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Term 4 Week 8

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

What a week it has been since our last newsletter, with Nireaha's overnight camp and Christmas stall, the town Santa Cruise with the Home & School sausage sizzle, Hāmua's trip to New Forest School and our Book Week! All of these fantastic activities are only possible with your support - this is a true partnership which is striving to ensure all children are successful & have positive experiences at school. Your input and support needs to be acknowledged-thank you all very much!

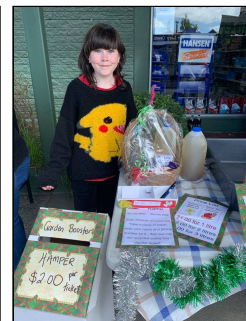


AWESOME SANTA CRUISE FLOAT

On Saturday our wonderful float '101 Dalmatians' took part in the Eketahuna Santa 'Cruise'. It looked amazing and a lot of work by staff and students went into it. A big thanks to the Redingtons for their tractor and trailer, and to Ryan Sear for great driving. It was a very proud moment to see those happy faces go by in the parade - tino pai!

NIREAHA CAMP

Our students had a lovely overnight camp at school last Friday. Fish & chips, swimming and stall preparations were part of their evening timetable. The children started their Saturday with a swim in the heated pool. . .and a cooked breakfast! Then to the Santa Cruise with their class stall! 😊



HĀMUA TRIP TO NEW FOREST SCHOOL

Students enjoyed their day at The Forest School in Masterton yesterday. The 'school' is amongst mature native trees next to a shallow creek of pure drinkable spring water, set on the edge of a large area of regenerating land, close to the Tararua Park entrance. This natural learning environment allowed the children to enjoy an unstructured time in nature, where they got muddy, challenge themselves, explore and discover the beauty and wonder of our natural living world. A great day out!!

COMING UP:

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
Thursday 10th December: Prizegiving @ 6pm in the school hall
Friday 11th December: House Leaders to St Cuthberts Xmas lunch
Friday 11th December: Rongomai (Rm 2) decorating town Xmas tree
Monday 14th December: Nireaha (Rm 5) Class trip to Masterton

**CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY**

It was great seeing everyone at last week's Celebration Assembly hosted by Hamua, where they presented an amazing play written by Bella Ifill and shared the beautiful glazed pottery they had made in class! Brilliant acting was on show - well done all!

Tomorrow's assembly will start at 2pm in our hall and the host class is Hukanui - we look forward to seeing 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: Mareana Roiri & Braxton Duffy

Room 2: Jenny Davidson

Room 3: Maru Donald

Room 5: Oskar Mills

Room 6: Anthony 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: Darcy McCabe & Neive Davis

Room 2: Chelsea Spring & Madison Rankin

Room 3: Harley Greco

Room 5: Romeo Cherry

Room 6: Kiara Potangaroa - Carter



Principal's Award: Evan Governor for being kind, caring and responsible. He got help for an elderly member of the community!!

**SCHOOL POOL OPEN**

A big thanks to Ryan who has the school pool up and running! Our Year 4 - 8 are swimming daily so please make sure they bring their togs & towel. Thank you.

**BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY**

A reminder that we will be having a great book character dress up day tomorrow to celebrate the end of our fantastic Book Week. Can't wait for the staff costumes! 😊

LOST PROPERTY:

PLEASE MAKE TIME TO COME IN AND HAVE A LOOK THROUGH THE HUGE AMOUNT OF LOST PROPERTY, WHICH WILL BE LAID OUT ON THE HALL VERANDAH. LOTS OF CLOTHES WHICH ALL NEED TO BE COLLECTED BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. THANKS!

**STATIONARY LISTS FOR 2021:**

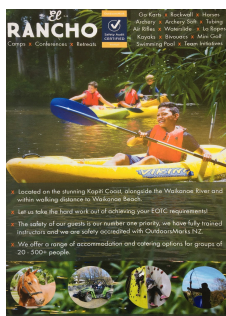
FROM NEXT FRIDAY AFTERNOON THE SCHOOL STATIONERY LISTS WILL AGAIN

BE ONLINE AT: [MYSCHOOL.CO.NZ](https://myschool.co.nz)

SIMPLY SEARCH FOR OUR SCHOOL, SELECT YOUR CHILD'S CLASS LISTS & FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE WEBSITE. CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES. THANKS.

**SWIMMING LESSONS 2021**

Next year we will again provide all students with daily swimming lessons. Ryan & Lisa Seator will be running the daily sessions. This comes under Health & Wellbeing curriculum and just like all other areas, students will be expected to participate. There's no cost & we hope to start Wk 1 next year!

**SENIOR CAMP 2021 - EI RANCHO!**

Exciting news for our Senior students next year who will be heading off to El Rancho over on the Kapiti Coast for their senior camp. This camp is scheduled later in the year and will be four days away. As we are part of the government donation scheme the cost will be heavily subsidised for parents. We will also be fundraising throughout the year. Look for more information in the new year.

CRICKET DRAW

Eketahuna Cyclones
vs Greytown White
@ 9.00am
QE Park, Mstn, Jnr Nth

SUMMER HOCKEY DRAW

Eke Superheroes (U7)
vs
@ pm
Turf

Eke Ninjas (U9)
vs Pahiatua 4
@ 3.55 pm
Turf 3

Eke Warriors (U11)
vs
@ pm
Turf

Eke Blazers (U13)
vs St Ant Blazers
@ 4.55 pm
Turf 3

PRIZEGIVING ON THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER AT THE EKETAHUNA SCHOOL HALL

Please make sure you have penciled in our end of year Prizegiving. Each class will be recognising two students who demonstrate 'Excellence, Effort and lead by Example' along with the presentation of our annual cups. This will also be an opportunity to farewell our Year 8 students. This is an important occasion for us as a school - we look forward to seeing you there!

Nga mihi,

Melinda & the Eketahuna School Team



2020 Weekly Update

Hukanui News: (Room 1)

We have had another busy week this week. Having book week fun, with Buddy Reading, a trip to the library and a cat focus because of one of our favourite stories Pete the Cat. It is book character dress up day on Friday, so come in any dress ups that you have at home. It is also our turn to host assembly on Friday. We look forward to seeing you at 2pm in the Hall. Next week we will be swimming on Monday and Tuesday depending on the weather. Please send named togs and towels in a bag. We also are looking forward to the Prizegiving on Thursday 10th December and have been practising hard for our Kapa Haka item. As usual if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards Jess and Jo

Rongomai News: (Room 2): Hi everyone what an interesting week we have had! Rongomai you are all amazing students. Thank you so much for looking after me this week, you are all wonderful. Students have been lucky enough to go swimming in our heated pool. The water is lovely and the children are really enjoying swimming at this time of the year, which is great to see.

Advent Calendars: Students are well on their way with their creations. Some are being constructed at home while some are being worked on at school. They are due to be presented next week, please take the time to discuss with your child what they are working on. I cannot wait to see the final efforts. The Calendars will be put on display and you are very welcome to come and view in our final week of Term. Have a great week. Beyonce

Hamua News: (Room 3)

This week is all about our **Forest School outing** :)

A big thank you to all the parents who supported us by coming along, and also to Melinda and the board for financing our trip. The kids had sooo much fun! It was wonderful seeing our children developing perseverance and resilience, as they challenged themselves undertaking new and sometimes scary experiences. We began by having a shared morning tea, and then divided into three groups, and rotating around the different stations: whittling and woodwork, visiting the horses, and cooking over an open fire. We then rejoined for lunch and the children were allowed some free exploration with their adult minders. We all came away with a deepened sense of gratitude for our natural

environment, and can't wait to go back :)

Next week Monday and Tuesday are our **enviro days**-we'd love some adult helpers. Please let me know if you can come along on one of those days.

Carol

Nireaha News: (Room 5)

It's been one of those 'memory making' weeks over the past 7 days, with huge levels of interactivity, gorgeous surprises and a wealth of new experiences evolving. One set of ePals treated some of their Nireaha ePals with a surprise gift box; the team's first-ever sleepover at school was a stunning highlight and our Christmas Cruise stall bought in \$184.00! An awesome week. Thanks! Jo & Barb

**Putara News: (Room 6)**

Kia ora, all

We've had a fantastic day at Splash Planet! The parents who have made this trip possible are greatly appreciated by all of us in Pūtara and across the school. Here's hoping we'll have a peaceful sleep this evening.

At present we have 8.5 school days left. It's fair to say we all need a break; however, if you can keep your children coming to school regularly (and with their togs and towels) we'll have a nice finish to the year.

Have a wonderful weekend, everybody.

Dean



Join us for a fun family open day.

Families, parents & children all invited to come along to give golf a go. There will be fun golf activities, Team Golf on the course, & BBQ afterward.

Equipment provided, or bring your own if you have them.
Enquiries: Jenny Anderson 0212546614 or Francie Duffy 0273319348

10AM - 12 NOON
SUNDAY
13TH
DECEMBER



Into Summer

The S.T.E.A.M. Into Summer holiday programme is for school aged students with activities based on science, technology, engineering, art and maths.

It runs for 5 weeks over the summer holidays with a break for Christmas.

Challenges, activities, and prizes all for free!

Register at your local library between the 1st - 14th of December, places limited.

Website: https://ent.kotui.org.nz/client/en_AU/tararua

Email: library@tararua.govt.nz

Phone: Dannevirke 06 374 4255

Eketahuna 06 376 0114

Pahiatua 06 376 0121

Woodville 06 376 0212

Please Join Us

St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church

on Christmas Eve @ 8.30pm for our Christmas Celebration Service.

Carols and Candlelight

followed by

Christmas mince pies and mulled wine

There will be no Christmas Day Service

