

# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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**COMING UP:**  
 Friday 10th March: Tararua Bush Interschool Swimming Sports  
 Friday 10th March: Class Collections & Traditional Games Day  
 Tuesday 14th March: House Leaders Service - Eketāhuna Gardens  
 Wednesday 15th March: Manawatu School Triathlon in Palmerston Nth

Friday 17th March: Celebration Assembly - Rongomai Hosting  
 Monday 20th March: House Team Softball - Round 1 - House Colours  
 Wednesday 22nd March: Yr 7 & 8 to Technology @ Tararua College  
 Thursday 23rd March: House Team Softball - Round 2 - House Colours  
 Friday 24h March: House Leaders Service - St Cuthbert's Lunch  
 Friday 24h March: Celebration Assembly - Hāmua Hosting

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te kura Eketahuna,  
 It is hard to believe we are more than halfway through Term 1 . . . and we have finally had some great weather! It has been great to see students making the most of the sunshine, and our last week of swimming. Our staff & students have been fully engaged with teaching and learning across the curriculum, with each day full of fun activities and great opportunities, as we prepare classes for the whānau afternoon tomorrow with 'Class Collections & Traditional Games'. See you all there!



**SAUSAGE SIZZLE FOR CYCLONE GABRIELLE HIGHLIGHTS EKETĀHUNA'S KINDNESS**

A huge thank you to our amazing school community that supported our fundraiser for those affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. With all 200 hundred sausages sold and extra kind donations **we raised a total of \$618.00**. An outstanding effort which will be gratefully appreciated. 🙏

**Our class awards last week - and the Principal Award that went to Shelby Taiaroa for his huge effort at swimming!**



**Week 5 - Class Awards - Star Student:**  
 For great work done in class and related to learning throughout the week:

**Hukanui:** Arpit Patel  
**Rongomai:** Ann Kent  
**Hāmua:** Ryder Hammond  
**Nireaha:** Lucy White  
**Pūtara:** Evan Governor

**Week 5 - Caught Being Good Award - Duffy Book:**  
 Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

**Hukanui:** Litarah Taiaroa  
**Rongomai:** Emmanuel McNamara  
**Hāmua:** Charlotte Smith  
**Nireaha:** Lana Hanson  
**Pūtara:** Noah Duffy

## POSSIBLE WHOLE DAY STRIKE ACTION NEXT WEEK

You may be aware that last week at Paid Union Meetings held across the country by NZEI, teachers voted 'overwhelmingly' to reject their latest collective agreement offer. This week they were asked to vote on industrial action, with a possible strike on Thursday 16th March being a proposed date. Confirmation of strike action will be an announcement this afternoon at 4pm.

Please be advised if the strike goes ahead Eketāhuna School may have to be closed for instruction. Look for more information coming out tomorrow.



# WEEKLY UPDATE

## HUKANUI NEWS: (ROOM 1)

Kia Ora Whanau. We have had such a busy week in Hukunui. We've been practising for our Junior swim display, in and out of the pool! Melinda put some cute photo's up on facebook. It's fabulous to see so many of our parents out there today supporting our tamariki. We are so lucky to have a heated pool and Ryan & Lisa. We have also been concentrating on our writing for the Information Reports about our Taonga, our Treasures. There are some really interesting stories.

Don't forget to go onto Skool Loop and book a parent teacher interview. It is the perfect opportunity to see how your child is tracking and set some goals for the year. They are so amazing and we want to help you celebrate the fantastic work they are achieving so far. Feel free to contact me on [mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz) Thanks, Marilyn



## RONGOMAI NEWS: (ROOM 2)

Wow what a week we have had. We have three teachers in our class due to myself being unwell. When I was out of the class they did some learning about the ocean.

Today we had our last swimming lesson with Lisa and Ryan which students thoroughly enjoyed as we learnt about how to be safe on a boat and what to do when the boat flips over and we are stuck underneath. The students really enjoyed swimming underneath both boats. If you have any questions please email me at: [hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz). Holly



## HAMUA NEWS: (ROOM 3)

In Hamua these past few days we have been focused on writing our numerals correctly. The right formation, and the right orientation. These are some of the clever kids that have managed to do this *as well as* accurately calculate their addition equations. This is something that you can keep an eye on at home when they are doing their homework too. If you notice things are not as they should be, you can add a bit of practice at home. Every little bit helps.

We have been working hard on our writing too. It's been a long road, but we hope you enjoy reading our Information Reports about our Taonga, our Treasures. It has been so interesting to learn about your family treasures, thank you so much for sharing, these can now be collected from school. Thanks, Rachael



### SCHOOL RUBBISH:

WE ARE ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO PUT FOOD 'WRAPPINGS' & PACKAGING BACK IN THEIR LUNCH BOXES ONCE THEY HAVE EATEN AT BREAK TIMES. WE ARE CONTINUING TO KEEP THE AMOUNT OF RUBBISH DOWN HERE AT SCHOOL. THANK YOU!



### 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.



### HATS & SUNSCREEN

OUR SUN SAFETY POLICY REQUIRES HATS TO BE WORN IN TERM 1. A GOOD IDEA IS TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BRING A HAT (NAMED) THAT CAN BE LEFT AT SCHOOL THEREFORE AVOIDING SPENDING THEIR BREAKS ON THE DECK IN THE SHADE.



## NO ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

Please note there is NO School Celebration Assembly tomorrow afternoon. Our next assembly is on Friday 17th February at 2:15m in our school hall. The event will be hosted by Rongomai. Please come along and share, acknowledge and 'celebrate' student successes! We look forward to seeing you all there!



## HERO DAY FUNDRAISER FOR RELAY FOR LIFE

Friday 24th March

Come dressed as your HERO & bring a gold coin donation to school that will go to the Cancer Foundation. 😊

**NIREAHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)**

Highlights this week have included continuing our swimming lessons and having two very special visitors. We have continued to swim many, many lengths and learn about water safety. We were using a range of items to help us float, and we got to experience wearing life jackets in the water. It was heaps of fun.

Jess and Jack came to visit! Jack is four months old now and is super cute! They came to chat with us, and then went to the staffroom where the staff got to have their cuddles. It was so lovely to meet Jack, look at the delight on the childrens' faces! Good luck Mack - he's off to the Bush Swimming Sports tomorrow!



**PUTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)**

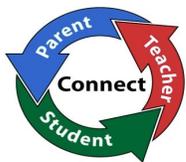
Kia ora all

I hope the week's going well. Thank you for being proactive and helping your child with their homework tasks. I hope you're having fun and learning a little yourselves. There's a mix of tasks designed to teach some real life skills, some independent learning, and a refresh of some things taught in class. Nice work!

We all wish Gus, Brooke and Evan all the very best for the Bush swimming sports tomorrow. You will be outstanding, and I know you'll represent Pūtara and Eketāhuna School with pride.

*Kaua e mate wheke, me mate ururoa!*

*Do not concede like the octopus, but fight like the hammerhead shark!*



**TEACHER & PARENT LEARNING DISCUSSIONS**

In Week 8 we are holding conferences with parents and caregivers at school. They are useful, positive meetings where, as well as hearing from your child's teacher, you can ask questions and share your thoughts so that you and our teachers can become partners in your child's education.

You can go online at SKool Loop and book a time on Wednesday 22nd or Thursday 23rd March. The conferences will start at 3:345pm and go through until 6:15pm These discussions will be 15 minutes and enable our teachers to share their first few weeks at school, celebrate successes and look towards the rest of the year.

**PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU REQUIRE HELP BOOKING A MEETING TIME - WE CAN DO IT FOR YOU, OVER THE PHONE.**

**EKETAHUNA HOME & SCHOOL AGM**



**Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday 14th March, 2023**  
**7pm in the school staffroom**

*We look forward to seeing you there!*

**EKETAHUNA CLUB**  
**PRIMARY NETBALL MEETING**

**Wednesday**  
**15TH MARCH**

**7pm in the school staffroom**

**Come along and be part of the review and discussion around netball!**



# 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](https://eketahuna.schooldocs.co.nz) and take part in the review. (User name eketahuna and Password 4900) Thank you. 😊



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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.

**THANK YOU!**

Hey there!

Just popping in to check you have downloaded our school app?

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**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](http://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

## 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!**

