

Thursday 12th November 2020

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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 awesome week here at Eketahuna School and we just keep getting busier - we had Junior Athletic Sports for 5 - 7 year olds today, and next week will see Year 8's attend the National Young Leaders Day, Nireaha visit Pukaha Mt. Bruce, our team compete at the Bush Athletics, our Road Safety Team movie treat, Rongomai camping overnight at school and the end of Year School Reports come out. Please read carefully & mark your calendar - lots of fun to come!



SCHOOL CLOSED TOMORROW - PLEASE NOTE

Tomorrow, Friday 13th November, our school is closed for a planned Staff Only Day.

EKETAHUNA SPRING SHOW

It was great seeing so many of our community last Friday. I thought the day was really successful and the students really enjoyed themselves. Many, many thanks to everyone who helped out on the day; to the judges for giving up their time and doing a fantastic job, to those who donated towards the bake sale; to the Home and School Association for their organisation and hard work



preparing for the day, also setting the rings, pouring the cups of tea and selling cakes from the hall; to those who gave up their time run the school barbecue, to all the parents for supporting their kids; Room 6 students and their amazing 'Soda Cafe' and to the school staff for their awesome class activities and giving 100% on the day. Lastly, our thanks to Property Brokers for providing the bread for the sausage sizzle! Well done to you all - it was a wonderful occasion and a definite highlight of the school year!



SPRING SHOW CUP WINNERS FOR 2020

Amazing turn out of lambs this year with hard decisions for the judges, Supreme Champion Lamb was Aurora Mitchell-Jensen, the Reserve Champion Lamb was Madison Rankin and the winner of the Anderson Family Cup for Best Pet was Stella Governor with her dog. Results from all pet competitions are over the page. Congratulations!



PET PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION WINNERS

We had some awesome entries come in for our Pet Photography Competition. Our judge was very impressed! First place was Isla Dickson, second place was Nancy Duffy and third place was Elisabeth Anderson. Well done!



LEARNING PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

Please send meeting time slips into 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. We look forward to seeing you in school in Week 7!

COMING UP:

Monday 16th November: NYLD in Palmerston North for Year 8
Monday 16th November: Nireaha (Rm 5) trip to Pukaha Mt. Bruce
Wednesday 18th November: Tararua Bush Interschool Athletics
Thursday 19th November: Road Safety Team Movie Treat
Thursday 19th November: Rongomai Day Out & Overnight Camp

Friday 20th November: School Assembly - House Deputies
Friday 20th November: End of Year School Reports Out
Tuesday 24th November: Year 8 Leavers Day Out
Wednesday 25th November: Technology for Year 7 & 8
Wed 25th & Thus 26th November: Parent / Teacher Meetings
Friday 27th November: School Assembly - Hamua (Rm 3)

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SCHOOL ATHLETICS TEAM FOR TARARUA BUSH 2020 COMPETITION

It was disappointing having our Senior School Athletics cancelled but we had been assessing students throughout training sessions, and had an informal rotation to confirm placings today. Our school athletics team is below. We are looking forward to the Tararua Bush Interschool athletics which is on in Pahiatua next week. Permission slips will be coming home today and we will need them returned to the office before competition day.

8 Years	9 Years	10 Years	11 Years	12 Years	13 years
Evan Governor Hunter Rankin Angus Manson Noah Duffy Joe Powell	Johnny Dandy	Lachie Duffy Julian Powell Brent Knight	Paice Mitchell-Hopa Lachie Redington Jackson Wells	Jacob Read LeeRay King Harry Dickson Scott Duffy	Anthony Dennison Harrison Mackisack M-Jay Carrington
Jehanne Knight Ella Mitchell Beth Anderson	Heidi Hanson Keira Bidois Brooke Duffy	Nancy Duffy Aurora Mitchell-Jensen Nevaeh Carrington Holly Spring	Mollie Mackisack Elie Pinnell Charli Read Isla Dickson Carmen Bidois	Hollie Thomas Holly Cresswell Kaia Aplin Meila Mitchell-Hopa Indy Burton-Foley	Stella Governor Sam Willetts

JUNIOR ATHLETICS

A great morning at school today with our junior students competing in athletics rotations - lots of top skills on display!

It was great to see so many parents and supporters watching the events. A big thanks to the Junior teachers for their organising and our TA's who helped run some events. Also good to see some of our senior students helping!

**SCHOOL RUBBISH:**

WE ARE STILL ACTIVELY ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO PUT FOOD 'WRAPPINGS' & PACKAGING BACK IN THEIR LUNCH BOXES ONCE THEY HAVE EATEN AT EACH BREAK TIME. WE CONTINUE TO SEE A REDUCTION IN RUBBISH HERE AT SCHOOL SO THANK YOU ALL THANK YOU!

**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.

**LOST PROPERTY**

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT THAT COMES TO SCHOOL IS CLEARLY NAMED, TO HELP US CUT DOWN ON LOST PROPERTY! ONLY BACK FIVE WEEKS AND WE HAVE A HUGE PILE! IF YOU ARE IN SCHOOL, PLEASE CHECK OUT THE BIN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**HEAD LICE**

We have had a case of head lice at school this week. This is a perennial problem in all schools and we recommend you check all members of your household carefully. If you require any further information or support in dealing with this issue please contact the school office on 375 8191. Thanks.



CRICKET DRAW	SUMMER HOCKEY DRAW			
Eketahuna Cyclones vs Red Star Thunder @ 9.00am MIS 1, Masterton	Eke Superheroes (U7) vs St Ants Lime @ 3.30 pm Turf 1A	Eke Ninjas (U9) vs St Ants Grey @ 3.55pm Turf 4	Eke Warriors (U11) vs Pahiatua 10 @ 3.55pm Turf 1	Eke Blazers (U13) vs Alfredton 2 @ 4.55pm Turf 3

Cricket Update

The Eketahuna team had a great game on Saturday with a win over Greytown Blue. Eketahuna scored 143 / 3, with Greytown getting to 76 all out! The team played extremely well, with Lachie Redington named Player of the Day' with his bowling taking 4 wickets and scoring 8 runs with the bat! Well done everyone.

EKETAHUNA CHRISTMAS PARADE

Coming up on Saturday 28th November is the annual Santa Cruise. This year we will have one float. Permission slips and information has been sent home to those students wanting to participate. Please get the forms returned to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Nga mihi,

Melinda & the Eketahuna School Team.



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CLASS WEEKLY UPDATE**Hukanui News: (Room 1)**

We had a great time at Pet day and the Spring Show on Friday. It was great to see the creations the children had made, them working with their Pets and catching up with all the parents. We had a good time at Athletics today. There are lots coming up so please make sure you check the homework diaries. Unfortunately, this may mean changes to the programme and we might not send book bags home every night. If you know of anybody who will be new to School in 2021, but has not enrolled please ask them to get in touch with the school office. Thank you for keeping your children home for Teacher Only Day tomorrow. We are looking forward to a good day of learning. Don't forget to book a time for Learning Discussions on the 25th & 26th of November, or if you have any queries in the meantime please email us.

Thanks Jess & Jo

Rongomai News: (Room 2) Hi everyone. We had a great time at the Spring Show last Friday. Students worked really hard on their creations in class. Our String Art has now been hung up in class if you would like to come along and see it, you are most welcome. We have some exceptional cup cake bakers in Rongomai! The designs were very colourful and creative and looked yummy! The Card Making Session was also a huge success. I heard one parent ask if they had used stencils? Students put their individual drawing and sketching skills to the test, coming up with some wonderful designs. It was a great day and Rongomai Students, you did a wonderful job, so Thank You. Camp information comes home today. It is important that you read carefully, fill in the Medical Form and return to school ASAP. Camp starts NEXT Thursday at 9 am and all students are very excited.

Hamua News: (Room 3)

Whew! Spring Day's all done and dusted! It was great fun and the children really enjoyed the art activities, and sharing in the pet showing/viewing. We had been practising hard for athletics, especially at High Jump that was new for us, and the children all competed with great attitude.

A reminder about our outing on 2 December, to New Forest School in Mikimiki road, Masterton. Let us know if you'd like to come along :) Looking forward to seeing parents at the learning discussions. Carol

Nireaha News: (Room 5)

Many thanks to everyone who's returned the permission slips for our trip to Pukaha this coming Monday. In light of us raising Mealworms for the centre, actually tuning in life there first - behind the scenes even more so now, is how we're rolling with this visit. The kids are also interested in finding out about the different ways the forest provides food and what the eels eat when not 'being spoon fed'. They would like to know how they look after the kiwi in the bush, (why they take the eggs etc) and are keen to see the dead ferrets etc in the freezer!

It's been business as usual otherwise in class - with plans ahead for the sleepover Friday 27th, evolving also (letter coming home next week). Thanks! Jo & Barb

**Putara News: (Room 6)**

Kia ora, whanau

We have been learning about oxymorons in writing. If you're unsure what this is then ask your child. I'm sure you'll find their answers awfully good...

Also, we have been learning to write a response relating to a movie, short clip or a read text. This allows opportunity to express plenty of bias; however, there needs to be reference to the text or film to support this. Our financial literacy unit in mathematics is cracking! Find out what simple and compound interest is. Your child will even show you some interesting compounding interest calculators.

Lastly, thank you to all the amazing supporters who helped with our Spring Show last Friday. We had a blast creating our creative pieces and miami. Although, I noticed a few of the boys "ducked" out of cleaning up...

Have a wonderful weekend, everybody!

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Eketahuna Mounted Rifles re-enactors were in Eketahuna this week. Yesterday they were out at Nireaha following the footsteps of the regiment. The Eketahuna Mounted Rifles were accepted as a Volunteer Corps in 1900, even though some men had already served in the Boer War. Beth & Lleucu Anderson joined them on their trek!



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HUGE THANKS TO THE WONDERFUL HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION FOR ALL THE WORK THAT WENT INTO ENSURING IT WAS A GREAT DAY!

PET JUDGES:

Alan & Sarah Schnell, Jason Waterman (PGG Wrightsons), Senior Constable Jymahl Glassey, Anna Christenson, Georgia Davies (Ballance Fertiliser), Gemma Dorotich (Seeds & Cereals), Richard Thurston (Silver Fern Farms), Teresa Duffy,

CLASS ACTIVITY JUDGES:

Charlie Death and Jenny Davidson.

SPONSORS:

Richard Thurston Silver Fern Farms - Supplying meat for our BBQ
FMG - Prizewinner goodie bags
Property Brokers - Supplying bread for our BBQ

HELPERS ON THE BBQ:

Patrick Baker from Property Brokers, Graham Read, Rachael Crawshaw and Nathan Spurr

Also . . . Ali Mackisack for helping organise the 'Soda Cafe' and Charlotte Wells for help at the Horse event and Brad Anderson for setting up all the eventing rings.



SCHOOL LIBRARY & READING BOOKS



Please CHECK AT HOME FOR any SCHOOL LIBRARY and READING BOOKS and return TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE



Bush SuperGrans

SPUD IN A BUCKET COMPETITION



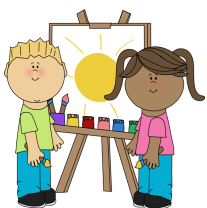
Free Entry

Age Group and Novelty Prizes

Collect your seed spuds and bucket from Help-n-Hand 42 Main Street, Pahiatua Between 16-20th November 2020 Weigh in: Saturday 20th February 2021

At Pahiatua Help-n-Hand 10 am

For more information Ph 3766759 Good Luck



STUDENT NUMBERS 2021

It is the time of year where we are looking at classes for next year. If you know that your child/children will not be returning to school in 2021 please let the office know as soon as possible. We also ask any families with children they intend to enrol for next year to also contact the office. Thanks.