

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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COMING UP:

Friday 7 November: Eketāhuna School Spring Show

Tuesday 11 - Friday 14 November: El Rancho Camp for Year 7 & 8

Thursday 13 November: Bush Ag Day

Friday 14 November: Wheels Day for Years 1 - 6

Friday 14 November: Celebration Assembly - Rongomai

Monday 17 November: Staff Only Day - **Closed for Instruction**

Tuesday 18 November: Home & School Meeting @ 7pm

Tuesday 18 November: Moving Forward Conference for Year 7 & 8

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te kura Eketāhuna,

A week filled with Spring Show preparation - we're looking forward to seeing you tomorrow!

SPRING SHOW TOMORROW

Our classrooms have been 'hives of activity' the last few days as students start preparing pieces they will complete tomorrow for the Spring Show.



Hāmua & Rongomai tamariki have been working on preparing rag wreaths and rainbow plates for decorating in the morning. Across the school we have a variety of other exhibits beginning to be worked on, such as papier mâché onto posts in Pūtara, spring art creations being started, bird feeders finished off and the senior stall preparation swinging into gear with activities to organise! Exciting times here at school - we are looking forward to our day!



HEALTH UPDATE - MEASLES INFORMATION

You may have seen the information sent home on Monday regarding the increased risk of measles across New Zealand, with confirmed cases in the Wellington area. At this stage, there are no cases connected to Eketāhuna School, and we continue to follow advice from Health New Zealand and the Ministry of Education. We encourage all families to read the information shared earlier this week and to check their child's immunisation status. Measles is highly contagious, but vaccination provides strong protection. If your child becomes unwell with symptoms such as fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes, or a rash, please keep them at home and phone your doctor or Healthline (0800 611 116) for advice. We'll continue to keep our community updated should any new information arise. Thank you for helping us keep our tamariki and wider community safe and well. ❤️

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 next is in Week 6, and will be hosted by students from Rongomai. We look forward to seeing you all then!



Term 4: Week 4 - Principal Award:

Luke McNamara

RESPONSIBLE

Awarded for his many times this term he has gone out of his way to help and support younger students.

Term 4: Week 4 - In Class Star Student:

Hukanui: Riley Andrews

Hāmua: Troy Spring

Rongomai: Maia Cremen

Nireaha: Lleucu Anderson

Pūtara: Faith Kwocksun

Term 4: Week 4 - Duffy Book - Values:

Hukanui: Makai Morgan

Hāmua: Georgia Capes

Rongomai: Ayva Hudson

Nireaha: Emmanuel McNamara

Pūtara: Kerrin Atkinson

CLASS UPDATES

HUKANUI NEWS: Kia ora,

What a productive and busy week we've had in our classroom! We've been getting stuck into athletics practice and also preparing for our Spring Show — the energy and enthusiasm from the students has been fantastic. Our bird houses are really coming along beautifully. The children have been showing great creativity and care with their designs, and we are looking forward to completing them tomorrow. A little reminder for students about what they need for tomorrow's activities: 🌿 Leaves in different shapes and sizes / 🍷 A saucer or small round container for their sand saucer / 🌸 Flowers, foliage, and other small interesting items for decorating. Another reminder for whānau is to keep those water bottles and hats coming to school daily — especially as we are getting the long awaited 'summer' weather! We are excited for a fun and creative day tomorrow — thank you for supporting your child to come prepared. It's going to be a wonderful finish to a great week! Best wishes, Kathryn Morgan.

HĀMUA NEWS: Kia ora Whanau, It's been a very busy week in Hāmua in preparation for the Eketāhuna School Spring Show. The children have been excited and enthusiastic about creating their display pieces. They have been learning to paint with ink, plait and use their knowledge of symmetry to make an asymmetrical miniature Zen garden. At times learning new skills has been hard and frustrating, however all of the children have persevered and they have supported each other with encouraging words and practical help. This has been wonderful to see and be part of. They have shown resilience when things haven't worked out quite the way they hoped, and been responsible while using equipment. It's lovely seeing each child put their own creative spin on the activities which means no two artworks are the same and each represents time, effort and patience. Hooray for the Spring Show! I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come to see their creations and enjoy all the fun activities that will be happening on Friday.

PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILD TO PICK SOME FLOWERS, TO BRING WITH A JAR ON FRIDAY, IF YOU HAVEN'T YET.

Ngā mihi, Whaea Amanda Fowlds-Hartley afowldshartley@eketahuna.school.nz

RONGOMAI NEWS: Kia Ora Whanau

It's been a busy but exciting week in class! Students have been working hard on their assessments, showing focus and determination right to the end of the term. Alongside that, we've been tapping into our creative sides while getting everything ready for tomorrow's Spring Show — there's been plenty of colour, energy, and fun in the room! Please remember to bring toys from home to add to your miniature scene! With the sunshine finally returning, we've also made the most of the good weather by getting outside to practise for athletics. It's been wonderful to see everyone giving their best effort both in and out of the classroom. Thanks for all your great work this week! Mr 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: Luke McNamara, Mikey Hammond,

Rylan Carrington, Phoenix Paul and a student from Hukanui. 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: Zayden, Ezra Robson & Senorita Van der Wiel



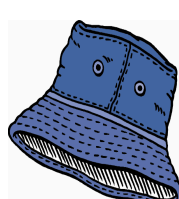
LATE STUDENTS

OUR SCHOOL DAY STARTS AT 9AM AND WE SEEM TO HAVE A NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO ARE LATE TO SCHOOL. IT IS VITAL THAT OUR STUDENTS ARE AT SCHOOL BEFORE THE START OF 9AM SO THEY HAVE TIME TO UNPACK, SORT THEIR EQUIPMENT, CATCH UP WITH FRIENDS AND PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR THE UPCOMING LEARNING IN CLASS.



HATS & SUNSCREEN

OUR SUN SAFETY POLICY REQUIRES HATS TO BE WORN IN TERM 4. 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. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH THIS.



DEVICES AT SCHOOL

STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO HAVE PHONES OR DEVICES OF ANY DESCRIPTION ON THEM AT SCHOOL. IF THEY DO NEED TO BRING ONE THEY ARE TO BE HANDED INTO THE OFFICE BEFORE SCHOOL. THANKS FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT WITH THIS.



NIREAHA NEWS:

We have been taking full advantage of the beautiful sunshine and warm weather to get out and practice for the upcoming athletics. I am incredibly proud of everyone for giving it a go and participating. The skill and progression has been awesome. We are nearing the end of formal testing and Nireaha have shown their best efforts and resilience during what can be a nerve-racking time. Spring Show preparation is in full swing ready for tomorrow - please remember to bring your items for your tote tray island and some flowers or foliage if you have created a vase :) The year 7s will be helping to run the stalls from 1-2pm to help raise funds for camp so come along and check them out! The sponge throw looks like awesome fun!

The year 7s and I will be at El Rancho for camp from Tuesday until Friday next week (YAY!) so the year 6s will be holding the Nireaha fort while we are away. Ngā mihi, Miss T

PŪTARA NEWS:

Only five sleeps until camp! The countdown is on, so make sure you spend some time packing this weekend, and please ensure your Camper is involved in the process so they know exactly what's in their bag. Over the past couple of weeks, lots of important notices have been sent home. There's a lot happening! Please make sure permission slips are returned straight away, as there's quite a bit of admin involved in organising each outing, and unfortunately only students who have returned their forms will be able to attend. It would be a real shame for anyone to miss out on the exciting events coming up. The Spring Show is tomorrow! If you're presenting a scene on a tray, don't forget to bring your items. We'll also be running stalls from 1-2 PM, which is always a Camp Fundraising highlight for many of our senior students. The crepe paper flowers and decorative decoupage planks have been beautifully prepared in class this week - can't wait to see them on display! Cheers, Barb.

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL 'SPRING SHOW' UPDATE

Tomorrow is our Spring Show! Remember children need to have chosen two activities they intend to do in class & that they bring any resources required with them to school.

Coming home today is the programme for the day and a map of the school showing where all events are taking place. Included is the back up plan if the weather is unkind and we have rain - please read carefully and note that **NO** animals will be brought to school if it rains.

In either case lunch will be later than usual so we suggest bulking up the children's morning tea tomorrow with a little extra to get them through the longer gap. Thanks.

**HOCKEY DRAW - TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER**

We finally had our first games this week after it being cancelled due to the awful weather. Our Eke Ninja's had a narrow loss but looked so good considering some players have never played before. Eke Warriors had a 3-0 win over Pah Wallabies. Well done Eke!

Eke Ninja's (U9)

vs
Wdv Rua @ 4pm
Turf 1

Eke Warriors (U11)

vs
Rural C @ 4.30pm
Turf 2

WHEELS DAY - FRIDAY 14th NOVEMBER

Next Friday, children are allowed to bring their scooter, bike, drift trike, skateboard, roller skates or rollerblades to the kura. The tamariki will be riding their bikes etc in our driveway, field & on netball/basketball courts.

Please make sure that you have a helmet and appropriate safety gear!

**Jewellery at School - Reminder**

A friendly reminder about our school jewellery expectations:

- ✓ Taonga of personal or cultural significance may be worn — please ensure they are worn **inside clothing** for safety.
- ✓ Small stud earrings or small sleeper hoops only.
- ✗ No necklaces or pendants (other than taonga)
- ✗ No large or dangly earrings

These guidelines help keep everyone safe during play and learning. Thank you for supporting our school expectations and keeping our tamariki safe.

GUMBOOT FRIDAY

TOMORROW - FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE PAIR OF GUMBOOTS TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE FREE COUNSELLING SERVICE FOR ANY YOUNG PERSON IN NEW ZEALAND AGED 25 AND UNDER.





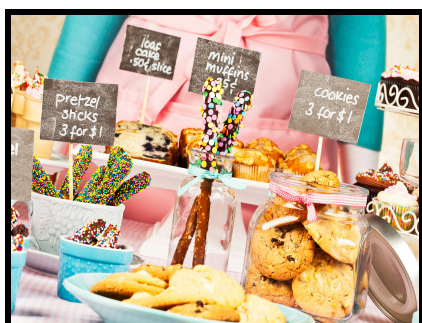
PLEASE BRING YOUR WATER BOTTLE DAILY

At school we have a filtered water bottle filler for students to access for fresh drinking water.

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.

SPRING SHOW BAKE SALE

FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER



HOME AND SCHOOL ARE ONCE AGAIN RUNNING THEIR VERY POPULAR CAFÉ AND BAKE SALE. WE ARE ASKING EVERY FAMILY TO PROVIDE A PLATE OF BAKED OR BOUGHT GOODS FOR OUR CAFÉ. PLEASE BRING ALONG ON THE DAY OR DROP INTO THE OFFICE!

MANY THANKS :-D



RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS

We are reminding everyone that our school library will be closing for the annual stock take this term so please make sure ALL books are returned by Friday 14th November. To ensure you are not invoiced for any missing books please get them back to school.

Thanks.



BUSH DISTRICT BOYS & GIRLS 'AG DAY

THE BUSH DISTRICT AG DAY IS COMING UP ON THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER IN PAHIATUA. INFORMATION ON THE DAY HAS BEEN EMAILED TO ALL FAMILIES. YOU CAN ALSO COLLECT A HARD COPY FROM LEONA IN THE OFFICE. LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATIONS IS TODAY.



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Hukanui = Kathryn Morgan: kmorgan@eketahuna.school.nz

CONTACTING TEACHERS VIA THE OFFICE



Our Office Administrator, Leona Hayes, will also take a message for teachers and ensure they get the information, via the school phone on 06 375 8191, the school cell phone on 022 368 1830, and parents can also use the office email address at: office@eketahuna.school.nz



Proudly supporting Bush Ag Day

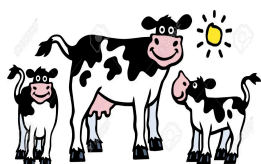
For every tonne of Nutrinza's calf feed purchased before 31 December 2025, Nutrinza will donate \$30* to the ag day.

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EKETĀHUNA HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CALF SCHEME

On behalf of the Home and School Association, and the school, a big thank you to all those in our community who are supporting the school through the calf scheme. Your generosity is most appreciated. If you would like to join the scheme or would like more information please contact the office or Becs Giddens on 027 776 6507. Thanks!

