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Term 4 Week 7

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

We are counting down to the end of term with only 2 & a half weeks to go! Lots of class activities planned across the school, so please make sure you have taken note of the 'Coming Up' section. Fantastic, engaging, hands on learning!



RONGOMAI TRIP & OVERNIGHT CAMP

Students from Rongomai had a wonderful 2 day camp last week. They spent Thursday in Masterton enjoying 10 Pin Bowling, playing in the park and swimming at the Aquatic Centre. When they returned to school it



was time to set up their sleeping arrangements in the school library and begin cooking their dinner on hand made 'hobo stoves'. Very tired children on Friday enjoyed a big breakfast in the staffroom, followed by activities in class and a movie. The children had an awesome time! A huge thank you to all the parents and grandparents for helping make the two days so special!

THE YEAR 8 DAY OUT - END OF YEAR TREAT!

This time of the year is always a little sad as we prepare to farewell our amazing Year 8 students. Our school tradition has always been to treat these students to a 'day out'. This year the students decided to visit Palmerston North where they enjoyed a riverside walk, lunch at McDonalds and a swim at the Lido Pool. A great experience for the students and an opportunity to spend some fun time together before they all go off to college. It was great to hear from them, on their return, that the day had been fantastic! A big thanks to the parents who transported the students - without the support it would not have been possible.



BUSH AG DAY RESULTS

Our students put a lot of effort and hard work into raising lambs this season and the excellent results at the recent Tararua Bush Ag Day are a testament to this. Congratulations to you all!

Senior Lambs Y7 - 8

Pet Lamb: 3rd Scott Duffy, 4th Lachie Redington

Romney Lamb: 1st Lachie Redington, 2nd Scott Duffy

Intermediate Lambs Y4 - 6

Export Lamb Y5B-6: 3rd Aurora Mitchell-Jensen

Other Long Wool Breed Y4-5A: 1st Aurora Mitchell-Jensen

Junior Lambs Y0 - 3

Export Lamb Y2-3: 3rd Madison Rankin

Champion Other Long Wool: Madison Rankin



COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR OUR BUTTERFLY GARDEN

A big thanks to Jo and Tony Gibson for the donation of stumps for our garden to make a wonderful retaining wall/seating area. They look great! We are still looking for soil to fill the area behind the stumps. Please let the office know if you can help.

COMING UP:

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

Friday 27th November: Book Club Order Due

Saturday 28th November: Santa Cruise & Xmas Float

Monday 30th November: Book Week starts

Wednesday 2nd December: Hāmua (Rm3) Trip to New Forest School

Thursday 3rd December: Pūtara (Rm2) Trip to Hastings & Camp

Thursday 3rd December: Board of Trustees Meeting @ 7pm

Friday 4th December: Whole School Assembly - Hukanui hosts

Friday 4th December: Book Character Dress Up Day

Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th December: Eke Enviro Days

Tuesday 8th December: Helpers Morning Tea

Tuesday 8th December: Rongomai day trip to Pukaha

Wednesday 9th December: Principal's Morning Tea Shout-10 Students

**HEADLICE ALERT**

We have a couple of cases of head lice at school this week. This is a perennial problem in all schools. It is recommended that you check all members of your household carefully. Treating the hair is no guarantee that the problem has been eradicated. Success is more likely if treatment is thorough, checking daily for at least three weeks and children are reminded to avoid head to head contact with others. If you require any further information or support in dealing with, and treating this issue please contact the school office for help.

EKETAHUNA CHRISTMAS SANTA CRUISE

If your child has indicated they would like to participate in the Santa Cruise on Saturday, please make sure they are **dropped off at school by 10:15am** and **collected from school at 12pm**. Lots of work has gone into the float and it will look fabulous. It should be a great event and we're looking forward to it!

**HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

Our fantastic Home & School team met on Tuesday evening to discuss the upcoming sausage sizzle at the Eketahuna Santa Cruise. It was a great 'last meeting' for the year, and nice to see new faces! The group spent time reviewing the year and planning for 2021, with lots of awesome fundraising ideas coming up! A huge thank you to this special group!

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

IT IS GREAT SEEING EVERYONE AT THE SCHOOL CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES EACH FRIDAY, IN THE HALL AT 2:00PM. HAMUA (RM 3) WILL BE HOSTING TOMORROW SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

**LOST PROPERTY**

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL CLOTHING THAT COMES TO SCHOOL IS CLEARLY NAMED, TO HELP US CUT DOWN ON LOST PROPERTY! THE BIN IS FULL, SO CHECK IT OUT! WHEN NEXT IN SCHOOL. THANK YOU.

**WATER BOTTLES AT SCHOOL**

A REMINDER TO BRING A NAMED WATER BOTTLE TO SCHOOL EACH DAY. THE DRINKING FOUNTAINS REMAIN CLOSED. TEACHERS WILL BE ABLE TO ORGANISE THE REFILLING OF WATER BOTTLES IN CLASSES WHEN THEY ARE EMPTY. THANKS!

**'CYCLES IN SCHOOLS' PROGRAMME**

In an effort to ensure that Manawatu is a "Great Place to Ride a Bike" Sport Manawatu partners with Cycling New Zealand to deliver Cycle Skills sessions in schools. Active Transport Advisor Phil Stevens is a registered

Cycle Skills Instructor and Assessor, and partners with other Sport Manawatu staff and Police School Community Officers to deliver these sessions. Programmes are tailored to the needs of individual schools and can include basic cycling skills, mountain biking skills, and on road instruction. We have enjoyed having them in school this week!!

CRICKET DRAW

Eketahuna Cyclones
vs **BYE**
@ 9.00am

SUMMER HOCKEY DRAW

Eke Superheroes (U7)
vs Pah 2
@3.30 pm
Turf 1B

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

Eke Warriors (U11)
vs Pah 9
@ 4.20
Turf 3

Eke Blazers (U13)
vs Kumeroa
@ 4.20pm
Turf 2

SUMMER HOCKEY

Awesome effort by the hockey teams that played this week. Our students have top skills Great to see the sideline support too!



Nga mihi,
Melinda & the
Eketahuna School Team

2020 Weekly Update

Hukanui News: (Room 1)

We have had a great week in Hukanui. On Monday we had bikes in school and it was wonderful to see everyone on a bike having a go! We saw lots of smiles and lots of great listening. We have been working hard to finish our recycling video so we can show everyone in the assembly next week. Next week is also book week, we will be walking down to visit the town library on Wednesday and on Friday we will be having a dress up day. A letter about the library was sent home yesterday. We have noticed that the children have been especially hungry and are often coming to the kidscan box for extra food. Please send extra sandwiches or food to school if you are able to. It was great to see you at the learning discussions last night and we look forward to seeing you again tonight. If you haven't booked a learning discussion but have questions about the report, please let us know. And as usual if you have any questions at all please contact us.

Thanks, Jess & Jo.

Rongomai News: (Room 2) Hi everyone. We have had a great week in Rongomai. Thank you to our lovely parents who gave up their time to be with us on camp. Students had a great time cooking on their Hobo Stoves, playing Ten Pin Bowling, Swimming and having fun at the park playing on the Flying Fox. Students were wonderful ambassadors for Eketahuna School. On the night children entertained us with 'skits' at their camp concert. We have some very talented people in Room 2!! Students have been given their Technology Challenge for Term 4. They are designing, creating, building their own Advent Calendar. Talk to your child about what they are doing and the materials they will need. Some can be done at home and some can be done at school. If you have any 'bits n pieces' that we could use to create our Calendars, please send along to school. Great to see those people at Learning Interviews. If you wish to see me feel free to make an appointment for a time. Have a great week. Beyonce

Hamua News: (Room 3)

Our exciting news this week is that we have a clutch of duckling eggs in our incubator that are due to hatch on the last day of school!! They are Khaki Campbell and Fawn Indian Runner ducks. We are checking the temperature and growth daily, and counting down the days!

The last few weeks of school are going to be VERY busy, with two outings next week (please return both slips promptly :), enviro days, fun days, and a planned picnic. Time is flying by!

We also welcome two new children to our class: Jahsyah and Maru. They are fitting in well and we already love having them. Welcome!

Friday is our assembly-hope to see you all there! Please send togs for Friday too-we will swim if its good weather. Carol

Nireaha News: (Room 5)

The sleepover's tomorrow night; Saturday's our stall at the Christmas Cruise and by the end of today, hopefully our trip to Masterton will be confirmed (which is most likely going to be Monday 14th December now). Our 'enterprise' stall at the Christmas Cruise is an extension of our Enviro work, with an impressive amount of *Ready To Pour* 'Worm Juice', from our Worm Farm, on sale. The stall will add a 'Circle of Care' approach for your soil, with Potassium Brew and batches of Seaweed Brew available also. There'll also be cupcakes, a cake (like you'll have NEVER seen before) to raffle off and a 'Circle of Care' Hamper (for worms in your garden). The stall will pose as both a sales centre (with business cards to entice future sales) and an information station. But first - our Sleepover! We're looking forward to working on our stall more, playing 'Among Us' *LIVE*; swimming (the pool's heated!), enjoying scavenger hunts, 'Glow sports' and setting up our 'Restaurant' and 'Hotel!' We're still looking for another adult to join us though for the evening, so please contact Jo: 027 686 0140, if you can help (first 'in' gets a 'real bed' to sleep on!). Many thanks!! Jo & Barb

Putara News: (Room 6)

Kia ora, all

Well, what an amazing day Tuesday was for the Year 8 Fun Day Out. The weather was fantastic, as was the lovely walk along the Manawatu river, the excellent fun had at the Lido and, lastly, kai time at McDonalds. This was all made possible by having incredible support from Ali Mackisack, Teresa Duffy and Jamie "Manu King" Governor.


Managing Self and Relating to Others are two key competencies from the New Zealand Curriculum. I have to say how extremely proud I was of our Pūtura tamariki for excelling in these two areas. Participating and Contributing is also a key competency, and there was no shortage of participation at McDonalds!!

Roll on next week and the Pūtura overnight camp. Please, can you get your permission slips in asap! Thank you :) Dean

TARARUA BUSH ATHLETICS RESULTS 2020



This year our students enjoyed a huge amount of success at the Tararua Bush Athletics - congratulations to you all!

FIELD RESULTS 2020			FIELD RESULTS 2020			TRACK RESULTS 2020		
SHOT PUT	PLACE	STUDENT	LONG JUMP	PLACE	STUDENT	100m	PLACE	STUDENT
8 Yr Boys	1st	Noah Duffy	8 Yr Boys	1st =	Hunter Rankin	9 Yr Girls	2nd	Brooke Duffy
12 Yr Boys	1st	Harry Dickson	9 Yr Girls	1st	Brooke Duffy	12 Yr Boys	2nd	LeeRay King
12 Yr Girls	1st =	Indy Burton-Foley	10 Yr Girls	3rd	Aurora Mitchell-Jensen	12 Yr Girls	2nd	Holly Cresswell
12 Yr Girls	3rd =	Meila Mitchell-Hopa	11 Yr Girls	2nd	Mollie Macksack	200m	PLACE	STUDENT
13 Yr Boys	1st	Anthony Dennison	12 Yr Boys	2nd	LeeRay King	9 Yr Girls	3rd	Brooke Duffy
13 Yr Boys	2nd	M-Jay Carrington	13 Yr Boys	1st	Harrison Mackisack	10 Yr Girls	2nd	Aurora Mitchel-Jensen
DISCUS	PLACE	STUDENT	13 Yr Boys	2nd	Anthony Dennison	12 Yr Girls	2nd	Holly Cresswell
12 Yr Boys	1st	Jacob Read				800m	PLACE	STUDENT
12 Yr Boys	3rd	Harry Dickson				10 Yr Boys	2nd	Lachie Duffy
13 Yr Boys	1st	Anthony Dennison				13 Yr Boys	2nd	Harrison Mackisack
HIGH JUMP	PLACE	STUDENT	<p>A big thank you to all those parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles that came to support our team in Pahiatua last Friday. We had lots of positive feedback about our students and their amazing behaviour throughout the day! Thanks also to our staff who organised the day & attended - a great team effort!</p>					
11 Yr Girls	3rd =	Charli Read						
12 Yr Boys	1st	Jacob Read						
13 Yr Boys	2nd	Anthony Dennison						

'Save the Date'

EKETAHUNA SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING

Thursday 10th December
6pm - 7:30pm

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EKETAHUNA SCHOOL HALL

Come along and celebrate a successful year with our fantastic tamariki. We look forward to seeing you there!

