

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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COMING UP:

Friday 4th August: Tararua Bush 7-A-Side Postponement

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Wednesday 9th August: Parent & Teacher Learning Discussions

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Friday 11th August: Year 7 & 8 Polar Bear Swim Fundraiser

Friday 11th August: Celebration Assembly - Nireaha hosts

Wednesday 16th August: Year 7 & 8 Technology @ Tararua College

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te kura Ekētahuna,

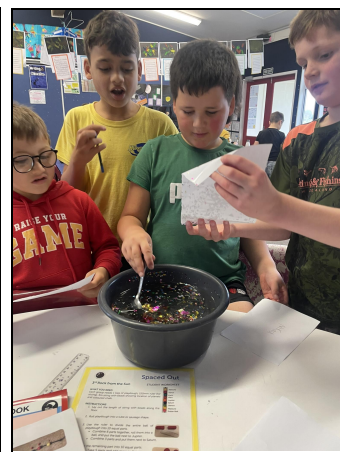
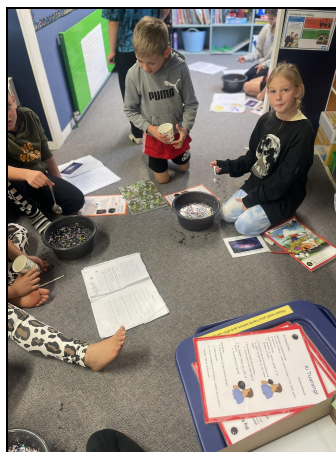
Another great week of teaching and learning with students engaged in a variety of engaging activities...

'SPACED OUT' SCIENCE KIT A SUCCESS

Students from Rongomai and Nireaha started working with the Wairarapa House of Science kit "Spaced Out -Ki Tuarangi" this week. This amazing kit looks at our place in the solar system,



the relationship between our star - the sun - and Earth and explores the components and scale of our solar system. Students make craters in 'moon sand' and investigate some modern applications of space travel. Finally, they can explore uses of satellite technology. A big thanks to our Home & School Association for paying the annual subscription costs - funding awesome



experiences for our tamariki!

TARARUA BUSH 7-A-SIDE TOMORROW

After the postponement from Wednesday, we are looking forward to taking students to the Tararua Bush 7-A-Side Tournament in Pahiatua tomorrow. The competition, run by Sport Manawatu, will see Year 5 & 6 teams in the netball and rugby draw, with Year 7 & 8 teams in the netball and hockey draw. A huge thanks to those parents who are coaches and/or managers for the day - your time and support is much appreciated. Also thanks to all those planning to come along and cheer on our teams. Kia kaha Eketāhuna!!



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.

Our next assembly will be in Week 4 - see you then!

Principal's Award Week 2 : Linkyn Moore & Troy Spring



Week 2 Class Awards – Star Student:

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

Hukanui: Aria McMahon
Hāmua: Ellie Christensen-McCaffery
Rongomai: Macauley Keenan
Nireaha: Rubylee Burton-Foley
Pūtara: Jacob Howell

Week 2 Caught Being Good Award – Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

Hukanui: Linkyn Moore
Hāmua: Isabella Hook
Rongomai: Madison Rankin
Nireaha: Kerrin Atkinson
Pūtara: Hunter Rankin

WEEKLY UPDATE

HUKANUI NEWS: (ROOM 1)

Kia Ora whanau. Hopefully we might see the sun in the next few days. Please maybe stick a spare pair of pants (trousers or shorts) into your childrens bags as with the wet weather we have been having they are getting muddy and wet. We are trying to save this from going all over the carpet. We have been working hard on writing our numbers correctly in Hukanui, and it is great to see so many families helping to do this with their children at home. I have been busy testing childrens spelling, reading levels, alphabet and numbers today....and it is fantastic to see the progress that the children are making. Please remember to send a named water bottle to school. Please do not hesitate to contact me on mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz Nga Mihi, Marilyn.

RONGOMAI NEWS: (ROOM 2)

Kia ora everyone,
This week we have been focusing on space and doing tasks out of the science kit "Spaced Out". The first task that we looked at was the big bang and then did an experiment with balloons and a marker to show how the universe expanded. On Tuesday we began to look into what galaxies are and how they work. We still have one more week with the kit and the students are super excited for the rest of the experiments. This week we have also begun to work making sounds with boomwhackers to create songs. Once again can you please ensure that a water bottle is brought to school. If you ever need to get a hold of me please don't hesitate. I am contactable through the school cell phone or via email hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz. Nga Mihi, Holly



HĀMUA NEWS: (ROOM 3)

This week we have begun **whole-school singing**. I appreciate that singing is not for everyone, but I was happy to see the reluctant singers having a go, smiling even, at Wednesdays singing. This will be a regular fixture and we hope to build a repertoire of songs that we can perform at different events throughout the year. We have also been revisiting our School Values. What it looks like to be **Resilient, Respectful, Responsible and Reflective**. Have a chat to the children at home and ask them what each of these values 'looks like'. We are also doing whole-school **Jump Jam** three days a week to keep the fitness up over these wet months.

Given that everything is wet and muddy at the moment it is probably a good idea to send kids to school with a change of clothes. There have been many occasions lately where we have had to provide a dry set at school because of mud and wet (if this was you could you please return these items to school 😊). We are also running short of pencils and rubbers in class, so if you have any spare at home we would really appreciate these sent along to school. Many thanks for your support, Stay warm, stay well, Rachael. rdickson@eketuhuna.school.nz

DIGITAL USER AGREEMENTS

WE HAVE SENT HOME DIGITAL USER AGREEMENTS WITH STUDENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE ONE CURRENTLY IN THEIR SCHOOL RECORD OR NOW NEED A SENIOR ONE. PLEASE ENSURE THEY ARE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE ASAP. THANKS.



RETURNING YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS

WE ARE REMINDING EVERYONE THAT THEIR CLASS WILL BE VISITING OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY TOMORROW WITH ALL MACKSACK HERE TO FACILITATE STUDENT'S TIME. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO BRING ANY BOOKS YOU HAVE ISSUED WITH YOU IN THE MORNING! THANK YOU VERY MUCH!



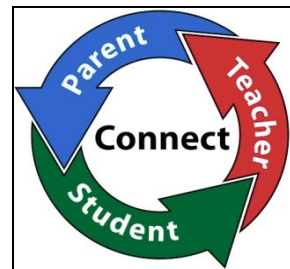
STUDENTS 'OFF' BUSES

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. THANK YOU!



LEARNING DISCUSSIONS - PARENT & TEACHER MEETINGS - BOOK ONLINE

We will be holding Learning Discussions, in Week 4, on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th of August. They are useful, positive meetings where as well as hearing from your child's teacher, you can ask questions and discuss the Mid Year Reports so that you and your child's teachers can become partners in your child's education. Meetings on both days will start at 3.30 pm and go through until the last at 6.30 pm. Meetings can be booked for the times that suit you. Simply go to Skool Loop, click on 'Interviews' and follow the steps. If you need any further information about bookings please contact the school office and speak with Leona. We look forward to seeing you there!



NIREAHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)

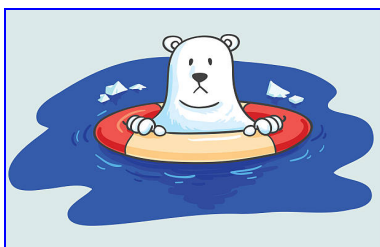
Wow, time flies! How is it newsletter time again already?! The students are working very well in maths and are able to solve a lot of problems with fractions. Next week we will work with decimal numbers. We have the Science Kit "Spaced Out". The children are fascinated with the wonders of space. It was disappointing that the weather was so awful yesterday, fingers crossed for better weather tomorrow, so we can go to the Bush 7-Aside Sports Day. The weather was appalling on Tuesday night, and the next morning I noticed quite a few students arriving without a rain jacket. If you don't have a Kids Can jacket, or if your child has outgrown theirs, please email me and I'll get one sorted. Next Week: It will be our turn to host the school assembly 😊 and if you haven't made your meeting booking, please do so. See you then. Barbara bwhitburn@eketahuna.school.nz

**PŪTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)** Hi all

We are all looking forward to next week's Polar Plunge at school. This will be on Friday morning - time to be confirmed. Thank you for your incredible help with sponsorship, we appreciate it enormously! We have been researching examples of power generation: nuclear, wind, hydro, solar and fossil fuels such as coal, natural gas and petroleum. We also looked at a couple of examples where desalination is occurring around the world. At present there are 50,000 desalination plants across the globe. Well done Pūtara - you're working particularly well when learning about the world we live in. Have a happy weekend everybody. 😊 Dean

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.

**POLAR BEAR SWIM****Friday 11th August**

Year 7 & 8 camp fundraiser to raise funds for El Rancho. Please look for sponsorship forms coming home!

NO VAPING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

As a responsible and caring school community it is essential to adhere to school policies and regulations. Please remember that vaping on school grounds is strictly prohibited, and the consequences for doing so can be significant. Students who engage in vaping may face disciplinary actions such as being stood down from school. It is crucial to prioritise your health and the well-being of others by making informed choices and following the rules set by our school.

**SENIOR CAMP FEES YEAR 7 & 8**

Our Year 7 & 8 students will be attending the El Rancho Camp in Waikanae in Term 4. The cost of the camp is \$50 and all students are expected to pay the full amount or have organised a payment system if they intend on going. For more information on payment options please contact the school office and speak with Leona.



NOTIFYING SCHOOL WHEN CHILDREN ARE ABSENT IS ESSENTIAL



Your child should go to school every day. But sometimes they might need to be away because they are too sick to attend, have an appointment or need to be at a tangi or funeral. If your child is going to be away from school you need to let us know as soon as possible. You will need to let us know that your child will be away, why and for how long.

Your child's safety and wellbeing is a priority for us. We monitor the daily attendance of students to:

- ensure their safety both in getting to school, & in accounting for them in an emergency
- identify students with achievement, engagement, or other issues
- meet our legal responsibilities.

The school expects parents and caregivers to:

- notify the school if their child is going to be absent by phone, text, or email by 9 am
- try to arrange appointments etc. outside school hours or in holidays

If your child doesn't turn up to school and we don't hear from you, we will get in touch with you to make sure your child/ren are safe. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

EKETAHUNA PLAYGROUP

Please come and join our relaxed parent-led playgroup, on the school site. Parents and carers can meet, have a coffee and let our children learn and play together.

Where

At Eketahuna school
Wednesday and
Thursday
9am-1pm

Contact Us

Check out our
Facebook page or
leave us a private
message for more
information



SCHOOL CLOSURE THIS TERM - PLEASE NOTE THE DATE

This term we will be closing the school for instruction on
Friday 25th August for our school's Mid Term Break.

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