

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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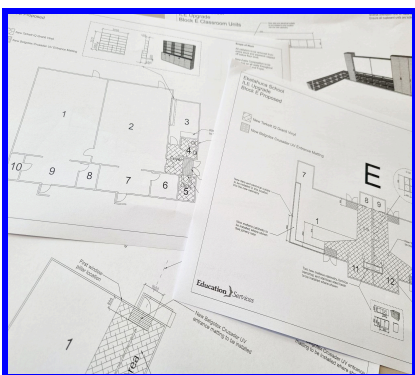
COMING UP:

Friday 10 May: Celebration Assembly @ 2:15pm - Pūtara
Monday 13 May: STRIKE Percussion Show in school

Monday 13 May: Indoor Hockey begins in Pahiataua after school
Wednesday 15 May: NYLD in Palmerston North for Year 8
Friday 17 May: Year 4 - 8 Cross Country Walk Around TBC
Friday 17 May: Celebration Assembly @ 2:15pm - Nireaha

SCHOOL CLOSURE THIS TERM - PLEASE NOTE DATES

This term we will be closing the school for instruction on Monday 3rd for King's Birthday, Tuesday 4th June for the Tararua Teacher Only Day & again on Friday 28th June for Matariki.



Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te kura Eketāhuna,
 Another awesome week at school with engaged learners, despite the chilly starts!

EXCITING ILE PLANS FOR CLASSROOM UPGRADES

Innovative Learning Environment ILE plans for classroom upgrades have been confirmed for Rongomai & Hāmua, along with minor upgrades of Pūtara, Nireaha, Hukanui, Kaiparoro and the office, bathroom & cleaners area to the side of Nireaha. The ILE funding support from the Government is to ensure all schools are able to provide quality learning environments, so that the physical elements of a school ensure the delivery of its educational vision can contribute to meeting the diverse needs of learners and overall success and wellbeing at school. The classroom acoustics, heating, insulation, flooring, lighting and general appearance and assessed and then plans created by project managers to accommodate

school needs. Currently the project is in the tender process, with draft start dates sometime in Term 3!

HAROLD SURPRISES SCHOOL WITH VISIT

Last week we enjoyed the Life Education Bus in school teaching students about food and healthy nutrition. All classes, and the Eketāhuna Playgroup enjoyed their sessions. We were surprised on Friday, at our school assembly, when HAROLD strolled into our hall with Holly! Harold was visiting to let us know he found Eketāhuna Kura an awesome place to be, and to kindly donate a book for our school library. The Life Ed bus will be back next year! A great teaching & learning experience for all our students - great fun and activities in Harold's bus!!



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 Pūtara. See 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:** Takaiah Oliver
- Hāmua:** Thomas Turner
- Rongomai:** Rocco Burton Foley
- Nireaha:** Chelsea Spring
- Pūtara:** Keira Bidois

Week 11, Term 1 = Caught Being Good Award - Duffy Book:
 Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

- Hukanui:** Phoenix Paul
- Hāmua:** Ellie Christensen-McCaffery
- Rongomai:** Jaylah Keedwell
- Nireaha:** Maclane King
- Pūtara:** Paityn Wright

Principal's Awards: Pounamu Roiri for demonstrating great RESPONSIBILITY

WEEKLY UPDATE

HUKARU NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,
 As I was driving into work this week the lovely Autumn colours are showing on the many trees. It got me talking Autumn with the children and the difference that this season brings. We have been writing about Autumn and doing leaf rubbings with different leaves. In Maths we are looking at the volume of containers and how much each will hold. Also counting forwards, backwards and skip counting. We have been practising writing our numbers correctly. We are enjoying running and using the obstacle course in the afternoon once the day has warmed up a little. This is helping us to train for the cross country. As always, water bottles daily please. Any queries please don't hesitate to contact me mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz
 Thanks, Marilyn.



PEEL

- P: Point
- E: Explain / Elaborate
- E: Evidence / Example
- L: Link



HAMUA NEWS:

Kia ora, whanau,
 This week we have been doing some great mahi. We have been working on what a simile is and how we can use them. We have begun to write about similes in poems to do with autumn leaves. In maths we have been working on measuring volume reading a scale on a measuring jug and understanding that scales have patterns we used skip counting as a strategy to work out what the pattern was. Students are gearing up for cross country running everyday to ensure our fitness is up to level on the day.

Just a reminder can all students remember to bring a water bottle to school. As always, get in touch if you need to. Either by texting the office or emailing. Nga mihi, Holly. hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz

RONGOMAI NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,
 This week Rongomai have begun to create their very own diorama with Jess. The class has certainly been in 'creative mode' and made a great start indeed. This week we also begin our practises for the cultural festival at the end of the term. Cross country fitness is continuing to improve everyday. Stamina is increasing and it's great to see the students 'dig deep' with grit and determination. It's wonderful to see the students utilising their spelling books, both at home and school, to practise their spelling words. Keep up the great work! Any updates and/or information about your child that you feel I need to know, please do not hesitate in contacting me via Class Dojo or lpatrick@eketahuna.school.nz
 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.



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



INDOOR HOCKEY DRAW - MONDAY 13th MAY

This season's Indoor hockey competition gets underway on Monday afternoon with two teams entered. Thanks to those who have given up their time to coach our teams. We really appreciate your commitment to our students and the school.

Eke Dragons
 (U9)
 BYE

Eke Thunder
 (U11)
 Vs. St Ants Yellow
 @
 4.10 pm Court 2



NIREAHA NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,

This week we have started our new Topic "Now for the Show", and our creativity has been ignited! In writing we are learning to not just say it, but 'show it', by describing and adding details. Instead of writing "it was raining after school", we can say "the children put on their coats, grabbed their bags, raised their umbrellas and ran quickly to the bus lines." With Jess the children have started planning and creating their mini stages in shoe boxes. The year 6's explored reading plays yesterday while the Year 8's were at their first Tech for the term.

We had our first Kapa Haka and Pasifika practice today. We will be putting together our performance for the Bush Cultural Festival coming up near the end of the term. Running/fitness is a big focus as we prepare for the upcoming Cross Country. Please remember running gear, drink bottles and that homework comes home each Monday and is due back Friday. Cheers, Barb. bwhitburn@eketahuna.school.nz

PUTARA NEWS:

Kia ora,

This week we are developing a better understanding of structured paragraph writing. There is a need to teach this, as it is certainly a requirement at college / high school and higher tertiary level. We wrote a piece on the SPCA earlier in the week, and I was impressed with the effort put in by the students of Pūtara. Well done! Keep up your amazing work, kids.

Dean

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

In preparation for our school cross country, students are training daily at school to improve their physical conditioning and build up stamina for the upcoming event. School cross country will be at the Eketāhuna Golf Course on Monday 20th May, with the postponement date Wednesday 29th May. Look for more information to come.

The inter school Cross Country event is on Wednesday 7th June at Alfredton School, with a postponement date of Tuesday 11th June.

We will need parent helpers on these days - if you are available please contact the school office or email our Sports Coordinator Dean via dparsons@eketahuna.school.nz

**Eketāhuna Playgroup Update:**

Kia Ora Playgroup Whanau! After an exciting week last week visiting Harold on the Life Education bus we had a great time this week relaxing in the sun, having a dance and enjoying our new bike track. The kids have loved biking around with their friends, having running races around it and playing tag, having shortcuts makes it super fun! Thanks to the parents for helping make that happen. We have continued on with our nursery rhyme themed crafts this week, working on rhyming words and singing them together as a group. Please bring a spare change of clothes as we have been having lots of outside play before the winter weather sets in. We always love to welcome any new faces to the playgroup!



READY TO RUN!

We are reminding everyone that classes are training for the upcoming Cross Country each day by running measured laps of the school field to build up fitness and stamina.

Please make sure to come prepared with appropriate clothing & equipment.

RETURN YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS

We are reminding everyone that their class will be visiting our school library tomorrow with Ali Mackisack here to facilitate students' time and fun browsing!

Please make sure to bring any books you have issued with you in the morning!



EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL WHEEL DAY

Our student suggestion box asked for more 'wheel days' and our School Leaders took it seriously! Three wheel days have been scheduled per term and they will be responsible for the day's organisation. Our first school wheel day is on Friday 17th May. Our

tamariki (children) are allowed to bring their scooter, bike, drift trike, skateboard, roller skates or rollerblades to kura. Please make sure that you have a helmet and appropriate safety gear!



OUR SCHOOL POLICIES & PROCEDURES

SchoolDocs has developed a comprehensive core set of policies and procedures applicable to all New Zealand/Aotearoa primary schools, that are customised for each school. SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team.

By having online access, our school community can access, review and give feedback on all policies before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part. To access the Eketahuna School Docs site please go to: <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>



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 students.

Parents are invited to go online and register their children at:

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

EKETĀHUNA HOME & SCHOOL MEETING

Tuesday 21st May
@ 7pm
Eketāhuna School Staffroom



We look forward to seeing you there!

GO BUS REMINDERS FOR CAREGIVERS

- It is their responsibility to get their children to pick-up locations and to collect them from drop-off locations.
- Recommended you arrive at the bus stop at least 5 minutes prior to the time advised by the bus provider.
- Please stay with their children while they are waiting for their school transport in the morning and meet them in the afternoon as they get off the bus.
- To discuss any school transport related issues with you in the first instance.



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.



