

# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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## COMING UP:

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

Thursday 4 July: PJ & Onesie Day with Popcorn & Movies!

Thursday 4 July: Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser for St. Cuthberts

Friday 5 July: Celebration Assembly@ 2:15pm House Leaders & Deputies

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o te kura Ekētahuna, Another awesome week here at the kura, with lots of engaging activities and 'hands on' learning!

### HOUSE TEAM LEADERS AT COMMUNITY LUNCH

Our students enjoyed helping at the St. Cuthbert's Lunch for the community last Friday. The students were outstanding representatives for the school getting stuck in with pouring drinks, serving food and doing the dishes for over 40 people! Lana Hanson, Lucy White, Rubylee Burton-Foley & Savannah Hammond thoroughly enjoyed their time! The lunch raised \$400 for the Life Flight Trust which is a great donation for such a worthy cause!



### NO FREE SCHOOL LUNCHES ON THURSDAY 4th JULY - COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

On the last Thursday of the term we will not have free lunches at school. Like you, we are sure that the vandalism - graffiti and 23 smashed windows at the EKētāhuna St. Cuthbert's Church over the last two weekends has been upsetting and we all want to help with repairs and to return the historic church to its former glory. We will be having a sausage sizzle fundraiser for our lunches on Thursday 4th July and Trust House are donating 200 sausages to our event. A flyer with more information, and an order form is coming home today. All orders will need to be returned by the morning of Thursday 4th. We know the school is a supportive one, so let's get together to support an important local heritage building - show them Eketāhuna School cares - order up large! . E manaaki ana matou!

## 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 will be hosted by students from Hukanui, and they are looking forward to seeing you there! Our Celebration Assembly starts at 2:15pm.



### Week 11 Class Awards - Star Student:

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

**Hukanui:** Freddie Algie & Lukah Hoera-Bengston  
**Hāmua:** Amelia Webber  
**Rongomai:** Sean Bartolome  
**Nireaha:** Faith Kwoksun  
**Pūtara:** Tinuka Athukorala

### Week 11 Caught Being Good Award - Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

**Hukanui:** Luke Rodriguez  
**Hāmua:** Ryder Hammond  
**Rongomai:** Hollie Giddens  
**Nireaha:** Zyana Crudis  
**Pūtara:** Cleo Davis

**Principal's Awards:** Ellie Christensen-McCafferey for being very RESPONSIBLE in class and in the playground!

# WEEKLY UPDATE

## HUKANUI NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,  
 We have been very busy this week preparing for Friday's assembly. Please come and support your child on Friday 2:15pm start. The children are very excited about this and have put a lot of time into practising their play. We have been practising netball skills with Rebecca from Sport Manawatu which the children have enjoyed. In Maths we are starting to learn about money and to recognise the various amounts. Please, if your child is one that likes to play in the sandpit whatever the weather can you send them with spare trousers. The classroom floor is beginning to look like a sandpit at times! Nga mihi, Marilyn.



## HAMUA NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,  
 Thank you to all the whanau that came and watched our assembly on Friday last week. This week in our learning we have been looking at adjectives in our writing to make it more interesting. In reading we have been looking at our comprehension skills looking in the text to answer questions that we are given. On Tuesday we had our second lesson with Rebecca from Manawatu netball. We were working on our hand eye coordination and our catching and passing so that next week, lesson three, we have all the skills that are needed to participate in a game of netball. Can we please ensure that students have sensible shoes for skipping and netball on Tuesday. Nga Mihi Holly.

## RONGOMAI NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,  
 We have been busy sharpening up our routines for the Kapa Hala festival next week. We were without the year 7 & 8's yesterday. It was lovely to witness some of our Rongomai stars step into leadership roles for the afternoon. We are also active with 'Jumping June.' All funds raised by us go towards the heart foundation. A great cause indeed. Good luck to all our green card students this week. They will be going into the draw for the Principal's Morning Tea at The Lazy Graze. We have had an impressive number of students who have been making good choices and following our school values. Well done Rongomai! Nga mihi, Miss Mac 😊

### BUS BEHAVIOUR

A REMINDER THAT WE HAVE A 'BUS CODE OF CONDUCT' WHICH STUDENTS AND CAREGIVERS HAVE AGREED TO. FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL WHO TRAVEL ON OUR BUSES WE MUST BE VIGILANT WITH BEHAVIOUR DURING TRIPS BOTH TO AND FROM SCHOOL. STUDENTS WHO EXHIBIT POOR BEHAVIOUR CHOICES WILL BE TAKEN OFF THE BUS AND WILL NEED TO BE TRANSPORTED BY PARENTS.



### LATE STUDENTS

OUR SCHOOL DAY STARTS AT 9AM AND WE SEEM TO HAVE A NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO ARE LATE TO SCHOOL. IT IS VITAL THAT OUR STUDENTS ARE AT SCHOOL BEFORE THE START OF 9AM SO THEY HAVE TIME TO UNPACK, SORT THEIR EQUIPMENT AND PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR THE UPCOMING LEARNING IN CLASS.



### KEEP UNWELL CHILDREN AT HOME

WE STILL WANT TO ENSURE EVERYONE IS WELL & HEALTHY, SO IF YOUR CHILD FEELS UNWELL PLEASE KEEP THEM AT HOME. ALSO REMEMBER IF YOUR CHILD HAS A TUMMY BUG, VOMITING OR DIARRHOEA THEY CANNOT RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR AT LEAST 24 HOURS AFTER THEY WERE LAST SICK OR HAD A LOOSE MOTION. DON'T FORGET TO KEEP WASHING YOUR HANDS TOO! THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



## WATCH FOR HEADLICE

We have had another case of head lice at school this week. This is a perennial problem in all schools. It is recommended that you check all members of your household carefully. Treating the hair is no guarantee that the problem has been eradicated. Success is more likely if treatment is thorough, checking daily for at least three weeks and children are reminded to avoid head to head contact with others. If you require any further information or need some support in dealing with this issue please contact the school office.



## YUMMY FRUIT STICKERS

Shop at your local New World, Pak 'n Save and participating Four Square stores. Purchase Yummy apples, either bags with cut-out labels or individual apples with Yummy stickers. One cut-out label is worth 10 apple stickers. Place the Yummy stickers on Sticker Collection Sheets and the cut-out labels on Cut-Out Label Collection Sheets. Your Yummy stickers will then be converted into a winning share of the \$200,000 sports prize pool from DG Sport. Please contact Leona to print off a form or go to <https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/> to print the form yourself.



**NIREAHA NEWS:**

Kia Ora Whanau,

The Nireaha Year 7's had a fab day at Tech yesterday. It was their final session in their current subject before they swap over next term. The Cafe looked amazing and the food was delicious! A great way to end the unit. Well done Eke kids! We are in our final preparations for the Cultural Festival next Thursday. We hope to see you there! Please ensure that students have suitable shoes for the skipping and netball sessions.

Cheers, Barb.



**PUTARA NEWS:**

Welcome to the end of another week. I have been doing lots of knowledge and algebra assessment in class the past two weeks. It has been great seeing what the children have been learning and how their levels of confidence have grown. Technology is over for another term, so in term's 3 & 4 the children will swap over tech classes. All the children have worked incredibly well! Next week is the Cultural Festival in Pahiatua. Just a wee reminder - can you please inform the office if you intend to take your child home after the festival. This helps enormously in terms of numbers returning to school, and also children who won't be on the connecting buses after school. Many thanks 😊  
Have a great weekend! Dean

**TARARUA CULTURAL FESTIVAL PREPARATION**

Our Kapa Haka troupe have been practising all term for the Cultural Festival which is next Thursday. Students from Rongomai, Nireaha and Pūtara are getting ready to perform our Eketāhuna School haka, a Samoan sasa and a not-so-traditional dance routine to 'Kotahitanga' performed by Hinewehi Mohi. Lots of effort has gone



into preparing for the festival, along with lots of support from staff and volunteers. The festival is on at the Bush Multi Sports Stadium in Pahiatua, with a starting time of 10am. With our performance at 11:55am. We will bus students to the event and look forward to seeing whānau there in support.



**INDOOR HOCKEY DRAW - MONDAY 24th JUNE**

Monday was the last game of the round before semi-finals next week. Well done Eke Dragons for all your hard work and commitment. Good luck for the semi-final!

**Eke Dragons (U9)**  
Semi-finals  
Vs  
Woodville  
@ 3.45pm Ct1

**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

**The effort and enthusiasm from students thus far has been fantastic. Skill sessions and break times have our tamariki madly skipping!!**

**Remember to get online and register - ready for our Skipping Event on Monday 1st July**

**To those who have already registered and started fundraising a big thank you!**

**Already raised by Eketāhuna Tamariki is \$794.00!!**





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**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

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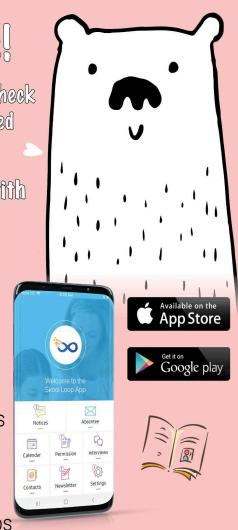
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# PLAYGROUP

## Eketāhuna Playgroup Update:

Kia Ora Playgroup families, it was lovely to see new faces again this week. We had lots of fun stacking blocks, driving cars, drawing and playing with playdough. It's been awesome to see so many easy and positive transitions into school visits for our older children, so handy with the new entrant class being right next door! We've been having lots of fun playing board games and cards too.

Next Wednesday Cherry from Tararua Breastfeeding services will be attending, and we welcome any mums in the community who would like breastfeeding support. We will be supplying morning tea for any mums and bubs with some Matariki sensory play thrown in as well so come for a hot drink, a nibble and a play.

## 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 SCHOOL OFFICE OR BEX HOWEL @ 0272026969. 😊*



## 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.



## SPARE CLOTHES TO SCHOOL PLEASE

Heading into winter & wet weather it is really good to have spare clothes, such as track pants T-shirts, tops, socks etc, here at school if children get wet or muddy. If you have clothes your 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.

