

# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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## COMING UP:

Friday 15th September: Miniball Year 5 & 6 - Finals

Friday 15th September: Tararua Maths Quiz Yr 5-8 @Pahiatua

Monday 18th September: Formal Dance Practice Yr 7 & 8

Wednesday 20th September: Principal Morning Tea Shout

Thursday 21st September: Small Sticks Hockey Session #4

Thursday 21st September: Tararua Formal Dance Yr 7 & 8 @ 6:30pm

Friday 22nd September: Celebration Assembly@2:15pm - Rongomai

Friday 22nd September: School Wheels Day!

## Kia ora ki nga whānau mo nga hoa o te kura tuatahi o Eketāhuna - Greetings to all families & friends of Eketāhuna School



### TE WIKI O TE REO MAORI - MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK

Celebrated in Aotearoa since 1975, Māori Language Week acknowledges and celebrates the Māori language as a unique cultural treasure for all New Zealanders. We have celebrated this very special week with activities that allowed the language to flow with Whaea Peta speaking fluently in classes whilst leading and supporting 'hands on' activities. Tamariki have

been weaving with harekeke, making flowers (putiputi) and fish (ika), making fruit kebabs following te reo instructions from the story book "Kepapa Huarāka" read to them, and in class games such 'Wharewhare', a school version of bingo using numbers and pictures in te reo! Lots of opportunities to use, hear and celebrate the language of Aotearoa.



### HOUSE TEAM LEADERS SERVICE

Our students enjoyed helping at the St. Cuthbert's Lunch for the community last Friday. The students were outstanding representatives for the school. Holly Spring, Shylo Matiaha, Jehanne Knight and Evan Governor thoroughly enjoyed their time!

## 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 for dates. It's a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week. There is NO assembly tomorrow - we will see you Wk10 with Rongomai hosting! Principal Award: Wk8 Jacob Howell



### Week 8 Class Awards – Star Student:

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

Hukanui: Kaius Morgan  
Hāmua: Litarah Taiaroa  
Rongomai: Brodie Braddick  
Nireaha: Faith KwokSun  
Pūtara: Sadie Opie

### Week 8 Caught Being Good Award – Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

Hukanui: Izzy Lawrence  
Hāmua: Ellie Christensen-McCaffery  
Rongomai: Nikau Bidois  
Nireaha: Lana Hanson  
Pūtara: Savana Hammond

# WEEKLY UPDATE



## HUKANUI NEWS:

Kia Ora whanau. This week it has been really busy outside Hukanui. The builders have been doing a lot more work on the deck and then the highlight was the concrete mixer coming. An easy way to make Marilyn change the days plans! We then estimated how many wheelbarrow loads of concrete was needed, wrote about the concrete mixer and made our own concrete mixers from boxes and bits. Other than that we have been creating rainbows to help remember our number bonds to 10 and 100 for maths, writing about camels and many other topics and learning lots about working together. This week

we have been participating in lots of activities for Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. The children have really enjoyed the extra work with Whaea Peta... Thanks Peta. As always, any queries get back to me on [mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz) Marilyn. (Photo watching the concrete mixer!)

## RONGOMAI NEWS: Kia ora everyone,

This week we have been working really hard on writing and practising our speeches as we are going to be presenting them on Friday. Today we have looked into techniques like eye contact when we are public speaking and presenting our speeches. On Friday last week we wrapped up our fractions unit by making pizza by following directions with fractions. This week we have been participating in Te Wiki o te Reo Māori by listening to a book in te reo maori and then doing an activity. We all learned how to create a flower out of Harakeke. Students have really enjoyed doing something a little bit different this week. 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](mailto:hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz).  
Nga Mihi, Holly

**HĀMUA NEWS:** Kia ora - in case you didn't make it to assembly last week, let me introduce you to Hamua's Hangi Pit Art. We began during Matariki, and it has taken us all term to produce this spectacular multimedia artwork. It represents the **whāngai i te hautapu**, to feed the stars with a sacred offering. At the moment it is in the hall, until we can find a more permanent place for it, but I really encourage you to come and have a look at the amazing detail and textures it holds. Ask your children about the layers they have made, from the rocks to the koura, tuna, snapper, vegetables and roast lamb, chicken and pork (with crackling), the earth, steam and the Matariki stars to top it all off. They have really enjoyed seeing this enormous artwork come to life, and it has been a pleasure to journey with them to produce it. Kia pai te mutunga wiki, tena koe, Rachael.



## EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL 'SPRING SHOW' UPDATE

We are counting down to the Spring Show with lots going on. Please remember to return your Pet Registration Form by **Friday 20th October**. There will be **NO** late registrations accepted. Also remember to get your photo of your favourite pet (Note: it doesn't have to be the one you are bringing to the Show) into the office to go in the 'Pet Photography Competition'. Prizes of a family pass to the movies, indoor pool and ten pin bowling are up for grabs!! Entries in by Wednesday 2nd November. Class activity information is also coming out with today's newsletter.



## 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.





**NIREAHA NEWS:** Kia Ora Whanau,

This week we have been celebrating Māori Language Week with Whaea Peta visiting our class. We have been learning new kupu (words) and phrases. The class made awesome harakeke flowers and as they were the first we made, we gifted these to people at school, or at home. Today we learned the Maori words for common kai, and were able to have conversations around these. Our class speeches have been written, we are now practising these, ready to present them to the class next week. We are thoroughly enjoying contributing to the landscaping projects around the school. So far we have been clearing dirt, and sanding the old playground area by the kiwi hut. Coming up next week: planting and painting. The students have researched Spring crafts and selected their 4 Spring Show activities for next term. Info about these is coming home with this newsletter. Good luck to our Mathematicians for tomorrow's comp. Have a fab week. Cheers. Barbara [bwhitburn@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:bwhitburn@eketahuna.school.nz)

**PŪTARA NEWS:**

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Kia ora, whānau

Just today we have been learning tricks and strategies when multiplying decimals. The trick is super helpful, so please ask your child to show you. Tomorrow is Mathex day, so I wish the team of 4 from Pūtara the best of luck. Brent, Brooke, Evan and Addiena, I know you will perform incredibly well!

Have a wonderful week, whānau!!

**ATTENDANCE & BUSES FROM SCHOOL**

IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT COMING TO SCHOOL PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE 9AM TO LET THEM KNOW. A REMINDER TO ALSO NOTIFY THE OFFICE BEFORE 2:30PM IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT GOING HOME ON THEIR USUAL BUS.

**LATE STUDENTS**

A REMINDER THAT OUR SCHOOL DAY STARTS AT 9AM AS WE SEEM TO HAVE A NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO ARE CONTINUALLY LATE TO SCHOOL. IT IS VITAL THAT OUR STUDENTS ARE AT SCHOOL BEFORE THE START OF THEIR DAY, SO THEY HAVE TIME TO UNPACK, SORT THEIR EQUIPMENT AND PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR THE UPCOMING LEARNING IN CLASS.

**SPRINGSHOW CUPS BACK**

IN PREPARATION FOR THE SPRING SHOW EARLY NEXT TERM WE ARE ASKING FOR THOSE CHILDREN WHO WON CUPS LAST YEAR TO PLEASE RETURN THEM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY BROUGHT THEM INTO THE OFFICE.



## EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL WHEEL DAY

### FRIDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER



On Friday, tamariki are allowed to bring their scooter, bike, 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 & appropriate safety gear!

**EKETĀHUNA HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING**

October 10th September - 7pm @ Eketāhuna School

Come along for a quick meeting, followed by a light supper. Lots coming up & Spring Show planning  
We look forward to seeing you all there!

Save the date!



## Summer Hockey 6-a-side - 2023

We have had a huge response to the sign up for summer hockey which is fantastic!

Just a reminder to those who have sent their permission slips back it is a 'Pay before you Play' policy with after school sports. The subs are not a school charge but the Tararua Hockey Association fee. Thanks to those who have already paid. For those who intend to pay - please ensure your child brings the \$12.00 to school before the first game next term or they will not be able to participate.

If you would like to organise a payment schedule please contact Leona in the office.

THURSDAY

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SEPTEMBER



## TARARUA BUSH YEAR 7 & 8 FORMAL DANCE

**Year 7 & 8 Bush Formal Dance**  
**6:30pm - 8:30pm**  
**@ Bush Multi Sport**

The cost is \$2 and please bring a plate for a shared supper.

Kahui Ako Schools are hosting the Tararua Bush Formal. This is an event for Year 7 and Year 8 students only. We ask that there are no college students, older or younger siblings that attend.

Parents are asked to drop their children off outside the facility & then return to collect them from inside the hall at the end of the evening. Parents are welcome to join the dance from 8:15pm onwards

Please make sure students bring their own water bottle to drink.

**Tidy dress**

We ask that no high heels shoes are worn (these damage the floor) & boys are to have a collared shirt.

## NO ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

Please note there is NO School Celebration Assembly tomorrow afternoon. Our next assembly is on Friday 22nd September at 2:15pm in our school hall. The event will be hosted by Rongomai.

Please come along and share, acknowledge and 'celebrate' student successes!

We look forward to seeing you all there!



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

## Kids Fun Challenge Week

**KFC** is back with all new Activities! Crafts! Games!

**For all kids 5-12 years NO CHARGE**

Mon-Fri 25-29 Sept 10am-12noon

St Peter's Church Hall, Albert Street

Pahiatua. Morning tea provided

Interested? Please text or ring Jill 0274184867

Or email: [jillwoods@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jillwoods@xtra.co.nz)

Pre-registration essential - closes 5pm Friday 22 Sept



PŪKAHA COMMUNITY OPEN DAY 2023

## RICHIE'S RUN

FOR CONSERVATION

Date: Sunday, 17th of September

Location: Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre,  
 85379 SH2 Masterton / Tararua

Time: 10:30 am - 3:30 pm (Race starts at 11:00 am)





