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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. All children to their classrooms at 5:50pm. We look forward to seeing you there!



EKETAHUNA FUN DAY

TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER
10:30AM - 2:00PM

RONGOMAI, NIREAHA & PUTARA - FUN AT THE POOLS - IN TOWN

CLASSES WILL BE WALKING DOWN TO THE TOWN POOL WHERE THEY WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE PARK, SKATE PARK AND POOL.

CHILDREN WILL NEED TO BRING A PACKED LUNCH, DRINK, SUN HAT AND SWIMMING TOGS/TOWEL. PLEASE ENSURE THEY HAVE SUN BLOCK ON.



HAMUA & HUKANUI - TEDDY BEAR PICNIC - AT SCHOOL

CLASSES WILL BE ENJOYING THE SCHOOL POOL, WATER ACTIVITIES AND A PICNIC LUNCH.

CHILDREN WILL NEED TO BRING A PACKED LUNCH, DRINK, SUN HAT AND SWIMMING TOGS/TOWEL.

PLEASE ENSURE THEY HAVE SUN BLOCK ON.

A SAUSAGE & BREAD AND A FRUIT ICE BLOCK WILL BE PROVIDED TO STUDENTS THROUGH THE DAY, SO IF YOUR CHILD HAS FOOD ALLERGIES PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.

TEACHERS WILL HAVE SUNBLOCK IF NEEDED - PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THROUGH THE DAY!

BOT Meeting Report Term 4 2020

The Board of Trustees met on Thursday 29th October at 11am and again on Tuesday 8th December at 7pm in the school staffroom for our final meeting of the 2020 year.

Term 4 has been busy! There have been trips and camps for all year levels over the last few weeks to make up for the lack of these opportunities throughout the school year. It's been busy for staff but great for the children to be able to experience some education outside the classroom.

Points to note from our meetings are as follows:

- You will all have received your child's end of year report and have had the opportunity to attend parent teacher meetings in week 7.
- Letters will be sent out this week informing you of your child's classroom teacher for 2021.
- The teaching staff have completed their appraisals and Melinda reported that there has been continued progress in capability, in terms of reflecting on their practice and openly looking at how to refine, or improve aspects, as they look to ensure the success of our students. The work put into student assessment is showing through with the teacher's clear, detailed discussions around their learners and their next steps.
- End of year data on Student Achievement has shown good consistency with previous years, with over 70% of children achieving at and above in Reading, Writing and Maths. We feel as a board this is an outstanding result in what has been a difficult year. Full results will be published with the newsletter.
- Target students and priority learners have also made gains which is another great achievement by our teaching team.
- Policies reviewed and accepted were Salary Units/Management Allowances and Classroom release time/ Timetable.
- We have been informed by the ministry that we have met the role requirements to be fully funded for our teaching staff for 2021 our allocation is 7.1 FTTE and 6 Units.
- IR Group has been appointed our 10 Year Property Planner for the 2020/2021 cycle. They have met with Melinda and conducted an initial look at the site and are preparing reports with recommendations. They have already identified work that will be required to upgrade plumbing and sewage and also some roofing maintenance.
- School Investment Package has been finalised to include converting the boiler room to storage, landscaping and new playground equipment. We have approved a landscape design plan (which can be viewed in the staffroom or school office) and await a formal quote before work can proceed. The boiler room renovation will start over the summer holidays.
- We received end of year data on school wide behaviour which showed a marked decrease in incidents from the 2019 year. Teaching staff attribute this to the new structure of the school day, with three shorter breaks and two staff on duty during break times, and Covid – 19 Alert Levels.
- We received analysis of school wide attendance which is at 90.7% for the 2020 year which is excellent and within the ministry of education target of 90%.
- We received end of reports and recommendations from staff in charge of management units :
School Sports Events – Roseanne Sayles
After School Sports – Dean Parsons
SENCO & Pastoral Care – Jo Green
Te Reo – Barbara Whitburn

We say farewell to a year like no other and we look forward to seeing our children back at school on the 4th February 2021.

Maree Redington

Board of Trustees Chairperson