

# EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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## COMING UP:

*Friday 8 December: House Leaders & Deputies to St Cuthberts*  
*Friday 8 December: End of Year Reports come home*  
*Monday 11 December: Principal's Morning Tea Shout*

*Tuesday 12 December: Eketāhuna School 'Fun Day' In*  
*Wednesday 13th December: Leaders Morning Tea Shout*  
*Thursday 14 December: Celebration Assembly @ 11:30am*  
*Thursday 14 December: Term 4 ends - School finishes @ 12pm*  
*Tuesday 30th January: Term 1 begins - School Starts @ 9am*

*Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te kura Eketāhuna, It is our second to last week and as we come to the end of the term it is a chance to reflect on how amazing our students at Eketahuna are. Here at school, or when out in the community watching sports or attending events, I am constantly told how polite, well mannered and friendly they are - their ongoing positivity and 'can do' attitude is a credit to them all, and to you! Our kids are STARS!*

## WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR PRIZEGIVING TONIGHT AT 6PM AT SCHOOL

We look forward to seeing you this evening at the Eketahuna School Hall for our Prizegiving. Each class will be recognising two students who demonstrate 'Excellence, Effort and lead by Example' with certificates, along with the presentation of our annual cups. We will also say farewell to our Year 8 students. It is an important occasion for us as a school - we ask that children are neat and tidy, dressed in clothing that reflects the importance of the event. All children need to be in their own school classroom around 5:50pm. We look forward to sharing our students' successes with you!



## HOUSE TEAM LEADERS FOR 2024

This term we have been going through the selection process with prospective leaders for our House Teams for next year. Students registered for the leadership roles, worked in classes, and gave speeches. The following students stood for election by students and we would have been proud to have any of them as leaders: **Kikorangi** = Shylo Matiaha, McKenzie Moore, Rubylee Burton-Foley, Luke McNamara, Braxton Carrington, Campbell Mackisack. **Kākāriki** = Noah Duffy, Mack Duffy, Bella Ifill, James Goodin-Bothamley. **Kōwhai** = Keira Bidois, Hunter Rankin, Savannah Hammond, Annabeth Read. **Whero** = Cleo Davis, Lana Hanson, Paityn Wright, Lucy White. Congratulations to our newly elected Team Leaders and their Deputies for 2024. All badges will be presented at our Prizegiving this evening.

Kikorangi:	Kākāriki:	Kōwhai:	Whero:
Leader: Shylo Matiaha Deputy: Campbell Mackisack	Leader: Noah Duffy Deputy: Bella Ifill	Leader: Hunter Rankin Deputy: Savannah Hammond	Leader: Lana Hanson Deputy: Lucy White

## YEAR 8 DAY OUT

This time of the year is always a little sad as we prepare to farewell our amazing Year 8 students. Our school tradition has always been to treat these students to a 'day out'. This year the students, & Dean, went to Palmerston North where they enjoyed a walk along The Esplanade, lunch from Pizza Hut and a swim at the Lido Pool. Great for the students and an opportunity to spend some fun time together before they all go off to college. A big thanks to Murray Knight and Jacs Anderson who transported the students, and our Home & School who helped fund the day out.



## CLASSES NEXT YEAR

We are looking forward to 2024 and all the new opportunities in store. Coming out tomorrow will be letters confirming the class placement of students and information to the Office Max online link to order stationery from. Class organisation for 2024 is below:

HUKANUI (Rm 1)	HĀMUA (Rm 3)	RONGOMAI (Rm 2)	NIREAHA (Rm 5)	PŪTARA (Rm 6)
Marilyn Whiteley	Holly Johnston	Lisa Patrick	Barbara Whitburn	Dean Parsons
Year 0 / Year 1 / Year 2	Year 2 / Year 3	Year 4 / Year 5	Year 6 / Year 7	Year 7 / Year 8

# WEEKLY UPDATE

## HUKANUI NEWS:

Kia Ora Whanau, It has been a busy end to the year. We have been busy rehearsing for tonight's Prizegiving and doing lots of fun writing activities. On Monday we had the Year 7's in our classroom and had great fun with them doing lots of different science/ technology activities. It was great for the younger children to spend time working with the older children. There has been great excitement in our classroom every morning as the children see what our cheeky elf has been up to...a little bit of fun and magic this season! It will be good to see you all at Prizegiving tonight as we celebrate children's success. Next week we will continue to swim, so togs daily please.

If you need to get hold of me please email [mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz)

Thanks, Marilyn.

## RONGOMAI NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,

Wow! The end of year is fast approaching so we have started the end of year jobs such as taking down the children's art work, finishing off tasks, practising for tonight's Prizegiving, and having lots of fun as we lead up to Christmas. We hope to see you all at Prizegiving tonight to celebrate another amazing year at Eketāhuna School. Next week we will be doing some fun Christmas craft activities and packing away our classroom. Next week we will still be swimming each day so please ensure that students have their togs daily. As always if you are needing to get a hold of me email me. [hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz](mailto:hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz).

Nga mihi, Holly

**HĀMUA NEWS:** For anyone that has been at school this week you will know that the Mischievous ELF has been in overdrive. He's been everywhere, and has made quite a bit of trouble. We spent some time creating our own Elves out of coloured paper and they are fabulous. I hope you all got to see them on the wall in the hall. I also hope you enjoyed the amazing Christmas Cottages the children brought home last week. It is rewarding to see what they create, and I hope you will keep these for years to come. Keep up with the togs, towels, drink bottles and hats. 😊 Rachael.



## END OF YEAR REPORTS ARE COMING HOME TOMORROW

Over the last few weeks I have spent time reading every student's 'End of Year Report'. I have felt a great sense of pride and pleasure as I see the amount of individual progress each student has made in a variety of areas across the curriculum and recall the many activities, opportunities and learning experiences that have been provided for them over this year. Please take time over the next few days to chat with your children about their reports and celebrate the great effort, and progress, made by them all. You'll be proud!



## END OF YEAR WHOLE SCHOOL 'FUN DAY IN'

**Tuesday 12th December!**

All classes will rotate around five great activities set out across the school!!

Children will need to bring their usual morning, and afternoon snacks, their water bottle, swimming togs/towel & their hat!

Please ensure they have sunblock on.

Special lunches provided on the day, along with an ice cream treat!



**NIREHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)**

Kia Ora Whanau,

This week we have been showcasing our individual superpowers with 'Teach the Teacher' - 'Teach the class'. We recognise that we are all individuals and we have been celebrating this. Each child is demonstrating their talent or a special skill and teaching the rest of us how to do it. For this to work well we have to plan ahead. We are thinking about what we need to do, or have, to be prepared for the lesson, how we will explain it, and how to cater for our audience. So far, Campbell has taught us how to do 'dice stacking', Mack has wowed us with his pro golfing skills and Luke has taught us to burp like a toad. I'm sure you will look forward to hearing that at Christmas! 😊 See you tonight 😊 Barb



**PŪTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)**

Kia ora, whānau

We had some real success last Friday at the athletics day. Plenty of 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings. For those children who didn't place, you still tried your very best - so well done! Monday saw the Yr 8's splishing and splashing at the Lido, so that was a great day. A nice walk along the river, followed by a swim and pizza.... it doesn't get much better. Thank you enormously to Jacs Anderson and Murray Knight for helping to transport us over.

Lastly, I look forward to seeing you all tonight at the prizegiving. It's a special occasion, and I know there has been some wonderful effort put in this year in Pūtara. Lastly, we have less than one week left, so enjoy your remaining time at school. Keep bringing your togs along!!!

Dean

**OUTDOOR HOCKEY SUCCESS**

Congratulations to all our Outdoor Hockey players, coaches, managers, parents and supporters! What a great season all our teams have had! Our Eke Ninja's (U9) were the runners up in their age group competition and both Eke Superheroes(U7) & Eke

Warriors(11) lost in close games for placings. Well done everyone!



HELP CREATE OUR **CHRISTMAS WINDOW**

DESIGN A STAINED-GLASS PAPER ARTWORK!

**HOW IT WORKS:**

Bisset Honda would like to invite the people of Pahiatua to create their own special stained-glass artwork to be included in our Christmas Window. We will have tables set up in-store with all the supplies needed to create your unique artwork.

All artworks will then be hung in the window to create an enormous stained-glass window!

Bring the kids anytime during our normal opening hours or have a go yourself. Come and check out our window as it grows and see the beautiful light it creates.

Every completed artwork will receive a **FREE CHRISTMAS TREAT!**

There will also be **SPOT PRIZES!**

**BISSET HONDA**

PLEASE NOTE: Bisset Honda is not eligible for the Business Christmas Window Competition but we love creating Christmas magic!

24th - 26th of January 2024  
SCHOOL YEARS 5-9

**EQUESTRIAN HOLIDAY CAMP 2024**

Includes

- Coaching from our Solway Equestrian Academy resident coaches, Tinks Pottinger, Francesca Silver-Carter and Marg Robinson
- Horse Management Sessions
- Fun Games and Activities
- Recycled Ribbon Day

Email Millie [equestrian@solwaycollege.school.nz](mailto:equestrian@solwaycollege.school.nz) for more info and to book a place

# BUSH ATHLETICS RESULTS 2023

This year our students enjoyed a huge amount of success at the Tararua Bush Athletics with many well placed in the final events. Our children can be very proud of their efforts - congratulations to you all!!



## FIELD RESULTS 2022

SHOT PUT	PLACE	STUDENT
8 Yr Boys	1st	Nikau Bidois
9 Yr Boys	3rd	Joseph McNamara
10 Yr Boys	1st	Cody Bedford-Robinson
DISCUS	PLACE	STUDENT
10 Yr Girls	3rd	Madison Rankin
11 Yr Girls	2nd	Jehanne Knight
8 Yr Boys	1st	Nikau Bidois
9 Yr Boys	3rd	Sean Bartolome
10 Yr Boys	1st	Cody Bedford-Robinson
13 Yr Boys	2nd	Carlos Cresswell
13 Yr Boys	3rd	Brent Knight
HIGH JUMP	PLACE	STUDENT
10 Yr Boys	2nd	Cody Bedford-Robinson
13 Yr Boys	2nd	Carlos Cresswell
11 Yr Girls	2nd	Lana Hanson
12 Yr Girls	1st	Brooke Duffy

## FIELD RESULTS 2022

LONG JUMP	PLACE	STUDENT
9 Yr Boys	1st	Toby White
10 Yr Boys	2nd	Cody Bedford-Robinson
11 Yr Boys	2nd=	Hunter Rankin
11 Yr Girls	3rd	Lana Hanson
12 Yr Girls	2nd	Brooke Duffy

## TRACK RESULTS 2023

800m	PLACE	STUDENT
10 Yr Boys	1st	Mack Duffy
11 Yr Boys	1st	Hunter Rankin
11 Yr Girls	2nd	Lana Hanson
12 Yr Girls	1st	Brooke Duffy
13 Yr Girls	3rd	Addiena Jones



## TRACK RESULTS 2023

100m	PLACE	STUDENT
8 Yr Boys	3rd	Lucas Cremmen
9 Yr Boys	2nd	Toby White
10 Yr Boys	1st	Cody Bedford-Robinson
11 Yr Boys	1st	Hunter Rankin
10 Yr Girls	1st	Annabeth Read
11 Yr Girls	2nd	Jehanne Knight
12 Yr Girls	2nd	Brooke Duffy
200m	PLACE	STUDENT
9 Yr Boys	1st	Toby White
10 Yr Boys	1st	Cody Bedford-Robinson
10 Yr Girls	1st	Annabeth Read
12 Yr Girls	1st	Brooke Duffy
RELAY TEAM	PLACE	
10 Year Olds	2nd	
11 Year Olds	1st	
13 Year Olds	3rd	

A big thank you to all those parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles that came to support our team in Pahiatua last Friday. We had lots of positive feedback about our students and their amazing behaviour throughout the day!

## BOOK AMNESTY



We are asking for all Eketāhuna 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. Thanks.

## BRING YOUR 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.



