

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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COMING UP:

Friday 2 May: Mihi Whakatau @ 10:15am - Welcome to our Kura

Tuesday 6 May: Eketāhuna Home & School Meeting @ 7pm

Wednesday 7 May: Technology for Year 7 & 8 @ Pahiatua

Friday 9 May: Celebration Assembly @ 2:15pm - Rongomai to host

Wednesday 14 May: Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6:30pm

Friday 16 May: School Wheels Day

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o te kura Ekētāhuna,

We hope you all enjoyed a lovely break, are feeling refreshed and ready for a great term. It has been a great few days with lots on!



EKETĀHUNA ANZAC DAY

An amazing morning in town, on Friday 25th April, our national day of remembrance as we commemorated those "who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations" and "the contribution and suffering of all those who

have served". Great to see the community support! A big thank you to our school leaders who were great representatives of our school - Lucy White, Bella Ifill, RubyLee Burton-Foley and Lana Hanson who spoke at the service, along with Madison Rankin & Chelsea Spring for their contributions at the laying of the wreath ceremony - you were all great representatives of our school!

MIHI WHAKATAU ON FRIDAY 2 MAY - TOMORROW AT OUR SCHOOL HALL

Tomorrow, we will formally welcome our new staff, students and whānau to Eketāhuna School. A mihi whakatau is a Māori welcoming ceremony involving korero and waiata. The organisation for tomorrow's event is:

- New staff, students, whānau & supporters will gather at the school hall verandah at 10:15am
- At the completion of the ceremony there will be a morning tea for those who were welcomed to school.



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. Our next assembly is on Friday 9th May at 2:15pm in our school hall. The event will be hosted by our Year 4 - 6 class Rongomai.



Term 1: Week 11 - Principal Award:

Isla Doornbos - Lamb RESPONSIBLE

Isla was very caring and supported a student to get to the office when they needed help.

Term 1: Week 11- In Class Star Student:

Hukanui: Lottie Lawrence
Hāmua: Izzy Lawrence
Rongomai: Lucas Cremen
Nireaha: Lleucu Anderson
Pūtara: Maxwell Crudis

Term 1: Week 11 - Duffy Book for Values:

Hukanui: Matthew Oakley
Hāmua: Luke Rodriguez
Rongomai: Halo Crudis
Nireaha: Toby White
Pūtara: Kerrin Atkinson



SCHOOL CLOSURES THIS TERM - PLEASE NOTE THE DATES

This term we will be closing the school for instruction on:

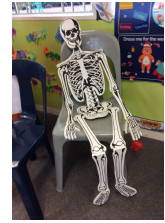
Friday 30th May for the Tararua Staff Only Day

Monday 2nd June for King's Birthday

Friday 20th June for Matariki Celebration

CLASS UPDATES

HUKANUI NEWS: Welcome back to Term 2. The children are all happy to be back, seeing and playing with their friends and excited about what they are learning. George, our skeleton has come to visit as we are learning about Bones and how important they are for our body. We have the REAP education Science Box called Dem Bones that we are digging into. The children are very interested in this work and were very focused drawing their own skeletons. In the Life Ed bus we are learning about our body as well. Ask your child what they have learnt from Harold. Other than that it's more and less for maths, holiday recounts for writing and thinking about what our stories are about at Reading. Remember, any queries please do not hesitate to contact me mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz. Thanks, Marilyn



HĀMUA NEWS: Kia ora whanau. 😊 The children have come back to school in great spirits, happy to be back and with their friends and keen to learn. They were thrilled to meet Harold and it was wonderful to see how engaged they were and how much they took in from what Holly and Harold had to say about what is inside their bodies. In maths we have been learning how to use a number line to solve mathematical problems. This is where the children's ability to count on and back in ones and 10's can help them solve problems quickly and accurately. Counting up and back from any number, in 1's or 10's, is an easy way to help your child. Start with numbers between 0 and 20 and if your child finds that easy, move to numbers between 0 and 100 and beyond. They feel a great sense of achievement at being able to count to bigger and bigger numbers. If you need to contact me just send a message to the office, or email me. Ngā mihi, Amanda Fowlds-Hartley (Whaea Amanda) afowldshartley@eketahuna.school.nz

RONGOMAI NEWS: Welcome to term two, whanau! It has been impressive what 2 weeks of break has done for our tamariki! We have settled into school work very well this week. In Oxford maths, we are learning about time. For topic, we are 'under the microscope' and learning about our bodies. The Life Ed. bus is here and we have been investigating how our body works. How does oxygen move through our bodies? How do our lungs work? Ask your child probing questions to see what information they can tell you. Cross country practise has begun. However, the weather is not working in our favour this week. It is true cross country weather indeed :) Homework books have come home. All the best to our under 11 tough rugby players Shelby, Litarah, Rylan, Lucas and Charlotte. They have made the finals which will be played this Friday - weather dependent. Don't hesitate in contacting via Class Dojo or through my school email at lpatrik@eketahuna.school.nz Nga mihi, Miss Mac :)

A1 Standards – Taking Pride in Our Work



Our school A1 Standards Awards aim to encourage students to take pride in their work and develop great learning habits. This award recognises students who care for their books, follow presentation expectations, and stay organised—from neat handwriting and correct dating to using the right equipment and finishing each page before starting a new one. It's all about the basics, valuing our learning and striving for excellence! Congratulations to: Lana Hanson, Rhianna Jones, Soren Hanson, Indy Miller & Saul Opie Great stuff tamariki!

House Team Leaders Award!

Our House Team Leaders Award is a new student-led initiative recognising children who demonstrate our school values during break times. Each week, our student leaders will be on the lookout for students showing respect, responsibility, resilience, and reflection in the playground. Recipients will be celebrated for their positive actions and leadership—a great way to build a strong, supportive school community! Congratulations to: Ann Kent and Neive Davis



LIFE EDUCATION BUS VISIT - WELCOME BACK HAROLD

What a treat it has been having Holly Reeves and the Life Education Bus with us this week! Our students were thrilled to see Harold the Giraffe again. This visit focused on the theme "What's Inside Our Bodies?", with students exploring the nervous, respiratory, and circulatory systems in a fun, hands-on way. Building on last year's learning about the digestive system, this provided a fantastic extension of their knowledge. Classes also touched on "How Do I Take Care of My Hauora?", making important connections to ways we can keep our bodies and minds healthy and strong. It was wonderful to also welcome the Eketahuna Playgroup, who thoroughly enjoyed their time on the bus and have passed on their thanks for being included. A huge thank you to Holly, our teacher – your energy, expertise, and warmth have made a real impact – we've loved having you here and seeing so many excited, happy faces each day! 🦒🦒🦒🦒🦒

NIREAHA NEWS:

Kia Orana! It's been wonderful to welcome everyone back after the holidays and see the enthusiasm students have brought into the classroom. This term, we're launching into some exciting new learning, including our inquiry into the human body and how it works which includes creating paper mache organs for art. We've also been fortunate to have the Life Education Bus visiting our school this week. The students always enjoy these sessions with Holly—especially the chance to see Harold the giraffe! Kapa Haka has begun this week, as we begin preparing for the Cultural Festival later this term.

It's shaping up to be a busy and rewarding term ahead! Have a fabulous week, Miss T (ktthomas@eketahuna.school.nz)

**PUTARA NEWS:**

Welcome to the start of a brand new term! This week we have been beginning to train for cross country, as well as practicing Kapa Haka items for the Cultural Festival, which will be later this term. As Barb is away for the time being, while recovering from surgery, throughout the week we've had a variety of great teachers in the room; Mrs Morgan, Mr Crous and our great TA, Carolyn. For maths, we have been learning about geometry and revising angles. We have also practised using a singular colour and mixing different shade tones to make our own pieces of naturalistic art. We have also enjoyed time in the Education Bus with Holly and Harold! We can't wait for what this term has to offer. Make sure you are bringing jackets and warm clothes, as the cold weather has started to set in!!!

By Savannah Hammond & Faith Kwocksun :D

**UPDATE STUDENT & HOME CONTACT INFORMATION**

With the start of the new term we ask that parents and caregivers update the school with any new information regarding their children - especially in relation to their health i.e, asthma, allergies etc.

We would also appreciate any new contact details being updated. Please give the school office a ring, and speak to Leona, if any update is necessary.

NO ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

Please note there is a change to "Coming Up" from our Week 11 newsletter of last term. There will be NO School Celebration Assembly tomorrow afternoon. Our first assembly will now be held on Friday 9th

May at 2:15pm in our school hall. The event will be hosted by our Year 4-6 class Rongomai.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

**JUNIOR TOUGH GUY & GAL CHALLENGE**

This extreme 'off road' running event is in Palmerston North on:
Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th June

It's for Year 3 to Year 8. Parents are invited to go online and register their children at :

eventpromotions.co.nz/junior-tough-guy-and-gal-challenge/#ejj

Board Of Trustees Meeting

The next Eketāhuna School Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th May 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 9th May. I am contactable on botchair@eketahuna.school.nz or 3758059.

Warmest Regards - Skye White
(Chairperson Board of Trustees)

**EKETĀHUNA HOME & SCHOOL MEETING**

**Tuesday 6th May
@ 7pm
Eketāhuna School
Staffroom**

We look forward to seeing you there!



EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL 2025 - TERM 2

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wk1 28 - 2 May	Life Education Bus > >	> >	> >	> >	Mihi Whakatau
Wk2 5 - 9 May		Home & School Meeting @ 7pm	Technology Yr 7 & 8		Assembly - Rongomai & Eketāhuna Netball Club & DistrictPrizegiving
Wk3 12 - 16 May			BoT Meeting @ 6:30pm		WHEELS DAY Assembly - Hāmua
Wk4 19 - 23 May		National Young Leaders Day Year 8	Technology Yr 7 & 8		Assembly - Hukanui
Wk5 26 - 30 May				<u>SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY</u>	Tararua Kahui Ako Staff Only Day SCHOOL CLOSED
Wk6 2 - 6 June	KING'S BIRTHDAY SCHOOL CLOSED Public Holiday		Technology Yr 7 & 8	<u>TARARUA BUSH CROSS COUNTRY</u>	WHEELS DAY
Wk7 9 - 13 June					St Cuthberts Lunch Assembly - Pū tara
Wk8 16 - 20 June			TARARUA CULTURAL FESTIVAL BoT Meeting @ 6:30pm		MATARIKI SCHOOL CLOSED Public Holiday
Wk9 23 - 27 June			Technology Yr 7 & 8	WHEELS DAY	Principal's Morning Tea Shout-Green Card Draw Assembly - Nireaha

BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE

A REMINDER TO MAKE SURE ALL STUDENTS BRING A WATER BOTTLE TO SCHOOL EACH DAY NEXT TERM. PLEASE MAKE SURE STUDENTS' NAMES ARE WRITTEN ON THEM. THE WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATION IS OPEN AND IT IS IMPORTANT WE ALL KEEP HYDRATED THROUGH THE DAY! THANKS



STUDENTS 'OFF' BUSES

A GENERAL REMINDER FOR NEXT TERM TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF BUS STUDENTS TO PLEASE RING IN BEFORE 2:30PM TO LET THE OFFICE KNOW THEIR CHILDREN ARE TO BE TAKEN OFF THE AFTERNOON BUS LISTS. IT MAKES THE JOB SO MUCH EASIER AND SAFER. THANK YOU.



DRESS WARM AS WINTER IS COMING

WITH COLDER WEATHER ON THE WAY PLEASE MAKE SURE STUDENTS ARE COMING TO SCHOOL IN APPROPRIATE CLOTHES AND SHOES TO KEEP THEM WARM THROUGHOUT THE DAY. BREAK TIMES OUTSIDE CAN GET CHILLY AND WE WANT TO KEEP COLDS & FLUS AWAY! THANKS EVERYONE 😊



READY TO RUN!

We are reminding everyone that classes are training for the upcoming Cross Country each day by running measured laps of the school field to build up fitness and stamina.

Please make sure to come prepared with appropriate clothing & equipment.



RETURN YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS

We are reminding everyone that their class will be visiting our school library tomorrow with Spencer Pallister here to facilitate students' time and fun browsing!

Please make sure to bring any books you have issued with you in the morning!



