

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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COMING UP:

Friday 27 October: Celebration Assembly @ 2 :15pm Rongomai
 Friday 27 October: Loud Shirt Day - Bring a Gold Coin
 Wednesday 1 November: Year 7 & 8 Technology @ Pahiatua

Friday 3 November: Eketāhuna School Spring Show
 Monday 6 & Tuesday 7 November: Zero Waste Programme
 Thursday 9 November: Bush Ag Day
 Friday 10 November: School Leaders to Community Gardens
 Friday 10 November: Celebration Assembly @ 2 :15pm Hāmua

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te kura Ekētahuna,
 It's been a very busy, and productive 'short week' with our tamariki - lot's on!!

SCHOOL CLOSURE THIS TERM – PLEASE NOTE

This term we will be closing the school for instruction on Friday 17th November for a Teacher Only Day.



AN UPDATE ON OUR SCHOOL PROJECTS & PLANS



We are excited to share some updates on the progress of our ongoing property projects that aim to enhance the learning environment at school. The Hukanui verandah project has been successfully completed. This addition will provide a shaded outdoor area for students and staff to enjoy. Our sand pit deck extension is now also finished, providing an extended area where we hope to place multipurpose storage boxes for equipment & play. We have planted raised vegetable gardens on the east side of the school grounds, and the produce from these gardens will be donated to the Community Food Bank at the end of the year. This project is an excellent opportunity for our students to learn about community service and sustainability. The development of our Rongoa garden is currently underway. This project will create an educational space for students to learn about traditional Maori medicinal plants and their uses. We are in the process of installing the new swing set, generously donated by the Home & School Association, which will offer additional recreational opportunities for our students. We are also pleased to confirm that during the upcoming holidays, we will be installing astro turf beside the hall, along with new fencing and constructing covered verandahs for the front of the Nireaha and Putara classrooms. Lot's of these jobs have had student input and we would like to thank them for their hard work and ongoing positivity - you are awesome!!!

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

It is great seeing everyone in school on Fridays, at the school assembly at 2:15pm, in the hall. It's a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week. Our assembly tomorrow is being hosted by the students of Rongomai!
 Principal Award: Week2 Pounamu Roiri



Week 2 (T4) Class Awards – Star Student:

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

Hukanui: Freddie Algie
 Hāmua: Heath Dennison
 Rongomai: Joseph McNamara
 Nireaha: Annabeth Read
 Pūtara: Cleo Davis

Week 2 (T4) Caught Being Good Award – Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

Hukanui: Kady Ifill
 Hāmua: Hugo Algie
 Rongomai: Mikey Hammond
 Nireaha: Mack Duffy
 Pūtara: Johnny Dandy

WEEKLY UPDATE

HUKANUI NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,

This week we have been doing writing of procedures. It has been challenging for the children to understand that they have to write each part but they have been trying really hard. I am so proud! We have been starting to do some preparation for the Spring show activities. Please remember to send a can if you haven't already. We have been busy practising the many athletic skills such as sprinting and jumping. I went to watch the children at hockey on Tuesday and it was lovely to see the Hukanui children out there giving it a go! Well done children! As always, any queries do not hesitate to contact me on: mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz Thanks, Marilyn

Freddie, eating fairy bread after writing about it



RONGOMAI NEWS:

Kia ora Whanau,

This week we have been continuing working with procedural writing, writing the steps for how to make a paper plane and what we do in an earthquake inside and outside as we had national Shakeout Day last Thursday. Students have begun to bring in their spring show stuff which is awesome so if we can have the remainder by Wednesday the 1st November we will know what everyone will be doing and we can start an undercoat on the gumboots before the day - this will be much appreciated. Just a reminder - can all students bring a water bottle to school as we will be training for athletics and please ensure that students have a hat in their bag. As always, get in touch if you need to. Either by texting the office on 022 368 1830 or emailing. Nga mihi, Holly. hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz.

HĀMUA NEWS:

Kia Ora.

I hope you managed some family time together at Labour weekend. This short week has really crept up on us and we are full swing into our Spring Show Creations. We are on track to have an amazing display on the day and hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Please remember to send your children in with their water bottles, as we are practising our athletics and they need hydrating. Remember, also, that Term 4 is a **sun safe** term and children need their hat daily to be able to play outside. We are busy testing for our end of year report writing and it is pleasing to see the progress that is being made. Keep on supporting your children, This is a busy time of year and we all need to back each other. Stay well, Rachael

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL 'SPRING SHOW' UPDATE

We are counting down to the Spring Show with only a week to go! Remember to get your photo of your favourite pet into the office to go in the 'Pet Photography Competition'. The entries close next Wednesday 2nd November. The day's plan, and school layout for the day is also included in today's newsletter. Please make sure children have chosen their two activities they intend to do in class on the day & they have any resources required. 😊



HOME READING BOOKS AMNESTY

We are asking for all Eketahuna School junior readers and library books to please be returned. Please have a hunt around your homes for any books you might have that belong to School - drop them into the school office - **NO** questions asked! The 'missing books' can add up to be a costly item, eg, junior readers alone are worth around \$10 each and with many going home nightly never to return, it is a cost to the school. Thank you.



NIREAHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)

Kia ora whanau,

I hope you enjoyed your Labour Day, and were able to have some 'down time' with friends and family for some of the time. This week the class enjoyed a huge art session with Mrs Morgan. They are learning the techniques of quality papier mache. Students may incorporate these skills in their Spring Show Art next week. Please continue to gather up the resources that your child needs for their Spring Show activities, they can start bringing them in and we can look after them until the day.

The children are exploring a website called Canva, and they are creating some really neat labels for the classroom. Hopefully the weather is fine tomorrow so we can get out painting in the playground, and planting in the new school gardens. A reminder that old clothes are needed for this. I hope to see you at the Spring Show next Friday. Nga mihi, Barb. bwitburn@eketahuna.school.nz

PŪTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)

Kia ora, all

This week and next are both short weeks; therefore, we've been trying to cram some learning in for our upcoming end of year assessments. These will begin in week 4 and include: reading comprehension, punctuation and grammar, writing samples and a few targeted maths tests. Already this week we have conducted some reading tests, and I am very pleased with the reading ages, accuracy and comprehension displayed by the children.

Please remember, the Spring Show is next Friday. As a class, two of our options are Nature Art and Recycled Art. If your child is considering these options then please help them to collect any required materials. Have a great weekend and fingers crossed the All Blacks come out as World Champions!!

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SCHOOL POLICY & PROCEDURE - TERM 4 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:

- Student Achievement Information (primary schools)
- Home Learning
- Distance Learning

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. 😊



HATS & SUNSCREEN

OUR SUN SAFETY POLICY REQUIRES HATS TO BE WORN IN TERM 4. 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. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH THIS.



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. THANKS FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT WITH THIS.



SPRINGSHOW CUPS BACK

IN PREPARATION FOR THE SPRING SHOW NEXT WEEK 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. THANKS VERY MUCH.



SUMMER HOCKEY DRAW - TUESDAY 31st OCTOBER

The hockey competition started last Tuesday with a few issues that the organisers assure us will be 'ironed out' for next week. It is great to have three teams entered into the competition and we look forward to a better afternoon and all players seeing time on the field! Thanks for your support with this.

Eke Superheroes (U7) vs WDV Tahi
 @ 3.30 pm
 Turf 4B
 Dani Lawrence
 & Bel Capes (Coaches)

Eke Ninja's (U9) vs St Ants Magenta
 @ 3.30 pm
 Turf 2
 Pam Crudis &
 Mel Palmer (Coaches)

Eke Warriors (U11) vs Pahiatua 7
 @ 4.20 pm
 Turf 3
 Skye White
 (Coach)

WHOLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Coming up in Week 6 is our school athletics. We will be having a Senior Athletics Day on Thursday 16th November and a Junior Athletics morning on Thursday 23rd November. The Senior Athletics will cover 8 – 13 year olds and the Junior Athletics will cover 5 – 7 year olds. Our classes have started practising skills required for each event. Parents & whanau will be welcomed into school to help with events, and support our students as they compete. More information on both the days will follow.



GUMBOOT FRIDAY



FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE PAIR OF GUMBOOTS TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE FREE COUNSELLING SERVICE FOR ANY YOUNG PERSON IN NEW ZEALAND AGED 25 AND UNDER.

SPRING SHOW BAKE SALE

FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER



HOME AND SCHOOL ARE ONCE AGAIN RUNNING THEIR VERY POPULAR CAFÉ AND BAKE SALE. WE ARE ASKING EVERY FAMILY TO PROVIDE A PLATE OF BAKED OR BOUGHT GOODS FOR OUR CAFÉ. PLEASE BRING ALONG ON THE DAY OR DROP INTO THE OFFICE!
MANY THANKS :-D

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.



LOUD SHIRT DAY FUNDRAISER TOMORROW

Loud Shirt Day is the annual appeal of The Hearing House & the Cochlear Implant Programme who are dedicated to ensuring that children & adults with hearing loss have the opportunities to listen and communicate with spoken language. We are asking everyone to wear a 'loud shirt' on Friday 27 October and bring along a gold coin donation which goes to these groups that support children with hearing loss.



HALLOWEEN PARTY

Nireaha social committee presents
Halloween disco
31st October 6pm-8pm
Nireaha hall
Gold coin entry
Snacks and drinks for sale
Prizes for the best costumes
Come have a boogie and enjoy the spooky Photo Booth
Under 5s must be supervised

