

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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COMING UP:

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 @Taratua College

Thursday 31st August: Small Sticks Hockey - Session #1
 Friday 1st September: School Pyjama Day
 Friday 1st September: Celebration Assembly 2:15pm - Hukanui
 Wednesday 6th September: House Leaders Service - Food Bank
 Friday 8th September: Celebration Assembly 2:15pm - Hāmua

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te kura Ekētahuna,
 It has been a busy term, both at school and in our community with seasonal farm work, so we hope you all get a chance to relax over the traditional mid term break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 28th August. 😊

SCHOOL CLOSURE THIS TERM - PLEASE NOTE THE DATE
 A reminder we will be closed for instruction tomorrow,
 Friday 25th August, for our school Mid Term Break.



DISCO DELIGHT FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF - FUNDRAISER FOR OUR YEAR 7 & 8 EL RANCHO CAMP TERM 4
 As the newsletter is being created, our Year 1 - 4 are dancing up a storm in the hall at the Junior Disco! Our Year 5 - 8 will be back this evening for their Disco from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. The dances are a fundraiser for our Senior Camp at the end of the year. The senior dance tonight will have a short 'supper' break for sausages, drink & treat. We are looking forward to lots of fun and cool dance moves - even from teachers! At the end of the evening students will not be released from the hall until a parent/caregiver has come to collect them. We look forward to boogying down later ... 😊



PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS ARE UNDERWAY

Currently at school we have the Hukanui rear verandah and sand pit deck extension nearly completed. Next week we will start the construction of the retaining walls for the new swing set which will arrive any day now! Also starting next week is the clearing and transferring of fruit trees and vegetable gardens to a new site, to make way for a new Rongoa Garden and outdoor learning space. Along with these projects we will be planting the boxes outside the school library and relocating the Worm Farm & compost bins! Lots of projects going on and all will include our tamariki who will be digging holes, weeding, planting native plants, painting and moving both topsoil and bark chips. Exciting times at Eketāhuna Kura!

WEEKLY UPDATE

HUKANUI NEWS: (ROOM 1)

Kia Ora Whanau. It has been a fun week getting back into some "own choice" writing and collaborative work in our class. Today we completed our hot air balloons and the children worked hard with their buddies to make just one basket. The children are all excited about tomorrow's disco and next week's PJ day. The deck on the outside of our class (near the sandpit) is nearly completed which we are looking forward to using. The builders have done an amazing job. Come and check it out! As always, feel free to contact me.

mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz Thanks, Marilyn.



RONGOMAI NEWS: (ROOM 2)

Kia ora,
As you all probably know, we have been looking at persuasive writing, so on Tuesday morning when students arrived at school they discovered that their chairs had gone on strike. For writing they had to create a piece of writing that is going to convince the chairs to come off strike. Students really enjoyed this piece of writing and doing something different for the day. 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



HAMUA NEWS: (ROOM 3)

Santa said to his reindeer "stay in your pen!" "Yes Santa," said the reindeer. But one of the reindeer got out. It went into the forest and saved two squirrels. - Hugo
Suddenly Rudolf came to help the two squirrels. A huge blizzard came from nowhere and the squirrels were crying for help. A deer came, it was at the North Pole. The next day they were inside their hutch when the roof broke off. Rudolf was so sad. The next day the man came to fix it, the fourth day the man was back to give it decorations and the deer was so happy. They lived happily ever after. - Maia
This week we have taken a break from persuasive writing to get a bit more creative. These are two Year 2 samples, in response to a blizzard picture of a reindeer and two squirrels. It was a welcome relief before we plunge into speech writing next week. Have a chat at home about what might be a good speech topic. Our motivation is: **I think that...**, followed by **supporting reasons** why. We have been using this format at school and the kids know how to write it, but some are struggling with an idea. It could be personal, topical, news, funny, serious. Let's see what wonderful ideas the kids have. Such FUN! Rachael 😊

NETBALL UNIFORMS

WITH THE SEASON NOW OVER, THE EKETAHUNA CLUB ARE ASKING FOR ALL NETBALL UNIFORMS TO PLEASE BE RETURNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE UNIFORMS ARE AN ASSET AND THE CLUB DOES EXPECT THEM RETURNED. THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY SENT THEM IN - MUCH APPRECIATED. 😊



LATE STUDENTS

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



SPRINGSHOW CUPS BACK

IN PREPARATION FOR THE SPRING SHOW EARLY NEXT TERM WE ARE ASKING FOR THOSE CHILDREN WHO WON CUPS LAST YEAR TO PLEASE RETURN THEM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY BROUGHT THEM INTO THE OFFICE. THANK YOU.



LOOK OUT FOR IMPETIGO (ALSO KNOWN AS 'SCHOOL SORES')

Coming home with this newsletter is an information sheet on Impetigo. We have a confirmed case of Impetigo in school and want all our families to be vigilant about checking children for any signs of the infection as it can be very contagious. Please refer to the information sheet or contact your local health practitioner if you think your child has sores.



NIREAHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)

Kia Ora Whanau,

Week 6 already! How did that happen? Nireaha have been continuing to develop their persuasive texts, and are completing some great writing - with fancy features! We are using sophisticated connectives such as 'therefore' and 'furthermore'. We are also asking the odd rhetorical question. 'We're pretty clever aye?' Our next step is to begin creating speeches. The class will be given their speech assignment next Wednesday. We will complete our fractions, decimals and percentages work, then will focus on multiplication for the rest of the term. There are a number of landscaping and building projects happening around the school in the very near future and we are looking forward to taking part when and where we can.

Looking forward to seeing Nireaha students at the disco tonight 🕺, and enjoy the mid term break tomorrow ❤️ Barb.

PUTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)



Mrs Morgan has been a frequent figure in Pūtara this year. She delivers quite a challenging mathematics programme, took science today, and is nearing the completion of some incredible masks with our tamariki. They have been working on these for a while now; however, the results are quite outstanding! Mrs Morgan, you are a wonderful teacher of the arts, so thank you for all your help! Kids, remember we have technology on Wednesday and Pyjama Day next Friday. It's a short week, so have a wonderful weekend and enjoy your day off.
Dean

'SMALL STICKS' HOCKEY PROGRAMME BACK

Next week we have the Small Sticks Hockey Programme returning - with a big thanks to our Home & school Association who are kindly funding these sessions! This school based hockey programme, develops each child's basic fundamental skills whilst introducing the sports specific skills in the appropriate setting and with the Hockey NZ recommended game format. Each class will have four x 30 minute sessions with an accredited hockey coach. It will be great to build on the skills the children learned last year!



JUMP JAM JIVERS!!

The JUMP JAM programme finished today with a few extra routines thrown in! The programme provides students with a valuable exercise habit early in life along with skills and attitudes to meet their

ongoing health and physical activity needs. It also allows for development of a wide range of movement skills which can help students to understand the 'science' of how they move. It has been great to start the day with this term!



REDUCING OUR RUBBISH

This term we are noticing an increase in the rubbish we are having to sort here at school.

To help reduce the amount of daily rubbish and food scraps on site, we are actively encouraging children to put 'wrappings' & packaging back in their own lunch boxes or containers once they have eaten food from home at the morning tea and afternoon tea breaks. We really appreciate your support with this - we are tidy kiwis! 😊



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.

LOOK OUT FOR 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.



OUTDOOR HOCKEY REGISTRATION FOR TERM 4



Please ensure all registration forms and subs are back by Friday, 1st September. We will start to look at teams the following week and get our official school registration in before the end of term. We have included a copy of the form with the newsletter. If your child is planning to play you will need to get the permission slip signed and into the office as soon as possible. We are still looking for coaches so please make sure you circle that option if you feel you would be able to take on the role. Please note that training & guidance is available around the coaching role. Thank you.

UPCOMING

Board Of Trustees Meeting

Notice of Board Meeting to be held Wednesday 13th September 2023 in the school staff room at 7pm.

If you have any items for the agenda please contact me with any relevant information by Friday 8th September 2023 @ 7pm on 063758059 or botchair@eketahuna.school.nz.



Warmest regards
Skye White
BOT Chairperson

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL PYJAMA DAY



Friday 1st September

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

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. Thank you.



YUMMY FRUIT STICKERS



Shop at your local New World, Pak'n Save and participating Four Square stores. Purchase Yummy apples, either bags with cut-out labels or individual apples with Yummy stickers. One cut-out label is worth 10 apple stickers. Place the Yummy stickers on Sticker Collection Sheets and the cut-out labels on Cut-Out Label Collection Sheets. Your Yummy stickers will then be converted into a winning share of the \$200,000 sports prize pool from DG Sport. Please contact Leona to print off a form or go to <https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/> to print the form yourself.

