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## Newsletter ~ Wednesday, 31 May 2023

Kia ora,

Yesterday, some children in Huia Class took part in the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge in Palmerston North. Look out for their reflections on the day in next week's newsletter, and see the photos in this week's.

This week we have reflections from some of our Year 8's on the National Young Leaders Day which they attended last week. I know that Mr G was really impressed by the speakers and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Tomorrow is the Rural Schools Road Race at Bush Multisport in Pahiatua. A notice has been sent home today for those requiring transport and also to those providing transport for other children. Could everyone please be there by 9.45 as the first race begins at 10am - the 12+ race. The other races will follow with no starting times for them being given. Following the races will be a fun obstacle event which is being run by Ballance School and Sport Manawatu. We are encouraging as many of our children as possible to enter the running race. The top 6 finishers in each age group (boys and girls) will qualify for the Bush Road Race at Eketahuna on June 8th.

It would be a huge help if you could write your child's age on their hand. Our teaching staff will all be busy at the event so I would ask if you could make sure that your child is ready to race when their age group is called by Mrs Bond. Mr G will be starting the races for the 12+, and 5 and 6 year olds. I will be taking a record of the first 6 finishers.

If the event is cancelled I will post on the Alfredton Parents Group and the Facebook page by 7.10 am. I won't be cancelling unless the weather is awful. The current forecast is 12 to 14 degrees with 24kmph winds and showers.

The children are busy practising at school for Jumping June. Thank you to those families who have registered on the website to collect sponsors for skipping. On June 16th we will be completing our skipping challenge. It's not too late to register on Jumping June's website.

Can I please ask that if you are dropping your children off at school early to please check that a teacher has arrived before you leave, unless you have made arrangements with me beforehand. Most days someone is there from 7:30am, but this is not always the case.

Last week I advised that we have a vacancy, from the start of Term 3, for a bus driver. Expressions of interest will close on Friday at midday. If you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible. Having a 'P' licence would be advantageous.

Monday is a Public Holiday for the King's Birthday. School will therefore be closed. Have a great long weekend.

Nga mihi nui  
Alison

## Dates for your Diary

Thursday 1st June Rural Schools Road Race (Pahiatua, Bush Multisport) Be there by 9.45am.  
Thursday 8th June Bush Road Race (Eketahuna)  
Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th June Parent Teacher Conversations  
Thursday 29th June Cultural Festival (Pahiatua)  
Friday 30th June Last day of Term 2

## Term Dates

Term Two: 26th April to 30th June  
Term Three: 17th July to 22nd September  
Term Four: 9th October to 15th December

## Technology Dates (Year 8)

8th, 22nd June

Please make sure that covered footwear (not gumboots) is worn and long hair is tied back. Bush Primary Tech has its own Facebook page where you will find more information about what the children are learning and see their successes.

(<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069563117443>)

## Learning Conferences

### **Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei**

*Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain (This whakatauki is about aiming high or for what is truly valuable, but its real message is to be persistent and don't let obstacles stop you from reaching your goal.)*

Letters will be coming home shortly about our learning conferences in the last week of term. This year, midterm reports will be given out at the learning conferences where they can be discussed with your child's class teacher. If you cannot attend a learning conference they will be given to your child on the last day of term.

I would encourage you to take this opportunity to discuss your child's progress and their goals with their teacher. If you cannot come on either of the days set aside, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a suitable time.

## Cultural Festival

We are responsible for providing tea and coffee at the breaks. It would be ideal to have a couple of parents who could cover morning tea and another couple for lunchtime. If you are able to help please let Val or myself know.



## Tough Guy and Gal Challenge



If anyone has any photos from the event please can you let me know as I would love to use them in our 2023 Year Book.

## Principal Award





## Classroom Awards



## Readers of the Week



## FROM HUIA CLASS

### National Young Leaders Day

National Young Leaders day was inspirational because there were some speakers and there was a guy named Brad who did a lot before his L3 vertebrae broke during one of his stunts.

Another speaker was a guy who was an actor in Thor Ragnarok and many more movies. During one of his movie parts he was supposed to jump off something high and then land on a mattress but he missed it and landed on his head, for a while the sweetest thing to him was water.

One of the other speakers was an olympian who played hockey. When she was a kid she was not too sporty but she started to train and got good.

*Quinn Cooper Materman*

National Young Leaders day was fun. We listened to 5 speakers. They all talked for about an hour and a half each.

First we listened to a quadriplegic who used to be a wakeboarder his name was Brad Smeele, he had a really cool backstory. We also listened to Georgia Lines, the singer/songwriter; she had an amazing voice. Then we listened to Shane Rangi, the actor who played in at least 10 movies.

*Amy Taylor*

On Wednesday 24th of May, the year 8s went to the National Young Leaders Day at the Regent Theatre in Palmerston North. There were 5 speakers split up between 3 sections of the day. The day would start at 9:30 with the introduction to the day and the first speaker. There would be one more speaker before morning tea. There would then be a game after morning tea as well as 2 more speakers. After the 2 speakers, we would have lunch before the last speaker and a performance.

The day started out with Brad Smeele, a professional wakeboarder and part time model. At least, he was before his devastating injury, shattering his C4 vertebrae, paralyzing him from the shoulders down, which meant he would never be able to do what he loved again. Now, he travels around NZ, inspiring thousands of young leaders with his story of how he learned to live with his injury.

After Brad, there was Julia Grace, an author who spoke all about mental health. This was a great message to spread, because despite popular belief, many children suffer from mental illness and parents often just think it's another phase.

Also one of the speakers, Grace Kim, who is a popular author who did some quick sections of many different things relating to the theme this year, *Leading the Self*. She was very fun to listen to and it was nice to get a summary of what we learned so far, with some extra bits thrown in there.

Personally, my favorite speaker was Shane, an actor who played major parts in movies like *Iron man 3* and *Thor: Ragnarok*, as well as movies such as *The Chronicles of Narnia*. He turned out to have been in a movie with Brad Smeele, the first speaker. So that was interesting.

But the best part of the day was the final speaker, Georgia Lines, a singer who recently gained quite a lot of popularity. She spoke for some time before her amazing performance.

Overall, it was an amazing day and I loved it. If I could go again I definitely would!

*Zephyr Moody*

## BOT UPDATE

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Tuesday 20th June at 3.30pm



## SPORTS NEWS

### Eketahuna JAB Results:

**Under 6: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May:** *Eke vs Marist 10 – 13*    *Eke vs MRS Red 6 – 9*    **POD:** *Sophie Forbes*  
**Sportmanship:** *Hugo Falloon*

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May:** *Eke vs MRS 4 – 3*    *Eke vs East Coast 14 – 14*    **POD:** *Hugo Algie*  
**Sportmanship:** *Troy Spring*

**Under 8: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May:** *Eke/coast vs Redstar 6-2* *Eke/coast vs Marist 9 – 3*  
*Eke/Coast vs Gladstone 9 – 5*    **POD:** *Jacob Thomas.*    **Sportmanship:** *Nikau Bidois*

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May:** *Eke/coast #1 vs Greytown 2 – 16.*    *Eke/Coast #1 vs Pioneer 3 – 10*  
*Eke/Coast #2 vs Pioneer 12 – 6*    *Eke/Coast#2 vs Gladstone 10 – 7*  
**PODS:** *Marshall Liverton and Rupert Falloon.*

**Under 10s: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May:** *Eke vs Marist White – close loss to Eke*    **POD:** *Braxton Duffy*  
**Most Improved:** *Kerrin Atkinson*

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May:** *Eke vs East Coast – Loss to Eke*    **POD:** *Emmanuel McNamara*  
**Most Improved:** *Harvey Tohiariki*

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May:** *Eke vs Gladstone 3 -7* **POD:** *Luke McNamara* **Most Improved:** *Hadley Mckay*

**Under 11s: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May** *Eke/Coast vs Pioneer girls. 21 tries to 5.* **POD:** *Carlos Cresswell*  
**No2:** *Jacob Howell*

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May:** *Eke/Coast vs Gladstone – loss for Eke/Coast* **POD:** *#3 Kiera Bidois #2 Kiana*  
*#1 Hunter Rankin*

**No Rugby for Kings Birthday Weekend. Enjoy the sleep in!**

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**Wairarapa Community Law Centre**  
and

**Pahiatua & Districts Help-n-Hand**  
presents

free information sessions on

**Wills**

**Enduring Power of Attorney**

**Scams**

**Building Financial Capability**

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**Information sessions will be held at the:**

Pahiatua Library on 15 June 2023 at 1.30 pm

Alfredton Community Hall on 19 June 2023 at 9 am

Makuri School Hall on 22 June 2023 at 7 pm

Eketahuna Health Centre on 26 June 2023 at 10.30 am

**RSVP to register your interest**

Help-n-Hand, Pahiatua

Ph 06 376 6759

Email: [help-n-hand@xtra.co.nz](mailto:help-n-hand@xtra.co.nz)



# **Tararua College Open Day & Evening**

**Tuesday 20th June at 1-3pm or  
5-7pm**

**Tararua College welcomes all parents,  
caregivers and whānau to come and see what is  
available here at our college and have a tour of  
the school. Meeting in our school hall.**

**Nau mai, haere mai!**