

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

Phone: 375 8191 or 022 368 1830 **Email:** office@eketahuna.school.nz **Website** www.eketahuna.school.nz

COMING UP:

Friday 1 March: Tararua Minor Sport - Yr 0-2 Pahiatua
Wednesday 6th March: Yr 7 & 8 at Technology in Pahiatua

Thursday 7th March: Junior School Swim Display
Friday 8th March: St Cuthberts Lunch
Friday 8th March: Celebration Assembly @ 2.15pm - Nireaha hosts
Friday 15th March: Tararua Interschool Swimming Sports

Tēnā koutou

We've had a great week here at school, a productive time in classes, and at the pool, with children enjoying being engaged in their learning!



SUCCESS AT ANNUAL SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

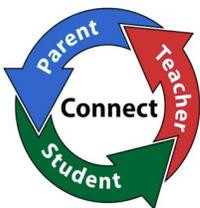
It was awesome to have Rongomai, Nireaha and Pūtara down at the town pool on Tuesday - a wonderful event which saw all our students putting in 100% effort across all their races! Lots of skill on display and such good affirmation that our daily swimming lessons are having a great effect on our students.

Lovely to also welcome children from Hukanui & Hāmua who walked down to cheer on the swimmers. A huge thank you to Ryan and Lisa Seator, along with school staff, for organising the event, and to all the whānau who came along to support our students.



SCHOOL WELCOMES NEW ZEALAND PEACE RUN

It was a great experience to have the Peace Run visit our school on Friday. The Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run is a global torch relay that has been going since 1987. The team spent time with staff and students, commemorating their visit by planting a lovely tree in our school courtyard.



TEACHER & PARENT LEARNING DISCUSSIONS

In Week 8 we are holding conferences with parents and caregivers at school. They are useful, positive meetings where, as well as hearing from your child's teacher, you can ask questions and share your thoughts so that you and our teachers can become partners in your child's education. On Monday you will be able to go online at SKool Loop and book a time on Wednesday 20th or Thursday 21st March. The conferences will start at 3:30 pm and go through until 6:00pm These discussions will be 15 minutes and enable our teachers to share their first few weeks at school, celebrate successes and look towards setting goals for the rest of the year.

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU REQUIRE HELP BOOKING A MEETING TIME - WE CAN DO IT FOR YOU, OVER THE PHONE.

WEEKLY UPDATE

HUKANUI NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,
 It has been a busy week in Hukanui. We enjoyed walking down to cheer on the seniors at swimming sports. Well done to all of the great swimmers. We have been busy preparing for our swim display next week. It would be great to see many of you along to watch next Thursday afternoon.
 Tomorrow weather permitting the Year 0 -2's are going to Pahiatua by bus for the Bush Minor Sports. We are looking forward to this and to be playing with others in the region. Please ensure your child has a hat, drink bottle and shoes.
 Any questions please contact me mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz or through the school office.
 Thanks, Marilyn.

RONGOMAI NEWS:

Kia ora whanau,
 It was a very successful swimming sports on Tuesday. Well done to Ryan & Lisa, staff, parents and most of all, the children. It can be daunting for some of our little ones but they all tried their best and gave it great gusto indeed. Highly impressive! Next week we launch into our addition and subtraction unit for Maths. I am preparing some great extra activities to help consolidate understanding. Also just a reminder for your child to bring their hat and drink bottle to school. Nga mihi, Miss Mac 😊



HAMUA NEWS:

Kia ora koutou,
 This week has been a jam packed week of learning. We have been learning about number bonuses, numbers before and after and numbers 1-1000 in maths. In writing we have been discussing what our goals are and what type of things we need to do to achieve them.
 The year 2 students have been getting excited to be going to the Bush Minisports on Friday by bus. Please ensure that students have a water bottle for the day. Please remember our tamariki needs to bring a sun hat, drink bottle, togs and a towel daily. If you have any questions please feel free to email hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz Nga Mihi, Holly

HUKANUI & HĀMUA SWIMMING DISPLAY

As you know we have been very fortunate to have Ryan and Lisa Seator taking swimming lessons for the last 6 weeks at our school pool. Our students' level of skill and confidence has continued to grow, we would love you to come along and see the awesome progress the children have made!



When:

Thursday 7th March @ 2pm

You may take your child home after the session, but please make sure to tell the classroom teacher & the school office.

CELL PHONES

A REMINDER THAT STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO HAVE PHONES OR DEVICES OF ANY DESCRIPTION ON THEM AT SCHOOL. IF THEY DO NEED TO BRING A DEVICE OR PHONE TO SCHOOL, THEY ARE TO BE HANDED INTO THE OFFICE BEFORE SCHOOL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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, TO UNPACK & BE READY FOR LEARNING.



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 THEIR BREAKS ON THE DECK IN THE SHADE.



NIREAHA NEWS:

Wow! Nireaha students swam so well at the Swimming Sports this week! It was so good to see the children entering as many events as they could, and giving their absolute best. I am sure they will have slept well that night. Please continue to send your child with their togs each day. Lessons will continue into next week, and the Tararua Bush School Swimming event is next Friday. Ryan and Lisa are currently selecting the team for this event, so we will send a note home soon with the swimmers who are selected. It sounds like the Touch Teams are enjoying their Friday night games. I am hoping to come and see them in action tomorrow night.

We have started our maths unit on Statistics this week. Today we surveyed the school to find out which playground marking designs they would like here at school. We will collate and analyse this data and pass on what we find out to Melinda. We may see some of our choices around the school playground in the near future.

The children are completing their autobiographies this week, and these will be displayed in the classroom. Come and have a look at parent/teacher meetings later this term.

Nga mihi, Barb.

PUTARA NEWS:

Great swimming yesterday, Pūtara tamariki. You produced some excellent results, and your behaviour on the day was outstanding, so well done! Parents, it was wonderful to see some of you come along and support your children.

In literacy, we are learning about antonyms and synonyms, how to write a cinquain, and we're also learning to use alliteration and hyperbole in our writing.

Please remember to keep sending your children to school with their togs, towels, drink bottles and sun hats. Swim instructions will finish soon - as it's getting a bit cooler - so we may as well make the most of the time we have left!

Have a fantastic weekend, everybody.

Dean

TOUCH RUGBY DRAW - FRIDAY 1st March February

All three teams won last week. The U9 & U11 had stellar performances and ran in many tries. The U13 played a full team of boys, however, we battled on incredibly well.



Ka pai, Eket ā huna tamariki

Under 9's -
Eke Thunder vs
Woodville Warriors
3.30pm Field 2B

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

Under 13's
Eke Chargers vs
Woodville Wairua
5 pm Field 1

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.



GOLF TOURNAMENT @ EKETĀHUNA CLUB
HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER

Organisation is well on track for our annual Eketahuna School Golf Tournament, which is scheduled to tee off on Sunday 7th April at the Eketahuna Golf Club. This is our major fundraiser of the year and your support will be much appreciated. The Home & School will be asking for support at the event. Make sure you 'save the date'. The school is excited and looking forward to everyone having a great day on the 'green'! 😊



Bush Junior Hockey AGM
Wednesday 13th March



Bush Multi Lounge @ 5.30pm

NO ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

Please note there is NO School Celebration Assembly tomorrow afternoon.

Our next assembly is on Friday 8th March at 2:15m in our school hall. The event will be hosted by students from Nireaha.



We invite you to come along and celebrate, share, and acknowledge our amazing students' successes!
We look forward to seeing you all there!

BUSH MINOR SPORT DAY

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH

HUKANUI (ROOM 1) & THE YEAR 2 CHILDREN FROM HAMUA (ROOM 3) WILL ATTEND THE BUSH MINOR SPORTS AT PAHIATUA STADIUM, FROM 9.45 - 2PM TOMORROW.

THE CHILDREN ARE GOING TO PAHIATUA BY BUS AND WILL BE LEAVING SCHOOL AT 9:00AM. PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO COME ALONG AND WATCH.



EKETAHUNA SCHOOL

Hello and welcome to Term 1 2024!

I hope that you have all had a great start to the year, that you were able to spend time with your whānau and friends over the school break and are now ready for a wonderful year full of laughter, fun, learning and education. The term calendar is already filling up, there are plenty of activities and events for you and your children to get involved with, please keep yourself up to date with everything by reading the school newsletter, checking emails, Skool Loop and the Eketāhuna School Facebook page. There certainly are many opportunities for our kids to get involved in sporting and learning activities and it is wonderful to see all the enthusiasm.

During the break Josh Roberts Building has been working hard building a new deck in front of Pūtara and Nireaha. The new all weather Turf was also installed in the holidays! Both these will be an amazing asset to the school, especially for those winter months.

I'd like to acknowledge the dedication and planning that has already been done for the start to the year, and thank the school staff for their continued responsiveness and dedication to our children. The 'Meet and Greet' evening went really well on the 8th February and thank you to all those that came along. I always enjoy seeing my kids' classrooms and they love to show us their work and where they sit etc. It is such a valuable connection to a place where they spend a lot of time.

The first Board Meeting was held on the 20th February. We have started the school year with 95 students which is exactly the same as we had this time last year. There are several pending enrollments throughout the year, but if you have any younger children that will be attending please get in touch with the office.

This term the Board and parents will be reviewing several school policies, these are always advertised for review in the school newsletter and all parents are welcome to go online, have a look and put forward any comments. Part of our review this term is the 'Community Code of Conduct' as it is extremely important to be clear about the expectations of anyone who comes onto school grounds. These expectations are to ensure that our students and staff are kept safe. The Board takes this policy very seriously, and does have the ability to trespass those in breach of the expectations. Please familiarise yourself with the code of conduct, there is a copy attached to this newsletter but it is also available on the School Docs website, and there are hard copies around the school grounds.

The next Board meeting will be in the staff room on the 27th March 6.30pm, everyone is welcome to attend and if you have any items for the agenda please let me know by 5pm 17 February with all relevant information. I am contactable on botchair@eketahuna.school.nz or 3758059.

Kind regards

Skye White
Eketāhuna Board of Trustees- Chairperson

