

# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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## COMING UP:

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  
 Wednesday 15 November: Year 7 & 8 Technology @ Pahiataua  
 Thursday 16 November: School Athletics for 8 year olds and up  
 Friday 17 November: **School Closed** for Teacher Only Day

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te kura Ekētahuna,  
 A week filled with lots of Spring Show preparation & we're looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow!

### SCHOOL CLOSURE - TERM 4 - PLEASE NOTE

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

#### PREPARING FOR OUR SCHOOL SPRING SHOW TOMORROW

Our classrooms have been 'hives of activity' the last few days as students start preparing pieces they will complete tomorrow for the Spring Show. Hukanui tamariki all carefully put a coat of paint on their items ready for decorating in the morning. Across the school we have a variety of other exhibits beginning to be worked on, such as delicious gingerbread items to be iced tomorrow, origami lessons for practice, bird feeders drying and the worm wee production swings into gear with bottles to fill, label and price. Exciting times . . . 😊



#### LOUD SHIRT DAY A SUCCESS!

Staff and students had fun last Friday on Loud Shirt Day. The classes were full of colour, and good humour with some of the creative shirts on show! The staff member with the loudest 'shirt' was Rachael with fun chickens! 😄



## 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 for dates. It's a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week. Our next assembly is on Friday 10th November hosted by Hāmua. we will see you there!

Principal Award: Wk3 Matthew Webber



#### Week 3 (T4) Class Awards - Star Student:

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

- Hukanui: Mackenzie Braddick
- Hāmua: Rome Findlay
- Rongomai: Mareana Roiro
- Nireaha: Kerrin Atkinson
- Pūtara: James Goodin-Bothamley

#### Week 3 (T4) Caught Being Good Award - Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

- Hukanui: Amelia Webber
- Hāmua: Soren Hanson
- Rongomai: Hollie Giddens
- Nireaha: Faith Kwok Sun
- Pūtara: Heidi Hanson

# WEEKLY UPDATE

## HUKANUI NEWS:

Kia ora whanau.

Gosh the term is going quickly! The Spring Show is almost upon us and we have been working very hard here in Hukanui. Tomorrow we are going to make our collage animals out of sticks and leaves that we are collecting around school today. Tomorrow is sand saucer creation so any little leaves or flowers would be great...even the daisies on the lawn are pretty! Please remember hats and drink bottles especially since this weather is warming up! Thinking about putting shorts in their bags or under their trousers would be great so that we can help the children regulate their temperatures. As always, any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on 022 368 1830 or email [mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz)

Thanks. Marilyn.

## RONGOMAI NEWS:

Kia Ora Whanau,

It is great that all students are super 'sun smart' and are wearing their hats at school. Our athletics practices have us running, jumping and throwing so please encourage your children to wear clothes that are easy to move in and bring a water bottle. Especially on Mondays and Thursdays. The Spring Show is here! We are looking forward to meeting your pets and creating the inside art activities tomorrow. The Gumbboot decorating, Aqua jars and A Scene on a Tray will be completed in class and students can decide which of their 2 activities they will enter for judging. 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](mailto:hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz)

## HAMUA NEWS:

It's amazing to feel the heat coming back into our days after a freaky week of reaching for the firewood. The kids are expressing a desire to get into the pool, so let's hope that it continues to warm up, and that in a few weeks we can enjoy some pool time. This week has been 'crazy-busy' with all of our Spring Show prep, and the kids have produced some amazing work. I'm proud of their creativity and innovative ideas, and their ability to make something wonderful out of nothing much. I've said to the kids this week that maybe it's time to think about packing a pair of shorts in bags. Often with the cooler mornings they dress appropriately, then by lunch time they are sweltering. So if you can remember, shorts are certainly a great idea. Please remember about hats and drink bottles too. NO HAT, NO PLAY. We will not be giving hats out to those who have 'forgotten'. It just means that break times will be spent on the deck in the shade. Stay well, Rachael 😊

## EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL 'SPRING SHOW' UPDATE

Tomorrow is our Spring Show! Remember children need to have chosen two activities they intend to do in class and that they bring any resources required with them to school.

Coming home today is the programme for the day and a map of the school showing where all events are taking place. Included is the back up plan if the weather is unkind and we have rain - please read carefully and note that **NO** animals will be brought to school in the event of rain.

Lambs and calves only will be taken to the Woodhouse's covered yards on Alfredton Road

In either case lunch will be later than usual so we suggest bulking up the children's morning tea tomorrow with a little extra to get them through the longer gap. Thank you.



## REGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REMINDER

School attendance has a direct impact on academic achievement. In order to make the most of educational opportunities, students must have consistent, punctual daily attendance. We expect all students to be attending school daily. Remember schools require students to attend around 85 - 90% of each term. Days away from school have a huge impact on the progress students can make with their learning, which is why a doctor's certificate is required for more than three consecutive days away. We hope to see **ALL** students healthy and attending regularly. Thank you for your support with this.

ATTEND TODAY  
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



**NIREAHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)**



Kia ora koutou,  
Wow, these Nireaha kids are great! They have been fully involved in school life this week. It's been a week of tests - we are doing one test at the start of each day, then we have been full on painting the playground and getting 'arty' by preparing for the Spring Show tomorrow. I'm really looking forward to seeing it all come together, and meeting all the pets. Athletics practices are underway (when the weather lets us get outside). It's great that students are wearing their hats, and bringing in drink bottles. Keep it up. Hope to see you tomorrow.



**PUTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)**



Kia ora all  
Please ensure your child is ready for tomorrow's Spring Show. If anything needs to be stored away safely, then this won't be a problem. Also, we will be selling delicious drinks and bags of lollies as a fundraiser for our school camp. Kids, be kind to your parents so they may flick you a few \$\$\$ for the treats!! See you all tomorrow. 😊 Dean

**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.



**PRIZE GIVING CUPS**

THE YEAR IS RUSHING BY AND WE WILL HAVE OUR SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING IN WEEK 9. CAN WE ASK THOSE CHILDREN WHO WON CUPS LAST YEAR TO PLEASE RETURN THEM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THEY CAN BE TICKED OFF. THANKS VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP.



**SUMMER HOCKEY DRAW - TUESDAY 7th NOVEMBER**

Well done to all our hockey players this week. The Eke Ninja's had a win and The Superheroes and Warriors had narrow losses but played really well. Thanks to all the parents and teachers for supporting our enthusiastic teams - it is much appreciated. Good luck for next week!

**Eke Superheroes(U7)**  
vs Toki Kids  
@ 3.30 pm  
Turf 4A  
Dani Lawrence  
& Bel Capes (Coaches)

**Eke Ninja's (U9)**  
vs Pahiatua 4  
@ 3.30 pm  
Turf 3  
Pam Crudis &  
Mel Palmer (Coaches)

**Eke Warriors (U11)**  
vs Pahiatua 8  
@ 4.20 pm  
Turf 2  
Skye White  
(Coach)

**COMING UP - SCHOOL ATELETICS**



Senior Athletics is on Thursday 16th November at 9:30am (pp date 20thNov)

- 8 year olds and up will participate in age groups
- 6 events to rotate around between 9:30am - 12:30pm
- Sprints/Running finals will be from 1:30pm

Junior Mini Sport Athletics is on Thursday 23rd November

- 5 - 7 year olds will participate in age groups
- A variety of teacher events to rotate around
- More information to come . . .



Parent help would be appreciated on both days - contact Leona in the school office if you can help!

**ALL CHILDREN WILL NEED APPROPRIATE SPORTS ATTIRE, HATS, SUN LOTION AND DRINK!**

## EKETAHUNA CHRISTMAS PARADE

Coming up on Saturday 25th November is the annual Santa Cruise through Eketāhuna. This year we will have one float. Permission slips and information has been sent home to those students wanting to participate. Please get the forms returned to the office by Thursday 17th November. More forms are available in the office – ask Leona if you need one!



## GUMBOOT FRIDAY TOMORROW!



**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.**

## NO MONEY, TOYS OR VALUABLES AT SCHOOL



Students are encouraged NOT to bring money, toys or valuables to school.

We are seeing a rise in toys from home and valuable items being brought to school. We would like this to stop. Students have been told to leave these items at home and we are asking parents to be vigilant about checking what their tamariki have in their bags when leaving home in the morning.

If it is necessary to bring cash or something special, they should be left with Leona in the office for safekeeping. Please note the school will not be responsible for lost money, toys or valuables that are not left in the office.

## SCHOOL DOC - TERM 4 POLICY REVIEWS FOR THE COMMUNITY

This term we have a scheduled review of our Student Achievement, Home Learning and Distance Learning policies. The review instructions for parents, staff, and board members are below. This review will close towards the end of the term so we can consider the feedback and make any changes ready to view when we return to school next year.

1. Visit the website <https://eketahuna.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (eketahuna) and password (4900).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.
9. If you don't have internet access, staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy & a review form.



## TERM DATES FOR 2024

Term:	Starting:	Ending:
1	Tuesday 30 January	Friday 12th April
2	Monday 29th April	Friday 5th July
3	Monday 22nd July	Friday 27th September
4	Monday 14th October	Friday 13th December



## 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.



