

# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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## COMING UP:

**Friday 24 November:** Celebration Assembly - Hukanui hosting  
**Monday 27 November:** Road Patrol Training for 2024 Team  
**Wednesday 29 November:** Year 7 & 8 Technology @ Pahiatua  
**Wednesday 29 November:** Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6:30 pm  
**Friday 1 December:** Tararua Bush Interschool Athletics @ Pahiatua

**Monday 4 December:** Year 8 Day Out  
**Thursday 7 December:** End of Year School Prizegiving  
**Friday 8 December:** House Leaders & Deputies to St Cuthberts  
**Friday 8 December:** End of Year Reports come home  
**Friday 8 December:** End of Year Reports sent home  
**Monday 11 December:** Principal's Morning Tea Shout  
**Tuesday 12 December:** Eketāhuna School 'Fun Day' In

*Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa*

We're counting down to the end of term with only 2 & a half weeks to go! A bit of a different feel here at school with our Year 7 & 8 students at camp but our Year 6's have been great leaders & role models!

## SCHOOL MINISPORT DAY

We had a fantastic time at our Mini Sport



Day this morning. We were really impressed with the effort our 5-7 year old children



put into the events, the support they gave each other and their positivity throughout the day - they can all be very proud of themselves! Thanks also to the whānau who gave their time to help at the event and to cheer on all our

competitors - it was great to see everyone here - your support was very much appreciated!

## SWIMMING POOL OPENS

We had very excited children this week! Despite the weather, our heated school pool opened for all classes to enjoy! With our Year 7 & 8 students away the younger tamariki got to book 'prime time' in the pool. Our swimming instructor Ryan took time to visit all classes prior to their first swim to ensure they knew all the



safety rules about using our pool. It is such a great asset to our school and it is great we get to use it this term. Fingers crossed for SUN until the end of term - remember togs & towel daily!!! 😊

## STUDENTS REPRESENTING EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL AT THE TARARUA BUSH INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

Friday 1st December @ Bush Multisports park, Pahiatua

Congratulations to those students named below - information on the event comes home this week.

8 YEAR OLDS	9 YEAR OLDS	10 YEAR OLDS	11 YEAR OLDS	12 YEAR OLDS	13 YEAR OLDS
Olivia Capes Ellie Thomas Halo Crudis Nikau Bidois Lucas Cremen Brodie Braddick	Renee Dennison Hollie Giddens Toby White Joseph McNamara Sean Bartolome	Chelsea Spring Annabeth Read Madison Rankin Cody Bedford-Robinson Emmanuel McNamara	Lana Hanson Rubylee Burton-Foley Jehanne Knight Pounamu Roiri Bella Ifill Hunter Rankin Jacob Howell Noah Duffy Evan Governor	Brooke Duffy McKenzie Moore KJ Arnold Keira Bidois Heidi Hanson	Holly Spring Addiena Jones Carlos Cresswell Brent Knight

# WEEKLY UPDATE

## HUKANUI NEWS:

Kia ora whanau

At last we have seen the sun! Well it popped it's head out of the clouds yesterday! It's been a busy week in Hukanui. We have had Whaea Peta in on Wednesday and she has been helping us work on patterns. Swimming has started, so togs and towels everyday please. Swimming is part of our Physical Education programme so if your child is not swimming please let us know. We have been busy preparing for the Junior Minisports and for assembly which we are taking on Friday. Feel free to come and join us at 2:15 pm in the hall. As always, hats, book bags, and water bottles daily. Any queries feel free to contact me on [mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz) or texting the school office on 022 368 1830.

Thanks, Marilyn.

## RONGOMAI NEWS:

Kia Ora Kotou,

Wow what a week we have had. On Tuesday we had Jess in the class working on creating a lock and on Wednesday we had Miss Mac in focusing on probability introducing likely, unlikely, sometimes, maybe, never, yes and no. Students then put them into sentences to show they understood where the words are to be used. For the last few weeks of school the pool will be open so ensure that students are bringing their togs and towel each day. Just a reminder - can all students bring a bottle to school to fill with water as we are a 'Water Only' school - no juice/fizzy, and please ensure that students have a hat in their bag. As always, get in touch either by texting the office on 022 368 1830 or emailing. Nga mihi, Holly. [hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz).

## HAMUA NEWS:

What a full week we have had this week. It has been fantastic to see so many kids turn up with their togs and enjoy the swimming pool. How lucky are they that they get to experience the joys of the pool without getting totally frozen. Great, too, that confidence some kids had to *build* in Term 1 is still there, and they can carry on from where they left. We will be swimming every day and encourage you to get the kids in the practice of managing the hanging out and organising of their togs and towels as much as they can.

We have continued on our Moa hunt this week and I have been enjoying listening to snippets of their writing about Moa. We have been learning about the timeline of New Zealand's history, Eketahuna's history, and where that sits in relation to the history of the world, dinosaurs, Moas, and the year 0. This is a very interesting topic and I have enjoyed the conversations it has sparked. Try it at home 😊.

As always, hats and drinks, and if you find any school books at home, readers or library, can you please return them to school. Many thanks, Stay well, Rachael

### 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.



### CELL PHONES:

STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO HAVE PHONES OR DEVICES OF ANY DESCRIPTION ON THEM AT SCHOOL. IF THEY DO NEED TO BRING ONE THEY ARE TO BE HANDED INTO THE OFFICE BEFORE SCHOOL. THEY ARE ALSO KEPT IN BAGS ON OUR SCHOOL BUSES. THANKS VERY MUCH.



### HATS & SUNSCREEN

OUR SUN SAFETY POLICY REQUIRES HATS TO BE WORN IN TERM 4. IT IS BEGINNING TO HEAT UP, SO A GOOD IDEA IS TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BRING A HAT(NAMED) THAT CAN BE LEFT AT SCHOOL, THEREFORE AVOIDING SPENDING THEIR BREAKS ON THE DECK IN THE SHADE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



## SUMMER HOCKEY DRAW - TUESDAY 28th NOVEMBER

The organisers of Outdoor Hockey cancelled Hockey this week due to the unpredictable weather. Here's hoping for an improvement as we race to the end of the season. Good luck for next week Eke!

**Eke Superheroes(U7)**  
vs Pah 1  
@ 3.30 pm  
Turf 4A  
Bel Capes (Coach)

**Eke Ninja's (U9)**  
vs Makuri  
@ 3.30 pm  
Turf 2  
Dean Parsons & Mel Palmer (Coaches)

**Eke Warriors (U11)**  
vs Woodville Toru  
@ 3.55 pm  
Turf 4  
Skye White (Coach)



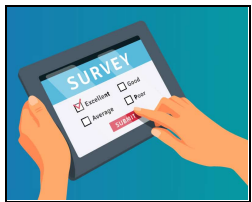
**NIREAHA NEWS:**

I love how Nireaha have stepped up this week and have taken on greater responsibilities around the school while the seniors are on camp. We have delivered the lunches and special notices to the classes, taken on extra Road Patrol duties and covered a range of other tasks. Thanks kids, you have been amazing. Today Bella, Lucy, Lana, Ruby and Cody have supported the junior students at their Junior Mini Sports Day. We are enjoying the warm school pool, and are swimming each morning. We are so fortunate to be able to swim/ build our confidence in the water **before** the summer holidays begin. We will also have some sessions around safety in the water, before the kids head off on their summer adventures.

Keep bringing hats and water bottles, and if you find any school books at home, readers or library, can you please return them to school. Hope to see you at the Christmas Cruise this Saturday. Cheers, Barb

**PUTARA NEWS FROM CAMP EL RANCHO:**

We are having an amazing time over at El Rancho in Waikanae! The huge variety of activities the children are rotating around daily are a perfect blend of challenge and fun. Our parent helpers are fantastic, the camp site and food on offer is top notch and our children are really hitting it 'out of the park' in terms of representing themselves and Eketāhuna School flawlessly! We have been lucky with the weather and have a bonfire at the beach down for our last night with a stop to swim at the indoor pools on our way home on Friday. An awesome experience for all our Year 7 & 8 students that they will never forget! 😊

**EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL HOMEWORK SURVEY**

This consultation aims to gather honest opinions on homework.

We will send this out via an online survey email and make paper copies available in the office. Please get your responses completed by Friday 1st

December, with all hard copies to the school office.

Thank you for your feedback & time.

**CHRISTMAS CRUISE UPDATE FOR THIS WEEKEND**

If your child has indicated they would like to participate in the Christmas Cruise on Saturday, please make sure they are **dropped off at school by 11:15am** and **collected from school at 1pm**.

Lots of work has gone into the float and they will look fabulous.

It should be a great event!

Come along & enjoy the Home & School sausage sizzle too!



'Save the Date'

**EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL**

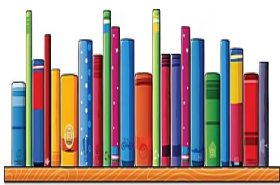
**PRIZEGIVING**

**Thursday 7th December**  
**6pm - 7:30pm**

**EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL HALL**



Come along and celebrate a successful year with our fantastic tamariki. We look forward to seeing you there!



## SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS NEEDED

We still have many books missing from our school library. These are a treasured school resource and would like them all returned. We enjoy issuing them to our students but will have to review this system if we find the number of missing books is not reduced. We will also need to invoice parents for the cost of the missing items. To avoid receiving an account please return all outstanding books asap!

## SCHOOL POLICY & PROCEDURE - TERM 4 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:

- Student Achievement Information (primary schools)
- Home Learning
- Distance Learning

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.schoolsdocs.co.nz](https://eketahuna.schoolsdocs.co.nz) and take part in the review. (User name eketahuna and Password 4900) Thank you. 😊



## KEEPING HEALTHY

While it is important to stay hydrated during school please note we expect water to be the only drink sent from home. Good for the teeth and good for the body!



## A HUGE THANK YOU TO MEL & CHRIS CORLETT FOR HELPING WITH THE CONCRETE WORK LAST FRIDAY



AND, TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS THAT OFFERED HELP BUT WEREN'T NEEDED ON THE DAY. IT WAS MUCH APPRECIATED!

## Upcoming Board Of Trustees Meeting



Notice of Board Meeting to be held Wednesday 29th November 2023 in the school staff room at 6:30pm. If you have any items for the agenda please contact me with any relevant information by 24th November 2023 5pm on 063758059 or [botchair@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:botchair@eketahuna.school.nz).

Warmest regards, Skye White, BOT Chairperson

## HELP FILL THE EKETAHUNA KAI CUPBOARD/FOOD BANK AT THE HEALTH CENTRE

Look out for the family stall at the Santa Cruise this SATURDAY selling raffle tickets to support the local food bank. ALSO, Drop off a non-perishable food item in exchange for a lucky dip.

Eg. Bring along 3 cans to swap for 3 lucky dips!



## EKETAHUNA FOODBANK CHRISTMAS KAI DRIVE ON MONDAY 11 DECEMBER FROM 6PM

## 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.



