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Term 4 Week 6

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

We are making the most of Term 4 with lots of fun and engaging activities that link to learning and student havora!



NIREAHA AT PŪKAHA MT BRUCE

Students had a wonderful day at Pukaha on Monday. They

went into the nocturnal house, the hatchery to see a kiwi egg, did a bush walk, fed the eels and visited the free flight enclosure! A huge thanks to Ali Mackisack for helping organise the trip - a wonderful experience!



YEAR 8 TO NYLD// 2020 IN PALMERSTON NORTH

On Monday our Year 8's travelled to Palmerston North for the 'National Young Leaders Day'. It was an exciting opportunity for our senior students to engage with other students across our region as well as hearing from keynote speakers in Leadership. Objectives of the NYLD for students are Inspiration, Connection, Student empowerment, Promoting positivity, Motivation, & Education. The students enjoyed hearing from William Pike - inspirational speaker & explorer, Steve & Riley Hathaway - young ocean explorers, Okirano Tilaia - voice for youth, Kayla Whitlock - Black Stick legend and four time Olympic hockey player along with performances by Josie Moon! A big thank you to the Home & School Assoc who helped school subsidise costs for our students, and the parents who transported students over.

ROAD WARDENS MOVIE TREAT

Today our Road Wardens went to Pahiatua where they were treated to a movie at The Regent Theatre. The treat was organised by local Police in recognition of the great work our wardens do each afternoon out at the roadside where they keep our students safe - we need to thank them for their commitment to the job, rain, hail, sun and wind. A well deserved treat!

END OF YEAR REPORTS HOME TOMORROW

Over the last few weeks I have spent time reading every students 'End of Year Report'. Considering the very challenging year we have had, I have felt a great sense of pride and pleasure as I see the amount of progress each has made in a variety of areas and recall the many activities, opportunities and learning experiences that have been provided for them over the year. Please take time over the next few days to chat with our children about their reports and celebrate the progress made by them all. You'll be proud!



COMING UP:

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 & Thurs 26th November: Parent /Teacher Meetings

Friday 27th November: School Assembly - Hamua (Rm 3)

Friday 27th November: Book Club Order Due



PŪTARA CREATE 'TINY HOUSES' AT TECHNOLOGY

The Year 7 & 8 were challenged with creating sustainable 'Tiny Homes' in the hard materials class. Students had to think about how they would be able to live in an environmentally friendly way. Students had to consider the use of solar power, wind energy, electric vehicles, and even how to grow their vegetables!

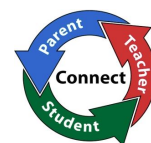


NO SCHOOL CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

It is great seeing everyone at the school Celebration Assemblies each Friday, in the hall at 2:00pm. It's a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week. Due to camps and athletics there is **NO** assembly tomorrow. Hamua (Rm 3) will be our host next Friday 27th November. We look forward to seeing you all there!

LEARNING PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

Thanks to all those parents who have sent back their meeting time slips for the learning discussions next week on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th November. Meetings start at 4pm and go through to 6:30pm. Confirmations of times will come home this week. See you there!



CELL PHONES:

STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO HAVE PHONES OR DEVICES OF ANY DESCRIPTION ON THEM AT SCHOOL. IF THEY DO NEED TO BRING ONE THEY ARE TO BE HANDED INTO THE OFFICE BEFORE SCHOOL.



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.



'PARENT TUTOR' READING:

THE PROGRAMME HAS CONTINUED THIS TERM THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS. ALL THE SUPPORT HELPS STUDENTS MAKE AMAZING PROGRESS AT SCHOOL! WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR HELP AGAIN IN 2021 SO IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP.



SANTA CRUISE ON SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER

Coming up on Saturday 28th November is the annual Santa Cruise. This year we have one float. Permission slips and information is included in this newsletter for those students wanting to participate. Please get the forms returned to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

CRICKET DRAW		SUMMER HOCKEY DRAW		
Eketahuna Cyclones vs Red Star Strikers @ 9.00am QE Park, Mstn, Snr Sth	Eke Superheroes (U7) vs Eke Super Heros @ 3.30 pm Turf 1A	Eke Ninjas (U9) vs BYE @ pm Turf	Eke Warriors (U11) vs St Ants Red @ 3.55pm Turf 1	Eke Blazers (U13) vs Alfredton 1 @ 4.55pm Turf 3

Cricket Update

The Eketahuna team had another win on Saturday, beating Red Star Thunder. Eketahuna scored 116, with Red Star getting to 100 all out! The team was very impressive on the day. Harry Dickson was named 'Player of the Day' after opening the batting with a big 6 over the outfield and quick fielding moves! Well done to the team.

Nga mihi,
Melinda & the Eketahuna School Team



WEEKLY UPDATE

Hukanui News: (Room 1)

We have had another fun week in Hukanui this week. With this glorious weather please put sunscreen on your child before school in the morning. We have some sunscreen here which we can top up children with throughout the day. Reports come out on Friday so look out for these in children's bags. Things which are coming up are bikes in schools next week (all gear is provided) and book week, in week 8, with Dress Up Day on Friday. On the 4th December we will be presenting an assembly at this stage. As it is getting towards the end of term, lots of children are very tired, if you are finding homework difficult then give it a rest one night or only do one thing. We are looking forward to seeing you at Learning Discussions next week. There are still times available if you would like one, please ring the office.

As usual if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thanks Jess and Jo

Rongomai News: (Room 2)

Hi everyone we have had another great week in Rongomai. Students have been preparing for our camp this week. They are very excited and are looking forward to camping overnight at school. We have created our own Camp Diaries, setting individual goals and what we want to achieve during camp. Students will be making their own HOBO Stoves and will be cooking their dinner tomorrow night. We have lots of activities planned and students are really looking forward to it. I will take lots of photos and will put them up on our classroom facebook page. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Learning Interviews next week.

Have a great week.

Beyonce

Hamua News: (Room 3)

With all this beautiful weather, we have been spending lots of time in our butterfly garden and we are planning to make bug houses, paving stones, and paddling pools for the butterflies. Exciting!

We are thus **collecting these items**; cardboard, bamboo, hay, ceramic pipes, pieces of wood, bricks, terracotta plant pots, **broken tiles**, wire netting, cans, twine, **shells**.

Please send any items from this list, or anything else you think may be useful.

Jo Gibson is bringing us some more stumps so we can finish our retaining wall - thank you! We are also looking for donations of **topsoil** to fill up behind our retaining wall. And an old **birdbath** if anyone has?

The garden is starting to look very pretty and we would like to have a **shared 'browsing' morning tea** as an end of year celebration on Monday 14 December (last week of school). Please bring any food items from your garden to share with us all.

Carol

Nireaha News: (Room 5)

hype is currently consuming the class, following a fabulously insightful trip to Pukaha on Monday (huge thanks for the support regards transport, returned permission slips and group supervision). On the heels of the sleepover, is a huge desire to sync a day with our Solway Primary Y5-6 ePals - actually meeting them in person.

December 11th is the day we're waiting on confirmation at the Solway end. In the mix, we have a team of 8 students heading to Bush Athletics tomorrow - so congratulations! Meanwhile, in class,

the team's finishing up their Journals - ready for binding - and designing the various interactive portions of their sleepover (while also getting their head around a huge logistical 'virtual budget' for it). A great week and time ahead... Cheers! Jo & Barb.

Putara News: (Room 6)

Kia ora, all

We had a cracking day out at the National Young Leaders Day in Palmerston North on Monday. Firstly, I would like to acknowledge Anna Rolfe, Graham Read and Rachael Dickson for supporting our tamariki by transporting them too and from the event. Honestly, parents, without your support it makes trips of this nature extremely difficult. To the Year 8 children who attended, thank you for being such wonderful role models and making this a fun day out! Ka pai :)

On to learning... parents, when you're deciding your next major purchase, i.e. car, fridge, tv, lounge suite, you seriously need to **INCLUDE** your child in the decision making. Interest rates, interest free, penalty payments and 'rent to own' learning has really been an eye opener in our Financial Literacy sessions. Ask them about what they've learned, listen to what they have to say and let them show you some of the interesting things they are developing an understanding of. You'll be amazed!!!

Dean

TERM 4 OVERVIEW - UPDATED

7 23-27 November	BIKES IN SCHOOL >>	Year 8 Treat Day Out >>> >>>> Home & School Meeting	Year 7 & 8 Technology >>> >>>> Parent/Teacher Meetings	>>> >>>> Parent/Teacher Meetings	Hāmua (Rm 3) Assembly >>> >>>> Nireaha (Rm 5) School Sleepover
8 30 November- 4 December	BOOK WEEK >>	>>> >>>>	Hāmua (Rm3) Day Trip >>> >>>>	Pātara (Rm6) Day out & Camp >>> >>>> BOT Review Meeting 7pm	Hukanui (Rm 1) Assembly >>> >>>> Book Character Dress Up Day
9 7 - 11 December	EKE ENVIRO DAYS	Helpers Morning Tea EKE ENVIRO DAYS	Principal Morning Tea Reward @ Lazy Graze	SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING	House Leaders to St Cuthberts for Lunch Nireaha (Rm5) Class Trip Rongomai (Rm 2) to town - Xmas tree
10 14 -18 December	Hāmua (Rm3) Butterfly Garden Party Leaders Morning Tea	EKE SCHOOL FUN DAY	Leaders Assembly SCHOOL ENDS @ 12pm		

Agenda for the Board Of Trustees Meeting

The Agenda for the BOT meeting to be held on Thursday 3rd December will close on Friday 27th November 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.

EKETAHUNA CHRISTMAS PARADE

Come along and see our amazing
'Eketahuna School Christmas Float'

11am Eketahuna Main Street

Come and enjoy the Home & School sausage sizzle

Time for some 'festive cheer'!

**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.

