

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

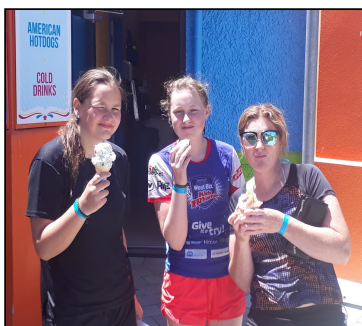
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Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO PRIZEGIVING TONIGHT AT 6PM AT OUR SCHOOL HALL

We look forward to seeing you this evening at the Eketahuna School Hall for our Prizegiving. Each class will be recognising two students who demonstrate 'Excellence, Effort and lead by Example' along with the presentation of our annual cups. We will also say farewell to our Year 8 students. It is an important occasion for us as a school - we ask that children are neat and tidy, dressed in clothing that reflects the importance of the event. All children need to be in their own school classroom around 5:50pm. We look forward to sharing our students' successes with you!



PUTARA CLASS TRIP AND SCHOOL CAMP

Our senior class had an awesome day in the Hawkes Bay last Thursday at Splash Planet. Students had been given a budget and worked out their own overnight camp plans, which included the fun 'day away'. On their return to school, there was a fish & chip dinner, movie and games before camping in the class and library! Then into town on Friday to local points of interest. A huge thanks to the parents who supported!

HOUSE TEAM LEADERS FOR 2021

This term we have been going through the selection process with prospective leaders for our House Teams for next year. Students registered for the leadership roles, worked in classes, and gave speeches. The following students stood for election and we would have been proud to have any of these students as leaders: Kikorangi = Nancy Duffy, Lucy Bourke, Logan Atkinson, Kuini Kendrick, Aurora Mitchell-Jensen. Kakariki = Holly Thomas, Paice Mitchell-Hopa, Kaia Aplin, Hollie Cresswell. Ma = Jaxon Moore, Ellie Pinnell, Hayley Dennison, Sophie Drysdale, Lachie Duffy. Whero = Rani Kendrick, Blake Rendel, Luke Downer, Carmen Bidois, Charli Read, Jackson Wells. Congratulations to our four newly elected Team Leaders and their Deputies for 2021, who will be acknowledged at tonight's prizegiving:

- **Kikorangi:** Leader Aurora Mitchell-Jensen & Deputy Nancy Duffy
- **Kakariki:** Leader Holly Thomas & Deputy Hollie Cresswell
- **Ma:** Leader Sophie Drysdale & Deputy Lachie Duffy
- **Whero:** Leader Charli Read & Deputy Carmen Bidois



PRINCIPAL'S MORNING TEA

Last Friday, ten awesome students were picked out of the 'Green Choice' draw and yesterday they were treated to a delicious morning tea at 'The Lazy Graze' in recognition of their ability to make good choices! Congratulations to Carmen Bidois, Sophie Drysdale, Lucy Bourke, Lachie Duffy, Ella Mitchell, Hunter Rankin, Jahsyah Andrews, Maru Donald, Emmanuel McNamara, and Rocco Burton-Foley. Our school behaviour system is focused on "catching children when they are good" as these positive reinforcers have a powerful effect. It was a lovely morning treat with lots of chat about the coming holidays!

LOST PROPERTY TO BE COLLECTED

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.



COMING UP:

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

Monday 14th December: Student Leaders Morning Tea
Tuesday 15th December: Eketahuna School 'FUN DAY'
Wednesday 16th December: Last school Assembly @ 11:30pm



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

An awesome Celebration Assembly hosted by the juniors from Hukanui last Friday, where they showed an amazing movie about recycling and why it is important we have a recycling system! Thanks to our Enviro Lead, Ali Mackisack for her role in the class movie making - fantastic stuff everyone. Please note there is **NO** assembly tomorrow!

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: Emmanuel McNamara & Ariki Wihone
Room 2: Brooke Duffy
Room 3: Chelsea Spring
Room 5: Angus Governor
Room 6: Away on class trip!



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: Toby White & Renee Dennison
Room 2: Hunter Rankin
Room 3: Mack Duffy
Room 5: Tommi Davis
Room 6: Away on class trip!



BOOK WEEK

Last week we celebrated books and reading. A week of fun activities throughout the classes, that related to text and the wonderful worlds you can enter through the use of 'words'. Students and staff enjoyed Friday's dress up day which saw a multitude of book characters across the school - well done!



CLASSES NEXT YEAR

We are looking forward to 2021 and very excited all staff will be returning next year. Coming out tomorrow will be letters confirming the class placement of students and information to the Office Max online link to order stationery from. The school wide class organisation for 2021 is below:

HUKANUI (Rm 1) Joanna Green & Jessica Wilkinson	HĀMUA (Rm 3) Carol Laubscher & Barb Whitburn (Monday)	RONGOMAI (Rm 2) Roseanne Sayles	NIREAHA (Rm 5) Jo Gibson & Barb Whitburn (Friday)	PŪTARA (Rm 6) Dean Parsons
Year 0 / Year 1 / Year 2	Year 2 / Year 3 / Year 4	Year 4 / Year 5	Year 6 / Year 7	Year 7 / Year 8

RONGOMAI CLASS TRIP TO PUKAHA MT. BRUCE

The class went to visit the reserve on Tuesday and see how their support is going to be used in the future.



EKETAHUNA CRICKET SUCCESS – AN UPDATE FROM JACQUI ANDERSON

Eketahuna cricket started this year with two teams in the hardball championship grade and we managed to play the whole term before lockdown. Term four saw us drop down to one team and unfavourable weather meant we only played 4 games. Overall we had a great year and finished the season top of the table. At prize giving the following trophies were given out:

- Best bowler Jess Monk0
- Best batter Marshall Anderson
- Most improved Arth Patel
- Sportsmanship award Johnny Fowler

Throughout the season we also had players selected to play in invitational and pathway teams Jimmy Olds, Lachie Redington, Marshall Anderson, Sophie White, Gus, Harry and Jess Monk. Four of our players are off to college next year Jess Monk, Harry Dickson, Henry Johnston and Harrison Mackisack. Good luck for your college years. Well done to all the players and thank you to the parents for supporting Eketahuna cricket. Huge thank you to our coaches Hamish Monk and Brad Anderson.

Nga mihi,

Melinda and the Eketahuna School Team



2020 Weekly Update

Hukanui News: (Room 1)

We have had a great week in Hukanui. Thank you to everyone who came to the assembly on Friday! We were very excited to show you our learning, and it was great to see all the effort that went into the book week costumes. This week we have enjoyed some christmas themed maths and written some letters to Santa. We made recycled paper with Ali and have continued to do our school recycling. We have been practicing lots for the prize giving and we are looking forward to seeing you there. We will be swimming on Monday. On Tuesday it will be our Eke fun day, please bring a teddy bear, togs and a towel as we will be swimming. **So bring togs on both Monday and Tuesday.** Tomorrow we will start to send home your child's books if they are moving classes next year.

As always if you have any questions please contact us.

Thanks, Jess & Jo

Rongomai News: (Room 2) Thank you for a great week of fun and learning. Rongomai had a wonderful trip to Pukaha Mount Bruce last Tuesday. Thank you to the wonderful parents who transported us. We spent time learning about the different birds, trees and wildlife. We got to visit and see the eels being fed as well as exploring the forest floor through our Garden Frames. The Advent Calendars are looking amazing and will be displayed for tomorrow and they will go home on Friday. Today we made Pizzas which were delicious. Next week we will be creating our own Gingerbread Houses. Our final adventure together is having our 'End of year' Auction. Students have been earning 'Tokens, Camp Tokens'. They get to 'cash' them in to earn 'Rongomai Dollars' and 'Bid' for a variety of prizes.

Hamua News: (Room 3)

It's been a busy week. On Monday and Tuesday we were making bug houses and paving stones for our **butterfly garden**. These are looking great-thank you for your donations and help. Mark Rowden is also, hopefully, delivering a load of topsoil this weekend and we will be busy moving it on **Monday morning**. All helpers welcome-especially those with wheelbarrows and shovels please! The persistent rain has unfortunately put us behind schedule, so we will be postponing our community browsing-morning-tea until next year, apologies. We have also been enjoying prizegiving practise, playing math and board games in class, and finishing off our thank you letters and our Epals letters, which will shortly be posted off to France! We will also be clearing out our desks on Monday, and sending all personal belongings home, as we prepare the class for holiday cleaning. Our Eke Funday is planned for Tuesday, and we are looking to borrow slippery slides, water pistols, and waffle makers please. Please text me if you can help.

Remember to bring your togs on Friday this week, and Monday and Tuesday next week.

Carol

Nireaha News: (Room 5)



We've got our 'Meet the (Solway Primary) ePals' trip to Masterton, Monday! Both classes are seriously hyped up and the Masterton pools are putting on a stunning day for them: Water Polo, Boat Safety and Tyre Tube racing in rotations - with a free swim and ice block thrown in! This week though, has revolved around three Enviro themed days. Some became website developers for our 'Garden Booster' business and some reported to the UN with an example of how NZ youth are working on the Sustainable Development Goals 2015-2030. We then took a look at the movie 2040 - soaking up ideas for how to roll with our future - in a sustainable manner.

Next up? See you at Prize Giving tonight! Cheers! Jo, Barb and Team Nireaha!



Putara News: (Room 6)

Kia ora, all.

We had an amazing overnight camp. The children were all exceptionally well behaved the entire two days! Interestingly enough, we swam at Splash Planet, again as soon as we got back to school, then a third swim after tea that night. Also, we cooled off after our walk on Friday morning...I guess kids just can't get enough of swimming.

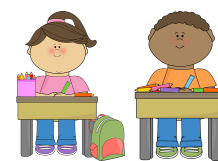
Thank you to all the parents who helped, and also those who volunteered to help - you made this occasion extremely memorable.

Lastly, congratulations to all the award recipients at tonight's prizegiving. It's always an incredibly tough decision putting names forward - particularly when you teach such amazing children. You're all champions in my book!



2020 End of Year Assessment of Students

The tables show overall student achievement against New Zealand Curriculum expectations



READING

READING	TOTAL SCHOOL	COMMENTS:
Above	23 / 119 = 19%	Total BOYS achieving At/Above = 44 / 63 = 70%
At	64 / 119 = 54%	Total GIRLS achieving At/Above = 43 / 56 = 77%
Below/Well Below	32 / 119 = 27%	Total MAORI achieving At/Above = 33 / 47 = 70%
		Total Non-MAORI achieving At/ Above = 54 / 72 = 76%

WRITING

READING	TOTAL SCHOOL	COMMENTS:
Above	17 / 119 = 14%	Total BOYS achieving At/Above = 43 / 63 = 67%
At	68 / 119 = 58%	Total GIRLS achieving At/Above = 42 / 56 = 75%
Below/Well Below	34 / 119 = 28 %	Total MAORI achieving At/Above = 31 / 47 = 66%
		Total Non-MAORI achieving At/ Above = 54 / 72 = 75%

MATHS

READING	TOTAL SCHOOL	COMMENTS:
Above	23 / 119 = 19%	Total BOYS achieving At/Above = 33 / 63 = 68%
At	60 / 119 = 51%	Total GIRLS achieving At/Above = 40 / 56 = 71%
Below/Well Below	36 / 119 = 30%	Total MAORI achieving At/Above = 31 / 47 = 67%
		Total Non-MAORI achieving At/ Above = 52 / 72 = 73%

PARENT / GRANDPARENT TUTOR READING 2021

We are looking to continue the 'Parent Tutor Reading' programme at Eketahuna School next year as we have found students make accelerated progress with this daily support. This programme involved our parents, grandparents and members of the community who voluntarily offered to help children with their reading. Volunteers are given training in the basic reading strategies (provided by the school) and come along once a week to hear children read and practise taught reading strategies which are monitored. Each tutor would attend for an hour block each week in the morning (same day and same time). They work one on one or with a very small group of children to give them further practice with their reading. They work with the same children each week and this builds a bond between the child/children and parent/grandparent. The programme has been very successful in many schools across New Zealand, and parents of the children taking part, and their class teachers, record considerable improvement in the children's reading as a positive outcome. If you would like to be involved, or know of anyone that would like to be a "reading buddy", then please contact the office, or Joanna Green as soon as possible. We would love to have this programme in place at the start of next year!



CONFIRMED TERM DATES FOR 2021

Term:	Starting:	Ending:	Closed:	Weeks:
1	Thursday 4th February	Friday 16th April	Waitangi Day / Good Friday / Easter Monday / Easter Tuesday	11 weeks
2	Monday 3rd May	Friday 9th July	Queens Birthday / Teacher Only Day	10 weeks
3	Monday 26th July	Friday 27th September	Mid Term Break / Teacher Only Day	10 weeks
4	Monday 18th October	Wednesday 15th December	Labour Day	9 weeks