

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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COMING UP:

Friday 18 July: Mihi Whakatau @ 10:15am

Wednesday 23 July: Technology for Year 7 & 8 @ Pahiatua

Friday 25 July: Celebration Assembly @ 2:15pm - Pūtara hosts

Wednesday 30 July: Tararua 7 Aside Tournament Year 5 - 8 in Pahiatua

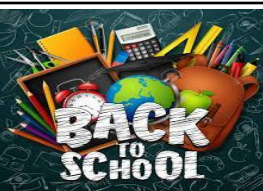
Wednesday 30 July: Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6:30pm

Friday 1 August: Tararua 7 Aside Tournament Postponement Date

SCHOOL CLOSURE TERM 3 - PLEASE NOTE DATE

We will be closed for instruction on

Friday 22nd August, for Mid Term Break & Staff Only Day



Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te kura Eketāhuna,

We hope you have all had an enjoyable break and have returned refreshed! It has been great seeing everyone back at school this week. We are looking forward to a productive term with lots of engaged students enjoying a range of fantastic teaching & learning experiences as we ensure our tamariki are getting the best deal possible! Our Term 3 overview is included with the newsletter, please check the dates for upcoming events!

PRINCIPAL'S MORNING TEA SHOUT

To celebrate the end of Term 2, I had the pleasure of taking some wonderful students into town for a special morning tea at The Lazy Graze. This treat was in recognition of the consistently positive choices they made throughout the term and for being selected in our Green Card Draw. A huge congratulations to: Lucy White, Milai Crous, Chelsea Spring, Mareana Roiri, Macauley Keenan, Soren Hanson, Georgia Capes, Isla Doornbos-Lamb. It was a lovely morning filled with yummy food, big smiles, & lots of fun holiday chatter—what a great way to finish the term!



HAND, FOOT & MOUTH DISEASE - TIMELY REMINDERS

We've had a recent case of Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease at school, so this is a timely reminder to be vigilant around illnesses, especially during the winter months. Hand, Foot & Mouth is a common viral illness that usually affects children under 12. It is highly contagious and spreads through coughing, sneezing, and contact with infected surfaces or fluids. Symptoms may include: fever, sore throat, tiredness or irritability, mouth ulcers or a rash or small blisters on hands, feet, or around the mouth & face. Most children recover quickly with rest and fluids, but it's important to keep them at home if they are unwell to help prevent the spread to others. Please continue to encourage good hygiene practices like handwashing & covering coughs and sneezes. If your child shows symptoms, seek advice from your GP or Healthline. For more information, visit the NZ Health website: www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/hand-foot-and-mouth-disease



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

It is great seeing everyone in school on Fridays, at the school assembly at 2:15pm, in the hall. It's a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week. There is NO assembly tomorrow. Our first assembly is Friday 25th, with Pūtara to host. We look forward to seeing you!



Term 2: Week 9 - Principal Award:

Georgia Capes & Kady Ifill
RESILIENCE
Leading Junior Kapa Haka and demonstrating positive attitude, under pressure, at House Tech Challenge

Term 2: Week 9 - In Class Star Student:

Hukanui: Lottie Lawrence
Hāmua: Kady Ifill
Rongomai: Soren Hanson
Nireaha: Piper Neilsen
Pūtara: Mack Duffy

Term 2: Week 9 - Duffy Book for Values:

Hukanui: Makai Morgan
Hāmua: Arpit Patel
Rongomai: Halo Crudis
Nireaha: Brax Duffy
Pūtara: Monet Crous

CLASS UPDATES

HUKAHU NEWS: Kia ora whanau,

Welcome back to Term 3 and a special welcome to Lydia Lochhead who has just turned 5! I trust you enjoyed some family time...One of the highlights of a child's holiday was "just chilling on the couch at home." and that the children are refreshed and ready for a busy term ahead. For writing, we are looking at writing our opinion and giving a reason why. In maths we are learning about 2 and 3 dimensional shapes and how they make up the world around us. We are starting to use the musical instruments in our shared music time with Hamua and looking forward to learning ball skills in P.E. As always, any queries please do not hesitate to contact me. mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz

Thanks, Marilyn.

HAMUA NEWS: We have had a great week in Hāmua. Everyone was happy to be back and eager to see each other. We have been busy reading plays and making props. The children are learning to speak clearly, loudly and slowly when reading so that the audience can hear them. We have had lots of fun presenting the plays to each other. We have also been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We made castles using rectangular prisms, cylinders and cones. The children then chose different shapes to put windows, doors and drawbridges on their castles. It was a great way to learn about geometric shapes and use their imaginations. We will be doing lots of outside games and skills with large balls this term, so please make sure your children wear shoes that are good for running and kicking balls. As always, if you have any queries or just want to touch base please contact me at: afowlds-hartley@eketahuna.school.nz

Thanks, Amanda.

RONGOMAI NEWS:

Welcome to Term 3! I trust you all had a lovely rest this past holiday. It is so good to see all the students again. I have had an amazing first week in Rongomai. It is lovely to be part of the class in a more permanent manner. I had the opportunity to catch up with the students one-on-one and gather their thoughts and listen to their concerns they may have for the last two terms. We have been working on our measurement in maths and writing about our holiday. This term will be filled with plenty of learning and events, as we have a 7-aside sport tournament coming up in week 3. We are also looking forward to having Sport Manawatu coming into our school and doing some Netball training with our students. I trust you are as excited about this term as I am. If you have any concerns, please feel free to email me: fcrous@eketahuna.school.nz

Regards, Francois Crous

A1 Standards-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: Monet Crous, Ariki Wihone, Ann Kent, Amelia Webber and Isla Doornbos-Lamb. Well done!!

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 actions—a great way to build supportive school community!

Congratulations to: Liam Giddens, Monet Crous, Milai Crous and a special shout out to Ms Mac for showing the values when on duty!!



DRESS WARM AS WINTER IS HERE
WITH COLDER WEATHER ON THE WAY, AND CHILLY MORNINGS, PLEASE MAKE SURE STUDENTS ARE COMING TO SCHOOL IN APPROPRIATE CLOTHES AND SHOES TO KEEP THEM WARM. BEFORE SCHOOL TIME OUTSIDE CAN GET CHILLY AND WE WANT TO KEEP COLDS & FLUS AWAY! THANKS EVERYONE!



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. FURTHER, AFTER 3 DAYS AWAY FROM SCHOOL DUE TO POOR HEALTH WE WILL REQUIRE A DOCTOR'S MEDICAL CERTIFICATE FOR OUR SCHOOL ENROL SYSTEM. THANKS.



LOST PROPERTY

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT THAT COMES TO SCHOOL IS CLEARLY NAMED, TO HELP US CUT DOWN ON LOST PROPERTY! IF YOU ARE IN SCHOOL, PLEASE CHECK OUT THE BIN AS THERE IS A LOT OF CLOTHING AND SHOES THAT STUDENTS DON'T RECOGNISE AS THEIRS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH THIS!



NIREAHA NEWS:

Welcome back! I hope you all had an awesome holiday! It sounds like the students had a lot of whanau time and fun outings over the break! This term, we are learning about persuasive writing which has started with us exploring tv advertisements and what makes us want to remember the ad, buy the product and/or visit the place it shows. It has created some great learning conversations and a lot of laughter especially the old Mitre 10 ad (We all know about Jonesy and DIY now). In preparation for speeches later in the term, we have been exploring tone of voice and what makes a great listener and how important it is when we speak to others to be clear with both. An activity this week has shown that if the instructions aren't clear, they can be interpreted a few ways yet still be right, We have a great term planned with lots of learning opportunities, as well as fun activities coming up i.e., the Polar Bear Plunge for the year 7's on August 8th, for which the students will be bringing home sponsorship forms - please encourage your child to seek support from their whanau to reach our fundraising goals for Term 4 El Rancho Camp, 7 a-side tournament on July 30th and so much more! I am looking forward to what the next 10 weeks bring with Nireaha. Ngā mihi, Miss T 😊 ktthomas@eketahuna.school.nz

PUTARA NEWS:

Welcome to Term 3! We have an exciting term ahead, it's going to be full on! Fundraising for our Term 4 El Rancho Camp is underway, starting with the Polar Bear Plunge on 8 August. A sponsorship form is coming home with this newsletter—please encourage your child to seek support from grandparents, neighbours, workmates, and extended family. Later in the term, we'll also be holding a disco and running Spring Show stalls in Term 4 to help reach our fundraising goals. In Week 3, many of our students will take part in 7-a-side netball and rugby, and we're delighted to have Manawatu Netball visiting to deliver in-class lessons. This term, there will be a strong focus on reading, writing, and maths. We'll be exploring advertising by looking closely at the features used to persuade an audience, then creating our own advertisements. Students will also be writing persuasive texts and practising public speaking skills as we prepare for speeches later in the term. To finish the term on a high note, students will learn a range of formal dances before joining other schools at the Annual Tararua Bush Formal Dance evening. Please feel free to contact me at: bwhitburn@eketahuna.school.nz

SENIOR CAMP FEES YEAR 7 & 8

Remember we need all camp fees for camp paid before the start of Term 4. Our Year 7 & 8 students will be attending the El Rancho Camp in Waikanae in Term 4. The cost of the camp is \$75 and all students are expected to pay the full amount or have organised a payment system if they intend on going. To make the camp cost manageable, and affordable, the school heavily subsidised the full cost, & students have planned fundraising activities. We informed parents in Term 1 of these costs, to ensure families had time to save if necessary. For more information on payment options please contact the school office and speak with Leona.

**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 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 for your support with this.

YUMMY FRUIT STICKERS

Shop at your local New World, Pak 'n Save and participating Four Square stores. Purchase Yummy apples, either bags with cut-out labels or individual apples with Yummy stickers. One cut-out label is worth 10 apple stickers. Place the Yummy stickers on Sticker Collection Sheets and the cut-out labels on Cut-Out Label Collection Sheets. Your Yummy stickers will then be converted into a winning share of the \$200,000 sports prize pool from DG Sport. Please contact Leona to print off a form or go to <https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/> to print the form yourself.

**PLEASE CHECK EARRINGS BEING WORN TO SCHOOL**

A reminder that our school rules ask that earrings worn to school are small sleepers or studs. This is a Health & Safety precaution as we do not want them getting ripped out and causing a permanent scar during the physical play at breaks or sporting sessions. Please check the style your child/ren are wearing to school as we seem to have a few 'dangerous dangly' ones appearing!

Thanks for your support in keeping our kids safe. :-D

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL 2025 - TERM 3

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wk1 14 – 18 July					Mihi Whakatau
Wk2 21 – 25 July			Technology		Assembly – Pūtara
WK3 28 – 1 Aug			TARARUA BUSH 7 ASIDE (Yr 5 – 8) BOT Meeting @ 6:30pm		<i>pp TARARUA BUSH 7 ASIDE</i> Wheels Day
Wk4 4 – 8 Aug		Sport Manawatu Netball	Technology		Polar Bear Swim & Winter Woolly Day
Wk5 11 – 15 Aug		Sport Manawatu Netball		Rongoa Garden Planting (TBC)	Assembly – Nireaha
Wk6 18 – 22 Aug		Sport Manawatu Netball	Technology	SCHOOL DISCO Yr 1 – 4 & Yr5-8	MID TERM BREAK Staff Only Day
Wk7 25 – 29 Aug					Daffodil Day Assembly – Rongomai
Wk8 1 – 5 Sept	CONSERVATION WEEK	Sport Manawatu Netball	Technology	Bush Lions Pahiatua Speech Makers	St. Cuthberts Lunch – Leaders (TBC) Assembly – Hāmua
Wk9 8 – 12 Sept		Sport Manawatu Netball	BOT Meeting @ 7pm		Wheels Day Tararua Maths Quiz (TBC)
Wk10 15 – 19 Sept	MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK Year 7 & 8 Formal Dance – Day Practice	Home & School Mtg @ 7pm	Technology	Year 7 & 8 Formal Dance – Evening Pahiatua	Principal's MorningTea Assembly – Hukanui

Made for Girls. School in Action Day

Friday 1 August, 10:30am
For full details and to register, visit ngatawa.school.nz
P: +64 6 327 6429
Calico Line, Marton

Nga Tawa is one of New Zealand's top academic secondary schools. If you're looking for a school where girls are supported to achieve their best, we'd love to welcome you to our School in Action Day.

Join us to see the difference a Nga Tawa education can make!



MIHI WHAKATAU TOMORROW

New staff, students, whānau and supporters will gather at the school hall verandah at 10:10am for a 10:15am start. At the completion of the ceremony there will be a morning tea for those who were welcomed to school.
We look forward to seeing you!

MIHI WHAKATAU

Friday, 18th July
10:15am



