

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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COMING UP:

Friday 24 May: Yr 7 & 8 Police Competition @ 10am - Pahiatua
Monday 27 & Tuesday 28 May - Junior Tough Guy/Gal

Friday 31 May: Celebration Assembly @ 2:15pm - Rongomai
Monday 3 June: King's Birthday - **School Closed for Instruction**
Tuesday 4 June: Tararua TOD - **School Closed for Instruction**
Wednesday 5 June: Year 7 & 8 @ Technology in Pahiatua

SCHOOL CLOSURE THIS TERM - PLEASE NOTE DATES

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

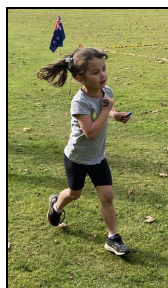


Tēnā koutou e te whānau o te kura Ekētahuna,

The winter weather has definitely arrived this week with rain and a drop in temperature - make sure students are coming in warm clothes and appropriate shoes. Socks are a must in classrooms to keep warm! Throw a rain jacket in too as many like to play out on the verandahs at break time when it is wet. ☺☔☕

CROSS COUNTRY

We were very lucky on Monday with lovely weather and our school Cross Country going well, with lots of sun, positive attitudes, running skills and great levels of stamina on display!



A huge thank

you to the parents who gave up their time to marshal out on the course and who came along to support our runners. It was much appreciated! Thanks also to the Eketāhuna Golf Club for allowing us to hold the event there along with Dean Parsons and Ryan Seator for laying the course out. A great school team effort resulted in a well organised and fun event! The results from the day are on the back page. ☺

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. Please note there is NO assembly tomorrow. The next is on Friday 31st May with our hosts the students from Rongomai.



Week 3, Term 2 = Class Awards – Star Student:

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

Hukanui: Makai Morgan
Hāmua: Soren Hanson
Rongomai: Nikau Bidois
Nireaha: Brooke Turner
Pūtara: Sadie Opie

Week 3, Term 2 = Caught Being Good Award – Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

Hukanui: Matthew Webber
Hāmua: Georgia Wensley
Rongomai: Shelby Tairaroa
Nireaha: Maisyn Parr
Pūtara: Pounamu Roiri

Principal's Awards: Braxton Carrington for his support of junior students - showing real RESPONSIBILITY

CLASS UPDATES

HUKANUI NEWS:

Kia ora whanau, What a lovely day we had on Monday. The sun was shining and this meant a great day for the Cross Country. Well done to all the stars in Hukanui who ran their hardest. It was great to see you all encouraging others as well. We have been busy in class writing poems and learning our families of facts for Maths. Yesterday we went down to the Eketahuna Library where we took part in the National Simultaneous Storytime. Dani and Leah were amazing, reading us the story Bowerbird Blues and providing an activity for us to complete. Go and see our creations in the town library. It was great to be included in this International event where everyone reads the same story at the same time. The children were well behaved and showed our Eketahuna values. As always, any queries mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz Thanks, Marilyn.

HAMUA NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,

Monday cross country was such a great day with most students all giving it a go and cheering on other students as they went off to start their races and congratulating them as they finished.

In maths we have been looking at a family of facts and learn that we have 3 numbers that can create 4 different problems: 2 subtraction and 2 action. Once students understand this concept we will be able to show them reversibility works within maths basic facts. Yesterday we were lucky enough to be invited down to the town library. Students thoroughly enjoyed the time listening to Dani read us a story and then having the opportunity to create our own bowerbirds in groups with Hukanui students. Have a great week. Nga mihi, Holly

RONGOMAI NEWS:

Kia ora, whanau,

Cross country has been a highlight of the week. Well done to all our tamariki for their outstanding efforts on the day. It was a time for all to shine. I saw such great support and encouragement between classes and for each other, it was truly heartwarming. In reading and writing, we are using our creative and critical thinking to interpret text, analyse characters and scripts through drama. In maths, we continue to improve on basic facts and rounding numbers to the nearest 10's and 100's.

Stay warm and dry out there! Nga mihi, Miss Mac 😊

FUN RUN OBSTACLE COURSE

FRIDAY 31st MAY

HOUSE TEAM COMPETITION AT SCHOOL

Year 1 - 4 & Year 5 - 8 Course set out on the field by House Leaders.
House Points up for grabs!

COME IN YOUR HOUSE COLOURS!



NO ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

Please note there is NO School Celebration Assembly tomorrow afternoon.

Our next assembly is on Friday 31st May at 2:15pm in our school hall. The event will be hosted by Rongomai.

Please come along and share, acknowledge and celebrate student successes!



EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL DISCO

Thursday 6th June

JUNIOR DISCO @ 1:30pm for Year 1 - 4 SENIOR DISCO @ 6pm - 7.30pm for Year 5 - 8

Junior Disco \$3.00 Entry Ticket, Drink & Treat! Theme: Super Heroes

Senior Disco \$5.00 Entry Ticket, Drink, Sausage & Treat! Theme: Country & Western

Get money to the office by Wednesday 5th June. All proceeds go to the Senior 2024 Camp



NIREAHA NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,

I am so super proud of the children who ran in the School Cross Country on Monday. It's a big event and it was great to see so many of the class smiling at the start line, and they all had that great sense of achievement (relief?) as they crossed the finish line. You all did so well!

We are getting creative in our drama, writing and reading, and will soon start to perform plays. The Cultural Festival practices are underway as we get ready to perform in Week 9.

There is lots to look forward to over the coming weeks. Please keep reading the newsletter to know what's ahead.

Cheers, Barb. bwhitburn@eketahuna.school.nz

PUTARA NEWS:

Kia ora, everybody,

Well done to all the children from Pūtara who performed so admirably during Monday's x-country. It was a perfect day for it!

Sadly, some people who had put in a lot of effort at every x-country practise were not able to make the run, due to being unwell.

This term is flying by, and we're approaching the halfway mark. There are a lot of great activities left - starting tomorrow with the Police PCT in Pahiatua. Our allocated time is between 10am - 11am.

A big thank you goes out to Skye, Murray, Kirby, Bruce and Sarah - all volunteers who are transporting us to and from this event.

Kids, please remember you must wear sports shoes - no crocs or jandals allowed!

Lastly, a big thank you also goes out to Tash, who helped with transporting us safely to the National Young Leaders Day last week in Palmerston North. Ka pai 😊

STUDENTS 'OFF' BUSES

CAN WE ASK PARENTS AND 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.



CELL PHONES:

STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO HAVE PHONES OR DEVICES OF ANY DESCRIPTION ON THEM AT SCHOOL. THEY ARE NOT TO USE THEM ON THE SCHOOL BUSES EITHER. IF THEY DO NEED TO BRING ONE THEY ARE TO BE HANDED INTO THE OFFICE BEFORE SCHOOL. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH THIS ISSUE.



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. THANKS.



INDOOR HOCKEY DRAW - MONDAY 27th MAY

This week is Eketāhuna School's turn as Duty School - any parents and supporters happy to lend a hand would be much appreciated. Eke Dragons had their first game on Monday and had a good battle but couldn't quite hang on for the win. Good luck this week Dragons!

Eke Dragons (U9)
vs Pahiatua Red
@
3.45pm Court One

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.



REMINDER - OFFICE HOURS

Our School Office is open between 8:30am - 3:30pm on Monday to Friday.

SCHOOL START TIME

Please be aware that there are no staff to supervise children before 8.15am in the morning. We have children arriving as early as 7:45am and classes are not open until 8:15am. No children should be on site before that time.



EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS FOR 2024

AGE GROUP	BOYS	GIRLS
5 Year Olds	1st: Noel Lochhead 2nd: Lukah Hoera-Bengston 3rd: Makai Morgan	1st: Izzy Lawrence 2nd: Takaiah Oliver 3rd: Indy Miller
6 Year Olds	1st: Liam Giddens	1st: Georgia Capes 2nd: Mackenzie Braddick 3rd: Georgia Wensley
7 Year Olds	1st: Soren Hanson 2nd: Thomas Turner 3rd: Heath Dennison	1st: Ellie Christensen-McCaffery 2nd: Kady Ifill 3rd: Maia Cremen
8 Year Olds	1st: Lucas Cremen	1st: Ellie Turner 2nd: Olivia Capes 3rd: Halo Crudis
9 Year Olds	1st: Toby White 2nd: Brodie Braddick 3rd: Joseph McNamara	1st: Hollie Giddens 2nd: Renee Dennison
10 Year Olds	1st: Emmanuel McNamara 2nd: Brax Duffy 3rd: Noah Trass	1st: Rhianna Jones 2nd: Madison Rankin 3rd: Lleucu Anderson
11 Year Olds	1st: Mack Duffy 2nd: Cody Bedford-Robinson 3rd: Campbell Mackisack	1st: Lana Hanson 2nd: Pounamu Roiri 3rd: Annabeth Read
12+ Year Olds	1st: Hunter Rankin 2nd: Evan Governor 3rd: Noah Duffy	1st: Brooke Duffy 2nd: Jehanne Knight 2nd: Rubylee Burton-Foley
<p>The Interschool Bush Cross Country is to be held at Alfredton School on Thursday 6th June. As in previous years we are only able to enter 2 boys and girls from each year group. Students are selected according to school cross country results, skill displayed during training sessions during daily fitness and ability to run the very demanding course set at Alfredton.</p>		



Eketāhuna Playgroup Update:

Hey Whanau, we had a great time with our shared morning tea for our Mums and Bubs session and enjoyed hosting Cherry from Tararua Breastfeeding support. Shirley from Tararua REAP was also in attendance this week which is always a highlight for the Tamariki. The children did process baking and made some delicious scones to share and enjoyed some sensory play painting autumn leaves and trying their hand at hairdressing. We have some very creative children on our hands! The creations with the magnet blocks are getting more and more impressive as well. As always we love to see new faces at playgroup so please come along on Wednesday and Thursday mornings 9-12.

CONTACTING CLASSROOM TEACHERS

- Pūtara - Dean Parsons: dparsons@eketahuna.school.nz
- Nireaha - Barbara Whitburn: bwhitburn@eketahuna.school.nz
- Rongomai - Lisa Patrick: lpatrick@eketahuna.school.nz
- Hāmua - Holly Johnston: hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz
- Hukanui - Marilyn Whiteley: mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz

CONTACTING TEACHERS VIA THE OFFICE

Our Office Administrator, Leona Hayes, will also take a message for teachers and ensure they get the information, via the school phone on 06 375 8191, the school cell phone on 022 368 1830, and parents can also the office email address at: office@eketahuna.school.nz



