

# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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## COMING UP:

**Friday 22nd March:** Celebration Assembly @ 2.15pm - Hāmua

**Monday 25th March:** House Team Softball Competition # 3

**Tuesday 26th March:** Pūtara & Nireaha to Eketāhuna Museum

**Wednesday 27th March:** Pūtara & Nireaha to Eketāhuna Museum

**Wednesday 27th March:** Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6.30 pm

**Friday 29 March:** Good Friday and **School Closed**

**Monday 1st April:** Easter Monday and **School Closed**

**Tuesday 2nd April:** Easter Tuesday and **School Closed**

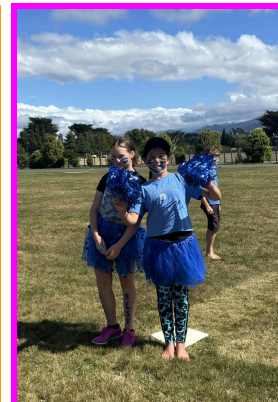
**Wednesday 3rd April:** Year 7 & 8 @ Technology in Pahiatua

**Thursday 4th April:** House Team Softball Competition # 4

**Friday 5th April:** Celebration Assembly @ 2.15pm - Hukanui

**Friday 12th April:** Term 1 Ends - School Holidays start

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te kura Ekētāhuna,  
A week filled with lots of engaging teaching & learning activities 😊



## HOUSE TEAM COMPETITION

We had an awesome start to the House Ball Competition on Monday with our students showing great sportsmanship & enthusiasm at the first round! Our four houses took to the field with Year 1 - 4 playing tee ball and Year 5 - 8 playing softball. We have Round 2 today, and are looking forward to Round 3 on Monday next week and Round 4 in Week 10. The winners from the Year 5 - 8 competition will take on the staff in the last week of the term - staff hope to keep up their winning streak!! If you are able, come along and watch the great competition - it's lots of fun! Results from Monday are below:

Year 1 - 4 Tee Ball 1	Year 1 - 4 Tee Ball 2	Year 5 - 8 Softball 1	Year 5 - 8 Softball 2
<b>Whero vs Kākāriki</b> Kākāriki won 12-10	<b>Kikorangi vs Kōwhai</b> Kikorangi won 11-10	<b>Whero vs Kākāriki</b> Whero won 11-10	<b>Kikorangi vs Kōwhai</b> Kikorangi won 7-4

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

It is lovely to see 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 students from Hāmua. See you there!



### Week 6 Class Awards - Star Student:

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

**Hukanui:** Lukah Hoera-Bengston  
**Hāmua:** Ellie Christensen-McCaffery  
**Rongomai:** Lucas Cremen  
**Nireaha:** Ariki Wihone  
**Pūtara:** Campbell Mackisack

### Week 6 Caught Being Good Award - Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

**Hukanui:** Luke Rodriguez  
**Hāmua:** Soren Hanson  
**Rongomai:** Charlotte Smith  
**Nireaha:** Emmanuel McNamara  
**Pūtara:** Pounamu Roiri

**Principal's Awards:** Ryder Hammond for being RESILIENT when learning new things & giving 100% at all times!

# WEEKLY UPDATE

## HUKANUI NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,

There has been great fun in Hukanui practising our throwing and catching skills to play in the house tee ball competition. Help your child by throwing underarm and encouraging them to catch the ball or rolled up socks. We have been retelling the Maori legends that Whaea Peta has been sharing with us. The children are loving being told, not read the legends. Thanks Peta for your great storytelling abilities! We are going to the Museum next Wednesday 27th if anybody can be a parent help that would be awesome. It has been great to see many of you at our learning conferences. Please remember if you have missed these that you can make another time. As always, any queries email [mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz) Thanks, Marilyn.

## HAMUA NEWS:

Kia ora, Whanau,

Last week we had Whaea Peta in the classroom. We looked at the legend "Maui and the Secret of Fire." So this week we have done a recount on the story and have also produced some amazing pieces of work that show the fire and all of the burnt down trees. Students have thoroughly enjoyed creating these pieces of work. We will be showing these pieces of art at the assembly tomorrow. Please remember our tamariki needs to bring a sun hat and a drink bottle daily. If you have any questions please feel free to email [hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz) Nga Mihi, Holly 😊



## RONGOMAI NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,

It's so lovely to see parents and caregivers at the learning conferences this week. If you couldn't make it, please do not hesitate in contacting me to organise a different time to meet with you.

The softball and T-ball house tournament has now begun. It's wonderful to see the team spirit and a healthy competitiveness between houses in 'full swing.' The enjoyment is evident and I look forward to when the students play against the teaching staff. I have heard that some staff members can run like Usain Bolt! Look out kids!

Just a reminder that we have the museum visit next Tuesday. Please be sure to return the volunteer help forms.

Nga mihi, Miss Mac 😊

### NOTIFYING THE OFFICE WHEN UNWELL

A REMINDER THAT IF YOUR CHILD IS TOO UNWELL TO ATTEND SCHOOL YOU NEED TO NOTIFY THE OFFICE EACH DAY THEY ARE AT HOME TO AVOID THEM BEING RECORDED AS TRUANT. FURTHER, AFTER 3 DAYS AWAY FROM SCHOOL DUE TO POOR HEALTH WE WILL REQUIRE A DOCTOR'S MEDICAL CERTIFICATE FOR OUR SCHOOL ENROL SYSTEM. THANKS.



### BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE

A REMINDER TO BRING A WATER BOTTLE TO SCHOOL EACH DAY. PLEASE MAKE SURE IT HAS YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON IT. THE CHILLED WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATION IS OPEN AND STUDENTS CAN 'TOP' UP THROUGH THE DAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH THIS.



### 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. THANKS VERY MUCH. 😊



## HOME & SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT ON SUNDAY 7TH APRIL – BAKING REQUIRED!



ORGANISATION IS WELL ON TRACK FOR OUR ANNUAL EKET ā HUNA SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO TEE OFF SUNDAY 7TH APRIL AT THE EKET ā HUNA GOLF CLUB. THIS IS OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR AND YOUR SUPPORT IS ALWAYS MUCH APPRECIATED. THE HOME & SCHOOL GROUP HAVE COVERED ALL JOBS ON THE DAY – A BIG THANKS TO THEM ALL. WE ARE NOW ASKING THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE BAKING FOR THE MORNING TEA AT THE GOLF CLUB – PLEASE DROP IT INTO THE CLUB ON THE SUNDAY BETWEEN 8 AND 9AM,

OR AT SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 5TH APRIL.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

### NIREHAHA NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,

This week we have been practising our throwing and catching skills and have had our first House Softball games. The Year 7's enjoyed Tech while the Year 6's learned to use the website 'Canva' to create effective signs and posters. We have started our Cross Country fitness training, with the aim to increase our fitness over the next few weeks. Whaea Peta was in class last week and introduced us to the legend of Nukupewapewa and how he created the manu tukutuku (woven bird kite). Over the next few weeks we will be researching kites, particularly traditional Maori kites. We will be creating kites in week eleven. I'm on the lookout for toetoe, raupo and flax leaves. Please let me know if you have some you could harvest for us.

Cheers, Barb. b.whitburn@eketahuna.school.nz

### PUTARA NEWS:

Kia ora, whanau

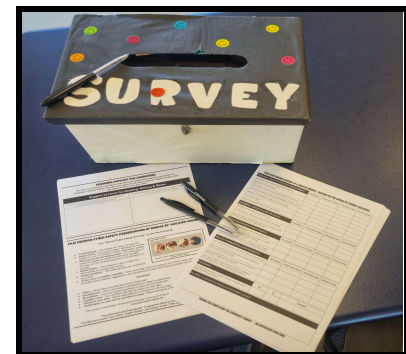
We have had an incredibly busy term to date. Lots of swimming, technology, setting up new systems in class, pre and post testing in different subject areas, and now we're cross country training and also playing house softball. All the children are learning well and applying themselves accordingly. It was nice catching up at the meet and greet, as well as at this week's parent / teacher conferences. If you were unable to attend, please realise you can contact me at any time.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the tremendous effort and results from Lucy, Mack, Brooke and Evan at the Tararua swimming sports. The results produced were simply outstanding! Furthermore, Brooke placed third at the recent Manawatu schools triathlon, held in Palmerston North recently. Great achievement, Brooke. 😊

Have a wonderful weekend, everybody. Dean

## PARENT TEACHER LEARNING DISCUSSIONS

We would like to say 'thank you' to the whanau who attended our 'Parent - Teacher' meetings last night, and are coming after school today. These meetings are a wonderful opportunity for you to share with us about your child, discuss their learning and the aspirations you have for the year ahead. We also appreciate your feedback on surveys being done to help guide our future planning. If you have not been able to attend the discussions please feel free to make contact with your child's teacher via our school phone, cell or email and reschedule. The partnership between home and school is vital for the success of your child.



## NEW SWING SET SUCCESS!

It has been a long time coming but we have been so thrilled to finally have the new swing set, and barked play area up and running!

Students now have two extra swings and a 'nest' swing to enjoy. The newly barked play area also incorporates the much loved 'kiwi hut' which adds to the look of our new playground addition. A huge thank you to our Home & School Association for providing the funding!

## TOUCH RUGBY DRAW - FRIDAY 22nd March



One loss and two wins to Flyers & Chargers last week. Well done. Good luck to our teams for the games

Under 9's  
Semi-Finals  
Eke Thunder vs  
St Ants Purple

Under 11's  
Eke Flyers vs  
St Ants Red  
4.25 pm

Under 13's  
Eke Chargers vs  
Pahiatua  
Sidesteppers

tomorrow, especially Eke Thunder in the semi's!

3.30pm  
Field 2A

Field 3

5pm  
Field 2

## Board Of Trustees Meeting



The next Eketāhuna School Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th March at 6.30pm in the Eketahuna School staff room. Everyone is welcome to attend and if you have any items for the agenda please let me know by 5pm on Friday 22nd March. I am contactable on [botchair@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:botchair@eketahuna.school.nz) or 3758059.

Warmest Regards - Skye White(Chairperson Board of Trustees)

## SCHOOL POLICY & PROCEDURE - TERM 1 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:

- Parent Involvement
- Communicating with Parents
- Community Conduct Expectations
- School Planning and Reporting
- Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and 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.schoolsdocs.co.nz](https://eketahuna.schoolsdocs.co.nz) and take part in the review. (User name eketahuna and Password 4900) Thank you. 😊



## KIDS SOCIAL TENNIS

Each Tuesday &  
going until 9th April

3.30-4.30pm/5pm at Eketahuna Tennis  
Courts by rugby grounds. No charge

For ages 7-13 years

This is not coaching but an opportunity for  
kids to get together and have a game. If your  
child requires supervision please  
be in attendance.

There will be tennis rackets available to use.

Any questions please contact  
Skye 0272787080



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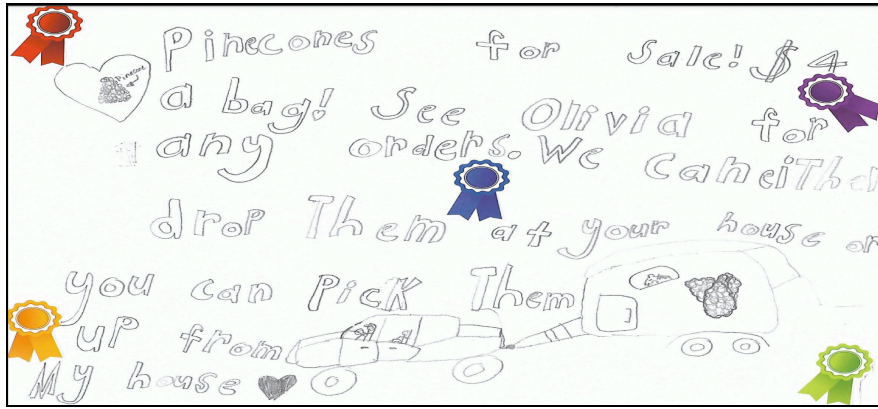
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## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS COMING UP

School will be closed for instruction on the following dates:

Good Friday 29th March,

Easter Monday 1st April

Easter Tuesday 2nd April

