

# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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## COMING UP:

Friday 5 July: Principal's Morning Tea Shout @ Lazy Graze!  
 Friday 5 July: Celebration Assembly @ 2:15pm  
 Friday 5 July: Mid Year School Reports come home  
 Friday 5 July: Last Day of Term 2 - School Holidays start

Monday 22 July: First Day of Term 2 - School Open  
 Wednesday 24 July: Year 7 & 8 @ Technology in Pahiatua  
 Friday 25 July: Celebration Assembly@ 2:15pm - Leaders & Deputies  
 Friday 25 July: Basketball & Miniball starts after School  
 Monday 29 July: Chill Out & Read Challenge Starts in Juniors  
 Friday 2 August: Celebration Assembly @ 2:15pm - Pūtara

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o te kura Ekētahuna,  
 This is the last newsletter of the term and what a fantastic term it has been! Staff and students have been very busy throughout the ten weeks and it is time to reflect on what great teaching and learning happens at Eketāhuna school. We had the school cross country and the interschool Tararua Bush event where several students placed in the top 3 of their age groups, also attended the Tararua Bush Cultural Festival where our Kapa Haka troupe excelled, sent Year 8 students to Palmerston North for NYLD 2024, had sessions with Manawatu Netball NZ, hosted Strike Percussion, had our House Team Leaders & Deputies attend St Cuthberts Community Lunch, hold two great school disco's and their fantastic Obstacle Course Fun Run! We want to thank you all for your continued support and hope everyone has a restful, and fun filled two weeks holiday! We look forward to seeing you on Monday 22nd July ready for an exciting Term 3!

### CULTURAL FESTIVAL A TERM HIGHLIGHT

Our students attended the Cultural Festival last Thursday, in Pahiatua, and were fantastic! We are all very proud! The group started strongly with a new Samoan Sasa'. They followed this with the dance routine 'Kotahitanga', and ended with our school haka 'Kei te Kaha Ahau'. The routine showed great skill, actions, and stagecraft - awesome stuff! A huge thanks to Barb Whitburn, Lisa Patrick, and Dean Parsons for their work with the students, along with support from Peta Campbell. Thanks to Denise Drysdale and Jenny Davidson for behind the scenes work on costumes. A big shout out to all the whānau who were there on the day loudly supporting the group! Our tamariki were AMAZING! 🥰



### SAUSAGE SIZZLE FOR ST. CUTHBERTS HIGHLIGHTS EKETĀHUNA'S KINDNESS

A huge thank you to our amazing community that supported our fundraiser for the local church that had 23 of its windows smashed! With heaps of sausages sold and extra kind donations we raised a total of \$620.00. An outstanding effort. 🥰

### JUMP ROPE FOR HEART & SKIPPING SKILLS A BIG HIT WITH STUDENTS

Another huge thank you to the community for their support for this great cause. We raised a total of \$1,611.00 which will be most appreciated. The skipping ropes & skills cards have been awesome & students are out every break time practising!



# CLASS UPDATES

## HUKANUI NEWS:

Kia Ora whanau,

We had a great time skipping on Monday for our jump off. The children have done an incredible amount of learning to skip and tried really hard. We have worked hard completing our box puppets with Jess today and there has been great excitement as these were shown. Pyjama and Onesie day tomorrow...what better way to start the relaxing thoughts! Have a great holiday break, enjoy your children and take some time to recharge and relax. Looking forward to seeing you all in term 3. Nga mihi, Marilyn.

## HAMUA NEWS:

Kia Ora whanau,

On Monday all students in the school participated in the Jump Rope For heart. Students in Hāmua thoroughly enjoyed showing what they have learnt and taking turns at having a go at jumping the big skipping rope. It was awesome to see everyone giving it a go no matter their skill level and helping other students that were struggling. Enjoy the holidays and take time out to spend time with whanau and recharge and be ready for another busy term. I know I will be! If you would like to get in contact with me you can do this through the school phone or email at [hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz). Thanks Holly 😊



## RONGOMAI NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,

It was great fun at the Jump Rope For Heart challenge on Monday. Even though the rain forced us into the hall, it didn't dampen our spirits. Well done to all that raised money for the Heart Foundation. An amazing effort all round! It was jolly to see everyone 'kitted out' in their pyjamas and onesies today. The perfect attire for our class movie. It was really lovely to enjoy this with the class. As we close out the week and come to the end of Term Two, I'd like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday. Keep warm and dry. I look forward to seeing all our Rongomai cherubs refreshed and ready to go for Term Three! Nga mihi, Miss Mac 😊

# MID YEAR PROGRESS REPORTS

Coming home tomorrow are our Mid Year Progress Reports. These reports show how students are currently tracking in relation to the expected achievement level at their age. Please take time over the holiday break to chat with your child about their report and celebrate all the effort they put into their learning. We are all very proud of our students' hard work and progress being made!



## PYJAMA & ONESIE DAY WAS SO FUN!!!



**NIREAHA NEWS:**

Congratulations on a Fantastic Term Nireaha. I have loved working with you all – we have had such a great term. Highlights have been: writing great poetry, sessions with Netball Manawatu, awesome maths work, going to Tech with the Year 7's, Dioramas with Jess, Digital Tech sessions with the Year 6's and... learning to skip! It was great to perform at the Tararua Cultural Festival last week, the children were FAB! Have a great break everyone, see you back after the holidays



**PUTARA NEWS:**

Kia ora, Pūtara tamariki and whanau

Firstly, I would like to say well done on a wonderful term of learning, kids. You have all worked exceptionally well, your behaviour has been great, and you have provided me with a lot of fond memories. Hand on heart, you are a wonderful bunch of kids to teach. Jess is extremely fortunate to have you for the remainder of the year.

Secondly, thank you to all the parents and caregivers over my time at Eketāhuna School. I have always enjoyed your positivity and open communication.

Lastly, I wish you all the very best for a safe and sound holiday break. Take care, and please say hi if you see me out and about. You always have my best wishes! 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!



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 & FROM SCHOOL. STUDENTS WHO EXHIBIT POOR BEHAVIOUR CHOICES WILL BE TAKEN OFF THE BUS AND WILL NEED TO BE TRANSPORTED BY PARENTS.



LOST PROPERTY

WE HAVE LOTS OF LOST PROPERTY AT SCHOOL. SO WHEN YOU ARE NEXT IN SCHOOL, PLEASE COME AND CHECK THE BIN AS IT WILL BE WASHED AND TAKEN TO THE SECOND HAND SHOP IN TOWN DURING THE UPCOMING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS IF NOT CLAIMED. THANK YOU.



**DUFFY BOOKS**

Students took home their 2 Duffy Books yesterday. They had selected the books from a Duffy Book catalogue. The books are the children's and stay home to read!

**TRACKING & TRAPPING**

We have an awesome 'Tracking & Trapping' team at school as we are part of the NZ 'Predator Free Programme'. Traps are set, checked and monitored weekly by the student team and we are glad to say it has been successful this term with several rats & possums caught.



**UPCOMING BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

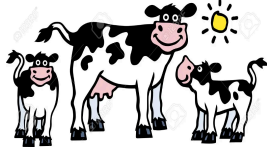
Notice of Board Meeting to be held on Wednesday 31st July, 2024 in the school staffroom at 7pm. If you have any items for the agenda please contact me with any relevant information by 5pm on Friday 25th July, 2024 on 063758059 or [botchair@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:botchair@eketahuna.school.nz).

Warmest regards - Skye White - BOT Chairperson



## HOME & SCHOOL 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 ring Bex Howell 0272026969



## 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 & lead awesome learning activities. Please make sure to bring any books you have issued with you in the morning. Thank you!

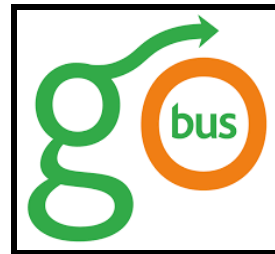


## 'SPRING SHOW' COMING UP IN NOVEMBER

With the year flying by so quickly we thought it a good time to remind everyone that if you intend to show a lamb or calf at this year's Spring Show in Term 4 please ensure it is one born on or after August 1st, 2024.



## BUS REMINDERS FOR CAREGIVERS



- It is their responsibility to get their children to pick-up locations and to collect them from drop-off locations.
- Recommended you arrive at the bus stop at least minutes prior to the time advised by the bus provider.
- Please stay with their children while they are waiting for their school transport in the morning and meet them in the afternoon as they get off the bus.
- To discuss any school transport related issues with you in the first instance.

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

We have our school Celebration Assembly tomorrow, which will be hosted by students from Nireaha. It's a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week. We are looking forward to seeing you, in the hall, at 2:15pm where we will have awards to give out and student's to acknowledge. . .



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## REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE



We are reminding every child to bring a water bottle, with their name on it, to school each day.

The water bottle refilling station has fresh, chilled water and is great to keep the students hydrated.

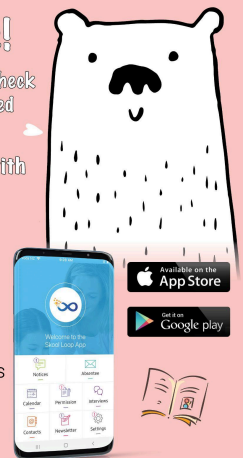
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