

# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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## COMING UP:

Friday 2 June: Pasifika Day - come in your island gear!

Monday 5 June: King's Birthday - **School Closed**

Wednesday 7 June: Year 7 & 8 @ Technology at Tararua College

Thursday 8 June: Tararua Bush Interschool Road Race

Friday 9 June: Rippa Rugby Training Sessions start

Friday 9 June: Celebration Assembly @ 2:15pm - Rongomai Hosts

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa and talofa lava

We have seen the expected winter weather arrive, but still managed to have students enjoy a variety of great activities this week. From the Tough Guy & Gal Challenge to starting tapa cloth art, children have been engaged and having fun! We wish you all a relaxing long weekend and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 6th June. Faifai lemu 😊

## THE ONGOING ISSUE OF NO WATER AT SCHOOL

On Monday the school was closed due to an issue with the town water supply. First, a huge thank you to our school community for being so understanding and supportive of the decision to close. Second, we have a plan going forward worked out with Tararua Council and the Ministry of Education to purchase a water pump which can be used to access our emergency tank of 5,000 litres installed last year. This will see us able to supply non drinking water on site to ensure toilets can be used safely. We will also have stored drinkable water on site for students and staff. With the implementation of these measures, the school is confident that it will be able to stay open and function effectively, even if further water-related issues arise.



## TAPA CLOTH STARTS IN RONGOMAI



As part of our Pasifika focus students have been looking at Samoan tapa cloth.

The art of tapa-making holds immense significance in Samoan culture, symbolising traditions & local stories. Our students have delved deep into understanding the meaning behind these icons and the techniques used in their creation.

## FUN AT THE TOUGH GUY & GAL CHALLENGE

On Monday several students participated in the event held in Palmerston North. All enjoyed the run, the mud and the competition. Great commitment and 100% effort given by all. Congratulations to Toby White who came first in his age run.

(Thanks to those who sent photos through.)



## 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 Nireaha. Principal Award: Wk5 McKenzie Moore



### Week 5 Class Awards – Star Student:

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

**Hukanui:** Liam Giddens  
**Hāmua:** Olivia Capes  
**Rongomai:** Mareana Roiri  
**Nireaha:** Maxwell Crudis  
**Pūtara:** Jehanne Knight

### Week 5 Caught Being Good Award – Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

**Hukanui:** Phoenix Paul & Georgia Capes  
**Hāmua:** Hugo Algie  
**Rongomai:** Rhianna Jones  
**Nireaha:** Lucy White  
**Pūtara:** Aidan Rolfe

# WEEKLY UPDATE

## HUKANUI NEWS: (ROOM 1)

Talofa lava. This week is Pacifica week and in Hukanui we have been looking at Samoa, their language and place in the world. We will be looking at Samoan Art more in the next few days and on Friday we have our school Pacifica Day where we will work in our whanau groups on a Pacifica inspired Technology challenge. We have been looking at writing Narratives and even used our favourite Greedy cat as the character of our own story. Read them in Hukanui with our great paintings! Please remember to check book bags daily as notices are always put in these. Feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or queries by texting the school office or emailing [mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz). Marilyn

## RONGOMAI NEWS: (ROOM 2)

Kia ora whanau,

This week we have been identifying patterns using match sticks and all students are loving the hands-on aspect of algebra. In writing we are about to start writing about our clay creatures, students are going to have to create a problem that involves the creature and then they are going to have to resolve that problem. Students are excited to begin these narratives. We have also been starting to play rakau sticks in the class. Students are really enjoying this music experience. As always, get in touch if you need to. Either by texting the office or emailing. Nga mihi, Holly. [hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz)

## HAMUA NEWS: (ROOM 3)

Unfortunately, due to the damp ground and rain the School Road Race had to be cancelled. We are hoping for better conditions for next week's Bush Road Race - fingers crossed!

Our maths learning has been around geometry and navigation. We have been looking at compass points, left and right and rotation through  $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{3}{4}$  and full turns, clockwise and anticlockwise. The children have all been very interested in where in the world we are, on a globe and on a map, and where we are in relation to the Pacific Islands (being Pacifica Week). This has all been great learning and fun.

There seems to be a lot of bugs still lurking around so please keep your children home if they are sick, and be sure to keep up with the drink bottles.

Thanks for your ongoing support, Enjoy your long weekend, Rachael.

## COVID CASES ON THE RISE THIS TERM

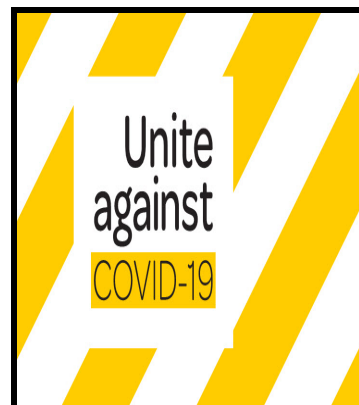
COVID cases are increasing, and it is important to be vigilant. Check for symptoms of coughs and colds, as early detection is crucial. The school is offering free RAT tests to help identify potential cases quickly.

If you experience symptoms or test positive, you must **stay home & isolate for 7 days.**

Contact the school office for more information or support.

Remember to follow proper hygiene practices, such as washing hands, wearing masks, and maintaining social distancing.

Together, we can protect ourselves and others from the spread of COVID-19.



### BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE

A REMINDER TO MAKE SURE ALL STUDENTS BRING A WATER BOTTLE TO SCHOOL EACH DAY NEXT TERM. PLEASE MAKE SURE STUDENTS' NAMES ARE WRITTEN ON THEM. THE WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATION IS OPEN AND IT IS IMPORTANT WE ALL KEEP HYDRATED THROUGH THE DAY!



### STUDENTS 'OFF' BUSES

A GENERAL REMINDER FOR TERM TWO TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF BUS STUDENTS TO PLEASE RING IN BEFORE 2:30PM TO LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF THEIR CHILDREN ARE TO BE TAKEN OFF THE AFTERNOON BUS LISTS. IT MAKES THE JOB SO MUCH EASIER AND SAFER. THANK YOU.



### DRESS WARM AS WINTER IS COMING

WITH COLDER WEATHER ON THE WAY PLEASE MAKE SURE STUDENTS ARE COMING TO SCHOOL IN APPROPRIATE CLOTHES AND SHOES TO KEEP THEM WARM THROUGHOUT THE DAY. BREAK TIMES OUTSIDE CAN GET CHILLY AND WE WANT TO KEEP COLDS & FLUS AWAY! THANKS EVERYONE 😊



**NIREAHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)** Talofa lava,

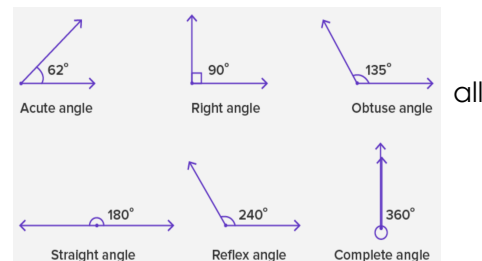
Rain, rain and more rain. We didn't see that on the forecast! Unfortunately we could not have our school Road Race today. The children have been building up their fitness in preparation for the day. Some love to run, some hate it, but they have been out there doing their personal best. That's what I love! Our top runners will be nominated to represent us at next week's Bush Road Race. Tomorrow is Eke School's Pasifika Day and we will have a day of learning about our Pacific neighbours, Samoa. We are looking forward to showing our sasa to the younger classes, and will then sit beside them, and teach the actions. We have a House tech challenge where students will work together to complete the mystery task. The children who meet the brief best, then go on to represent their House in the grand final. Great fun! Ripper Rugby lessons start next Friday, please come prepared for this (change of clothes, drink bottle etc).

**PUTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)**

Kia ora, whānau

In maths we've been learning about the different types of angles. There are six up. Learning how to calculate, measure and remember these is an important skill, so well done Pūtara tamariki. Unfortunately, the road race was cancelled today. Don't fret, Pūtara, we can keep running in order to keep our fitness levels up! 😊

Have a great weekend, everybody. Keep warm and healthy! Dean.



## Big thanks to the STIHL Shop in Carterton!

We want to give a 'shout out' to the STIHL Shop in Carterton for hooking us up with an amazing deal on a new hedge trimmer for our school! Your generosity and support mean the world to us. With this top-notch trimmer, we'll be able to keep our school grounds looking sharp and beautiful! We're so grateful for your commitment to customer satisfaction and community involvement. Thank you for being awesome!

## BAD LANGUAGE IN THE PLAYGROUND

We have had a couple of complaints about older students using bad language in the playground. Our senior rooms have been reminded that we expect them to be our role models. One of our behaviour expectations is we "Care for People" which is underpinned by our school value of 'Respect'. Some of our students use the excuse that they hear this type of language at home! Please be aware that we will not tolerate the use of it at school. It would be a good time to have a discussion with your children about this. Working together, in partnership, to ensure we are consistently respectful and caring in the way we treat each other at school, and at home, we will undoubtedly see this issue reduced and set up our tamariki to be a success in society as adults. Thanks for your support with this.



## BE ON THE "LOOK OUT" FOR HEADLICE

We've had another case 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 need some support in dealing with this issue please contact the school office.

## UPCOMING BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Notice of Board Meeting to be held on Wednesday 21st June, 2022 in the school hall at 6pm. If you have any items for the agenda please contact me with any relevant information by 16 June 2023 5pm on 063758059 or [botchair@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:botchair@eketahuna.school.nz).

Warmest regards - Skye White - BOT Chairperson







# PASIFIKA CELEBRATION DAY

## Friday 2nd June

We will be celebrating all that is Pasifika, with a special focus on Samoa's traditions, language and our school sasa – so come in your lava lava or any Pasifika island attire for a colourful, fun day! Staff & students will be finding a lei, a shell necklace, colourful shirt, skirt or wrap to wear on our special day. We'll practise sasa, learn simple words & phrases, enjoy tapa art & finish with a themed House Team tech challenge.



## HOME & SCHOOL PIE FUNDRAISER



Order forms & money to be in by Friday 30th June

Pies will be delivered to school on Thursday 27th after 11am.

We would love any donations of strong paper bags. Eg: The supermarket (NW/Countdown) online shopping bags are great. If you have any spare, please drop into the school office. Thanks for your support!

### Eketahuna JAB Results:

#### Under 6:

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May:

Eke vs Marist 10 – 13

Eke vs MRS Red 6 – 9

POD: Sophie Forbes

Sportmanship: Hugo Falloon

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May:

Eke vs MRS 4 – 3

Eke vs East Coast 14 – 14

POD: Hugo Algje

Sportmanship: Troy Spring

#### Under 8:

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May: E

ke/coast vs Redstar 6-2

Eke/coast vs Marist 9 – 3

Eke/Coast vs Gladstone 9 – 5

POD: Jacob Thomas.

Sportmanship: Nikau Bidois

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May:

Eke/coast #1 vs Greytown 2 – 16.

Eke/Coast #1 vs Pioneer 3 – 10

Eke/Coast #2 vs Pioneer 12 – 6

Eke/Coast#2 vs Gladstone 10 – 7

PODS: Marshall Liverton & Rupert Falloon.

#### Under 10s:

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May:

Eke vs Marist White – close loss to Eke

POD: Braxton Duffy

Most Improved: Kerrin Atkinson

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May:

Eke vs East Coast – Loss to Eke

POD: Emmanuel McNamara

Most Improved: Harvey Tohiariki

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May:

Eke vs Gladstone 3 -7

POD: Luke McNamara

Most Improved: Hadley Mckay

#### Under 11s: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Eke/Coast vs Pioneer girls. 21 tries to 5.

POD: Carlos Cresswell

No2: Jacob Howell

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May:

Eke/Coast vs Gladstone – loss for Eke/Coast

POD: #3 Kiera Bidois #2 Kiana #1 Hunter Rankin

No Rugby for Kings Birthday Weekend.

Enjoy the sleep in!



## SCHOOL CLOSURE FOR PUBLIC HOLIDAY

School is closed on  
**Monday 5th June**  
for the King's Birthday

We hope you have lovely  
long weekend and look  
forward to seeing you  
back at school  
on  
**Tuesday 6th!**

## YUMMY FRUIT STICKERS



Shop at your local New World, Pak'n Save and participating Four Square stores. Purchase Yummy apples, either bags with cut-out labels or individual apples with Yummy stickers. One cut-out label is worth 10 apple stickers.

Place the Yummy stickers on Sticker Collection Sheets and the cut-out labels on Cut-Out Label Collection Sheets. Your Yummy stickers will then be converted into a winning share of the \$200,000 sports prize pool from DG Sport. Please contact Leona to print off a form or go to <https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/> to print the form yourself.



