

# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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## COMING UP:

*Friday 12 May: Celebration Assembly - House Leaders as Hosts*

*Friday 19 May: Celebration Assembly - Pūtara as Hosts*

*Wednesday 24th May: Year 7 & 8 Technology @ Tararua College*

*Friday 26 May: Celebration Assembly - Nireaha as Hosts*

*Thursday 1 June: School Road Race*

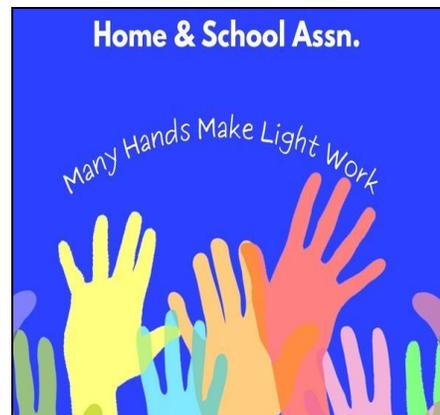
*Friday 2 June: Pasifika Day - come in your island gear!*

**Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa te kura whanau**

Despite the arrival of colder, wet weather, this week at school has been great, with students enjoying a diverse range of fun, hands-on activities!

### HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING

Our great Home & School Association met on Tuesday and spent time reviewing the Golf Tournament Fundraiser. The event was very successful with \$9,000 raised by the community, which is totally amazing and very humbling. We will be starting the process of comparing quotes for the all weather surface and the swing set this term! The committee is now preparing for the upcoming Interschool Road Race where they will have a sausage sizzle and refreshments on offer. They've also kindly donated \$500 to the preparations & costumes for the upcoming Cultural Festival!



### ROAD RACE COMING UP THIS TERM

The children started training for long distance running last week, with some of them into it on day one of this term! The school event will take place on Thursday 1st June. Eketāhuna School will then host the Interschool Bush Road Race on Thursday 8th June. Information about our school event is in this newsletter. To ensure we run a great event we will need helpers for the days. If you can help please fill in the form sent today with the race information and return to school. For more details please ring and speak with Leona in the office, or email our Sports Co-ordinator Dean via [dparsons@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:dparsons@eketahuna.school.nz)



### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

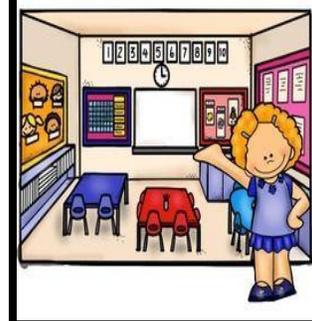
We have our school Celebration Assembly tomorrow, which will be hosted by our students from Pūtara (Year 7 & 8). It's a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week. We are looking forward to seeing you, in the hall, at 2:15pm where we will have Star Student Awards, Duffy 'Good Choices Awards, the Principal's Award and lots of others....



## SCHOOL LOCKDOWN PRACTISE - THURSDAY 18TH MAY

We will be holding a lockdown drill on Thursday morning here at school. Unfortunately there may be some situations in our school future where it is safer to keep the staff and students inside, for example, trespassers and violent intruders (on Police advice), natural threats, ie, a swarm of bees, wasps, chemical spill, and it is best to be prepared. We have walked the children through the procedure earlier this term in preparation and will now have a practise drill. Should the school ever be placed into a lockdown, we will endeavour to communicate with you to ensure you are informed regularly about the ongoing situation as best we can by Facebook and School Loop. Parents/caregivers, the NZ Police advise that you **DO NOT** come to school in a lockdown situation as this can place you in danger and we will be unable to let you into any part of the school. Children can only be released to you after a lockdown situation by their teacher or myself. We will communicate directly with staff to keep them apprised of the situation and will also liaise directly with the Police. At the end of the day our students' safety has and will always be our No.1 priority. Trust us and our systems as you do every day. Thank you.

A lockdown drill is when I practice how to keep myself safe inside my classroom.



# WEEKLY UPDATE

## HUKANUI NEWS: (ROOM 1)

Kia ora whanau. A great week learning in Hukanui! We have been exploring subtraction in maths and how the numbers always get smaller. This is a fantastic topic to help your children with at home..we had 3 biscuits and 2 got eaten, how many are left? In our Literacy time we have been looking at Rhyme. Thanks for helping your children with their basic homework tasks as this helps with their learning. Please remember that the children need a drink bottle of water daily. It gets warm in our class so I encourage the children to take jerseys off inside and put them back on outside..hot kids are sleepy kids and that does not help with learning. We have started an environment table in the class with interesting objects to look at and explore. If you find anything that we might like to explore feel free to send it along.....just NOT wetas! Any questions or thoughts feel free to contact me on [mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz) or leave a message on the school cell phone 022 368 1830. Thanks, Marilyn.

## RONGOMAI NEWS: (ROOM 2)

Kia ora whanau,  
Wow, what a week we have been having. We have been diving into the Science Kit looking at fireworks and doing some exciting experiments. Students have been really enjoying doing experiments, especially getting to wear some crazy looking safety glasses. In writing we have been looking at different language features that are used in poetry. In maths we have continued looking at different ways of solving multiplication problems which all students have been doing some amazing work in. Just a reminder: can all students bring a water bottle to school. As always, get in touch if you need to. Either by texting the office on 022 368 1830 or emailing [hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz).  
Nga mihi, Holly

## HAMUA NEWS: (ROOM 3)

Kia Ora all. Welcome to week 3. Hamua have been incredibly busy recently working on place value in maths, poetry writing, and getting used to their new reading groups. I'm so proud of all of the children. I feel like they have matured and settled into the workload, they know what the expectations are and there are seldom any shortcuts. 😊  
Can I please take this opportunity to talk about toys and personal property coming to school. There are a number of children that are bringing items on a regular basis. These items are causing problems, both as a distraction in class, and with being left around the playground, other kids then being tasked with finding their owners. Can I please ask that these items remain at home.  
Many thanks for your ongoing support and sending the drink bottles and book bags with your children, Rachael

## TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGES FOR HOUSE TEAMS

Last Friday we started the first of 'House Team Technology Challenges' of the year which saw Kākariki, Whero, Kikorangi and Kōwhai go up against each other to see who could design the best 'ANZAC Poppy'. Each house team was broken into smaller groups and given the required resources to create the Poppy. Great team work was on display along with our school values as students problem solved & trialled their item. The best design in

each house then went into the final, which was judged by Leona! The winning house was Kākariki.  
Well done to all our teams!

ANZAC DAY POPPY - JUDGING SHEET	
GROUP:	5
Poppy supports itself	5
Looks like a poppy - 6 petals	5
Looks like a poppy - black centre	5
The poppy looks good!	5



**NIREAHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)**

It has been another busy and exciting week here in Nireaha. The students have been engaged in a wide range of activities, including taking photos with Mrs. Morgan, exploring micro and macro shots, and starting a new Science Kit project focused on the science of 'Fireworks'. The students have been particularly enthusiastic about this new project, which will run for two weeks. Additionally, the students have been making excellent progress with their times tables and have been working hard to transfer these to division facts. It's not as scary as they thought!

It is wonderful to see the students taking ownership of their learning and working together to support each other. Overall, it has been another fantastic week. As always, please email me [bwhitburn@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:bwhitburn@eketahuna.school.nz), or give the office a call on 022 368 1830 if you have any concerns. Barb

**PUTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)**

Kia ora, whānau

Week three and there's a lot of great learning happening. We're just about to finish a three week unit on multiplication and division. The children in Pūtara have worked extremely hard, so I'm confident our post-unit test this week is going to show a great deal of progress. In weeks 4-6 we will be looking at turns and angles. In writing, our focus will be narratives and descriptive writing. Simile, hyperbole, metaphor, alliteration, onomatopoeia, personification and repetition.

Lastly, we have our road run coming up in week six. Feel free to throw your sneakers on and jog a few kilometres with your child each evening. You can hear all about their day at school... 😊

**HEAD LICE:**

WE HAVE HAD A COUPLE MORE CASES OF HEAD LICE AT SCHOOL THIS WEEK. THIS IS A PERENNIAL PROBLEM IN ALL SCHOOLS AND WE RECOMMEND YOU CHECK ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD CAREFULLY. IF YOU REQUIRE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION OR SUPPORT IN DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON 375 8191.



**LATE STUDENTS**

OUR SCHOOL DAY STARTS AT 9AM AND WE SEEM TO HAVE A NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO ARE LATE TO SCHOOL. IT IS VITAL OUR STUDENTS ARE AT SCHOOL BEFORE THE START OF 9AM SO THEY HAVE TIME TO UNPACK, SORT THEIR EQUIPMENT AND PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR THE UPCOMING LEARNING IN CLASS. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH THIS.



**TOUGH GUY & GAL:**

A REMINDER TO GO ONLINE AND REGISTER YOUR ENTRY INTO THE TOUGH GUY & GIRL IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE KEEN! THE CHALLENGE IS RUNNING IN PALMERSTON NORTH ON MONDAY 29 TH & TUESDAY 30TH MAY. GO TO: <https://eventpromotions.co.nz/junior-tough-guy-and-gal-challenge/#pj>



**UPDATING STUDENT INFORMATION**

WE ARE STILL FINDING A FEW PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS DETAILS ARE NO LONGER UP TO DATE, ESPECIALLY PHONE NUMBERS. CAN WE PLEASE ASK THAT YOU NOTIFY THE SCHOOL WITH ANY NEW INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR CONTACT DETAILS, EXTRA EMERGENCY CONTACTS, & ANY CONCERNS IN RELATION TO CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND WELLBEING AT SCHOOL IE, ASTHMA, ALLERGIES ETC.

**INDOOR HOCKEY IS A BIG HIT**

This season's Indoor hockey competition got underway last Monday afternoon with three teams entered - a bye for the U7 - and a win and closely fought loss for the other two! It's awesome to have students playing in the competition this year, when last year we had no coaches and therefore no teams!! Thanks to all those who have given up their time to coach our teams this term. We really appreciate your commitment to our students and the school.



**INDOOR HOCKEY DRAW - MONDAY 15th MAY**



Eke (U7)  
vs Pah Tahi  
⦿  
3.20 pm

Eke Dragons (U9)  
vs Pah Toru  
⦿  
3.40 pm

Eke Thunder (U11)  
vs Toki  
⦿  
4.20 pm



### READY TO RUN!

We are reminding everyone that classes are training for the upcoming Road Race each day by running measured laps of the school field to build up fitness and stamina.

Please make sure to come prepared with appropriate clothing & equipment.

### 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 and fun browsing!

Please make sure to bring any books you have issued with you in the morning!



### ROAD SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL CAR PARK AND KEA CROSSING

We are becoming increasingly concerned with the actions of some drivers when dropping off and collecting your children each day. Please adhere to the traffic rules and STOP at the entry point onto Alfredton Road when leaving the school car park. This is not a rolling stop and have been advised to kindly remind our school community to ensure we are all safe.

We also urge you to use our Kea Crossing and role model good practice when crossing the road and not to cross in between parked cars on the grass verge at the end of the school day.

A final reminder that the bus parking area is not to be used for car parks at any time. Thank you for your support and co-operation with this - it is much appreciated.

### Tararua Community Services

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# TRIPLE P PARENTING

JUNE & JULY

- Wednesday 14th June, 10-12pm - Hassle free Shopping
- Wednesday 21st June, 10-12pm - Dealing with Disobedience
- Wednesday 28th June, 10-12pm Managing Fighting and Aggression
- Wednesday 19th July, 10-12pm - Hassle free Mealtimes
- Wednesday 26th July, 10-12pm - Developing Good Bedtime Routines



### DISCUSSION GROUPS FOR EVERY PARENT

Come along to these FREE Discussion Groups to pick up some more tips for your parenting. Ideal for caregivers of children aged 2.5-9 years

FREE

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Fill out the form via the link

or phone/text Becks Blatchford 021 794 829

Venue: Tararua Community Services - 43 Main Street, Pahiatua

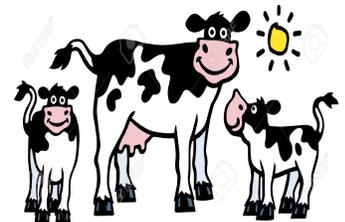
[www.tararuacommunityservices.acw.org.nz/programmes](http://www.tararuacommunityservices.acw.org.nz/programmes)

### EKETĀHUNA HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 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 contact the office.

Thank you so much!



### BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE

A reminder to bring a water bottle to school each day.

Please Make sure it has your child's name on it.

The chilled water bottle filling station is open and students can 'top' up through the day.



Thank you for helping our kids stay hydrated!

