

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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COMING UP:

Friday 12 April: Celebration Assembly @ 2pm - Leaders

Friday 12 April: Term 1 Ends - School Holidays start

Thursday 25 April: Eketāhuna ANZAC Service

Monday 29 April: First Day of Term 2 - School Starts Back!

Thursday 2 May: Polish National Day - Tararua Celebration

Friday 3 May: Celebration Assembly: Leaders & Deputies @ 2:15pm

Friday 3 May: Junior Netball Prizegiving @ Celebration Assembly

Wednesday 8 May: Year 7 & 8 Technology @ Pahiatua

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te kura Ekētāhuna,

As Term 1 comes to an end, and we look back over a very busy eleven weeks, it's amazing to reflect on all the awesome experiences students have had, such as the daily swimming lessons, the house team sports, school Mihi whakatau, PTR programme, netball for Year 1 - 4, House Softball competition, class trips to Mellemkov Museum, great Parent/Teacher meetings, school swimming sports & swim display, the Peace Run visit, new verandah and astro turf, Tararua Bush Interschool swimming success and the House Leaders at St. Cuthberts Community Lunch. All this while engaging teaching and learning has been going on. We can honestly say our kids have had a wonderful first term & we are all looking forward to the next one!!



SCHOOL FUNDRAISER A BIG SUCCESS

We were extremely lucky with the weather on Sunday, and had the most amazing fundraiser at the Eketāhuna Golf Club. We had one of the best turnouts, and were able to raise funds for all playground markings! A lot of effort goes into an event like this so a **HUGE** thank you to our **Home & School Association**

for their organisation of the event and the time spent on the day



running it. Also, thanks to the Eketāhuna Golf Club for allowing us to use their fantastic venue, big thanks to the awesome sponsors that so generously donated money and prizes, and to our school community who helped out with the amazing baked goods, attended on Sunday, and made the day so much fun. **THANKS TO YOU ALL FOR YOUR GREAT SUPPORT!**

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

It is lovely to see everyone in school on Fridays, at the school assembly in the hall. It's a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week. Tomorrow's assembly will start at 2pm and will be hosted by student leaders & deputies of our school house teams.



Week 6 Class Awards - Star Student:

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

Hukanui: Hayley O'Dwyer McMahon

Hāmua: Georgia Capes

Rongomai: Joseph McNamara

Nireaha: Luke McNamara

Pūtara: Keira Bidois

Week 6 Caught Being Good Award - Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

Hukanui: Noel Lochhead

Hāmua: Liam Giddens

Rongomai: Litarah Taiaroa

Nireaha: Maxwell Crudis

Pūtara: Mack Duffy

Principal's Awards: Ann Kent for being very RESPONSIBLE and kind supporting a new student

WEEKLY UPDATE

HUKANUI NEWS:

Wow! The first term is coming to an end. We have done a lot of learning here in Hukanui and had a lot of fun in the process. The children here are amazing and wonderful at helping new children to school feel welcome and learn the school way. Well done all of you! Enjoy the holidays and take time out to recharge ready for another busy term. I know I will be!

Enjoy your holidays from all of us here in Hukanui! Remember if you need to contact me please leave a message on the school phone or email mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz Thanks, Marilyn.

HAMUA NEWS:

We have done a lot of learning here in Hamua and had a lot of fun in the process. This week we have been learning about ANZAC day. We have read lots of books. One of the students' favourites has been ANZAC Ted. Students have written a piece retelling the story and today we wrote a diary pretending to be Anzac Ted. In maths this week we have been going over skip counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s forwards and backwards. We have gone outside and created snakes on the concrete and created games to show that we know how to skip count forwards and backwards. Let's celebrate with two weeks off to recharge. Enjoy this time with your whanau, keep the conversations flowing, have fun and we will see you back in two weeks

Just a reminder if you would like to get in contact with me you can do this through the school phone or email at hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz. Thanks Holly 😊

RONGOMAI NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,

Well done to Halo and Toby for being drawn from the green card draw for the principal's morning tea 'shout' from Rongomai. To have a green card term is certainly something to be proud of.

We have been studying ANZAC throughout our reading and writing this week and creating artworks. We are also building our fitness daily for the upcoming cross country event next term.

It's been a busy and productive term for our tamariki. I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable break with your whanau. Nga mihi, Miss Mac 😊

PRINCIPAL'S MORNING TEA SHOUT

This morning, ten students enjoyed a morning tea 'shout' at Lazy Graze in recognition of their ability to make good choices! Our school behaviour system is focused on "catching children when they are good" as these positive reinforcers have a powerful effect. At last Friday's assembly names were drawn out & the following students selected: Linkyn Moore, Aria McMahon, Ameila Webber, Halo Crudis, Toby White, Madison Rankin, Emmanuel McNamara, Mack Duffy and Cleo Davis. We had a delicious morning tea and lots of happy 'holiday' discussions. An awesome way to end the term!



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.



SPARE CLOTHES TO SCHOOL PLEASE

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! THANKS VERY MUCH.



STUDENTS 'OFF' BUSES

I REMINDER FOR NEXT TERM FOR 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



**NIREAHA NEWS:**

Nireaha have been thoroughly enjoying hearing the Chapter book "Holes" read to them this term, so much so, they would often plead..."Keep reading in the break!" To celebrate completing the novel, we sat back today and enjoyed watching the movie - complete with "SPLOOSH" on icecream! What a treat!



Whaea Peta helped us to create traditional Maori kites, as featured in the legend of Nukupewapewa. Thanks to the whanau who supplied the natural materials for making these. The class worked in teams to create their kites. We will see if the kites can fly and then they will become artwork on display in the class.

Congratulations on a fantastic Term 1 Nireaha!
Enjoy the term break! See you back next term ready and raring to go! Nga mihi, Barb.

PUTARA NEWS:

The end of the term has come around quickly. Our trip to Mellemkov museum was definitely a highlight, and I was extremely impressed with the recount writing our children produced. Also, end of term maths tests have been completed. Once again, I am very happy with the solid, overall movement and learning that has been achieved. In short, we have had a wonderful term and I am looking forward to what we can achieve next. Take care and have a fantastic holiday. Dean

JUNIOR TOUGH GUY & GAL CHALLENGE

This extreme 'off road' running event is in Palmerston North on:
Monday 27th, and Tuesday 28th, May.

It's for Year 3 to Year 8. Parents are invited to go online and register their children at :

<https://eventpromotions.co.nz/junior-tough-guy-and-gal-challenge/>

READING PROGRAMME THANKS!

We are looking forward to starting the Reading Programme next term and are very appreciative of the community support for our students.

A big thank you to Jenny Davidson, Emily Richards, Hera Wi Repa & Amanda Homewood.

If you are able to help out at school please contact Carol Laubscher or ring the school office.

**ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS**

10:00AM

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EKETĀHUNA COMMUNITY CENTRE



WE INVITE YOU ALL TO COME ALONG AND SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY AS WE REMEMBER THOSE NEW ZEALAND SOLDIERS WHO HAVE FOUGHT AND DIED FOR THEIR COUNTRY.

STUDENTS INVITED TO LAY ANZAC CROSSES

Our students, and their whānau, have been invited to lay crosses for our Eketāhuna fallen soldiers at the RSA War Memorial Hall on:

Friday 19th April at 11am.

The crosses have all the soldiers' names on who died at the Boer War, WW1, WW2 and Vietnam. A deserved acknowledgement of their sacrifice.



Board Of Trustees Meeting



The next Eketāhuna School Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th May at 6.30pm in the Eketāhuna 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 3rd May. I am contactable on botchair@eketahuna.school.nz or 3758059.

Warmest Regards - Skye White
(Chairperson Board of Trustees)

EKETĀHUNA HOME & SCHOOL MEETING

Tuesday 21st May
@ 7pm
Eketāhuna School
Staffroom

We look forward to seeing you there!



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.



Lego Club

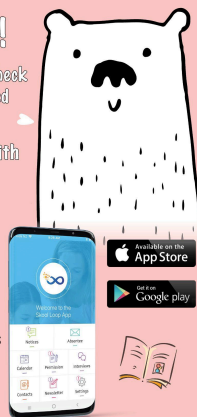
We plan to start a supervised lunch time lego club at school in Term 2, and are looking for donations of lego please!
Please contact Carol or drop off donations at the office.
Many thanks

Hey there!

Just popping in to check you have downloaded our school app?

Stay in the loop with Skool Loop.

- ✓ Events
- ✓ Notices
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- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission Slips



Simple free download: In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.



Kia ora whānau o Eketāhuna

School will resume next term on Monday the 29th of April. We will no longer require hats to be worn by students at break times as we head into our two winter terms. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday with family and friends.

Ngā mihi,
Melinda & the Eketāhuna School Team

HOLIDAYS





Eketahuna JAB Rugby



Junior rugby registrations are still open!

You still have time to register for this coming season. Email Kirby for more info and see below on how to register on the Sporty website. Over the next couple of week's we will be putting team lists together, so please do get in touch if you are keen.

COMPETITION STARTS - May 2022 - date tbc

AGM AND KIDS RUNAROUND: Wednesday 1st May - 4:30pm @ Eketahuna Rugby Grounds

Subs: \$20 per child. Please pay into the bank account number below including your child's name(s) as reference.

EKETAHUNA JAB RUGBY - BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER - 02-0724-0103953-00

Your own black shorts are required. Socks can be purchased from us - \$15. Playing jersey's will be issued at our first training - (Date tbc) only to those that have paid their subs.

Do you want an Eke JAB hoodie? flick Kirby an email. \$20 or \$30 named. Register your child on Sporty - go to www.sporty.co.nz. Click on Find Your Club or School. Type Eketahuna Rugby Football Club into the search box at top right and click Search. Click on Eketahuna Rugby Football Club. Click on Online Registrations, then Junior Form. Complete this form and submit. Any questions?? contact Kirby - lanceandkirby@inspire.net.nz Many thanks.

IF YOU THINK COACHING MIGHT BE YOUR THING, THEN PLEASE CONTACT MYSELF OR BEN. WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF EXTRA HELP! 😊

bpjohnston77@hotmail.com

NEW STAGE PRODUCTIONS PRESENT

ILLUMINATE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

A BRAND NEW CHILDREN'S CHOIR IN PAHIATUA, FEILDING, AND PALMERSTON NORTH

REGISTER NOW!

NO AUDITION NEEDED!

AGED 7-18 YEARS

IF YOU ARE AGED BETWEEN 7-18 AND LOVE TO SING THEN WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

\$10 PER SESSION

\$50 DEPOSIT FOR THE FIRST 5 SESSIONS

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CHOIR INFORMATION

NO AUDITION REQUIRED - ALL CHILDREN AGED 7-18 WELCOME

SIMPLY FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM FROM OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

\$10 PER SESSION

\$50 DEPOSIT FOR THE FIRST 5 SESSIONS

HAVE FUN WHILST SINGING

LEARN TO SING LIKE A PRO

BUILD CONFIDENCE ONSTAGE



SESSIONS TIMES

MONDAYS: PAHIATUA

4.30PM-5.30PM

TUESDAYS: FEILDING:

5.30-6.30PM

WEDNESDAYS: PALMERSTON NORTH

5.30-6.30PM

LEADING TO PERFORMANCES WITHIN THE REGION



School Holiday Programme:



QR CODE SCAVENGER HUNT

**Come into the library during the school holidays
to do our QR Code Scavenger Hunt!**



Bring in a device that can scan QR Codes.
*(If you do not have a phone or device that can scan QR
codes, we can provide one for you).*



**Follow the instructions to find letters
hidden around the library.**

**Unscramble the letters to make two words
and go into the draw to win a prize.**



***All children can enter, younger children will need
help from an older child or adult.***



