

# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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## COMING UP:

*Friday 24th February: 2:15pm Celebration Assembly - Nireaha hosting*  
*Tuesday 28th February: School Swimming Sports for Yr 4 - 8*  
*Wednesday 29th March: Yr 7 & 8 to Technology @ Tararua College*

*Friday 3rd March: Cyclone Gabrielle Sausage Sizzle*  
*Wednesday 8th March: Yr 7 & 8 to Technology @ Tararua College*  
*Thursday 9th March: Junior Swim Display - Hāmua & Hukanui*  
*Friday 10th March: Tararua Bush Interschool Swimming Sports*  
*Friday 10th March: Class Collections & Traditional Games Day*

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

It has been another awesome week here at school. Lots of fantastic teaching and learning is happening! Week 5 looks just as busy & productive so please make sure you read carefully and note upcoming dates.



### CLASS TRIPS TO COBBLESTONES A HUGE SUCCESS

The class trips to the Cobblestones Museum this week have been fantastic! Students and staff have really enjoyed the 'hands on' learning about how people lived in the past. Really engaging and interactive experience supported by Cobblestones volunteers. A huge thank you to our Eketāhuna Home & School, and Julie Mcghie from Cobblestones, who kindly donated funds to help cover the visit costs. Another big thank you goes to all our whānau who gave their time to transport and spend the day with our classes. It was most appreciated. Check out our school facebook page for more wonderful photos from the day in Greytown.

### NO FREE SCHOOL LUNCHES ON FRIDAY 3rd MARCH - CYCLONE GABRIELLE FUNDRAISER

Next Friday we will not have free lunches at school. Like you, we are sure the devastation witnessed during Cyclone Gabrielle has made an impact and we all want to help those who have been affected. We will be having a sausage sizzle fundraiser for our lunches next Friday and Trust House are donating 200 sausages to our event. A flyer with more information, and an order form will be coming home. All orders will need to be returned by the morning of Friday 3rd March. We know the school is a supportive one, so let's get together to support those who have lost so much in the last few weeks - show them Eketāhuna School cares. E manaaki ana matou!



## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

It is great seeing everyone at the school assembly at 2:10pm, in the hall. Check the school calendar for dates. It's a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week. Tomorrow's assembly will be hosted by the amazing students from Nireaha.



### Week 3 Class Awards – Star Student:

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

**Hukanui:** Troy Spring  
**Hāmua:** Halo Crudis  
**Rongomai:** Ariki Wihone  
**Nireaha:** Maclane King  
**Pūtara:** Priscilla Stafford-Taiaroa

### Week 3 Caught Being Good Award – Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

**Hukanui:** Georgia Capes  
**Hāmua:** Soren Hanson  
**Rongomai:** Hollie Giddens  
**Nireaha:** RubyLee Burton-Foley  
**Pūtara:** Paityn Wright

# WEEKLY UPDATE

## HUKANUI NEWS: (ROOM 1)

Kia Ora. A busy week here in Hukanui. Yesterday we had an amazing trip to Cobblestones in Greytown. The children were enthusiastic and inquisitive. A huge thanks to those parents that came along. It was great to have small groups to enable lots more exploration by the children. The children loved using the stilts and other olden day games. For our work on the 150 years of Eketahuna celebration I thought we could make some stilts using cans and string. If anyone has any **BABY FORMULA TINS/ GOLDEN SYRUP TINS** or **BAILING TWINE** we would really like them here in Hukanui. Thanks to those who have found 'old things' around. It is neat for the children to see some of these things. Please keep them coming. Please remember togs, towels and drink bottles daily. Any questions please email me [mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz). Thanks, Marilyn.

## RONGOMAI NEWS: (ROOM 2)

Kia ora Whanau,  
Wow what a busy week we have been having. Our trip to Cobblestones was a hit in the class. We all thoroughly enjoyed looking through all the old stuff and learning what things were like in the olden days. A huge thank you to Stevie, Sam, Ali, Skye and Kirby for exploring cobblestones with us. We have been receiving some amazing artefacts in our class which has been amazing as students are enjoying sharing the special stories that are behind each artefact. For next week we are going to start looking into our artefacts a bit more. It would be awesome if every student was able to bring their togs and towel each day, as Swim Sports is fast approaching. If you have any questions please email me at: [hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz). Holly



## HAMUA NEWS: (ROOM 3)

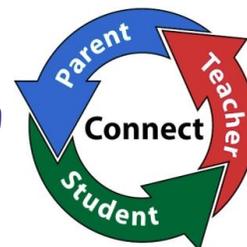
## PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS – BOOK ONLINE

This term we will be hosting our Teacher & Parent Meetings in Week 8. These learning discussions are vital in forming a positive, collaborative relationship with parents and whanau – it is important to establish a strong foundation for your child's ongoing success. The purpose of the Term 1 meetings is for you as parents to share important information about your child; their strengths, any worries, pastoral care needs, them as learners, and for the teachers to give you an insight into how they have started the year.

We will be holding Parent Teacher Meetings on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd of March. Meetings on both days will start at 3.45 pm and go through until the last at 6.15 pm. Meetings can be booked for the times that suit you.

Simply go to Skool Loop, click on 'Interviews' and follow the steps.

If you need any further information about bookings please contact the school office.



## HERO DAY FUNDRAISER FOR RELAY FOR LIFE

Friday 24th March

We will be holding a 'HERO DAY' on the 24th of March and ask all our wonderful tamariki to support us by coming dressed as their HERO & bringing a gold coin donation to school that will go to the Cancer Foundation. 😊





**NIREAHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)**

The highlight of the week has been our trip to Cobblestones in Greytown. It was fantastic to get out and explore what life was like in the 'olden days'. We saw how books were printed, had a go at doing some laundry with an old tub and wringer, and even experienced 'old school' maths and handwriting lessons with blackboard and chalk. We finished the day with good old 'tug o war', stilts, hula hoops and sack races. A huge thank you to Stevie, Sam, Ali, Skye and Kirby for sharing the day with us.



**PŪTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)**

Kia ora all

This time next week we'll be half way through the term. Your children are coming to grips with the literacy expectations and the amount of work, plus the standard required in Pūtara. We have been writing information reports this week. The structure includes: Title, General Statement Description, and Evaluation. We will be producing Information Reports for the taonga (treasures) the children have been bringing in, in celebration of the Eketāhuna 150 year celebration. Thank you all for sending these along to school - they are safely locked away. Lastly, thank you for all those completing the homework tasks each week. Have a lovely weekend everybody. Dean

**SCHOOL CHARTER & ACTION PLAN**

Coming out with the newsletter is a summarised copy of the School Charter and Action Plan for 2023.

The purpose of a charter is to set the direction for a school and identify the priorities the Board of Trustees expects the principal to be leading. The Education Act 1989 requires every school to complete a charter and a copy of the annual charter update to be sent to the Ministry of Education each year. The charter is a key planning document that sets out the school's objectives and targets for the year, and establishes the mission, aims, objectives, directions and targets of the board that will give effect to the Government's National Education Guidelines and the Board's priorities.

We are keen on our community feedback and look forward to hearing your thoughts and further suggestions.



**EKETĀHUNA SWIMMING SPORTS**

Our swimming sports are coming up for students in Pūtara, Nireaha and Rongomai. Children will be walking down to the town pool. Children will need to bring snacks for morning tea. They will need their togs, towels, sun screen, hat, and drink bottle.

**When:**

Tuesday 28th February @ 10:30am  
(Postponement Thursday 2nd March)



Please note - Junior classes are going to be taken to watch and cheer on competitors at some stage during the event. Also, we need parents to be timekeepers for length races. Call the office if you can help!

**SCHOOL POLICY & PROCEDURE - TERM 1 REVIEW**

SchoolDocs manages our school's policies and procedures online, in a way that allows us to maintain, review, and update them regularly. This term we're asking parents to review:

- Legislation and Administration Policy section.
  - Student Attendance / Enrolment / Dress Code

All feedback is great to get and this is your opportunity to have your say!

Please take the time to go online at [www.https://eketahuna.schooldocs.co.nz](http://www.https://eketahuna.schooldocs.co.nz) and take part in the review.

(User name eketahuna and Password 4900) Thank you. 😊



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. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



STUDENTS 'OFF' BUSES

A GENERAL REMINDER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF BUS STUDENTS TO PLEASE RING IN BEFORE 2:30PM TO LET THE OFFICE KNOW THEIR CHILDREN ARE TO BE TAKEN OFF THE AFTERNOON BUS LISTS. IT MAKES THE JOB SO MUCH EASIER AND SAFER.



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!



**EKETAHUNA CLUB  
NETBALL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH**

**6:30PM**

@

**Eketahuna School  
Staff Room**

**Come along and be  
part of the discussion  
reviewing & planning  
netball with our  
Eketāhuna Club.**



**Parent (and Grandparent) Tutor Reading 2023**



With no sign of Covid Guidelines this term we have been able to start the 'Parent Tutor Reading' programme at Eketahuna School. We are so pleased to have two lovely volunteers - Jenny Davidson & Emily Richards supporting students' learning.

Volunteers are given training in the basic reading strategies (provided by the school) and come along once a week to hear children read and practise taught reading strategies which are monitored. They work one on one or with a very small group of children to give them further practise with their reading. They work with the same children each week and this builds a bond between the child/children and parent/grandparent. The daily, one to one reading with students has shown to be incredibly beneficial - building fluency and confidence

Currently we are still in need of more lovely volunteers on Monday or Thursday morning . . . Please contact Carol Laubscher (LSC) or Leona Hayes in the school office if you are interested or want more information.

**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 TOMORROW**

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.



