

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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COMING UP:

Friday 10th October: Mihi Whakatau @ 10:15am - in the school hall

Wednesday 15 October: Year 7 & 8 @ Technology in Pahiata

Thursday 16 October: NZ 'Shake Out' Day - Earthquake Drill

Thursday 16 October: School Hangi (from Term 3 Postponement)

Friday 17 October: Celebration Assembly @ 2:15pm - Pūtara

Monday 20 October: Eketāhuna School Book Week starts . . .



Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

We extend a warm welcome to all students and families as we commence Term 4. Our priority remains high-quality teaching and engaged learning for every child. The Term 4 overview accompanies this newsletter; please review the schedule of events and important dates. We appreciate your ongoing support and partnership. We also have staffing updates to share with our community. We warmly welcome Mrs Kathryn Morgan to Hukanui for Term 4 while Marilyn Whiteley is on leave; Kathryn knows the class and routines well and will ensure continuity of learning and care. In addition, we are pleased

to welcome back Mrs Carol Laubscher, who has withdrawn her resignation and will continue as our Learning Support Coordinator, providing valued continuity across programmes and support for students, staff, & whānau. Ngā mihi nui - Eketāhuna School Team.



YEAR 7 & 8 FORMAL DANCE FUN!

On the last Thursday evening of Term 3, our Year 7 & 8 students had the opportunity to participate in the Tararua Formal Dance. All students had attended the practice day in Pahiata earlier in the week and were able to 'bust out' their dancing skills in both the formal dances and with the more up to date songs. A lovely experience for those that attended. All looked lovely and very 'grown up' in their special outfits.



PRINCIPAL MORNING TEA SHOUT

On our last Friday of Term 3, nine students enjoyed a morning tea 'shout' at Lazy Graze in recognition of their ability to make good choices! Our school behaviour system is focused on "catching children when they are good" as these positive reinforcers have a powerful effect. 'Green' students went into the draw and the following students selected: Sammy, RubyLee Burton-Foley, Jaylah Keedwell, Shelby Taiaroa, Beau Wright, Hugo Algie, Noel Lochhead, Amelia Webber, Senorita Van der Wiel and Lydia Lochhead! We had a delicious morning tea and lots of happy 'holiday' discussions. An awesome way to end the term!



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. There is NO assembly tomorrow. The first is next week, and will be hosted by students from Pūtara. We look forward to seeing you then!



Term 3: Week 10 - Principal Award:

Rhianna Jones
RESPONSIBLE

In recognition of the ongoing support and empathy displayed, especially noted at the Formal Dance last term.

Term 3: Week 10 - In Class Star Student:

Hukanui: Riley Andrews
Hāmua: Georgia W
Rongomai: Ryder Hammond
Nireaha: Brodie Braddick
Pūtara: Maclane King

Term 3: Week 10 - Duffy Book - Values:

Hukanui: Saul Opie
Hāmua: Noel Lochhead
Rongomai: Aria Donohue
Nireaha: Zyana Crudis
Pūtara: Savannah Hammond

CLASS UPDATES

HUKAHU NEWS: Welcome everyone to Term 4 - it's been a great start! For maths this week we have been looking at Statistics, the children enjoyed charting the 'yes' or 'no' questions. For writing we have used our topic around 'Road Safety' as our theme - some great pieces have been produced by the students. Next week we will start getting prepared for the upcoming Book Week! Please remember to check book bags each day, reading practice, homework books and sight words will come home nightly. Finally - HATS! We all need to have a hat for the term so please make sure they are named, and in bags daily. I do appreciate your ongoing support. Best wishes, Kathryn Morgan

HĀMUA NEWS: Welcome back to Term 4. Hā mua students have had a busy start to the term. In Math, we have been learning about money. They have been looking at the New Zealand currency and what combinations they can use to make up set amounts. For example, how can I make up \$6.00 using coins and notes? In writing, we are learning about Procedural writing. The children have been put into four separate groups and have developed their own set of procedures to achieve their written goal. The groups are: Feeding Calves, Building a Toy House, Saving Money for a Trip and Cooking a Fish Meal. Carolyn & Whaea Peta

RONGOMAI NEWS: Kia Ora and welcome to the last term of the year! I trust you all had a lovely break and are ready for the final stretch of the year. This term is going to be a busy one with plenty of exciting things on the horizon. As the warmer months roll in, please remember to bring a sunhat each day to keep safe in the summer sun. In Science, we're exploring the fascinating world of earthquakes — how they happen and how we can stay safe. In Maths, our focus is on fractions, learning how to compare, order, and use them in real-life situations. It's shaping up to be a great term of learning and fun! Francois Crous fcrous@eketahuna.school.nz

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: Mack Duffy, Lleucu Anderson, Olivia Capes, Indy Miller & Takaiah. Well done!

House 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 a supportive school community! Congratulations to: ALL our wonderful students! Our leaders felt that over the whole of Term 3 all the students were trying hard to follow our school values!



HOCKEY DRAW - TUESDAY 21ST OCT

Under 9's
Eke Ninjas vs
Pah Leopards @
4pm
Field 1

Under 11's
Eke Warriors vs Pah
Kiwis @ 4.30pm
Field 2



This season's outdoor hockey competition gets underway next Tuesday afternoon with two teams entered. However, this week, both of our teams have a bye. Thanks to all those who have given up their time to coach our teams this term. We really appreciate your commitment to our students & school!

STUDENTS ARE SUN SMART IN TERM 4

Another friendly reminder that Eketāhuna School has a Sun Safety Policy which requires all students' shoulders & upper arms to be covered, along with sun hats being worn. A good idea is to have your child bring a hat, with their name on, that can be left at school. This will mean they won't run the risk of leaving it at home & then have to spend their breaks on the deck in the shade. Everyone is 'sun smart' and safe!



NIREHA NEWS:

What an incredible start to the term! It was great to see everyone on Monday morning after the holidays! I've been so impressed with the students' hard work and focus as we've settled back into routine. We've begun exploring our science kit, *Who Diddit?* and learning all about different types of evidence — from splatters to impressions — as we put our detective skills to the test! We have started training for athletics which has been awesome to see the students doing their best! It's shaping up to be a very exciting term ahead, with so many new experiences and fun to be had. A quick reminder that now we are term 4 and the weather warms up, students need to wear their hats when outside — no hat, no play!

PŪTARA NEWS:

Kia ora whānau, Welcome to Term 4 — a busy and exciting term ahead! There's lots happening, with some fantastic new experiences on the way, including School Camp and the Year 8 Big Day Out.

As we move through the term, we'll also begin to experience a few "lasts" as we come to the end of our primary years. It's going to be a special time — full of fun, learning, special times with friends and most likely a few mixed emotions too. We'll continue to work together as a team to make it a great term for everyone.

Please be sure to take note of the events on the calendar that is coming home with this newsletter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch. b.whitburn@eketahuna.school.nz

**BOOK WEEK**

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL BOOK WEEK

SAVE THE DATE

Get ready, book lovers! Our school Book Week is back & coming up in Week 3, running from **Monday 20th to Friday 24th October**. It's going to be a jam-packed week of activities designed to celebrate the joy of books with each class taking on a Traditional Tale!!!

The grand finale will take place on **Friday 24th October**, with our much-loved **Book Character Dress-Up Day**. Students can come dressed as their favourite book characters, and there will be some fantastic prizes up for grabs!

Mark your calendars and start planning those costumes – it's going to be a week of fun and reading adventures!

Head Lice Alert

Please check your child's hair tonight and treat it if needed. If you need any information or some KidsCan products for your child's hair. Please contact Leona in the school office.

MIHI WHAKATAU = FRIDAY 10th OCTOBER

Tomorrow we will formally welcome our new students and whānau to Eketāhuna School with our termly mihi whakatau. This is an informal Māori welcoming ceremony with korero and waiata. We look forward to seeing you all there! The organisation is:

- New students, whānau and supporters will gather outside the school hall, on the deck, at 10.15am for a 10:20am start.
- At the completion of the ceremony there will be tea and coffee in the staffroom for Parents and Caregivers of those who were welcomed to school. Students will have theirs in class.



HANGI - POSTPONED - TERM 4

Thursday 16 October 2025

A **huge thank you** to everyone who has donated kai and supplies. Everything is safely stored and ready to go next week. Fingers crossed we get some fine weather!!

**EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL 'SPRING SHOW' UPDATE**

We are counting down to the Spring Show with lots going on. Please remember to return your Pet Registration Form by **Friday 31st October**. There will be **NO** late registrations accepted. Also remember to get your photo of your favourite pet (Note: it doesn't have to be the one you are bringing to the Spring Show) into the office to go in the 'Pet Photography Competition'. Prizes of a family pass to the movies, indoor pool and ten pin bowling are up for grabs!! Entries in by Wednesday 29th October. Class activity information coming out with next week's newsletter.



EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL 2025 - TERM 4

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wk 1 6 - 10 October	<u>Athletics Rotations</u> <u>Start this week</u>		School Photos		Mihi Whakatau
Wk 2 13 - 17 October	Athletics Rotations	Wai Coll Visits for enrolled Year 8	TECHNOLOGY	NZ Shake Out Day	Assembly - Putara
WK 3 20 - 24 October	Athletics Rotations <u>BOOK WEEK</u>		BOT Meeting @ 6:30pm	<u>STRIKE ACTION</u> <u>School Closed</u>	<u>BOOK WEEK DRESS</u> <u>UP DAY</u>
Wk 4 27 - 31 October	LABOUR DAY	Athletics Rotations	TECHNOLOGY		Assembly - Nireaha
Wk 5 3 - 7 November	Tararua College Expo Week Athletics Rotations	Road Patrol Training For 2026			EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL SPRING SHOW
Wk 6 10 - 14 November		El Rancho Camp		Bush Ag Day	Assembly- Rongomai <i>All Library Books to be Returned by this date.</i>
Wk 7 17 - 21 November	STAFF ONLY DAY	Moving Forward Conference Yr 7 & 8 Athletics Rotations Home & School Meeting @ 7pm	TECHNOLOGY Junior Athletics	<u>Athletics Rotations</u>	Senior Athletics (No pp)
Wk 8 24 - 28 November	School Pool Opens Year 8 Day Out	Cricket Sessions with Wairarapa Cricket	TECHNOLOGY BOT Meeting @ 6:00pm	Road Patrol Treat	Bush Athletics
Wk 9 1 - 5 December	Bush Athletics Postponement date	Cricket Sessions with Wairarapa Cricket		School Prizegiving	St Cuthberts Lunch Assembly - Hamua
Wk 10 8 - 12 December	Cricket Sessions with Wairarapa Cricket		<u>School Fun Day In</u>		Assembly - Staff @ 11:15am School finishes @ 12pm

SCHOOL CLOSURES THIS TERM - PLEASE NOTE THE DATE

This term we will be closing the school for instruction on
 Thursday 23rd October for the Strike Action, Monday 27th October for
 Labour Day, and Monday 17th November for our second Staff Only Day.



