

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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COMING UP:

Tuesday 11 June: Netball Manawatu Sessions Yr 1 - 8
Friday 14 June: Four Leaders to St Cuthberts Community Lunch
Tuesday 18 June: Netball Manawatu Sessions Yr 1 - 8
Wednesday 19 June: Technology for Year 7 & 8 @ Pahiatua

Thursday 20 June: Home & School Pie Orders in to School
Friday 21 June: Celebration Assembly @ 2:15pm - Hukanui
Tuesday 25 June: Netball Manawatu Sessions Yr 1 - 8
Thursday 27 June: Tararua Cultural Festival Year 4 - 8
Friday 28 June: Matariki - Public Holiday - **School Closed**
Thursday 4 July: Home & School Pies delivered to School

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o te kura Ekētahuna,
 For a short week it seems to have been incredibly busy! With technology for Year 7 & 8, Kapa Haka practise, interschool cross country today, the Junior Disco after lunch and Senior disco tonight with Wheels Day tomorrow! Despite all of the extra activities students are still engaged in their class learning!

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS



At our school assembly on Friday students who placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in our school cross country were presented with their certificates. Many of our runners trained for the event and have gone onto the Interschool Cross Country event held today at Alfredton. We are very proud of the effort students put into our school run and are looking forward to results from today's event.

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. There is no assembly this short week. Next week's assembly is hosted by Hāmua



Week 11 Class Awards - Star Student:

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

- Hukanui:** Noel Lochhead
- Hāmua:** Heath Dennison
- Rongomai:** Hollie Giddens
- Nireaha:** Annabeth Read
- Pūtara:** James Goodin-Bothamley

Week 11 Caught Being Good Award - Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

- Hukanui:** Emily Trass
- Hāmua:** Georgia Capes
- Rongomai:** Rylan Carrington
- Nireaha:** Ariki Wihone
- Pūtara:** Sadie Opie

Principal's Awards: Zyana & Halo Crudis being very RESPONSIBLE & cleaning up rubbish from the Albert Street car park area

WEEKLY UPDATE

HUKANUI NEWS:

Kia ora whanau.

Well done to those from Hukanui that went to the Bush Cross country today. Hopefully the weather has stayed nice and the hill climb hasn't exhausted you too much. It has been a short week here in Hukanui and there has been a lot to fit in! We have been busy making our box puppets with Jess, dancing at the disco, keeping our poi twirling with Whaea Peta and fitting in our normal learning as well! We have welcomed new student Isla to our classroom and had preschoolers visit for school visits...a busy week!

As always, any queries please contact mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz

Thanks, Marilyn.

HAMUA NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,

In the last few days that we have been at school we have done our stem Friday which students are thoroughly enjoying. Last Friday we looked at the chemical change that happens with vinegar and baking soda mixed together. Also part of the stem program students created sock and finger puppets that we have been writing about at our writing times. So far we have done a character description and today we have started writing things that our puppet may say when talking. We are all beginning to use speech marks in our writing.

Nga Mihi, Holly



RONGOMAI NEWS:

Kia ora, whanau,

Thank you for your support at our assembly last week. Our tamariki produced a wonderful puppet show and captivated the audience. A very proud moment indeed. All the best to our interschool runners today. I know those nerves will be harnessed into adrenalin for your best run ever! In maths, we are extending our knowledge, on place value, of small and large numbers. We are busy publishing our poems and learning about inference within our reading. I look forward to seeing the moves on the disco floor today. I have heard there is a special guest in the house by the name of DJ Mac! Exciting stuff! Nga mihi, Miss Mac 😊



NOTIFYING SCHOOL WHEN CHILDREN ARE ABSENT IS ESSENTIAL

Your child should go to school every day. But sometimes they might need to be away because they are too sick to attend, have an appointment or need to be at a tangi or funeral. If your child is going to be away from school you need to let us know as soon as possible. You will need to let us know that your child will be away, why and for how long.

Your child's safety and wellbeing is a priority for us. We monitor the daily attendance of students to:

- ensure their safety both in getting to school, & in accounting for them in an emergency
- identify students with achievement, engagement, or other issues
- meet our legal responsibilities.

The school expects parents and caregivers to:

- notify the school if their child is going to be absent by phone, text, or email by 9 am
- try to arrange appointments etc. outside school hours or in holidays

If your child doesn't turn up to school and we don't hear from you, we will get in touch with you to make sure your child/ren are safe. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.



NIREAHA NEWS:

Congratulations to our Nireaha students who ran in the Bush Interschool Cross Country today. You gave it everything and we are so proud of you! It has been a short week, and a busy one. The Year 7's had a great day at Tech yesterday and made some amazing Exploding Outhouses.. They look great and are heaps of fun, with lots of separate pieces that affect each other when triggered. Great job guys! The cooking group made a range of delicious creations too. Year 6's had a few sessions building their skills on the Chromebooks, including creating hyperlinks and sending emails. We've had a couple of maths tests too 😊 See you at the Disco tonight. Can't wait to see your dance moves! 🤖



PUTARA NEWS:



Kia ora, all
I just want to acknowledge those children from Pūtara who attended today's inter school x-country. Well done to each and every one of you - you performed exceptionally well!
Secondly, two members of our class competed in today's x-country after putting in "MASSIVE" efforts at yesterday's Manawatu inter school cross-country, held in Ashhurst. Lana Hansen finished in 6th place overall, and Brooke Duffy destroyed the field by coming in 1st place!
Ladies, you have made all of us at Eketāhuna School extremely proud!

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.



HEAD LICE:

WE HAVE HAD A COUPLE MORE CASES OF HEAD LICE AT SCHOOL THIS WEEK. THIS IS A PERENNIAL PROBLEM IN ALL SCHOOLS AND WE RECOMMEND YOU CHECK ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD CAREFULLY. IF YOU REQUIRE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION OR SUPPORT IN DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON 375 8191. THANKS.

INDOOR HOCKEY DRAW - MONDAY 10 JUNE

Hopefully everyone is well rested after the long weekend and no game last week. Good luck for Monday Eket ā huna Dragons!

Eke Dragons (U9)
Vs St Ants Magenta
3.45pm Court 2



EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL WHEEL DAY

Our second school wheel day is tomorrow, Friday 7th June. 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!



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CALF SCHEME

ON BEHALF OF THE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION, AND THE SCHOOL, A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL THROUGH THE CALF SCHEME. YOUR GENEROSITY IS MOST APPRECIATED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE SCHEME OR WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE BEX HOWELL ON 0272026969 😊



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 whanau! This week we have spent lots of time outside in this glorious sunshine! The tamariki assisted in making some playdough and dyed it 3 different colours and enjoyed mixing it all together and finding out which colours they created, we then practised moulding them into different shapes with our hands. So much great learning from the kids! We also had lots of fun with sensory play creating some fantastic foam art. It was so lovely to meet lots of new faces this week, we enjoyed welcoming you into our wee playgroup. As always we are open on Wednesday and Thursday mornings 9am-1pm so please come along.

Board Of Trustees Meeting



The next Eketāhuna School Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th June 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

or phone 3758059.

Warmest Regards - Skye White
(Chairperson Board of Trustees)

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.



Thinking about 🎨FACEPAINT🎨 for your next party?? I'm the face painter with The Extravaganza Fair, and on my winter break now. I'm hanging out in Ballance, but happy to travel to Woodville, Pahiatua, Dannevirke or Palmerston North to help make some special memories



Pricing: \$100 per hour, or roughly 10 faces, glitter and jewels included in the price. *An extra charge of \$20 if travelling to Dannevirke or Palmerston North.



KEEPING OUR SCHOOL GATES CLOSED DAILY

For the safety & security of our students, it is crucial to keep the school gate closed at all times during normal school days.

- Parents are requested to park in the car parks on Albert Street.
- Drop off, and pick up your children at the gates.
- Please enter via the pedestrian gate beside the letter box.
- Please avoid driving into the school grounds unless absolutely necessary.



Eketāhuna Home & School Committee Needs You!!!!

The Home and School committee are a dedicated bunch of parents, along with our principal Melinda, who are responsible for fundraising and running school events. We do this to help support our teachers, our tamariki and our community to make Eketahuna school a fun, educational and welcoming place to learn, grow and to give opportunities to our tamariki.

What we do:

Meet a total of six times a year in the evenings to discuss and plan our fundraisers

Allocate the money earned for different school projects and resources

Apply for Grants

Run set fundraisers

Eketahuna Golf Tournament

Spring Show

BBQ at Inter School events such as Cultural Festival & road race when Eketāhuna School hosts

BBQ at Christmas parade

Sell Pies as a fundraiser

Run the calf scheme



What Our Funds Have Provided

Chrome book leases in senior classes annually

Swimming lessons for all children annually

Heated swimming pool

All weather turf

New Swing

Bark in the playground

Plants for the school

Soon to come line markings eg four square, hop scotch

Basketball court at front of school

Heat pumps in school hall

School camps & Class trips

Buses to all sorts of events

Costumes for Cultural Festival, school productions & Xmas Parade

Fun Days Out and the end of year school treats

Leader conferences

Sports equipment

Sports uniform

Speakers/experiences to come into school

Numeracy & Literacy resources

The Home and School Committee needs new members!

The current committee has children who will be leaving in a couple of years. Without new members and a future proof plan, we are concerned that the knowledge & support our committee can provide is lost. It is vital that new members join to ensure the younger children of Eketāhuna School can continue to enjoy the support, opportunities and experiences.

Our next meeting is on the 24th September at 7pm in the staff room, we will be planning for the Spring Show. We are all busy parents, we all work, and are suggesting if everyone contributes a little bit the load is spread. We ask you to come along, listen in, see how it works. You won't be put on the spot or given a task, but you can contribute in a really positive way to your child's school experience by being present and being a part of planning for the children's future.



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are pleased to launch our charity fundraiser – *Jumping June!* This is a sponsored programme through which we hope to raise much needed funds for The Heart Foundation. The event will be held on **Monday 1st July** giving students **4 weeks** to get excited and to collect online sponsorship for their big day!

About the Programme

Jumping June is all about FUN! Your children will have the opportunity to skip alongside their fellow classmates, friends and students... sometimes even the teachers get involved! This exciting event is not one to be missed, so we hope to see everyone there!

How Does My Child Fundraise?

Firstly, go to jumpingjune.co.nz and create a student profile page. Everything to do with your fundraising revolves around this page. Students who raise just \$10 will be able to choose a prize! The more they raise, the better their reward – you will find the full range in your sponsorship form.

Online Fundraising

This is the only way to support your child to collect sponsorship. The sky's the limit when it comes to online fundraising with students across the country raising thousands of dollars, all to support the Heart Foundation, and to earn some pretty cool prizes along the way.... Online fundraising is also safer and easier than going door to door. To start fundraising, go to your student profile page at jumpingjune.co.nz and share your fundraising link via email, SMS, or social media!

Getting Involved

Not only can you support the school and students with your sponsorship – but you can join in on the fun! We would love to welcome parents and family members to attend our *Jumping June event*. If you would like to volunteer on the day, please contact me on the details below. I can't wait to see you at our event!

Ordering Prizes – ALL PRIZES MUST BE ORDERED ONLINE

Please contact your school's coordinator if this isn't possible.

Prizes MUST be ordered between the **Friday 5th July** and **Wednesday 24th July** Simply visit jumpingjune.co.nz to create / log into your Profile Page between these dates. Then click on the 'CLAIM YOUR PRIZE' button and follow the prompts. If you have any questions, please contact the *Jumping June* team at info@jumpingjune.co.nz and they will gladly assist!

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

**Next week we will send home the sponsorship form for each student.
An easy guide to follow and support Jump Rope for Heart Foundation.**

