

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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COMING UP:

Friday 16th February: Celebration Assembly @ 2:15pm - Pūtara Hosts

Friday 16th February: Touch Rugby after school in Pahiatua starts

Tuesday 20th February: Eketāhuna Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6:30pm

Wednesday 21st February: Year 7 & 8 @ Technology in Pahiatua

Friday 23rd February: Peace Run participants visiting school

Tuesday 27th February: School Swimming Sports Year 4 - 8

Thursday 29th February: School Swimming Sports Year 4 - 8 (pp)

Friday 1st March: Minor Sports @ Pahiatua for Year 1 & 2 Students

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o te kura Ekētahuna,

Another great week here at the kura where we have been very busy! We have certainly got off to a fabulous start with all programmes up and running. From daily swimming, to number knowledge practice across school to working with horses! It is really impressive how students are engaged with our teaching & learning!

AN AWESOME 'MEET & GREET' EVENING:

Thanks to everyone who came to support the school last Thursday at the Meet & Greet evening. We were lucky with the weather and had a great turnout. Congratulations to the Turner family who won our Home & School Assoc jar of lollies!



In the evening we displayed our 2024 draft Strategic Plan Goals and Actions where we invited the community's feedback as part of our consultation process in preparation for this years focus.

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. It's a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week. Tomorrow's assembly hosts are senior students from Pūtara. We look forward to seeing you!



Week 2 Class Awards - Star Student:

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

Hukanui: Noel Lochhead
Hāmua: Nikora Van der Wiel
Rongomai: Olivia Capes
Nireaha: Zyana Crudis
Pūtara: McKenzie Moore

Week 2 Caught Being Good Award - Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

Hukanui: Indy Miller
Hāmua: Maia Cremen
Rongomai: Halo Crudis
Nireaha: Mikey Hammond
Pūtara: Kerrin Atkinson

Principal's Award: Soren Hanson for showing amazing RESILIENCE on his first day of Term 1!

WEEKLY UPDATE

HUKANUI NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,

Another busy week here in Hukanui. The children had great fun loading small plant pots with bark and then tipping them into the wheelbarrows. It was lovely to see them working together, and achieving a fantastic result! We were then able to use this real life experience and write about it. In maths, we have been completing our statistics unit and learning to/practising writing numerals. We are slowly learning our pepeha, working first on Ko _____toku ingoa. Saying our own name. Swimming is going great and it is important that everybody has their togs and towel daily. Any queries please don't hesitate to contact me on mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz Nga mihi, Marilyn.

HAMUA NEWS:

Kia ora Whanau,

This week we have been continuing working with our statistics maths unit. We have been creating tables to display all of our tally marks and show our data that we collected. In Writing we have been looking at goal setting and how we can use goals to make us more successful. This week we have been enjoying learning to say our pepeha bit by bit. We will be continuing our pepeha over the next few weeks. We have been really enjoying using the pool on these really hot days. So can you please ensure that students have a towel and their togs in their bags daily? If you have any questions please email me at: hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz. Holly 😊

RONGOMAI NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,

It's been lovely to see our class working as a team this week. Wheelbarrows, buckets and Rongomai kids have been industriously moving the bark chips for our new play area.

Inside the classroom, we have been formulating a statistical question, understanding what data to collect, who to collect it from and why it is important. We have begun our Wai Ako learning with our pepeha. Thank you to those who helped provide information for your child's pepeha. It's really lovely to share connections with people and places that are important to us and have an understanding of who we are.

This is our first week for homework. I look forward to receiving their books back on Friday.

Nga mihi, Miss Mac 😊

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Home & School team got together on Tuesday night for their first meeting in 2024. A big thanks to all those who attended. The Association has their AGM coming up on Tuesday 5th March and would welcome new members! The majority of the meeting focused on the upcoming Golf Tournament on Sunday 7th April. This is our major fundraiser where all support is much appreciated, and closer to the time we will be asking for your help. The Association also kindly agreed to fund some of the lease cost of our 1:1 chromebooks, subsidise our swimming lessons and the Strike Percussion performance which we are looking forward to in Term 2! A huge thanks again to all those who support the Home & School Association and our amazing school. 😊



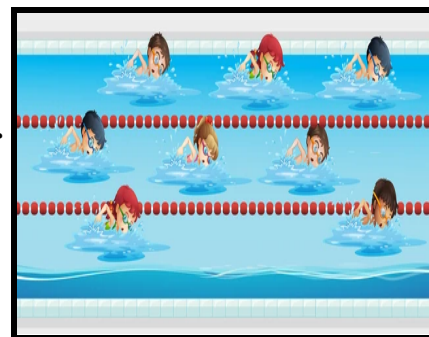
EKETĀHUNA SWIMMING SPORTS

Our swimming sports are coming up for students in Pūtara, Nireaha and Rongomai. Children will be walking down to the town pool. Children will need to bring snacks for morning tea. They will need their togs, towels, sun screen, hat, and drink bottle.

When:

Tuesday 27th February @ 10:30am
(Postponement Thursday 29th February)

Junior classes are going to be taken to watch and cheer on competitors. We need parents to be timekeepers for races. Call the office if you can help!



NIREAHA NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,

It was lovely to see many of you at the school 'Meet and Greet' last Thursday. Your children were very proud to show you around the classroom, and share what they have been learning at school.

This week the students have been continuing to help lay the bark for the new playground and to develop their swimming techniques. In the classroom our reading, writing and maths lessons are underway. The children have started writing their own autobiographies, so please chat to them about 'their life stories'.

Homework has begun, for those families who requested it. Please ensure that it is completed, signed and returned to school tomorrow. Please remember: the children need their togs each day for the swimming lessons, their sunhats and drink bottles. Cheers, Barbara. b.whitburn@eketahuna.school.nz

PUTARA NEWS:

Kia ora, whanau

It was wonderful meeting the parents and families who came to the meet and greet last week. It's always nice to say hi at the start of the year.

Swimming is progressing incredibly well. Ryan and Lisa are getting the children swim fit for the school swimming sports, which are coming up shortly.

In class we are concentrating on the appearance and quality of handwritten work. This is an area which needs addressing, so we're tackling it early in the year.

Have a great weekend, everybody 😊

DEAN

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 AT SCHOOL ON OUR ENROL SYSTEM.

**HATS & SUNSCREEN**

OUR SUN SAFETY POLICY REQUIRES HATS TO BE WORN IN TERM 1. A GOOD IDEA IS TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BRING A HAT (NAMED) THAT CAN BE LEFT AT SCHOOL THEREFORE AVOIDING SPENDING BREAKS ON THE DECK IN THE SHADE AS WE ARE A SUN SMART SCHOOL.

**TOGS & TOWEL DAILY**

REMEMBER SWIMMING IS ON EACH DAY, SO PLEASE MAKE SURE CHILDREN HAVE TOGS & A TOWEL IN THEIR BAGS. IF YOUR CHILD HAS GOGGLES, SEND THEM ALONG TOO. WE'RE LUCKY TO HAVE THE POOL & THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR KIDS' LESSONS.

**TOUCH RUGBY DRAW - FRIDAY 16th February**

The Bush Primary Schools Junior Touch competition starts tomorrow. We have three teams competing. Unfortunately, we did not have enough players to field an Under 7's team. Good luck to Eke Thunder, Eke Flyers and Eke Chargers!

Under 9's -
Eke Thunder vs
Pahiatua Whā
3.30pm Field 3A

Under 11's
Eke Flyers vs
Pahiatua Rima
4pm Field 3

Under 13's
Eke Chargers vs
Pahiatua Attackers
4.25pm Field 2

BUS CODE OF CONDUCT

A significant number of school students at Eketāhuna travel on buses to attend school. All students have the right to a safe and enjoyable journey between home and school. In the morning, a pleasant trip to school can set the tone for a day of productive learning. We have a Bus Code of Conduct which provides guidelines for those involved in the safe travel of school students on buses. All students are required to read the bus code of conduct with their parents & caregivers, sign the school bus code of conduct and abide by the expectations. We really want all students to have a safe & enjoyable trip!



ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW

**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. Remember the Ministry of Education requires students to attend school around 95% of each term. The days away 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 very much.



Board Of Trustees Meeting

The next Eketāhuna School Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th Feb at 6.30pm in the Eketahuna School staff room. Everyone is welcome to attend and if you have any items for the agenda please let me know by 5pm on Friday 16th February. I am contactable on botchair@eketahuna.school.nz or 3758059.

Warmest Regards - Skye White(Chairperson Board of Trustees)

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.



NO MONEY, TOYS OR VALUABLES AT SCHOOL



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

Students have been asked to leave these items at home and we are asking parents to please 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.

TRIATHLON MANAWATU 2024

Primary & Intermediate Triathlon

Event Date & Time

Wednesday 13th March 2024 - 10:30am to 3pm

Venue

Skoglund Park

Year Levels

Year 5 - 8

Parents are invited to take their child/ren to this event. However, online registration through your school is required, so please contact the school office if you would like to register your children for the event. All registrations close on **Tuesday 12th March.**

For more information you can go to:

<https://www.triclub.co.nz/events/2022-interschool-tri>



KIDS SOCIAL TENNIS

Starting Tuesday 20th Feb weekly & going until 9th April

3.30-4.30pm/5pm at Eketahuna Tennis Courts by rugby grounds. No charge

For ages 7-13 years

This is not coaching but an opportunity for kids to get together and have a game. If your child requires supervision please be in attendance.

There will be tennis rackets available to use.

Any questions please contact
Skye 0272787080



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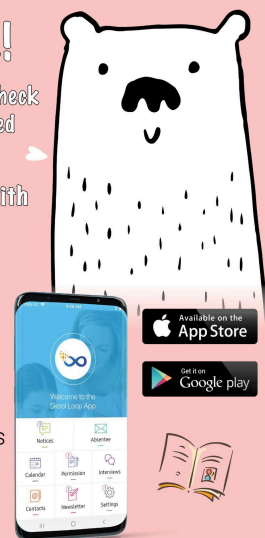
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