

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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COMING UP:

Friday 31 May: House Team Obstacle Fun Run @ 1pm
 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
 Thursday 6 June: Bush Interschool Cross Country @ Alfredton
 Thursday 6 June: School Disco for Year 1 - 4 @ 1:35pm
 Thursday 6 June: School Disco for Year 5 - 8 @ 6pm - 7:30pm



SCHOOL CLOSURES NEXT WEEK

A reminder we will be closing the school for instruction on Monday 3rd June for the King's Birthday, and again on Tuesday 4th June for the Tararua Teacher Only Day.

The Teacher Only Day for all schools in the Tararua area is being held over a variety of days depending on each school.

These days are given by the Ministry of Education to provide staff with additional time to refresh and deepen their knowledge and practice around the updated Math & English curriculums. Our apologies for any inconvenience these closures may cause and our thanks for being supportive of our staff and their ongoing development.

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o te kura Ekētahuna,
 We hope you enjoy the upcoming 'long weekend' and look forward to seeing you back at school on Wednesday!



TOUGH GUY & GAL CHALLENGE

Students from Year 3 - 8 had a fantastic time on Monday and Tuesday participating in the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge in Palmerston North at the Massey University Recreation Centre. The students all put 100% effort into the course and battled cold, mud and water obstacles for a fun filled day. Well done!



FAREWELL TO DEAN

Sadly at the end of this term we are saying farewell to Mr Dean Parsons who will be taking up a new position in a Year 4 & 5 class over in Palmerston North. Dean came to Eketāhuna in 2020 and quickly became an integral part of the school, being a much loved and highly effective teacher. I know he will be successful in his new endeavours and I am sure you will join me in thanking him for his commitment and hard work at Eketāhuna School as we wish him the very best for the future. Going forward, we hope to update you over the next few weeks on the plan for teaching & learning in Pūtara for Term 3 and Term 4.



ILE DEVELOPMENTS



As the term rolls on we are getting towards the end of the procurement process for the Ministry of Education ILE Upgrade of classrooms. Tenders close early June and they are then put through a 'tender analysis', followed by the Project Managers putting forward recommendations to the Ministry, who ultimately make the decision and confirm the start date. We do know it will commence in Term 3 so are already planning for the impact on classes. Hāmua and Rongomai are having complete upgrades and both classes are required to leave their learning spaces while the work is being done. We are looking to move Hāmua students, and their teacher, into Hukanui, which is already set up to be a two class collaborative space. Rongomai will move into Kaiparoro, which is currently used by the Eketāhuna Playgroup. We will confirm class moving dates closer to the time. Exciting developments to come - watch this space!

CLASS UPDATES

HUKANUI NEWS:

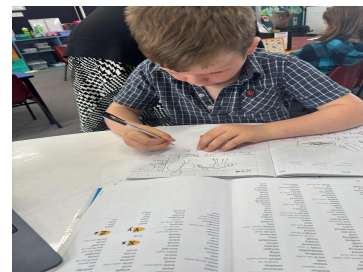
Talofa Lava all

It has been a week of very small classes as sickness hits Hukanui. We have had a lot of children away with coughs and colds. Thanks for reminding your children to cough into their elbows and cover noses when they sneeze. Hopefully, with a long weekend coming everyone will get better and we will be back to normal next week! Monday we did some collaborative work with the Hukanui children. It was lovely to watch the older ones helping the younger children and the enjoyment on their faces. Jess started making box puppets with the Hukanui children yesterday and will continue on them next week. I am looking forward to seeing them when they are finished! Have a great long weekend. Remember, any queries feel free to email mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz
Thanks, Marilyn.

HAMUA NEWS:

Talofa Lava family and friends,

This past week we have been working really hard on family of facts again in maths. Next week we will be beginning to look into problems that have got missing numbers and how we work them out. In writing we have been looking at three people having a conversation and adding speech marks. Please remember our tamariki needs to bring a drink bottle that can be filled here. If you have any questions please feel free to email hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz Nga Mihi, Holly 😊



RONGOMAI NEWS:

Kia ora, whanau,

Our drama journey leads Rongomai into shadow puppetry this week. The class has been split into different areas to produce a shadow puppet show. This will be presented at our assembly this Friday. I have been impressed with the levels of enthusiasm. The whole class has taken their responsibilities seriously. It's wonderful to see the students express their creative skills through drama.

In Maths we are focussing on area and volume within our measurement unit. We have been learning about the weather in our Wai Ako unit. And lastly, our top runners are continuing to practise for the Bush X-Country event next week. That's our news for this week. Keep up the great work students & whanau of Rongomai! 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!**

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL DISCO

Thursday 6th June

JUNIOR DISCO @ 1:30pm for Year 1 - 4

Junior Disco \$3.00 Ticket, Drink & Treat!

Theme: Super Heroes



SENIOR DISCO @ 6pm - 7.30pm for Year 5 - 8

Senior Disco \$5.00 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:

Talofa Lava to you all - warm greetings, Drama activities have been a lot of fun in Nireaha this week. I love seeing the children having so much fun with this. We've started our new book "Code Name Bananas", and it sounds like it will be heaps of fun. There have been quite a few, colds, flus and tummy bugs circulating lately. Thank you for keeping your unwell children at home. Let's hope this coming long weekend is a great chance for a big reset, and the children are all back next Wednesday ready to go! Year 7's: remember that you have Tech with Dean on the first day back. Year 6's you'll be with me. Congratulations to Brax, Cody, Emmanuel Madison and Rhianna who have made it into the Bush Interschool Cross Country next Thursday. Be the best you can be, and we will be super proud! Please make contact if you have any questions or concerns. Cheers. Barb bwhitburn@eketahuna.school.nz

PUTARA NEWS:

**O lupe sa vao ese'ese,
ae ua fuifui faatasi**

We are from different parts of the forest but connected in one cause

Talofa aiga, it's Samoan language week. As you may have read above - or heard from your children - I am finishing up at the end of the term. I'm sure I'll touch base with most of you prior to leaving, which will be great! Until then, yes, there is still plenty of learning to be done, a cultural festival to attend, next week's inter school x-country, a school disco, and a few other activities along the way. Fiafia, aiga! 😊Dean

DRESS WARM AS WINTER IS COMING
WITH COLDER WEATHER ON THE WAY, AND CHILLY MORNINGS, PLEASE MAKE SURE STUDENTS ARE COMING TO SCHOOL IN APPROPRIATE CLOTHES AND SHOES TO KEEP THEM WARM. BEFORE SCHOOL TIME OUTSIDE CAN GET CHILLY AND WE WANT TO KEEP COLDS & FLUS AWAY! THANKS EVERYONE 😊



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 & COLLECTED AT THE END OF THE DAY. NO PHONES SHOULD BE USED DURING BUS RIDES TO OR FROM SCHOOL EITHER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



NO SWEETS OR SUGARY DRINKS
A REMINDER THAT NO SWEETS OR SUGARY DRINKS ARE TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL. OUR HEALTHY FOOD POLICY DISCOURAGES CONSUMPTION OF FOODS HIGH IN FAT, SUGAR AND SALT. IT ALSO ADVISES THAT HIGH ENERGY AND 'FIZZY DRINKS' ARE NOT TO BE CONSUMED AT SCHOOL. THANKS.



ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



ABSENTEEISM

Just a reminder that school attendance has a direct impact on academic achievement. In order to make the most of educational opportunities, students must have consistent, punctual daily attendance. Remember schools

require students to attend around 95% of each term - days away have a huge impact on the progress students can make with their learning, which is why a doctor's certificate is required for more than three consecutive days away. We hope to see **ALL** students healthy and attending regularly.

Alfredton School & Community Association

Will be selling the following at

BUSH CROSS COUNTRY

- Sausage Rolls & Mini Savouries = \$3
- Soup & bun = \$4
- Baking = \$2
- Water Bottles = \$1
- Tea & Coffee = Free



(some gluten free/dairy free options for baking will be available)



INDOOR HOCKEY DRAW - MONDAY 3 JUNE

Another close game by Eke Dragons on Monday with a narrow loss 1-0. A huge thank you to Adam for coming to school to lead a practice before the game. Kids loved it!

Eke Dragons (U9)

No Game King's Birthday

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once installed



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- * Cancellations * Permission slips
- * Parent Teacher Interviews
- * Instant notifications * Absentees

HOME & SCHOOL PIE FUNDRAISER



Orders to be in by Thursday 20th June



Pies will be delivered to school on Thursday 4th July after 11am.

We would love any donations of strong paper bags. Eg: The supermarket (NW/Countdown) online shopping bags are great.
If you have any spare, please drop into the school office. Thanks for your support!



Eketāhuna Playgroup Update:

Kia Ora Playgroup families, this week we surprised the Tamariki with some exciting new paths on the bike track and they enjoyed racing around and trying to figure out the quickest route to a destination. One of the children grew red popcorn in their vegetable garden and the Tamariki enjoyed husking the corn, scraping off and drying out the kernels, then popping them into the popcorn machine for everyone to share. Such a delicious treat. We also attended Little Ears at the Eketāhuna library and made some fun King's Birthday crafts. As always, we love to see new faces at Playgroup so, please come along on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

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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.



