

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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COMING UP:

Friday 26 July: Celebration Assembly@ 2:15pm - Leaders & Deputies
 Friday 26 July: Basketball & Miniball starts after School
 Monday 29 July: Chill Out & Read Challenge Starts in Juniors

Friday 2 August: Mini Olympics - House Competition
 Wednesday 7 August: Tararua Bush 7-Aside Tournament
 Friday 9 August: Tararua Bush 7-Aside Tournament (Pp)
 Friday 9 August: School Wheels Day
 Tuesday 13th August: WBRU Ripa Rugby Session #1

SCHOOL CLOSURE THIS TERM - PLEASE NOTE THE DATE

This term we will be closing the school for instruction on Friday 25th August for our school's Mid Term Break.



Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te kura Eketāhuna, We hope you have all had an enjoyable break and have returned refreshed! It has been great seeing everyone back at school this week. We are looking forward to a productive term with lots of engaged students enjoying a range of fantastic teaching & learning experiences as we ensure our tamariki are getting the best deal possible! Our Term 3 overview is included with the newsletter, please check the dates for upcoming events and mark your calendar!

EXCITING NEWS TO SHARE

With everything going on around us it is so lovely to be able to share some awesome, good news - Holly Johnston, and her partner Will, are expecting a baby! Holly will be taking maternity leave later this term. Such exciting news and happy times for them as starting a family is always so special! I know you will all join me in sending HUGE congratulations and best wishes to them both. Looking forward, we are now working on options for replacing Holly which we feel will ensure all students get the best possible deal in teaching and learning. We hope to be able to update you over the next few weeks.



SCHOOL UPGRADE DEVELOPMENTS THIS TERM

The class upgrades of Hāmua and Rongomai will start this term and we will begin transitioning students into the delegated learning spaces they will be in during the building & installation work. We will be starting with Hāmua who will start joining Hukanui for core learning times from next week onwards. We will spend several weeks building up time together and hope to have the process completed by Week 6.

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 our House Team Leaders and Deputies, who look forward to seeing you! Our Celebration Assembly starts at 2:15pm.



Week 10, Term 2 = Class Awards - Star Student:

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

Hukanui: Phoenix Paul
 Hāmua: Hugo Algie
 Rongomai: Brodie Braddick
 Nireaha: Emmanuel McNamara
 Pūtara: Braxton Carrington

Week 10, Term 2 = Caught Being Good Award - Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

Hukanui: Freddie Algie
 Hāmua: Mackenzie Braddick
 Rongomai: Olivia Capes
 Nireaha: Chelsea Spring
 Pūtara: Brooke Duffy

Principal's Awards: Hollie Giddens for displaying amazing RESPONSIBILITY in class & around the school

WEEKLY UPDATE

HUKANUI NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,

Welcome back to a new term and a special welcome to our new children who have joined us in Hukanui. Here in Hukanui we are getting back into writing, beginning to write information reports and looking at the Olympic Games to help us with this. Starting next week we are beginning the "Chill out and Read" programme alongside the Eketahuna Library. This will be a lot of fun for the children and something a little bit different. Please remember spare clothes as the children have been getting wet and muddy in their play times. Also, water only in their drink bottles. (Any juice will be sent back home) Any questions and queries do not hesitate to contact me mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz Nga Mihi, Marilyn.

HĀMUA NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,

Wow, what a start to the term! We have jumped straight away to writing recounts about our holidays. "Gosh we were busy over the holidays." Over the next three weeks we will be looking at the Olympics, looking at events that are held and what countries are involved in the event. Next week we will be beginning to work on our Chill Out & Read Challenge which students will complete as part of an independent task for reading. We will be working along with Hukanui and Rongomai to complete tasks. Holly :-D

RONGOMAI NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,

It's so lovely to see everyone back in Rongomai! There have been some great holiday excursions before the business of Spring sets in. We have begun our studies on the Paris Olympics, 2024. We are currently looking at the history of the Olympics and will begin writing Information Reports on a country and an athlete. In Maths, we have sat our knowledge test and will be learning more about Place Value and Decimals. Miniball will be starting next Friday. Just a reminder to check in with your child about stationary. I am noticing some students have filled their books and are running out of pencils in particular. Also just to note that homework comes home every week. If your child isn't coming home with work, chances are that they have not handed in their books. Please do not hesitate in contacting me via Class Dojo or at patrick@eketahuna.school.nz if you have any questions. Nga mihi, Miss Mac 😊

PRINCIPAL'S MORNING TEA SHOUT

On the last day of Term 2 I took 10 students into town for a delicious morning tea at The Lazy Graze. This special event was recognition of their ability to make good choices all term and as a result of being called out at the 'Green Kids Draw'! A big well done to Matthew Webber, Noel Lochhead, Georgia Wensley, Ellie Christensen-McCafferey, Olivia Capes, Renee Dennison, Sadie Opie and RubyLee Burton-Foley.

The children had great fun with lots of happy 'holiday conversations'.

It was a delicious treat and fun time!!



STUDENTS 'OFF' BUSES

A REMINDER FOR NEXT TERM FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS OF ANY BUS STUDENTS WHO ARE BEING TAKEN OFF THE AFTERNOON BUSES TO PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW BEFORE 2:30PM. LATE 'RING INS' ARE HARD TO MONITOR AND WANT TO AVOID ANY MIX UPS AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY. THANKS



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. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH THIS.



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. 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.



NIREAHA NEWS:

Welcome to Term 3. We have started the term learning about the Olympics, and will be following these over the next few weeks. Go Team NZ! We will hold our own school Olympics next week, which should be heaps of fun. Yesterday the Year 6's created some great self portraits that will be sent off to Aratoi in Masterton, and these may be selected for display at the Children's Art Exhibition in the next holidays. At Tech, the Year 7's have started a new subject, so have been introduced to the new workspace: where things are, the tools available and how to use these safely. We regularly have delicious pizzas in our school lunches, and the children often ask..."Does pineapple belong on pizza?" Yesterday, Savannah designed the 'Hawaiian Muffin', now we are debating if pineapple belongs in muffins????!!!!

PŪTARA NEWS:

Kia Ora Whanau! Welcome back to term 3, I hope you had a safe and relaxing holiday. I have really enjoyed settling back into the role of classroom teacher. Pūtara are a fantastic bunch of students and I'm excited for the rest of the year ahead. Our integrated topic is the Olympics, so we've started making Olympic booklets, planning information reports about a chosen olympian, and we will also be learning French with Nireaha. On Fridays we will be learning financial literacy through MoneyTime, an interactive financial education program -very important skills for our senior students to have. Coming up we've also got the 7 aside tournament, tikanga sessions with Whaea Peta and Conservation Week. In the coming weeks we are looking at introducing electives, to give students the opportunity to develop new interests and learn new skills not normally offered in the classroom - more on this soon! Please email me if you have any questions, jwilkinson@eketahuna.school.nz.



DRAW - FRIDAY 26th JULY	MINIBALL (Ct 2)	BASKETBALL (Court 1)	
Basketball & Miniball starts on Friday. Eke Bouncers have a bye first up. Thanks to our coaches - Sam Mackay and Lisa Patrick and all our parent helpers/volunteers	Eke Bouncers (Yrs 5 & 6) BYE ●	Eke Thunder (Yrs 7 & 8) Vs. Pahiatua Snr A ● 3.30 pm	Eke Dragons (Yrs 7 & 8) Vs. Toki Seniors ● 4.40pm

Board Of Trustees Meeting

Notice of Board Meeting to be held on Wednesday 31st July in the school staffroom at 7pm. If you have any items for the agenda please contact me with any relevant information by 5pm on 26th July 2024



063758059 or email me at:
botchair@eketahuna.school.nz.

Warmest regards,
Skye White - BOT Chairperson

EKETĀHUNA HOME & SCHOOL MEETING

Save the Date

Tuesday 24th September
@ 7pm
Eketāhuna School
Staffroom



We look forward to seeing you there!

REMEMBER YOUR WATER BOTTLE

At school we have a chilled, 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. Thanks!



EKETĀHUNA PLAYGROUP UPDATE

Kia Ora Playgroup Whā nau! Welcome back to the first week of Playgroup, it's always a pleasure to see new smiling faces. We had lots of fun in the sun this week and we had Shirley from Wairarapa REAP visit doing science experiments, planting wildflowers and making bird feeders for our tamariki to take home. We also had a few playgroup children turn 5 over the holidays, we wish you all the best and know you will do great and Eketāhuna school!

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL 2024 - TERM 3

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 22 July - 26 July	Special Days to add after LEADERS meeting		Technology Yr 7 & 8		Assembly - Leaders
2 29 July - 2 Aug			BOT Meeting @ 7pm		Mini Olympics
3 5 Aug - 9 Aug			TARARUA BUSH 7 ASIDE (Yr 5 - 8)		pp TARARUA BUSH 7 ASIDE Wheels Day
4 12 Aug - 16 Aug		Rippa Rugby			
5 19 Aug - 23 Aug		Rippa Rugby	Technology Yr 7 & 8		Assembly - Pūtara
6 26 Aug - 30 Aug		Rippa Rugby			MID TERM BREAK TOD
7 2 Sept - 6 Sept		Rippa Rugby	Technology Yr 7 & 8		Assembly - Nireaha
8 9 Sept - 13 Sept		Hukanui & Hāmua to Pūkaha Mt Bruce	Rongomai to Pūkaha Mt Bruce	Pūtara to Pūkaha Mt Bruce	Nireaha to Pūkaha Mt Bruce
9 16 Sept - 20 Sept		Rippa House Team Challenge	Technology Yr 7 & 8	Rippa House Team Challenge	Wheels Day Assembly - Hukanui/Hāmua
10 23 Sept - 27 Sept	Year 7 & 8 Formal Dance Practice (TBC)	Rippa House Team Challenge Home & School Meeting @ 7pm Principal's Morning Tea	Year 7 & 8 Formal Dance - Evening (TBC)	Rippa House Team Challenge	Assembly - Rongomai

REMINDER - SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Our School Office is open between 8:30am - 3:30pm on Monday to Friday.

SCHOOL START TIME

Please be aware that there are no staff to supervise children before 8am in the morning. We have children arriving as early as 7:45am and classes are not open until 8:15 - 8:30am. No children should be on site before that time.



