

# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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## COMING UP:

**Friday 29 March:** Good Friday and **School Closed**  
**Monday 1 April:** Easter Monday and **School Closed**  
**Tuesday 2 April:** Easter Tuesday and **School Closed**

**Wednesday 3 April:** Year 7 & 8 @ Technology in Pahiataua  
**Thursday 4 April:** House Team Softball Competition # 4  
**Friday 5 April:** Celebration Assembly @ 2.15pm - Hukanui  
**Friday 12 April:** Term 1 Ends - School Holidays start  
**Monday 29 April:** First Day of Term 2 - School Starts Back!



## HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY EASTER BREAK

School will be closed for instruction on the following dates:  
 Good Friday 29th March, Easter Monday 1st April and  
 Easter Tuesday 2nd April

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te kura Ekētahuna,  
 It has been another awesome week here at school where lots of fantastic teaching & learning is happening! Week 10 & 11 look just as busy so please make sure you read carefully and note upcoming dates.



**TRIPS TO THE MELLEMSKOV MUSEUM A HUGE SUCCESS** - The class trips to the Eketāhuna Museum this week have been fantastic! Students and staff have really enjoyed the 'hands on' learning about how local people lived in the past. Really engaging and interactive experience supported by the volunteers. Some classes text to say they were extending their visit! A huge thank you to whānau who gave their time to accompany classes. It was most appreciated. Check out our school facebook page for more greta photos from the visits.

## 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. Our next assembly is Friday 5th April and hosted by Hukanui. See you there!



**Week 8 (T1) Class Awards - Star Student:**  
 For great work done in class and related to learning throughout the week:

- Hukanui:** Phoenix Paul
- Hāmua:** Kady Ifill
- Rongomai:** Toby White
- Nireaha:** Brooke Turner
- Pūtara:** Jacob Howell

**Week 8 (T1) Caught Being Good Award - Duffy Book:**  
 Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

- Hukanui:** Freddie Algje
- Hāmua:** Amelia Webber
- Rongomai:** Maddie Giddens
- Nireaha:** Madison Rankin
- Pūtara:** Lucy White

**Principal's Awards:** Georgia Capes for being REFLECTIVE and thinking our library needed a new book - so she created one!

# WEEKLY UPDATE

## HUKANUI NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,

Today our visit to the local Eketahuna Museum was fantastic. It is good for children to get a visual idea of some of the things that are different from how and when they are growing up. The carriage and no cars fascinated the children as did the telephones that you couldn't walk around with or stick in your pocket! Please remember as the weather gets colder and wetter that the children need a sweatshirt or jumper in their bag and it's a good idea to put spare trousers in as well as it is just impossible to not jump in a puddle when you are 5! Please remember sunhats to the end of the term and drink bottles with water only please. Any queries do not hesitate to contact me [mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz)

Thanks, Marilyn.

## RONGOMAI NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,

The museum visit has been a wonderful highlight of the week. The history of our area and community is so rich with information. Our kids were so engaged and we appreciate the parent helpers. Without you, we would be unable to extend beyond the school gates, so thank you.

It was wonderful to see our netballers in action on Tuesday at the finals, in Masterton. Such a great team spirit! Well done! Just a reminder to continue bringing hats to school. Be sure they also bring an extra layer of clothing. The weather is a little unpredictable just now. We have four seasons in one day just now. Keep up the great work & happy Easter to you all, Miss Mac 😊

## HAMUA NEWS:

Kia Ora whanau,

Thank you to all the parents that came and helped us down at the museum on wednesday. The students thoroughly enjoyed their time down there. Students are able to make their own connection to "Old Eketahuna" and what it was like in the "olden" days. One thing that students thoroughly enjoyed was being able to play and experiment with old phones to see how they are used and looking in the pantry to see what they could find that is the same as today. 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) I hope everyone enjoys their easter break Nga Mihi, Holly 😊

## AUTHORS & ILLUSTRATORS TO COME

Two students are spending time writing and illustrating a book series called 'The Dragon Wars'. Lleucu Anderson and Rhianna Jones are working together to create the books. Their first set up the series, and is beautifully illustrated with life-like drawings of the main characters. The students plan to give the completed set to our wonderful school library!



## KIKORANGI HAS A NEW DEPUTY LEADER

Congratulations to RubyLee Burton - Foley who is the new Deputy Leader in Kikorangi this year. The previous leader has shifted schools, which has meant Campbell Mackisack has moved into the Leader's role and Ruby into Deputy. We went back to the results from last year's 'Leadership Campaign' to determine who would be the new replacement. Well done Ruby!



## INDOOR HOCKEY REGISTRATION FOR TERM 2

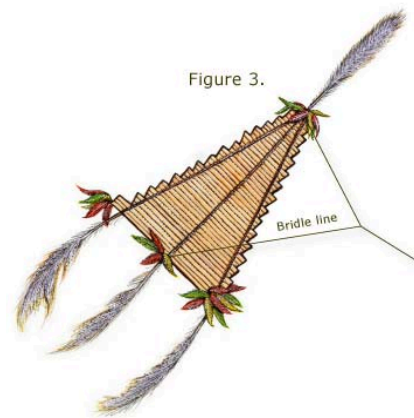
Registration forms went home this week. If your child is planning to play you will need to get the permission slip signed and returned to the office, with the sub of \$15.00 by Friday 5th April. We will require coaches so please make sure you circle that option if you feel you would be able to take on the role. Please note that training & guidance is available around the coaching role. Thank you.



**NIREAHA NEWS:**

Kia ora whanau,

Our visit to the local museum was fantastic. What a treasure right here in Eketahuna! The children enjoyed looking around all the old objects and hearing stories of our local area. Thank you to Sam and Kirby for coming with us. If you haven't visited the museum yet, the students of Nireaha highly recommend that you do! They are open Sundays 2-4pm and also on the mornings of the Eketahuna Market. Our House Softball competition is well underway with some really good games played so far. I'm looking forward to seeing who the adults get to play (thrash 😊) in the last week of term! I am really proud of the class for how settled they are, there is some great learning happening. We have been learning local legends with Whaea Peta, and will be making manu tukutuku (traditional kites) in the last week of term. Do you have any toi toi, raupō (bullrush), or flax? Please send me an email if you could harvest some for us. Thank you. Have a wonderful Easter Weekend everyone. I am really looking forward to some nice chocolate and a few sleep-ins. Remember that school reopens Wednesday 3rd April. Nga mihi, Barb. [b.whitburn@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:b.whitburn@eketahuna.school.nz)



**PUTARA NEWS:**

Hi all

We had a great time at the Mellemskov Museum on Tuesday. Many thanks to Stevie Carrington and Skye White who helped with parent support. Also, thanks Carolyn for transporting us down there at the last minute - due to the weather.

Next week will be the last week at technology for the term; therefore, it will be extremely short for the Year 7 & 8 students at school.

Have a wonderful Easter, stay safe if you're heading away, and enjoy these two short weeks with your family.

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**SCHOOL RUBBISH:**

WE ARE ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO PUT FOOD 'WRAPPINGS' & PACKAGING BACK IN THEIR LUNCH BOXES ONCE THEY HAVE EATEN AT BREAK TIMES. WE ARE CONTINUING TO KEEP THE AMOUNT OF RUBBISH DOWN HERE AT SCHOOL. WE ARE 'TIDY KIWIS'. 😊



**DEVICES AT SCHOOL**

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. THANKS FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT WITH THIS.



**STUDENTS 'OFF' BUSES**

A GENERAL REMINDER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF BUS STUDENTS TO PLEASE RING IN BEFORE 2:30PM TO LET THE OFFICE KNOW THEIR CHILDREN ARE TO BE TAKEN OFF THE AFTERNOON BUS LISTS. IT MAKES THE JOB SO MUCH EASIER AND SAFER. THANKS.



**TOUCH RUGBY DRAW - FRIDAY 5th April**



A draw for Eke Thunder and two wins for Flyers & Chargers last week. Well done. Good luck to our teams for the games next Friday, especially Eke Thunder in the finals!

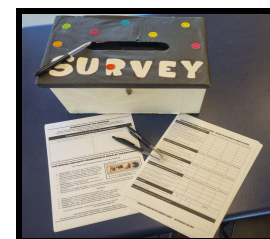
Under 9's  
Finals  
Eke Thunder vs  
Pahiatua whā  
3.30pm  
Field 3A

Under 11's  
Eke Flyers vs  
Alfredton Oaks  
4 pm  
Field 2

Under 13's  
Eke Chargers vs  
Pahiatua Scorers  
5pm  
Field 2

**COMMUNITY SURVEY - PLEASE GET THEM BACK ASAP**

We would like to say 'thank you' to the whanau who attended our 'Parent Teacher' meetings last week. If you were not able to come in, hard copies of the community survey have been sent home. We are asking for feedback on our PE & Health Curriculum, support for Parents with Reading, Writing & Maths at home, along with interest in a parent evening around cyber safety. Please get them back by Friday 5th April.



## SPARE CLOTHES?

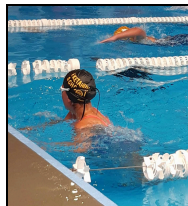
Heading into winter & wet weather it is really good to have spare clothes, such as track pants & tops etc, here at school if children get wet or muddy. If you have clothes

children have outgrown please send them along to school to be used as needed. Leona in the office would really appreciate them!



## SCHOOL SWIM TEAM STUNS!

We were very proud of the efforts of Brooke Duffy, Evan Governor, Mack Duffy, Lucy White, Hollie Giddens and Toby White who represented the school at the Tararua Interschool Swimming Sports in Week 7. Our swimmers made it into 21 of 24 finals and were placed in 18 of them. The team also combined to take out the school relay!! We understand "Eke was the talk of the 'Bush"! A definite highlight of our school term! Big thanks to Lisa & Ryan Seator for coaching the team and the great family support on the day!



## **TARARUA INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS 2024 - RESULTS**

Event:	Place:	Student:	Event:	Place:	Student:
1. Open Boys 100m Freestyle	2nd	Mack Duffy	13. Junior Boys 25m Breastroke	1st	Toby White
2. Open Girls 100m Freestyle	1st	Brooke Duffy	15. Intermediate Boys 25m Breaststroke	2nd	Mack Duffy
4. Junior Boys 25m Freestyle	1st	Toby White	16. Intermediate Boys 25m Breaststroke	2nd	Lucy White
5. Intermediate Boys 25m Freestyle	2nd	Mack Duffy	17. Senior Boys 25m Breastroke	3rd	Evan Governor
8. Senior Girls 25m Freestyle	1st	Brooke Duffy	18. Senior Girls 25m Breastroke	1st	Brooke Duffy
9. Open Boys 75m IM	3rd	Evan Governor	24. Senior Girls 25m Butterfly	1st	Brooke Duffy
10. Open Girls 75m IM	1st	Brooke Duffy	27. Intermediate Boys 25m Backstroke	3rd	Mack Duffy
11. Open Boys 50m Freestyle	2nd	Mack Duffy	28. Intermediate Girls 25m Backstroke	2nd	Lucy White
12. Open Girls 50m Freestyle	1st	Brooke Duffy	30. Senior Girls 25m Backstroke	1st	Brooke Duffy

**SCHOOL RELAY: 1st PLACE** Brooke Duffy, Evan Governor, Mack Duffy, Lucy White, Hollie Giddens and Toby White

## 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.

## **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.





