate in our Spring Show! We look forward to seeing you there . . .



STUDENTS CHECK THE TRAP LINES AT PUKAHA MT. BRUCE

As part of our Predator Free NZ study, Jackson Wells, Hollie Thomas and M-Jay Carrington were invited to help check a trapline at Pūkaha, with Ali Mackisack last Friday. The students had an amazing time checking and baiting traps, watching the Kākā, figuring out how to use an emergency beacon, nibbling on fern fronds, checking out the eels and watching the baby kiwi being fed! Ali reported back that the three students "asked good questions, gave each other heaps of stick, followed all the safety protocols and were a real pleasure to take to the bush - a real credit to their parents and their school!"



WELL DONE JACKSON

Congratulations to Jackson Wells who was the grand winner of the Winter Reading Programme run by the town library. The prize was a tablet! the process of setting were very pleased for Jackson as he is a top class reader!!



HUKANUI'S RECYCLING TRIP

As part of the Enviro studies our junior room is looking at the School recycling, a trip to the Masterton Recycling Centre was organised by class teachers and Ali Mackisack. The students are in We up a school system they will run and the trip was a great opportunity to see ways it could be done!!

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior Athletics is on **Monday 9th November** starting @ 9:30am (pp date Tuesday 10th Nov)

- 8 - 13+ year olds will participate
- six events rotate between 9:30am - 12:30pm
- Sprints/Running finals will be from 1:30pm

Junior Athletics is on **Thursday 12th November**, starting @ 11am

- 5 - 7 year olds will participate
- A variety of teacher events to rotate around, with our school leaders supporting



ALL CHILDREN WILL NEED APPROPRIATE SPORTS ATTIRE, HATS, SUN LOTION AND DRINK!

COMING UP:

Friday 6th November - SPRING SHOW

Monday 9th November - Senior Athletics Day for 8-13 year olds

Wednesday 11th November - Year 7 & 8 to Technology

Thursday 12th November - Junior Athletics Day for 5 - 7 year olds

Friday 13th November - Staff Only Day - **SCHOOL IS CLOSED**

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY:

It was lovely seeing everyone at the school Celebration Assembly last Friday in the hall. It's such 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! Please note there is **NO** assembly tomorrow due to our Spring Show!



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: Aria Donohue & Quinny Donald
Room 2: Luke McNamara
Room 3: Maclane King
Room 5: Kaia Aplin
Room 6: Hayley Dennison

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: Lana May Hamilton & Kyla Pratt
Room 2: Holly Spring
Room 3: Lana Hanson
Room 5: Nathan Atkinson
Room 6: Holly Cresswell

Principal's Award: Rubylee Burton - Foley for her amazing effort in all areas of learning. Well done Rubylee!!



SPRING SHOW TOMORROW:

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

BUSH 'AG DAY'

THE BUSH DISTRICT AG DAY IS ON THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER. 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 BY WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER SO THEY CAN BE SENT THROUGH. THANKS.



LEARNING PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

PLEASE SEND MEETING TIME SLIPS IN TO SCHOOL FOR THE LEARNING DISCUSSIONS ON WEDNESDAY 25TH AND THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER. MEETINGS 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. LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING 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. THANK YOU.



Year 7 & 8 students enjoyed the 'Project Day' at Technology on Wednesday. Students got to make delicious meringues and choux pastries at soft technology. In hard technology, they did a great full orienteering course & bush safety!

CRICKET DRAW

Eketahuna Cyclones
vs Greytown Blue
@ 9.00am
Douglas Park, Mstn 1

Eke Superheroes (U7)
vs Pahiataua 1
@ 3.30 pm
Turf 4B

Eke Ninjas (U9)
vs St Ants Yellow
@ 3.55pm
Turf 3

Eke Warriors (U11)
vs Pahiataua 11
@ 3.55 pm
Turf 4

Eke Blazers (U13)
vs Pahiataua 16
@ 4.20 pm
Turf 4

SUMMER HOCKEY DRAW

EKETAHUNA CHRISTMAS PARADE

Coming up on Saturday 28th November is the annual Santa Cruise. This year we will have one float. Permission slips and more information will be coming out next week . . .

Nga mihi,

Melinda & the Eketahuna School Team.



2020 Weekly Update

Hukanui News: (Room 1)



We had a fantastic time at the Masterton recycling centre yesterday! Thank you to our parent helpers. It was great to see the recycling process in action and have a behind the scenes look at how the recycling is sorted using different machines. The children asked lots of interesting questions and enjoyed a well deserved play at Queen Elizabeth park afterwards. We have started athletics practice in preparation for next week and the children are enjoying this and trying their best. In maths we continue to work on fractions. We made toast and cut it into halves and quarters, yum! A reminder that the

Spring Show is Friday, please bring the supplies required for the two exhibits your child has chosen to create. As always if you have any questions please contact us.

Thanks, Jess & Jo.

Rongomai News: (Room 2) Hi everyone. I hope you have had a great week. **Maths:** We have been working hard on Problem Solving for maths throughout the last three weeks. Students have been using mathematical language to explain their answers to each other. **Art:** students have been working with Mrs Morgan to create some amazing art. They look great. **Spring Show:** Students choose at least two items to complete on Friday morning. For decorated cupcakes I will provide the icing and food colouring for students to use. They can bring in the items they will use to decorate themselves along with a dish to display in. **Athletics:** Students have been practising different skills in preparation for Senior Athletics on Monday 9th of November. Please make sure your child has suitable clothing, lunch, hat and water bottle for the day. Look forward to seeing you on Friday. Have a great week. Beyonce.

Hamua News: (Room 3)

We did outdoor maths today, finding things in the schoolground that we could measure with our metre rulers and measuring tapes. This was a fun activity! Please encourage further measuring at home. You don't even need a measuring tape. Length or width of items can be compared by using any suitable item, such as a pencil, piece of string etc... Remember to write cm for centimetre or m for metre.

Just a notice that we are still looking for parents to come on our outing on 2/12. Please let us know if you can join us. Looking forward to seeing all the families on Friday :)

Carol

Nireaha News: (Room 5)



When recent elections consumed the country, a keen team of Nireaha students asked if we could have our own parliament. Word got around incredibly quickly and sent a good chunk of teacher-directive planning out the window, to fit it in. This was brilliant - as in keeping with how today's education should also roll, students are to be involved in designing their own programme too. In this case, that gorgeous '*don't underestimate the kid*' reality kicked off. We have had some serious 'politics' evolving in class, with **Leaders' Debates**, campaigning, policies and voting-to-be!

Tomorrow's the **Spring Show**, so please enable your child to bring along what they need. A wet day plan is in place - the day will only alter the pet factor, should it be too wet. The exhibits will continue. Next Monday's our School **Senior Athletics Day**, so please ensure they've got a water bottle, extra food, and sneakers / sports shoes (no gumboots *please*). Cheers! Jo & Barb

Putara News: (Room 6)

Wow - looking at the top page of this newsletter demonstrates to me what a fabulous group of children we have in Pūtara! Ka pai to those children who attended the day out with Ali at Pūkaha. Furthermore, Jackson, congratulations on winning the Samsung tablet - you thoroughly deserve it! What I loved the most was hearing Miss Sayles comments (she was sitting behind you in assembly) about the wonderful spirit shown by your friends for winning this promotion. Well done Pūtara whānua!! As a teacher, it's a fantastic privilege to have such amazing individuals in my class.

Technology this week was great. I really enjoyed the delicious eclairs and watching children build their bivouacs. Technology is extremely important for our tamariki, and they always represent our school proudly.

Have a wonderful weekend, everybody.

FRIDAY 6TH 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!

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.

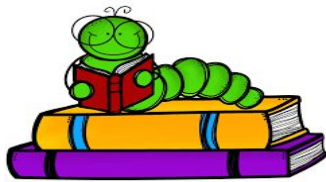
If parents have any concerns or wish to be present at their child's dental appointment please contact us on either of the numbers below.

Regards from the Dental Team

Telephone 027 475 0760



SCHOOL LIBRARY & READING BOOKS



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SCHOOL LIBRARY AND READING
BOOKS and return TO THE
SCHOOL OFFICE**

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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.

