

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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COMING UP:

Friday 18th August: Tararua Bush Volleyball Comp Year 6 - 8
Thursday 24th August: School Disco @ Lunch for Year 1 - 4
Thursday 24th August: School Disco @ 5:30-7pm for Year 5 - 8

Friday 25th August: School Closed for Instruction

Wednesday 30th August: Year 7 & 8 Technology @Tararua College

Thursday 31st August: Small Sticks Hockey - Session #1

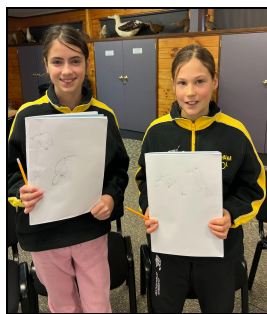
Friday 1st September: School Pyjama Day

Friday 1st September: Celebration Assembly 2:15pm - Hukanui

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa
 We've had another great week at school, filled with engaging lessons and fun teaching. We have a huge variety of activities underway & our tamariki are enjoying new learning opportunities. 😊

WONDERFUL WORKSHOPS IN THE NGAHERE

Four senior students enjoyed spending time at Pukaha Mt Bruce, where REAP were hosting a two day 'Art-Science in the Ngahere' workshop. Addiena, Brooke, Evan and Brent joined students from around the region. At the first workshop they got to explore the Ngahere, describe at least one species that lives at Pūkaha, its characteristics and any potential threats to survival & learn a new art technique and apply it to a conservation-based piece. The second workshop looked at blending art and science, while experimenting with new art materials and techniques. Ka pai!



POLAR PLUNGE A HIT

Our BRAVE Year 7 & 8 students faced a freezing school pool last Friday morning for their 'Polar Bear Plunge'! A fundraiser for camp with close to \$1,500 raised. All students completed a length, while the rest

of school, and family members supported them from the side. A huge thank you to all our great sponsors. This community is so amazingly supportive. Big cups of hot chocolate with marshmallows were enjoyed by all afterwards!!

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

It is great seeing everyone in school on Fridays, at the school assembly at 2:15pm, in the hall. Check the school calendar on our website online for dates. **There is NO assembly tomorrow.**

Principal's Award: Jehanne Knight for top effort at 7 Aside



Week 4 Class Awards – Star Student:

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

Hukanui: Luke Rodriguez
Hāmua: Stevie Watson Hedley
Rongomai: Sean Bartolome
Nireaha: Braxton Carrington
Pūtara: Paityn Wright

Week 4 Caught Being Good Award – Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

Hukanui: Troy Spring
Hāmua: Ellie Turner
Rongomai: Mikey Hammond
Nireaha: Annabeth Read
Pūtara: McKenzie Moore

WEEKLY UPDATE

HUKANUI NEWS: (ROOM 1)

Kia Ora whanau. Unfortunately Marilyn has been away a few days this week, but luckily Mrs Mac was able to be in Hukanui. It has been another week of 'four seasons in one day' so it might be a good idea to put a spare pair of pants (trousers or shorts) into your childrens bags as they can get muddy and wet. The children have kept up their daily routine with amazing maths and literacy work...and top efforts at Jump Jam! Please ensure that your child has a named drink bottle every day. Thanks so much.



RONGOMAI NEWS: (ROOM 2)

Kia ora,
This week has gone super fast. We have begun working with fractions and understanding what they are. In writing we are working on persuasive writing. I have been giving them different topics that they have to argue their point across and defend it. One of the questions that I gave students was 'should our class go on a school trip once a week?' which was not a popular opinion in the class - very surprising. Students are looking forward to the school disco that is happening next Thursday. Year 4s are at the lunchtime disco and year 5s students will be at 5:30pm with the seniors. If you ever need to get a hold of me please don't hesitate. I am contactable through the school cell phone or via email hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz. Nga Mihi, Holly

HĀMUA NEWS: (ROOM 3)

After the cold snap last week, and the constant wet it's nice to have something to look forward to. The lunchtime disco for the juniors is always a hit and I can't wait to see everyone dressed up and hooping around. Make sure the date is on the calendar, \$3 entry, lots of fun is on the way. We are also looking forward to our House of Science kit that is coming up in a couple of weeks. Thanks for the ongoing support. Please don't hesitate to get in touch via the office if you need to, or email rdickson@eketahuna.school.nz. Keep up with the water bottles and book bags. 😊

EKETĀHUNA & DISTRICTS NETBALL CLUB PLAYERS ARE STARS



Tuesday night netball in Masterton was a special night, with both the Year 5 & 6 and Year 7 & 8 teams playing in the finals. The Year 5 & 6 team worked beautifully together but sadly went down by 2 points to St Patricks. The senior teams also played amazingly but in the last quarter were unable to hold Greytown back and went down 16 - 20. The parents & supporters were holding their breaths throughout and both teams played their hearts out! Although they lost their games, their sense of achievement was palpable. The teams enjoyed playing in the Masterton league again this season, and the support from the families has been so



amazing. Huge thank you goes to the coaches, who were at school taking practises and supporting from the sideline.



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.

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.

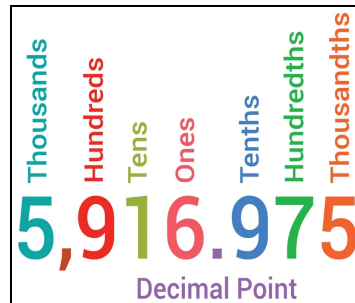


NIREAHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)

Kia ora, whānau

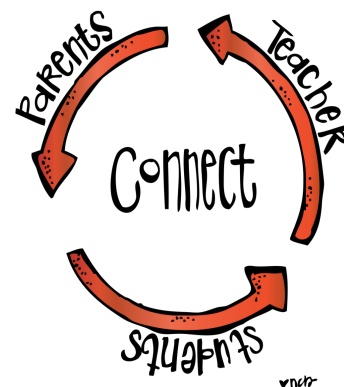
Congratulations to our netballers who made the finals of the Masterton Competition this week. They played so well, the score was very tight...right up to the last few minutes, when unfortunately St Patrick's snuck ahead. The team should be very proud of themselves! I am seeing great improvement in our maths number knowledge this term. We are learning a lot about decimal numbers. Maths is great fun!

We are continuing to work on writing texts to persuade others to agree with our point of view. The children are writing some very convincing arguments. It was really cool to have Jess in our class this afternoon 😊. We are beginning to get excited about next week's disco. Please pay your \$5 to the office asap.

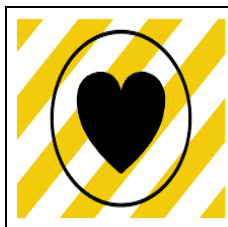
**PŪTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)** Kia ora, whānau

Thank you to those parents who came to the teacher interviews last week. It was great to discuss your child's progress this year, and how your child is faring. Please remember, any of you are more than welcome to make contact at any time. The great thing about our school is everybody is well informed via facebook etc... and knows what is happening and when. The Polar Plunge was a massive success!! It was plenty of fun, we raised a lot of money, and your support was tremendous - so thank you!!

Pūtara girls, congratulations on an incredible netball season. I wish I could have been at the final; however, I did watch you earlier in the season. You're all amazing players and you make us extremely proud! Ka pai!! Finally, have a fantastic weekend everybody. Stay warm and keep healthy. 😊 Dean

**PYJAMA DAY****Friday 1st September**

Get excited 'cos you can wear your favourite PJ's all day long!!

ALL COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS REMOVED

Effective from 12:01 am Tuesday 15 August, 7 day mandatory isolation, and wearing of face masks for visitors to healthcare facilities has been removed. The Ministry of Health recommendation is to stay at home for five days if you're unwell or have tested positive and are symptomatic.

STUDENTS 'OFF' BUSES

CAN WE ASK PARENTS AND 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 WE WANT TO AVOID ANY MIX UPS AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY.

**CELL PHONES:**

STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO HAVE PHONES OR DEVICES OF ANY DESCRIPTION ON THEM AT SCHOOL. THEY ARE NOT TO USE THEM ON THE SCHOOL BUSES EITHER. IF THEY DO NEED TO BRING ONE THEY ARE TO BE HANDED INTO THE OFFICE BEFORE SCHOOL. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH THIS ISSUE.

**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 ATTENDING SCHOOL ON OUR ENROL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. THANK YOU.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE DAILY**

At school we have a 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. It is important to keep hydrated.

Thank you for your support with this.





THURSDAY 24TH AUGUST

JUNIOR DISCO @ 1:30pm for Year 1 - 4

SENIOR DISCO @ 5:30pm - 7pm for Year 5 - 8

Eketāhuna School Disco

Junior Disco \$3.00
Entry Ticket, Drink & Treat!

Senior Disco \$5.00
Entry Ticket, Drink, Sausage & Treat!

Get your money to the office by Wednesday 24th August
All proceeds go to the Senior 2023 Camp

Tararua Kai Collective
Getting help with kai

Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki nui-a-Rua
Kai Hau Kai
0800KKTNR (558627)

Rangitāne o Tamaki Nui-ā-Rua
Kaihono Mahi - Community Connector
06 374 6860 Ext:826 Mobile: 0274441364

The Salvation Army Dannevirke
21 Allardice Street Dannevirke
06 374 8970
Foodbank hour: Tuesday 10am - 12pm, Friday 10am - 12pm

St.Vinnies Dannevirke
28 High Street Dannevirke
Emergency service only but also accessed through agencies

Tararua Community Youth Services
8 Ward Street Dannevirke
06 374 9214

Woodville Inter Church Combined Foodbank
06 376 4023

Woodville Pantry
021 156 6925

Help-n-Hand/Pahiatua Foodbank
42 Main Street Pahiatua
06 376 6759

Tararua Community Services
43 Main Street Pahiatua
06 376 7608

Te Whare Ora o Eketāhuna/Eketāhuna Foodbank
021 034 7762

tararua.kai@gmail.com



Sunday Sept 10th

**Victoria Esplanade
Palmerston North**

**Enter Online Only
www.ibike4kids.co.nz**

A fun event for kids who love being out on their bikes

UPCOMING BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Notice of Board Meeting to be held on Wednesday 13th September in the school staffroom at 7pm.
If you have any items for the agenda please contact me with any relevant information by Friday 8th
September, 2023 by 5pm on 063758059 or email me at: botchair@eketahuna.school.nz.

Warmest regards - Skye White - BOT Chairperson



