

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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COMING UP:

Thursday 16th February: Meet & Greet Evening @ 4:30pm

Friday 17th February: Bush Minor Sport Yr1-2 **NOT ATTENDING**

Friday 17th February: Celebration Assembly - Pūtara hosting

Tuesday 21st - Thursday 23rd February: Classes to Cobblestones Museum

Wednesday 22nd February: Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6pm

Friday 24th February: Celebration Assembly - Nireaha hosting

Tuesday 28th February: School Swimming Sports for Yr 4 - 8

Wednesday 7th March: Yr 7 & 8 to Technology @ Tararua College

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

We have had a great week here at school, a busy time in class, and in the playground and pool when the weather has allowed! We had been looking forward to seeing you all tonight at the Meet & Greet but we have cancelled it due to the predicted rain & wind forecast for this afternoon. We will now plan to catch up at the 'Eketāhuna Class Collections & GTraditional Games afternoon - see information below. 😊



SCHOOL MIHI WHAKATAU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, students and community for the wonderful Mihi Whakatau held at Eketahuna School last Friday. It was the first time we had the more informal event and it was a great way to start the school year. Our senior students also did an amazing job of leading the school and made us all very proud. It was a very moving ceremony and lovely atmosphere afterwards at the morning tea. A wonderful welcome to this amazing school for our new students, and whanau!

Our class awards this week - Awesome 'Star Students' & those caught making great choices got 'Duffy Book' Awards



Class Awards - Star Student:

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

Hukanui: Mackenzie Braddick

Rongomai: Madison Rankin

Hāmua: Rylan Carrington

Nireaha: Faith Kwocksun

Pūtara: Hunter Rankin

Caught Being Good Award - Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

Hukanui: Kady Ifill

Rongomai: Zyana Crudis

Hāmua: James Rushbrook-Robertson

Nireaha: Mack Duffy

Pūtara: KJ Arnold

WEEKLY UPDATE

HUKANUI NEWS: (ROOM 1)

RONGOMAI NEWS: (ROOM 2)

Kia ora Whanau,

This week has been a 'wild week' with no swimming Monday and Tuesday due to this horrible weather that we have been having. Next week is going to be a busy week for us in Rongomai. We have our Cobblestones trip happening on Tuesday which we are all excited about. Our focus for maths is going to be changing from Statistics to Addition & Subtraction. Rongomai has had the pleasure of welcoming a new student, Maddy, to our classroom and the school. If you have any questions please email me at hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz. Have a fun-filled weekend before homework starts next week. Thanks Holly 😊



HAMUA NEWS: (ROOM 3)

Hamua is such an amazing group of kids.

There is no giving up, there is no quitting, they are constantly giving everything a go 100% like there is no other option. This week we have made these fabulous rainbow kites with Te Reo colours. The kids have called them squid, and I'm totally OK with that. They look like squid dangling down from the roof, fluttering in the wind, spinning around. We can't wait for you all to come and visit. They are so proud.

Keep up sending the togs daily. Swimming is a valuable skill to the children and it is compulsory unless a note is sent along. Many thanks for your support, Rachael



BUS MONITORS

Congratulations to our 2023 team of Bus Monitors who will ensure students are following our Code of Conduct and are safe on the bus. The monitors completed their training with Senior Constable Maxine today. Nireaha Bus has Hunter Rankin, Johnny Dandy, Holly Spring and Addiena Jones. Rongomai Bus has Noah Duffy, Gus Manson and Brooke Duffy. The Rongokako Bus has Beth Anderson, Brent Knight & Jehanne Knight. Our Newman Bus has McKenzie Moore.

ROAD PATROL TEAM

Congratulations also goes to our students selected for the Road Patrol Team for 2023. These students have completed their Kea Crossing training with Senior Constable Maxine this morning. They are: Beth Anderson, Maxwell Crudis, Lucy White, Rubylee Burton-Foley, Heidi Hanson, Beth Anderson, Jehanne Knight, Brent Knight, Noah Duffy, Evan Governor, Hunter Rankin, Savannah Hammond, Mack Duffy, Annabeth Read, Bella Ifill, Savana Waugh, Pounamu Roiri, Izzie Olliver and Lana Hanson.



NIREAHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)

Nireaha have been enjoying our swimming lessons with Ryan and Lisa. We have been focussing on a range of swimming strokes, plus learning a range of survival strategies. Our class trip to Cobblestones in Greytown is next Tuesday. This will be a great opportunity to see and experience what life was like in the olden days, we are really looking forward to it.

Please remember that homework is due back at school each Friday, can you please double check that they have it in their bag. There is also the additional task of bringing in an item from the olden days. These need to be here by Friday 24 Feb please.

**PUTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)**

Kia ora, all

Thank you to those parents who have sent through emails or notes when your child's not swimming. I appreciate this enormously. Daily swimming is part of our NZ Curriculum and we do expect children to participate. We have been doing some fantastic learning in class. The children are developing an excellent understanding of how to complete literacy tasks to an expected level. We're also discussing and learning mathematics to a wonderful level. Ratios, fractions, mean, median, mode, range, and graphing data is being covered at present. Keep that homework coming in, kids! 😊

Parents and caregivers, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

REMINDER FOR ALL STUDENTS**Week 3 & 4 Homework – Olden Days Item**

All students need to bring along an item they can use as the focus of a Literacy task.

**All items need to be at school by Friday 24th February**

Please note that these items will be kept at school for the duration of the unit and we will do all that we can to keep them safe and protected.

Many thanks for your help with this very special sharing time.

NOTIFYING THE OFFICE WHEN UNWELL

A REMINDER THAT IF YOUR CHILD IS TOO UNWELL TO ATTEND SCHOOL YOU NEED TO NOTIFY THE OFFICE EACH DAY THEY ARE AT HOME TO AVOID THEM BEING RECORDED AS TRUANT. WE NEED TO ENTER THE REASON THEY ARE NOT AT SCHOOL ON OUR ENROL SYSTEM.

**BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE**

A REMINDER TO BRING A WATER BOTTLE TO SCHOOL EACH DAY WITH YOUR NAME ON IT! THE DRINKING FOUNTAINS ARE NOW OPEN AS THE BOIL NOTICE HAS BEEN LIFTED. IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP HYDRATED - THANK YOU!

**TOGS & TOWEL DAILY**

REMEMBER SWIMMING IS DAILY, SO PLEASE MAKE SURE CHILDREN HAVE TOGS & A TOWEL IN THEIR BAGS. IF YOUR CHILD HAS GOGGLES - SEND THEM ALONG TOO. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

**SCOOTERS & SKATEBOARDS AT SCHOOL**

We have seen lots of scooters and skateboards coming to school this term, which is great! However there are a few reminders we need to issue:

- those children riding them to school will require helmets
- all children with these at school must wear covered shoes
- helmets are advised if students are using a ramp or doing any 'tricks'.

It is fantastic to see children on scooters but we do need to ensure we are all safe!





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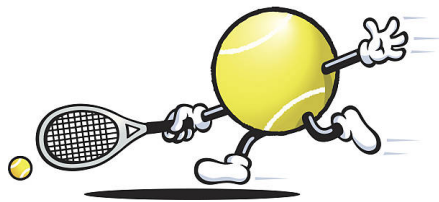
BUSH TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Can you help??

We need a parent volunteer to run after school tennis once a week to allow children the opportunity to participate in the upcoming Bush Tennis Tournament.

Eketahuna Tennis Club will supply rackets and balls and the court facilities.

For more information contact the school office.

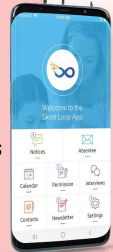


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Upcoming Board Of Trustees Meeting

The next Eketahuna School Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on 22 Feb 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 17 Feb with all relevant information. I am contactable on botchair@eketahuna.school.nz or 3758059.

Warmest Regards, Skye White Chairperson, Eketahuna Board of Trustees



Eketahuna JAB Rugby



Does your child want to give rugby a go? Eketahuna JAB Rugby registrations are now open for the 2023 Wairarapa bush season. Ages 4–12yrs.

Rugby season kicks off Saturday May 13. We will aim to have a training at Eketahuna rugby grounds on Wednesday March 29, from 3pm, before the end of term 1! Please come along.

You can register here:

New players to Eketahuna JAB club – please go to www.sporty.co.nz. Click on Find Your Club or School. Type Eketahuna Rugby Football Club into the search box at top right and click Search. Click on Eketahuna Rugby Football Club. Click on Online Registrations, then Junior Form. Complete this form and submit.

Eketahuna JAB AGM: Wed 5th April @ Eketahuna Inn, 7pm. All Welcome.

For more info please contact Kirby: lanceandkirby@inspire.nz.nz

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A big thank you to Farmers Meat Export for their kind donation of \$140.00 made possible by our local farmers nominating our school for funds. It is very much appreciated by our students!



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THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

