

# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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## COMING UP:

Friday 1st September: School Pyjama Day

Friday 1st September: Celebration Assembly 2:15pm - Hukanui

Wednesday 6th September: House Leaders Service - Food Bank

Friday 8th September: Leaders to St Cuthbert's Lunch

Friday 8th September: Celebration Assembly 2:15pm - Hāmua

Monday 11th September: Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori starts

Wednesday 13th September: Year 7 & 8 @ Technology

Wednesday 13th September: BOT Meeting @ 7pm in staffroom

*Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te kura Ekētahuna,*

*So great to see everyone back after the 'long weekend' and exciting to get back into the fantastic learning activities across school. 🥰*

## STUDENTS SELECTED FOR UPCOMING FUNDRAISER RUN AT PŪKAHA MT BRUCE!!

Coming up at Pūkaha Mt Bruce on Sunday 17th September is 'Ritchie's Run for Conservation'. This year the annual open day is a little different with a fundraising running event! At 11am a relay of Pūkahas 4km loop track starts with four teams of 4 running two laps of the track. Team Westpac NZ & Westpac Ambassador Ritchie McCaw will take on 3 local teams – Tararua, Wairarapa, and Pūkaha. We have been lucky enough to have two students selected to run on the day - Brooke Duffy and Hunter Rankin! Both students have been to many running events this year and this is a highlight for them both. As part of the publicity drive for the fundraiser and 'open day' Brooke and Hunter were invited to be photographed, and included in the advertising for the upcoming event they had a fun time down at Pūkaha on Monday! (Big thanks to Carolyn for taking them down and doing the forest walk !)



## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT - ALL WEATHER TURF GRANT SUCCESS!!



*I'm so excited and proud to announce that Eketahuna School BOT and Home & School have been granted a combined amount of \$50,000 to pay for a new all weather turf for our school!*

*The Home and School Association applied to TrustHouse who granted an amazing \$20,000. The BOT were granted a further \$10,000 from Eastern and Central Community Trust and another \$20,000 from Grassroots Central Trust. This money will cover the laying of the Turf, prep work, fencing, hockey goal and netball hoops. Further to this the Eketahuna Tennis Club have generously donated for loan one of their movable tennis nets, this is such a kind and thoughtful loan and will save the school a lot of money in buying a new net.*

*The new all weather turf will cover the area behind Putara and Nireaha classes where the old concrete tennis court is currently. There will be lines on the turf for both hockey and netball, and possibly tennis. This will be a huge asset for our school and we are all so grateful to the above trusts for their generous support! It is a possibility in the future that we can get the turf covered providing a big area for our children to play sheltered from both rain and sun, however this is a longer term goal. It is hoped that the turf will be installed during the summer holidays, providing the prep work can be completed first.*

*This is another project that again wouldn't have been possible without our wonderful Home and School Association, our next meeting is on the 10th October 7pm in the staff room. This meeting we will be into planning and organising for the spring show, so if you have any ideas for the spring show come along and be part of a fantastic group. The Home and School fundraisers work really hard so our kids can have all the extra resources and opportunities such as chrome books, new swing set ( coming very soon), swimming lessons, new books, heated pool, bus trips, school camp, soccer nets, sports equipment, sports uniforms and so much more. If you are not able to attend meetings you can always contact the office and offer support for any upcoming events which will be the Spring Show and the Xmas Parade BBQ and floats.*

Skye White

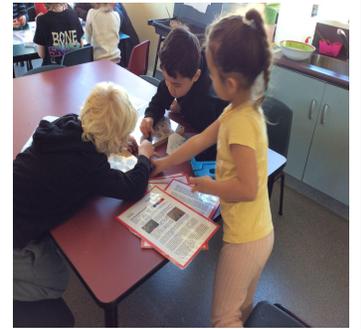
BOT Chairperson and Home and School committee member

# WEEKLY UPDATE

## HUKANUI NEWS: (ROOM 1)

Kia ora whanau,

It has been an incredibly busy week here in Hukanui. We have been working with Hāmua on lots of different magnet activities. Ask your children as I am sure that they can tell you about some of the magnets properties. The deck on the outside of our room is just about finished and we are looking forward to using this. We have Small Stick Hockey on Thursdays. Please ensure that your child has their shoes on for this. Drink bottles also. We are hosting Assembly tomorrow at 2:15pm in the hall. It would be great to see you. Any questions do not hesitate to contact me on [mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz). Thanks, Marilyn



## RONGOMAI NEWS: (ROOM 2)

Kia ora whanau,

This week seems to be going really fast. We have been busy preparing the planter boxes in front of the library to be planted today. Students are enjoying getting out in the sun doing something different by working in the garden. Next week in writing we are going to be putting our persuasive writing practice to use by beginning to start writing, recording and presenting speeches. We began small stick hockey today and students seem to have thoroughly enjoyed it. Just a reminder to please remember that all students need to have proper shoes on Thursdays when we have hockey. 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](mailto:hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz). Nga Mihi, Holly

## HĀMUA NEWS: (ROOM 3)

Marvellous Magnets and Small sticks Hockey. What a fab week we have had. The kids are really enjoying the House of Science Magnet kit that Marilyn and I have added to, creating a series of enjoyable and meaningful magnetic experiences that the children are working through in small groups. The stations give the children lots of opportunities to explore what is magnetic, that there are different strengths of magnets, and that magnets don't always join together! All that fun, and the fact that spring truly feels like it's on the way, we have had a great week in Hāmua. Please remember that kids need proper shoes on Thursdays, for small sticks hockey, and as always - Keep up with the drink bottles. Rachael

## EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE REPORT CONFIRMED

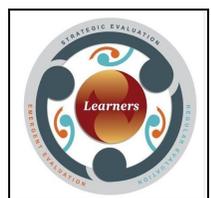
We are delighted to express our immense satisfaction with the Profile Report recently received from the Education Review Office. The report not only acknowledges our unwavering commitment to educational excellence but also highlights the dedication of our staff, the engagement of our students, and the effectiveness of our programs. This recognition further fuels our determination to continue fostering an environment of continuous improvement and superior learning outcomes for all our students.

Te Ara Huarau is the evaluation approach that the Education Review Office (ERO) is using in our school.

This is a developmental approach to evaluation where ERO and our school work together over time rather than one off reviews that happened previously. Te Ara Huarau is used in most English-medium state and state-integrated schools.

ERO maintains a regular review programme to evaluate and report on the education and care of young people in the schools. Our school worked alongside ERO to write our Profile Report. This type of report will only happen once as part of our initial engagement with Te Ara Huarau. The profile report reflects our strategic goals and a shared evaluation focus on one or more areas that are important to us as we work together to improve outcomes for all our learners. ERO, like us, has a strong focus on equity and excellence. Future reporting will show our progress and achievement towards meeting the goals we have set. Public reports like the Profile Report are published on [ERO's website](https://www.ero.govt.nz/).

A Board Assurance Report that shows how we are meeting regulatory and legislative Requirements has also been published. A copy of our Profile Report is included with this week's newsletter.



**NIREHAHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)**

Kia Ora Whanau! The students have begun creating their speeches, where they need to select a topic/issue and then persuade their audience to see their point of view. These will be presented to the class in Week 10. The children will bring the Speech Assignment home with their homework on Monday. Today, we were lucky to get outside and help with the landscaping developments underway around the school. Our mission was to move soil from the old gardens across to where the new planting will be. We loved it! It's really exciting to see the changes around the school, and to be a part of the action!



**PŪTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)** Kia ora all

This week we have started the process for effective speech writing. There will be a school speech competition in the next few weeks; therefore, knowing the structure is important for all the children to understand. Please practise at home and help to prepare your child as you see fit. However, it does need to be their own work.

Key indicators include:

- Introduction with a 'hook' to lure the audience in.
- Main points are clear, well supported, and sources are documented
- Effective body language, eye contact and clarity of voice.
- Any visual aids or props may be used.
- The conclusion will review the main points and bring a memorable close.



**SENIOR DISCO SUCCESS**

The senior dance last Friday was awesome – great kids, great dancing, great 'black & white' outfits, great competitions and great atmosphere!

Funds raised are going to the Year 7 & 8 camp at El Rancho next term. Students had contributed to the dance playlist, helped decorate the hall and cleaned up afterwards. Really proud of them all!



**MINIBALL ON FRIDAY**

Last week our Year 5 & 6 team, Eketāhuna Bouncers, played St. Anthony's Blue and had a great win! Lots of positive feedback about their sportsmanship and positive attitude on court! Tomorrow we are the duty school as they take on Pahiātua Diamonds. Look forward to seeing parents there - Kia kaha Eke Bouncers!



## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

We have our school Celebration Assembly tomorrow, which will be hosted by students from Hukanui. It's a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week. We are looking forward to seeing you, in the hall, at 2:15pm where we will have Awards to give out and student's to acknowledge. 😊

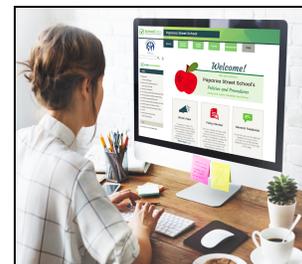


## SCHOOL POLICY & PROCEDURE - TERM 3 REVIEW

SchoolDocs manages our school's policies and procedures online, in a way that allows us to maintain, review, and update them regularly. This term we're asking parents to review:

- 'Curriculum & Student Achievement'

All feedback is great to get and this is your opportunity to have your say! Please take the time to go online at : [www.https://eketahuna.schooldocs.co.nz](https://eketahuna.schooldocs.co.nz) and take part in the review. (User name eketahuna and Password 4900) Thank you for taking the time to review. 😊



## 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.



## UPCOMING

### Board Of Trustees Meeting

Notice of Board Meeting to be held Wednesday  
13th September 2023 in the school  
staff room at 7pm.

If you have any items for the agenda please contact  
me with any relevant information by Friday 8th  
September 2023 @ 7pm on  
063758059 or [botchair@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:botchair@eketahuna.school.nz).



Warmest regards  
Skye White  
BOT Chairperson

## EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL PYJAMA DAY



### Friday 1st September

Get excited 'cos you can wear your  
favourite PJ's all day long!!

## OUTDOOR HOCKEY REGISTRATION FOR TERM 4

Please ensure all registration forms and subs are back by Friday, 1st September. We will start to look at teams the following week and get our official school registration in before the end of term. We have included a copy of the form with the emailed newsletter. If your child is planning to play you will need to get the permission slip signed and into the office as soon as possible. We are still looking for coaches so please make sure you circle that option if you feel you would be able to take on the role. Please note that training & guidance is available around the coaching role. Thank you.



