

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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COMING UP:

Friday 30 June: Rippa Rugby Training Session #4
 Friday 30 June: Celebration Assembly @ 2:15pm - Leaders
 Friday 30 June: Mid Year School Reports come home
 Friday 30 June: Last Day of Term 2 - School Holidays start

Monday 17 July: First Day of Term 3 - School starts back!
 Wednesday 19 July: Year 7 & 8 Technology @ Tararua College
 Wednesday 19 July: Hukanui, Hāmua & Rongomai Yr4 - Marae Visit
 Thursday 20 July: Rongomai Yr5, Nireaha & Pūtara - Marae Visit
 Friday 21 July: Matariki Day @ School
 Wednesday 26 July: Board of TRustees Meeting @ 7pm

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te kura Ekētahuna,

This is the last newsletter of the term, and what an amazing term it has been with our tamariki! We hope everyone has a well deserved safe, and restful, two week holiday. We look forward to you all returning refreshed, & ready to go, on Monday 17th July, ready for an exciting Term 3! 😊

CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Our students attended the Cultural Festival today, in Pahiatua, and were fantastic! We are all very proud! The group started strongly with the lovely karakia 'He Honore'. They followed this with 'Toia Mai Te Waka Nei', and our school haka 'Kei te Kaha Ahau'. The routine ended with our great, new Samoan Sasa. The routine showed great skill - singing, actions, poi, stagecraft and use of great costumes - awesome stuff! A huge thanks to Barb Whitburn, Holly Johnston, and Dean Parsons for their work with the students, along with tutors Stella Governor and Carmen Bidois. Thanks to Jenny Davidson for behind the scenes work on costumes. A big shout out to all the whānau who were there on the day supporting the group! Our tamariki were AMAZING!



PRINCIPAL'S MORNING TEA

On Monday Melinda & Carolyn took students out for morning tea at The Lazy Graze in recognition of their ability to make good choices! Congratulations to Cleo Davis, Hunter Rankin, Patrick Thomas, Faith Kwocksun, Emmanuel McNamara, Lleucu Anderson, Rylan Carrington, Maia Cremens, Aria McMahon and Georgia Capes. These awesome students were picked out of the 'Green Choice' draw at last week's assembly. Our school behaviour system is focused on "catching children when they are good" as these positive reinforcers have a powerful effect. We had a delicious morning treat and it was lovely getting a chance to 'catch up' with the children at the cafe! 😊

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

It is great seeing everyone in school on Fridays, at the school assembly at 2:15pm, in the hall. It's a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week. Tomorrow's assembly will be hosted by our House Team Leaders

Wk 9 Class Awards – Star Student:

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

Hukanui: Troy Spring
 Hāmua: Thomas Turner
 Rongomai: Jaylah Keedwell
 Nireaha: Cody Bedford-Robinson
 Pūtara: Sadie Opie

Wk 9 Caught Being Good Award – Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values:

Hukanui: Mackenzie Braddick
 Hāmua: Maia Cremens
 Rongomai: Emmanuel McNamara
 Nireaha: Maclane King
 Pūtara: Brooke Duffy



WEEKLY UPDATE

HUKANUI NEWS: (ROOM 1)

Kia Ora all. Hukanui children were amazing last week at assembly. Thanks Kady, Georgia and Mackenzie for keeping us on track! It has been a busy week with a lot of different things happening. We learnt about printing with ink today which was interesting. Miss Mac was here doing release on Monday which is always a different day. There has been lots of sickness around so please be vigilant and if your child is sick keep them home. As we come to the holidays, take time to relax, sleep and find a good book. Enjoy some time with your whanau. Happy Holidays to all. Marilyn, Miss Mac and Lisa.

RONGOMAI NEWS: (ROOM 2)

Kia ora all. Rongmai has had a very busy week with lots of practice to ensure we are performing our best at the Cultural Festival. They certainly did well - all the students that performed today you did amazing. Tomorrow we will be having our last rippa rugby session with Riley which students have really enjoyed. Enjoy the holidays and take time out to spend time with whanau and recharge and be ready for another busy term. I know I will be!

If you would like to get in contact with me you can do this through the school phone or email at hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz. Thanks Holly 😊

HAMUA NEWS: (ROOM 3)

The week has seen a lot of variety. I have been in and out of class doing various other tasks, but it has been very heartening to see the children working so hard for Peta and Carolyn on the days I have not been in there myself. The children are very resilient and are great at just getting on with it. Well done to all of you. There has been a lot of sickness around these past few weeks so make sure you all get the rest you need, if you are able to.

Wishing you all a very happy holiday! Take care out there, and we'll catch up in a couple of weeks. Rachael, Carolyn, Carol, Jo and Peta.

CAMP FEES YR 7 & 8

A REMINDER THAT WE REQUIRE ALL STUDENT CAMP FEES FOR EL RANCHO TO BE PAID BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF TERM 4. THE SCHOOL HAS HEAVILY SUBSIDISED THE COST TO TRY AND KEEP IT MANAGEABLE. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PAYMENT OPTIONS CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE. THANKS



BUS BEHAVIOUR

A REMINDER THAT WE HAVE A 'BUS CODE OF CONDUCT' WHICH STUDENTS AND CAREGIVERS HAVE AGREED TO. FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL WHO TRAVEL ON OUR BUSES WE MUST BE VIGILANT WITH BEHAVIOUR DURING TRIPS BOTH TO & FROM SCHOOL. STUDENTS WHO EXHIBIT POOR BEHAVIOUR CHOICES WILL BE TAKEN OFF THE BUS AND WILL NEED TO BE TRANSPORTED BY PARENTS. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



DRESS WARM AS WINTER IS COMING

WITH COLDER WEATHER NOW HERE, 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. 😊



**SUPPORT STAFF
KAIĀWHINA TAUTOKO
SUPPORT SUCCESS
MAHIA KIA ANGITŪ**

NZEI TE RIUROA



Support Staff Day

On Wednesday we took time to acknowledge all the great support staff we have here at school. This is our chance to reflect on how much they do to make a difference for our school, for children and young people, and for our communities. To show our appreciation we held a special morning tea, and shared amazing cards that classes had made. A huge thank you to our very special Support Staff: Carolyn O'Neil, Leona Hayes, Ryan Seator, Jo Bengston, Lee Herbert, Lisa Seator and Jo Walker.



NIREAHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)

Kia ora whanau,

We did it! We've performed at the Tararua Cultural Festival, and we were awesome! It was great to see the other schools perform too. Our students have worked incredibly hard to be the best they could be. A great team of people have helped us to prepare for the day, and we are truly grateful. A huge thanks to the people who came along to help, and support us today, it was so good to have you there to cheer us on! We'll put some photos on Facebook for those of you who were not able to make it. I am immensely proud of all the Nireaha students, you've all had an amazing term. A few of you have been away sick in the last few weeks of term, we have missed you! Rest up and get well soon. Enjoy the holiday break everyone, have a well earned rest and I'll see you in Term 3. Xxx Barb

**PUTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)**

Kia ora, all

Pūtara, you have had an excellent first two terms this year. You produce some excellent work, and I know learning is tricky at times. Take the next two weeks off to relax and enjoy. Have fun with your siblings, parents, caregivers, whānau etc...

If you're travelling away then have an incredible time! Switch your brains off and rest up!!

I'll see you all in a couple of week's time!

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**MID YEAR REPORTS & LEARNING PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS**

Coming home tomorrow are our Mid Year Progress Reports. These reports show how students are currently tracking in relation to the expected achievement level at their age. Please take time over the holiday break to chat with your child about their report and celebrate all the effort they put into their learning. We are all very proud of our students' hard work and progress being made!



We will be holding Learning Partnership Meetings in Term 3 where parents can meet with teachers to discuss the reports and next steps to support their children's learning. Please save the date!

Week 10 - Friday 30th June	Week 1 - Monday 17th July	Week 4 - Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th August
Mid Year Reports are sent home	Booking Online for Meetings Opens	Parent / Teacher Learning Partnership Meetings

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL WHEEL DAY

FRIDAY 30TH JUNE



On Friday, tamariki are allowed to bring their scooter, bike, drift trike, skateboard, roller skates or rollerblades to school.

The tamariki will be riding their bikes etc in our driveway and on netball/basketball courts.

Please make sure that you have a helmet and appropriate safety gear!



UPCOMING BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Notice of Board Meeting to be held on Wednesday 26th July, 2022 in the school staffroom at 7pm. If you have any items for the agenda please contact me with any relevant information by 5pm on Friday 21st July, 2023 on 063758059 or

botchair@eketahuna.school.nz Warmest regards - Skye White - BOT Chairperson



ROAD SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL CAR PARK AND KEA CROSSING



We are becoming increasingly concerned with the actions of some drivers when dropping off and collecting your children each day. Please adhere to the traffic rules and STOP at the entry point onto Alfredton Road when leaving the school car park. This is not a rolling stop and have been advised to kindly remind our school community to ensure we are all safe.

We also urge you to use our Kea Crossing and role model good practice when crossing the road and not to cross in between parked cars on the grass verge at the end of the school day.

A final reminder that the bus parking area is not to be used for car parks at any time.

Thank you for your support and cooperation with this - it is much appreciated.

HOME & SCHOOL PIE FUNDRAISER

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

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

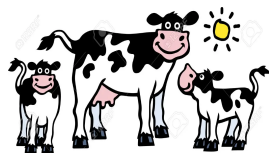


We would love any donations of strong paper bags. Eg: The supermarket (NW/Countdown) online shopping bags are great. If you have any spare, please drop into the school office. Thanks for your support!

HOME & SCHOOL CALF SCHEME

On behalf of the Home and School Association, and the school, a big thank you to all those in our community who are supporting the school through the calf scheme. Your generosity is most appreciated.

If you would like to join the scheme or would like more information please ring Bex Howell 0272026969



RETURN YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS

We are reminding everyone that their class will be visiting our school library tomorrow with Ali Mackisack here to facilitate students' time & lead awesome learning activities.

Please make sure to bring any books you have issued with you in the morning. Thank you!



PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE DAILY

At school we have a filtered water bottle filler for students to access for fresh drinking water. Due to Covid, colds, bugs and germs we no longer have any shared drinking fountains operating so it is vital that all students come with their own water bottle. Please check that your child has their bottle, with their name on it, packed in their bag each day. Thank you.



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.



