

# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## COMING UP:

Friday 3 May: Celebration Assembly @ 2:15pm - House Leaders  
Friday 3 May: Junior Netball Prizegiving @ Celebration Assembly

Wednesday 8 May: Year 7 & 8 Technology @ Pahiatua  
Wednesday 8 May: Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6:30pm  
Friday 10 May: Celebration Assembly @ 2:15pm - Pūtara  
Monday 13 May: STRIKE Percussion in school @10am

## SCHOOL CLOSURE THIS TERM - PLEASE NOTE THE DATE

This term we will be closing the school for instruction on  
Tuesday 4th June for the Tararua Teacher Only Day



Tēnā koutou e te whānau o te kura Ekētahuna,

We hope you all enjoyed a lovely break, are feeling refreshed and ready for a great term. It has been a great few days with lots on . . .



## EKETĀHUNA ANZAC DAY

An amazing morning in town, on Tuesday 25th April, our national day of remembrance as we commemorated those "who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations" and "the contribution and suffering of all those who have served". Wonderful to see the community out in force! A big thank you to our school leaders who

were great representatives of our school - Lucy White, Bella Ifill, Lana Hanson, RubyLee Burton-Foley and Savannah Hammond for their contributions during the service and the amazing reading of their ANZAC poem. Also thanks to Noah Duffy & Hunter Rankin doing a great job at the laying of the wreath ceremony - you were all great representatives of our school!

## 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 starts at 2:15pm and will be hosted by student leaders & deputies of our school house teams.

We look forward to seeing you all there!



### Week 11, Term 1 = Class Awards – Star Student:

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

Hukanui: Matthew Webber  
Hāmua: Hugo Algie  
Rongomai: Renee Dennison  
Nireaha: Cody Bedford-Robinson  
Pūtara: Bella Ifill

### Week 11, Term 1 = Caught Being Good Award – Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

Hukanui: Emily Trass  
Hāmua: Troy Spring  
Rongomai: Ellie Turner  
Nireaha: Mareana Roiri  
Pūtara: Lana Hanson

Principal's Awards: Linkyn Moore for demonstrating great RESILIENCE

# WEEKLY UPDATE

## HUKANUI NEWS:

Kia ora whanau. Welcome back to a busy term 2. There is a lot planned for this term, visits to the town library, science and technology work alongside the older Y2 children of Hamua and of course the cross country which we are busy training for. This week has been busy settling back into school and working on Healthy Eating and Food after our visits to Harold in the Life Education Bus. Please remember water bottles and book bags daily. It is important that the children have their water so they can rehydrate, especially when we are running.

Any queries feel free to email me [mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz)

Thanks, Marilyn.

## HAMUA NEWS:

Kia ora Whanau,

Welcome back to term 2, this term is going to be jam packed with some really exciting stuff like working alongside Hukanui doing a science and technology program on a Friday and we will be starting to run every day to gear us all up and ready for cross country which will be later in the term.

Quick rundown on what we have been doing this week. We have all completed the maths knowledge test and every student in the class has made an improvement which is really exciting.

Please remember our tamariki needs to bring a drink bottle and appropriate shoes for cross country practices. If you have any questions please feel free to email [hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz)

Nga Mihi, Holly 😊

## RONGOMAI NEWS:

Welcome back to our wonderful Rongomai cherubs! It's lovely to be back and refreshed for a new term. We returned to new learning from the Life Education bus on Monday & Tuesday. Here we learned about health and nutrition. Harold never disappoints!

Over the next few weeks I will be rolling out spelling books to each student. Your child will need to practise on their spelling words, then return to school for final testing on Friday's.

Be sure your child comes to school with warm layers of clothes. The weather is beginning to close in as winter soon approaches. Hope you are enjoying your week. Nga mihi, Miss Mac 😊

### MIHI WHAKATAU

Our Mihi Whakatau was a lovely start to Term 2 on Monday to welcome a new family, Annabelle & Georgia, to our school community. Well done to all our students and supporters. If you missed it this term we look forward to seeing you at our Mihi Whakatau at the beginning of Term 3.



### LIFE EDUCATION BUS VISIT



What a treat having Holly and the Life Education Bus visit this week. The students were delighted to see Harold again! The Eketahuna Playgroup enjoyed their visit and expressed their thanks at being invited. A huge thank you to Holly - we have loved having you here and have seen so many excited and smiling faces everyday. You are the talk of the school this week.



### UPDATE STUDENT & HOME CONTACT INFORMATION

With the start of the new term we ask that parents and caregivers update the school with any new information regarding their children - especially in relation to their health i.e, asthma, allergies etc.

We would also appreciate any new contact details being updated. Please give the school office a ring, and speak to Leona, if any update is necessary.

**NIREAHA NEWS:**

Welcome back Nireaha students and whanau,

Term 2 is underway and there are so many great things to look forward to. We currently have Holly and the Life Education Bus visiting. We have 3 sessions in the bus learning about Health and Nutrition. The Technology dates this term are: 8 and 22 May, 5 and 19 June. A major focus for Rongomai, Nireaha and Putara will be to prepare for the Bush Cultural Festival, which will be held in Pahiatua on the 27 June. Our sporting events this term will be Cross Country Running and Netball Manawatu sessions here at school. There will be more Wheels Days at school, plus an evening disco. So much to look forward to! Students will need to have suitable running shoes for our daily running sessions. Cheers, Barb.

**PUTARA NEWS:**

Welcome back, Pūtara.

We have a pretty impressive term planned, so we will need to keep on top of our learning. Technology starts next week. We also have the school cross-country and inter-school cross-country, netball lessons from Manawatu Netball, Year 8 Leaders Day in Palmerston North, the Kapa Haka and Cultural Festival, and the Police PCT obstacle course day in a few weeks time. Plus a truckload more activities planned! Please remember to bring your shorts and t-shirts for our cross-country practise. We will be running every day! 😊 Dean

**Juniors Come & Play Squash**

Tararua Squash Club - Pahiatua

Term 2, 2024 Fridays 4.30-6PM

8-16 year olds

\$30 for non-club members

Raquet, balls and coaches provided

All abilities catered for

Starting May 3rd, Come give it a go + Register

Contact Glenn to register or for any questions

027 417 1183

565ferg@gmail.com

**Eketāhuna Library PIZZA Challenge**

**Get into the town library and see Dani for the Hells Pizza Reading Challenge!**

**Board Of Trustees Meeting**

The next Eketāhuna School Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th May 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 3rd May. I am contactable on [botchair@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto: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



# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL 2024 - TERM 2

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 29 Apr - 3 May	Life Education Bus On Site > >  Mihi Whakatau	> > >	> > >	> > >  POLISH NATIONAL DAY	> > >  Assembly - Leaders & Junior Netball prizegiving
2 6 - 10 May	Indoor hockey Starts	Netball Yr 5 - 8 starts	Technology Year 7 & 8 (D)  BOT meeting @ 6:30pm		Assembly - Pūtara
3 13 - 17 May	10am STRIKE PERCUSSION		NYLD Year 8		Assembly - Nireaha A. School Walk Around for Cross Country Y4-8  WHEELS DAY
4 20 - 24 May	A. Whole School School Cross Country  B. School Walk Around for Cross Country Y4-8 pp	Home & School @ 7pm	Technology Yr 7 & 8 (B)		Yr 7 & 8 Police Comp @ Pahiatua
5 27 - 31 May			B. Whole School Cross Country pp	H & S Pie order forms out	Assembly - Rongomai
6 3 - 7 June	KINGS BIRTHDAY	T. O. D. Kahui Ako	Technology Yr 7 & 8 (D)	BUSH CROSS COUNTRY (Alfredton)  DISCO	House Team Fun Run  WHEELS DAY
7 10 - 14 June		BUSH Cross Country (PP)  NZ Netball Training			Assembly - Hāmua  St Cuthberts Lunch
8 17 - 21 June		Yr 5-8 General Knowledge Quiz (Alfredton)  NZ Netball Training	Technology Yr 7 & 8 (B)  BOT Meeting @ 6:30pm	H & S Pie order in	Assembly - Hukanui  Soccer (TBC)
9 24 - 28 June		NZ Netball Training		TARARUA CULTURAL FESTIVAL	MATARIKI STARTS  WHEELS DAY
10 1 - 5 July	Indoor Hockey Finals			8.10am Staff  H&S Pies delivered  PJ & Onesie Day Movie	Assembly Leaders  School Reports Out

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