

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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COMING UP:

- 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**



SCHOOL CLOSURE - NOTE THE DATE

A reminder we will be closing the school for instruction on Friday 28th June for the Matariki Celebrations. .

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te kura Ekētahuna,

MANAWATU SPORT NETBALL SESSIONS A BIG HIT!

On Tuesday we hosted Rebecca Boyd from Manawatu Netball who ran great netball sessions with all our classes. Three days have been booked over the next 3 weeks and they will involve Netball Skills, team-building activities and basic fundamentals of the game. Each week will focus on a core theme and continue to revisit & also progress the skill development in each session.



TARARUA BUSH INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY A SUCCESS

Congratulations to our Cross Country Team who took part in the Tararua Bush Interschool races held at Alfredton last Thursday. All of our students put in 100% effort and were excellent representatives of our school - we are very proud of them all! A big 'thank you' to all those parents who helped on the day and also supported our students out on the course - really appreciate the team spirit! Students who placed in the top three were:

7 Year Old Boys	Thomas Turner	2nd
8 Year Old Boys	Lucas Cremen	2nd
8 Year Old Girls	Ellie Turner	1st
9 Year Old Boys	Toby White	1st
9 Year Old Girls	Hollie Giddens	1st
11 Year Old Boys	Mack Duffy	2nd
11 Year Old Girls	Lana Hanson	1st
12+ Year Old Girls	Brooke Duffy	1st



SUPPORT STAFF WEEK

School support staff play an important role in ensuring students are learning in a safe and supportive learning environment. We have an amazing team of support staff at Eketāhuna School and today we acknowledged all they do here to ensure things run smoothly and all students are supported! If you get a chance make sure you let them know what fabulous 'superheroes' we think they are and the great job they are doing with our tamariki each day!!



WEEKLY UPDATE

HUKANUI NEWS:

Hello to all. Hukanui children had a lot of fun learning to freeze and move with Rebecca from Manawatu netball on Tuesday. We are looking forward to next week where we add in the ball. In our classroom we have been creating and continuing patterns of 2 and 3 parts for Maths. A favourite game is to clap the pattern and then have someone who hasn't heard it guess what it is. This requires careful listening. In Reading, we are working on retelling the story that we are reading. You can help at home by getting your child to tell you what happens in the books. Please remember your child needs their book bags and a named drink bottle daily. Any queries do not hesitate to contact me mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz Thanks, Marilyn.

HAMUA NEWS:

Kia ora Whanau, Students had an awesome time with Rebecca from Manawatu netball on Tuesday running through basic drills and games. Also on Tuesday Hamua had Jess in the class working on our box puppets. They are looking very cute and students are loving the learning experience. Next week in maths we are going to be looking at money. Gosh we have been having a busy week. Another thing that we have been working on is our boomwhackers performance which we will be performing at our assembly tomorrow. We would love to see you all there. Please ensure students bring a named drink bottle daily and appropriate shoes as we have begun our daily jump rope June jumping. Thanks, Holly ☺

RONGOMAI NEWS:

Kia ora, whanau,
We have had the benefit of Sport Manawatu coming to school to teach Netball Skills. The class really enjoyed the agility games and activities on Tuesday. Whilst we are on the topic of sport, I have really enjoyed attending Saturday winter sports from the sideline. Our tamariki have some awesome skills indeed. Well done! We have begun our next step up with our basic facts warm ups. Every student has their own booklet for our daily 'Quick 100.' I see improvements in time and scores already. Happy support staff day to our amazing team here at school. We absolutely could not do it without you & appreciate you immensely - thank you, thank you. Nga mihi, Miss Mac 😊

DANCING DELIGHT AT LAST WEEK'S DISCOS!

The Junior and Senior Disco's, held last Thursday were a hit with students and staff alike! Great theme, music, dancing and fun atmosphere. Both disco's were great fun - awesome fundraisers too!



SCHOOL SPORTS SHIRTS & SCHOOL FLEECES

Please remember that ALL students need to wear the correct sports uniform to play sport. Our school sports shirt with black shorts. Sports shirts are available at the office and can be purchased for \$25.00. We also have optional warm school fleeces that cost \$35.00 which can also be bought through the school office. We want our teams to represent the school with pride and ensuring all players are in the correct uniform is essential. Please make sure that the uniform items are clearly named.





NIREHAHA NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,
This week we have been engaged in writing poetry, rehearsing plays and creating our 3D Stages with Jess. These are coming together really well! We have been practising for the Cultural Festival, and have enjoyed our first netball session with Rebecca. There was also plenty of maths - including a couple of fab number and algebra tests. We are about to start skipping, so please have appropriate shoes for jumping. Cheers, Barb



PUTARA NEWS: This week we've been working on our school plays. Some great, old-time classics are being re-written & performed. Billy Goats Gruff, Goldilocks, Hansel & Gretel, The Three Princesses, and Jack and the Beanstalk. Also, we have been working on poems during literacy. Ask your child about the poem they are working on that relates to their own name. Great work and lots of fun!

Hunting is fun when you're in the bush
Under the trees watching deer
Night time vision
Tightly crammed maimais
Eventually getting a kill
Re sharpening my knife after cutting up my prize

Loves winter
A July kid
Never really liked summer
Another three weeks till my birthday!

Brilliant in general
Running and training
Outstanding at sport
Omnipotence
Kind and caring
Excellent and amazing

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.



LOST PROPERTY

ONCE AGAIN WE HAVE A 'MOUNTAIN' OF LOST PROPERTY HERE AT SCHOOL. PLEASE COME INTO THE OFFICE AND HAVE A LOOK. LOTS OF TOWELS, T-SHIRTS, FLEECES AND HATS. PLEASE CHECK THAT ALL YOUR CHILDREN'S SCHOOL CLOTHES ARE NAMED, THANKS.



This week we have kicked off 'Jumping June' with daily Jumping. Attached to today's newsletter is a sponsorship booklet that has information about how you sign up and the idea of prizes that students could earn when they have raised more than 10 dollars. **The Whole School Event will be held in 3 weeks time.**

INDOOR HOCKEY DRAW - MONDAY 17 JUNE

An excellent, hard fought game with St Anthony's. Final result 3-1 to the opposition but the best game yet! Well done Eket a huna Dragons. Fingers crossed for Monday.

Eke Dragons (U9)
Vs Pah Orange
3.45pm



BUS SAFETY REMINDERS

We have been asked by GoBus to issue a general reminder that the speed limit for passing a stationary school bus that is dropping off or picking up children is 20 kms in either direction. Further, please remember that children can sometimes run out into the road without looking, and the school bus is a large obstacle that obstructs their view of the road. Also, if you are following a large vehicle that suddenly slows on a rural road, don't assume you can overtake; it might have spotted a school bus and is obscuring your vision of it. On rural roads it's possible to come around a corner and find a school bus on the side of the road, not leaving you much opportunity to slow down. Please take care in all these situations - especially at school run times - be prepared to have to slow down. Thank you.



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.

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

THANK YOU!





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!

invites you to the Tararua Kāhui Ako

CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Thursday 27th June 2024
10.00am - 2.00pm
Bush Multisport Park
Huxley Street, Pahiatua

Doors close before each group starts and re-open when they finish
This is in place to respect the efforts and commitment all performers have made.

Morning Tea and Lunch provided for Kaumātua



Eketāhuna Playgroup Update:

Hey Playgroup Family's! Our Tamariki were busy this week 'fixing' our playground with lots of hammering sawing and drilling. We have some promising young builders on our hands! We did some pastel-coloured painting and glittering, painted using balloons and worked on our numbers and letters with some corresponding art and work sheets. Our big kids are making big steps in their learning and are so excited for school. We also attended the pirate themed 'little ears' session which the kids loved. Thanks Dani! We finished off our sessions this week with a dance party. As always, we love to welcome new faces to our playgroup on Wednesday and Thursday mornings so come and have some fun.

Tararua Kāhui Ako Cultural Festival Thursday 27 June 2024

Wātaka
10.00am Pōwhiri

10.30am	wā moko
10.45am	St Anthony's School
11.00am	Ballance School
11.10am	Te Kura o Pongaroa
11.20am	Te Kōhanga Reo o Kapua o Te Rangi
11.30am	Kumeroa School
11.40am	Woodville School
11.55am	Pahiatua School
12.10pm	Mākuri School
12.20pm	Te Huia Kaimanawa o Manaia
12.35pm	Alfredton School
12.50pm	Te Ringa Kaha
1.20pm	Mangatainoka School
1.30pm	Eketāhuna School
1.45pm	Tararua College Tama Tū Tama Ora
2.00pm	Tai Aroha - Waiata Tahī
2.10pm	Mihi Whakamutunga

Te Kete Hauora o Rangitāne Health & Social Services

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.



UPCOMING BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Notice of Board Meeting to be held on Wednesday 19th June in the school staff room at 6.30pm. If you have any items for the agenda please contact me with any relevant information by 14 June 2024 5pm on 063758059 or botchair@eketahuna.school.nz.



Warmest regards - Skye White - BOT Chairperson