

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Preparing today's child for tomorrow's world - Whakakaha ngā tamariki mo apopo

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COMING UP:
 Friday 24th March: House Leaders Service - St Cuthbert's Lunch
 Friday 24th March: Celebration Assembly - Hāmua Hosting

Tuesday 28th March: House Team Softball - Round 3 - House Colours
 Thursday 30th March: House Team Softball - Round 4 - House Colours
 Friday 31st March: Celebration Assembly - Hukanui Hosting
 Tuesday 4th April: Manawatu Schools Road Race

*Tēnā koutou whanau,
 A great week with teachers providing stimulating activities, where children are busy and engaged, working collaboratively & so enthused about their learning. Ka pai!*



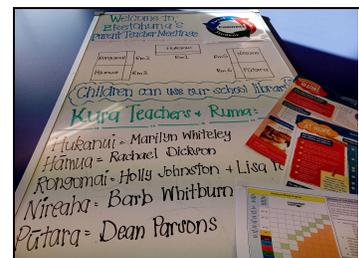
HOUSE TEAM COMPETITION

We had a wonderful time on Tuesday, and again today, with our students showing great sportsmanship & enthusiasm at our first House Team Competition! Our four houses took to the field with Year 1 - 4 playing teeball and Year 5 - 8 playing softball. Results from the day are below and we are looking forward to Round 3 & 4 next week - the winners from the Year 5 - 8 competition will take on the staff in the last week of the term! Come along and watch the great competition!

Year 1 - 4 Tee Ball 1	Year 1 - 4 Tee Ball 2	Year 5 - 8 Softball 1	Year 5 - 8 Softball 2
Whero vs Kākāriki Whero won	Kikorangi vs Kōwhai Kōwhai won	Whero vs Kākāriki Kākāriki won	Kikorangi vs Kōwhai Kikorangi won

PARENT TEACHER LEARNING DISCUSSIONS

We would like to say 'thank you' to the whanau who attended our 'Parent - Teacher' last night, and are coming after school today. These meetings are a wonderful opportunity for you to share with us about your child, discuss their learning and the aspirations you have for the year ahead. If you have not been able to attend the discussions please feel free to make contact with your child's teacher via our school phone, cell or email and reschedule. The partnership between home & school is vital for the success of your child.



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

It is great seeing everyone in school on Fridays, at the school assembly at 2:15pm, in the hall. Check the school calendar on our website online for dates. It's a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week. Tomorrow's assembly will be hosted by students from Hāmua.



Week 7 Class Awards - Star Student:

For great work done in class and related to learning throughout the week:

- Hukanui:** Ryder Hammond
- Hāmua:** Olivia Capes
- Rongomai:** Joseph McNamara
- Nireaha:** Pounamu Roiri
- Pūtara:** Gus Manson

Week 7 Caught Being Good Award - Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

- Hukanui:** Liam Giddons
- Hāmua:** Maddie Giddons
- Rongomai:** Jacob Thomas
- Nireaha:** Maxwell Crudis
- Pūtara:** Brent Knight

WEEKLY UPDATE

HUKANUI NEWS: (ROOM 1)

It has been a busy week in Hukanui. We have been learning all about elephants and how big they are. It has been messy in our room as we create our own elephants' wrinkly skin. I have been amazed at the children's recall of facts and willingness to write them. We really enjoyed learning to play tee ball and competing in our whanau teams. We are looking forward to today's games. Thanks to those parents that came in yesterday for parent interviews. It was lovely to meet with you and share your children's successes. Remember that we have an open door policy and you are welcome to pop in and speak to me if you have any questions or concerns. Email me on mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz. Thanks, Marilyn.

RONGOMAI NEWS: (ROOM 2)

Rongomai have been having an awesome week playing interhouse softball and tee ball on Tuesday and today. In writing our focus has been learning about elephants. We did research at the start of the week to help create our information reports. One of the facts that students could not visualise was how tall a 3 metre elephant was, so we squished as many students into a 3 metre gap to help us understand the actual height of an elephant. Thank you to all the parents that attended parent interviews yesterday, it was wonderful meeting all the amazing whanau that are behind the students in Rongomai. If you ever have any questions please don't hesitate and email me at hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz. Thank you, Holly.



HAMUA NEWS: (ROOM 3)

Hopefully, by now, all of your children have mentioned something about elephants. This week we have been all over it! We are writing information reports about this majestic animal, and to totally immerse ourselves we have been doing elephant maths, and art as well. We researched how big an elephant was (3m high, 4m long) and we drew this enormous mammal, life-sized, on the carpet. The entire class was able to find a space within its shape. It truly illustrated the share size of the earth's largest land mammal. Please ask your kids what they have learned this week...see if they can remember the characteristics of a mammal. It's very interesting! It was so great to meet you all at the parent conferences this week. Thank you for making the time to come and see me. All the best for these last two weeks of term. Thank you, Rachael.

YEAR 7 & 8 ENJOY TECHNOLOGY

Students in the cooking class made delicious fruit sponge and custard!! Those in hard materials made epic games to take home or play at school - "Game in a Box"!



NIREHA NEWS (ROOM 5)

Gotta love these kids! Ryan came to the class and asked for a few volunteers to help move the new playground bark into place - the whole class put their hand up to help out! Super helpers! Super keen to help out! Mmmm hope they weren't just trying to get out of class! We have enjoyed the first games of the House Softball Comp. Winners will play the adults at the end of the term. It has been great to catch up at the parent meetings. If you couldn't make it, remember you can contact me... bwhitburn@eketahuna.school.nz



PUTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)

This week we've been working on proper, improper and mixed fractions in class.

9/12 - **proper fraction** (the numerator is smaller than the denominator)

11/7 - **improper fraction** (the numerator is larger than the denominator)

2 1/2 - **mixed fraction** (a mix of a whole number and an improper fraction)

Ask your child about numerators and denominators. Can they explain to you which is which?

Thank you to those people who attended our parent / teacher interviews. With the exception of two children, I have an entirely new class this year, so it's been great touching base and meeting you all. Have a wonderful weekend and stay warm. Dean

NOTIFYING THE OFFICE WHEN UNWELL

A REMINDER THAT IF YOUR CHILD IS TOO UNWELL TO ATTEND SCHOOL YOU NEED TO NOTIFY THE OFFICE EACH DAY THEY ARE AT HOME TO AVOID THEM BEING RECORDED AS TRUANT. FURTHER, AFTER 3 DAYS AWAY FROM SCHOOL DUE TO POOR HEALTH WE WILL REQUIRE A DOCTOR'S MEDICAL CERTIFICATE FOR OUR SCHOOL ENROL SYSTEM. THANKS.



BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE

A REMINDER TO BRING A WATER BOTTLE TO SCHOOL EACH DAY. PLEASE MAKE SURE IT HAS YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON IT. THE CHILLED WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATION IS OPEN AND STUDENTS CAN 'TOP' UP THROUGH THE DAY. THANK YOU.



STUDENTS 'OFF' BUSES

CAN WE ASK PARENTS & CAREGIVERS OF ANY BUS STUDENTS WHO ARE BEING TAKEN OFF THE AFTERNOON BUSES TO PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW BEFORE 2:30PM. LATE 'RING INS' ARE HARD TO MONITOR AND WE WANT TO AVOID ANY MIX UPS AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY. THANKS VERY MUCH. 😊



BUSH SWIMMING FINALS RESULTS 2023

Event:	Place:	Student:	Event:	Place:	Student:
1. Girls 100 SC Metre Freestyle	3rd	Brooke Duffy	14. Boys 10-11 25 SC Metre Breaststroke	2nd	Evan Governor
4. Boys 8-9 25 SC Metre Freestyle	1st	Mack Duffy	17. Girls 50 SC Metre Freestyle	1st	Brooke Duffy
5. Girls 10-11 25 SC Metre Freestyle	1st	Brooke DUFFY	21. Girls 10-11 25 SC Metre Butterfly	1st	Broke Duffy
10. Boys 75 SC Metre IM	1st	Evan Governor	26. Boys 8-9 25 SC Metre Backstroke	5=	Mack Duffy
13. Girls 10-11 25 SC Metre Breaststroke	1st	Brooke Duffy	27. Girls 10-11 25 SC Metre Backstroke	2nd	Brooke Duffy

SCHOOL RELAY: (6 swimmers required) = 1st = Brooke Duffy x2, Mack Duffy x 2, Evan Governor and Gus Manson



HERO DAY FUNDRAISER FOR RELAY FOR LIFE

Friday 24th March - tomorrow!!!!

We will be holding a 'HERO DAY' on the 24th of March and ask all our wonderful tamariki to support us by coming dressed as their **HERO** & bringing a gold coin donation to school that will go to the Cancer Foundation.



Upcoming Board Of Trustees Meeting

The next Eketāhuna School Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th April at 6:30pm in the Eketāhuna School staff room, everyone is welcome to attend and if you have any items for the agenda please let me know by 5pm 17 Feb with all relevant information. I am contactable on botchair@eketahuna.school.nz or 3758059.

Warmest Regards, Skye White Chairperson , Eketāhuna Board of Trustees



EKETĀHUNA & DISTRICTS NETBALL CLUB

Netball Review Meeting was held on 15th March 2023, thank you to all those who attended.

The key points were as follows:

- All agreed to stay playing in the Masterton Competition
- Any child in Eketahuna and surrounding districts is welcome to play in the teams.
- Year 1-4 Prize giving will be attached to a school assembly in term 2
- Year 5-8 Prize giving will be at the end of the season date, time and location to be confirmed.
- Subs \$25 for years 1-4 and \$50 for Year 5-8
- Coaches are needed for senior teams, if no one steps up then we won't be able to have as many senior teams.
- There will be no trials, teams are to be sorted by age
- Netball notices for year 5-8 teams will go out in the next week, teams have to be registered by 3 April.
- Year 5-8 season starts on 2 May through till 15 August. 22 August if there are any cancellations.
- Every team needs an umpire, we will try and find umpires but these will need to be paid for so we will likely do a grocery raffle.
- Any complaints will go to the Netball Committee

If any one would like any further information please email ekenetball@yahoo.com

Winter Hockey AGM

Tuesday 28th March 7.30pm
Hockey Pavilion at the Turf

All new and existing members welcome

We are now taking registration for new players Anyone interested in playing Winter hockey this please could you please email ceri.treder@aon.com or call 0273050615



Manawatu Primary/Intermediate Schools Road Race

Tuesday 4th April @ Manawaroa Park, Palmerston North

Hosted by Manawatu Striders to cater for Years 5 & 6; and Year 7 & 8 students in a schools based competitive road running race event.

It is a measured 3km course based in the Esplanade.

Four races will take place – Year 5/6 Girls; Year 5/6 Boys; Year 7/8 Girls and Year 7/8 Boys.
There is no charge for students to enter.

Entries will be accepted via Sally Duffy before 24th March.

For more information please contact the school office.



