

## ESKDALE SCHOOL

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### November Newsletter

Welcome to the November edition of the school newsletter. This, the final term of the year has certainly started well with the students coming back positive and ready to learn. The first day of the term was extra exciting for 10 students who begun their time at Eskdale School. There are lots of exciting things to look forward to this term and with it only being 9 weeks it is going to whizz by so please keep an eye on the school calendar. (You can find these on the school website, the parent teacher app and of course in this newsletter.)

**Towards 2018:** We are well into our planning for next year and you can help us ensure we have the different areas of the school resourced effectively by making sure we know if your child is due to start school during 2018. If you know of a friend who has a five-year-old who will be starting next year, please tell them to let us know. As has been the case this year we will only be enrolling students who live in our school zone during 2018. It would also be great to know that if due to a change in your circumstances your child won't be with us next year.

**Hawkes Bay Mathletics:** At the end of last term the Year 7/8 Hawkes Bay Mathletics Competition was held over two nights. On each of the nights there were in excess of 30 teams competing from all around Hawkes Bay. At the Year 7 event our teams finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> which was an outstanding result. Congratulations to both of these teams pictured with their medals to the right. At the Year 8 event one of our teams finished 8<sup>th</sup> (Connor, Lee, and Olivia) an awesome effort.



2<sup>nd</sup> place Olivia, Harris and Ethan 3<sup>rd</sup> place William, Fraser and Nicole

**Last Year's Final Assembly Cup Winners:** If your child or you know of a child who won a trophy at last year's prize giving can you please get them to bring it into the school office as we prepare for this year's Final Assembly and Prizegiving to be held at school on Monday 11 December at 6pm.'

**Parent Survey:** We are always looking at what is working well and what we might need to change. We have just developed a survey about communication that we would love you to complete. It will take you no longer than 90 seconds and the results will provide valuable feedback about school communication, in particular some of the changes we made this year around the newsletter and Monday reminders. You just need to click on this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WBLP5HH> The link is also available on the school website. Please take the time to complete this survey before Friday 10 November.



**Year 7/8 Tech Challenge:** Last week ten of our year 7/8 students competed in a technology challenge against four other schools hosted by Tamatea Intermediate. The challenge comprised of Robotics, cooking, Sewing -fantasy top hat, Arts- Mask, woodwork. The students enjoyed this new event and as a team managed to take out 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall. It was awesome seeing their creativity and the way they were able to work together.



**Planting Day at Guthrie Smith:** 'It was the last Monday of term 3. We were the student volunteer army, giving back to the community while also strengthening our relationship with Guthrie Smith as we are having camp their next year.

So to start the day off we hopped on the bus and I sat next to Emerson. We passed the time by chatting the whole way.

When we arrived we hopped off the bus and were greeted by Lynn and George who are two of the people who run the camp. We had time for a quick snack while Lynn gave us some history on Guthrie Smith and his farm. Then we headed off to the nursery where they had been keeping the trees we had grown for them last year. Then we set off with shovels only to be stopped by the gate.

We were taken on this massive bush walk they had created, it was awesome! They had created continents and countries with all the different trees from those places.

Once we had made it to the New Zealand part of the walk we started to do what we had come for in the first place – The planting. Lee and I buddied up for the planting but then while we were planting we heard a little shriek coming from Mrs Roydhouse. She had dramatically slipped down the hill and landed on her bottom.

We were finished planting but then again in the same spot as Mrs Roydhouse fell over Tahlia fell down. We had lunch at the lakeside and then we finished our walk.

When we got back we were told to wash up the spades so almost every one ran to the bathroom- but not me.

We finished washing up, got on the bus and headed back to school. I ended up sitting with Emerson again.'

By Harris



**Student Account Statements:** The student accounts will be coming out at the end of this week. Please keep an eye out for these and get them paid as some of the sports fees on these accounts relate to sports that have already started being played.

**The TACs, Coastal Cluster and the Hawkes Bay Regional Cross Country's:** These three events took place over the last two weeks of term 3 and our students certainly did us proud at these events. We took out first place in the Coastal Cluster cross Country beating out 6 other schools to win this event.



The top running results continued at the TACs Cross Country where our Year 7 Boys team finished second and our Year 8 girls team took out first place. Both of these runs act as qualifying events for the Hawkes Bay Regional Cross Country held at the Hawkes Bay showgrounds the following week. It was no surprise that we had our largest ever number of students qualifying for this event and they certainly performed outstandingly on the day. The results of those who finished in the top 10 of the Hawkes Bay Regional Cross Country are:

Year 4 Girls: Breeze van Velhuizen 9<sup>th</sup>, Ruby Kaye 10<sup>th</sup>

Year 5 Girls: Tegan Anderson 1<sup>st</sup>

Year 6 Girls: Tia Anderson 4<sup>th</sup>

Year 8 Girls: Charlotte Swayn 3<sup>rd</sup>



Some of the efforts put in at the events are encapsulated by this last minute dive by Charlotte Swayn at the end of the Year 8 girls Hawkes Bay Regional Cross Country race.

**New Classroom Update:** The holidays saw the arrival of the new classroom block. It arrived in six pieces and was craned into place. This is an awesome addition to our school and will provide an excellent learning environment for our Year 7 & 8 students in 2018. If you haven't been past the school recently the photos below give you a sneak peek as to what the new space looks like.



**Tyla Stothart - soon to be a Toitōi published author:**  
Congratulations to Tyla whose poem has been chosen to be published in the next Toitōi Journal. Tyla's poem portrays a strong message. Please enjoy her poem below...

### **TODAY'S WORLD**

Everything's electronic.  
Not very human.  
Addicting and controlling.  
Sucking you in.  
Click Clack,  
We're under attack.  
Threatened by a digital army.  
Communication.  
All over the Nation.  
Link, Sync,  
You don't have to think.  
Everyone's in love  
With this Virtual Reality.



I hope you all manage to have a great week as we start to move at an ever increasing rate towards the end of the year.

Tristan

## Dates to Remember

03 November	Pimp My Ride-arriving at school 9am
06 November	Board meeting 7pm Staffroom
08 November	Yr 5/6 Coastal Cluster Hockey
16 November	Music Assembly -afternoon
17 November	Board Election –Nominations due noon
21 November	Athletics
01 December	Bus monitors trip to Splash Planet
04 December	Tui & Kea End of Year trip
05 December	HB Schools Triathlon Year 8 Leavers Dinner
06 December	Coastal Cluster Softball Yr 5/6 Coastal Cluster Softball Yr 5/6 –Trip to pools
07 December	Certificate Assembly -afternoon
11 December	Prizegiving –6pm
12 December	Reports home

## PRINCIPAL'S CERTIFICATES

KOTARE	
Niamh Nicholls	For writing full sentences with finger spaces and writing her words on the line.
Adam Bower	For working hard in his reading and learning more and more sight words.
Olivia Berkett	For using commas in her story that has problem and solution.
Zarah Waterson	Well done Zarah you have learnt all your magenta words!
Olivia Taylor	Well done Olivia T you have learnt all your magenta words!
Akio Crofskey	Great job Akio, you are reading green level books!
Charles Cox	Charles! Wow! You have learnt to write your name independently.
Zoe Matthews	Zoe is a mathematician in the making! Keep working hard, well done.
Reeve Fan- Robertson	Can count forwards and backwards to 10 and can recognise dice patterns!
Jessica MacDonald	Can count forwards and backwards to 10 and can recognise dice patterns!
TUI	
Sonny Hiko-Taunoa	Being a respectful Tui by tidying away things he has finished playing with. Tino pai!
Ellie Kirby	Being an organised learner, arriving at her workshops quickly and being focused to help achieve her learning goal. Awesome Ellie!
KEA	
Ollie Pointon	For knowing your maths goal and practising to achieve success with your basic facts ladder.
Luke Dodd	Fantastic focus to achieve your goal of writing stories that make sense
Amelia Roborgh	For being an encouraging reading buddy in Kotare room
Connor Hay	Fantastic descriptive language in your rugby story and perfect punctuation.
Hunter Malone	You have become an independent writer. Great work sounding out words and adding interesting information to your stories
Luke Dodd	Working hard to achieve your maths goal.
Ruka Bracken	Persevering and practising at play and lunch times to master the skill of skipping. Tino Pai.
Yoshi Bowcock	Wow! you are a focussed and enthusiastic learner who is making great progress with your reading, writing and maths
Evie Kersley	For being a thoughtful, caring and helpful class member. You are an amazing role model.
KORIMAKO	
Jade Sklenars	Presenting her story to the class as an oral narrative like they did in the olden times around the camp fire
Noa Salonius	Reciting a karakia without support and helping others with pronunciation. Kapai
Liam Kaye	Fantastic, determined effort in cross country. A real athlete.

Albie Williams-Lamb	Fantastic, determined effort in cross country. A real athlete.
Chamon Brown	Planning then writing an awesome recount, adding detail and working at some editing. Ka Pai
Jaap Hanse	Quickly writing a book with 4 chapters. What an author!!
Keira Ramsay	Fantastic descriptive passages. An author in the making!
Ella Duckmanton	Writing your own book and reading it to the class. What an author!!
Freya Longdon	Enthusiastic, quick use of exciting words to add detail to her written work
Kazu Bowcock	Capturing his audience whilst reading aloud. Quick thinking robotic coding.
Benz Booth	Becoming a very focused class member, making great choices to become an independent learner
Indiana Scott	A happy, enthusiastic, focused learner who is making great choices to become an independent worker.
<b>RURU</b>	
Mac Matheson	A great and focused start to Term 4. Keep it up Mac!
Ryleigh Hutchinson	Welcome to Ruru Ryleigh! You have already impressed with your great attitude and ability to get stuck in.
<b>KOKAKO</b>	
Valerie Nguyen	What a fabulous start to joining Kokako. We are proud to have you in our class.
Harry Cox	Making a real effort, to lift his game.
Rocco Davis	Great to see you being really involved in all aspects of the classroom.
Jackson Hiko-Taunoa	Making a real effort to stay on track.
Leith Hay	Making great progress with his inferencing skills in reading.
Neve Russell	A quiet achiever, who is always on task and ready to give new challenges a go.
Rocco Davis	What a great start to Term 4, focussed and motivated.
Maddy Thomson-Provines	Fabulous mathematical thinking, and perseverance with challenging problems.
<b>TOROA</b>	
Eris Dixon-Macfarlane	For being a supportive and encouraging Learning Partner.
Sophie Dunnett-Welch	Becoming a more confident, independent learner.
Rylee Hill	Giving 110% to all her learning.
Lauren Harkness	Responding to the texts she reads in a thoughtful way and backing up her ideas with examples from the text.
Tess Warr	Creating the Toroa Karakia
Maizi Williams-Lamb	Creating the Toroa Karakia
Rylee Hill	Efficiently organising and correlating the Juicy money and orders
Eris Dixon-Macfarlane	Excellent reading follow up work and great time management too!
Rianne Esguerra	A great start to the term, engaging well with all class activities.
Kowan Lamont	Being focused and on task with all class activities, and having a positive attitude.
<b>HIHI</b>	
Kayla Scott	Putting 100% effort and enthusiasm into all school areas.
Belle Anderson	Showing great focus and determination in all school areas.
Mia Yardley	Being so brave with her busking and writing and performing an awesome original song.
Reuben Jessep	Fantastic organisation and salesmanship for our Star day.
Eva Ross	Showing great improvement with her number knowledge in Maths.
Louis Davis	Awesome attitude and effort with the Kapa Haka group.
Joel Buxton	Welcome to Hihi class Joel! It is fantastic to have you as part of our team!
Holly Duckmanton	For having a fantastic attitude and always giving 100% in all school areas.
Elise Lucas	For fantastic progress and results with her Maths.
Ethan Hutchinson	For amazing creative colour poetry.
<b>KAREAREA</b>	
Nicole Bewick	Displaying a fantastic growth mindset in her information report writing
Fraser Ross	Setting extremely high standards for himself and self monitoring these in his writing.
Lily Hasselman	A caring and helpful student who gives 100% at all times.
Daniel Moule	Following his passions in developing his Parkour group
Makyla Pilcher	An amazing song / poem Makyla!
Sophie Bryant	Working hard in Maths and superb work on Mathletics
Caspian Buxton	Great questions and learning discussions in his group work

## 2017 School Board of Trustee Elections

We are seeking nominations for two trustees for our School Board. Please see last page of newsletter for information.

For further details or speak to Tristan Cheer or Glen Harkness –Board Chairperson.

**Nominations close Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at noon.**



## Make a difference. Become a school trustee.

Nominate yourself or someone you know today.

Being a school trustee is an important role that needs people with a range of skills and experiences, who will make a positive difference to our children's learning.

Learn more at [trustee-election.co.nz](http://trustee-election.co.nz)



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## **CANS FOR GOOD**

The annual 'Cans for Good' drive is this week. This nation-wide event supports the Salvation Army who put together food parcels for people less fortunate in our communities. This year we are adding a competitive house competition so the student's will put their cans into a box corresponding to their house, and the house with the most cans by the end of the week will win a juicy ice-block. This week our children are able to bring in cans to the office to place in their house box. You can bring more than one can, and for every can brought in, Watties will match them! For more information check out this clip

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=016WrkDLWEw> Let's get in behind this great initiative, and it might also be a great way of making some more cupboard space! Regards, Mike Moriarty



# EDUCATION for SUSTAINABILITY (EFS)

Wow, what a busy month we have had on the Enviro scene! We have successfully strengthened and deepened our understandings, enhanced our school's physical environment, together with building and maintaining relationships with our wider community.

**Enviro Squad** This committed team enjoyed spending some time making Beeswax Foodwraps and sold these at their stall at the PTA Room with a View. Also selling strawberry plants grown in the nursery, the team made \$276 for EFS activities. A special thank you to Tina Dunnett-Welch for donating her strawberry runners and the team of parents who helped with the beeswax wraps.

Look out for our stall at the BayView Market Day for more sustainable products!



## **Keep New Zealand Beautiful Week**

Our House Leaders spent an afternoon picking up litter around the Bay View Village as part of our School's contribution to this week. Sorry to say, we collected 5 large bags full of rubbish! A great effort by our pupils.



## **Education for Sustainability Sessions – Year 3 & 4**

These sessions continue on Friday afternoons, a time for the children to gain hands-on experience in sustainability. Many thanks to those adults who have offered help with our activities, we still have spaces on the roster if you can spare a Friday afternoon! No experience needed.



Some pupils enjoyed making and setting predator tunnels to determine what critters may be sharing our Native Garden and potentially threatening our Tui and other birdlife. Many thanks also to Predator Free Esk Hills for providing traps to the school in their new initiative.

### Conservation Week - Love My Backyard

This year we celebrated Conservation Week in our House groups and focused on looking after our own “backyard” – the school environment.



## Welcome to Wanda!

Kea class designed their own scarecrows and Asha Kohlis' was selected to be built for our Vege garden. A HUGE thank you to Brylee Robson and Sue O'Callaghan for working with the children to make this a reality.



We have entered our vege garden and school environment in the Napier City Garden competitions again this year, wish us luck! Kowhai House have put in a big effort planting and tending our vegetable garden, faced with the challenges of quail and sparrows eating the seedlings. Let's hope Wanda helps to keep them away!

## Linden Estate Planting

Last Friday the pupils of Ruru and Kokako went to Linden Estate Winery to assist with the planting of 200 Native Trees in their native plant and bird Regeneration Project. This was a huge success with the team completing the job quickly, allowing time to look around the avocado orchard and orange grove before catching the bus back to school. Many thanks to the team of parents and two ex-pupils who helped with this excursion, and to Linden Estate for offering this opportunity.



## **\*\*\*Vegetable Plants\*\*\***

Thank you to all the families who ordered vege plants from us. We know you will be happy with them. Thanks also to Trevor Allan of Advanced Media for his continual support with providing potting mix and plants. We still have silverbeet, broccoli, cauliflower, tomatoes available at \$2 punnet and watermelon plants at \$1.50 each. Send a note and payment along to school ☺

## Waste Free Week – next week!

Next week we're going waste free school wide all week in an effort to reduce our impact on the landfill. Please help us with this and remember to pack waste free lunches. Try using washable plastic containers, zip lock bags or beeswax wraps in the lunchboxes. Also remember to choose smaller pieces of fruit for children, they can't always manage a big apple or banana. The Enviro Squad have more Beeswax wraps for sale in the school office.

*Thank you for your help with our waste free initiatives.*



## PTA NOTICES

We still require a few people to help at the Port Ahuriri School Food & Music Festival on Friday 4.30-8pm 17<sup>th</sup> November. This is to repay Port School for providing us with helpers for Room With a View. PLEASE HELP! Email [eskdalepta@gmail.com](mailto:eskdalepta@gmail.com)

## MARKET DAY NOTICES

Market Day roster is outside the school office, please put your name down to help!!! WE NEED YOU!!!

Just a reminder about collecting your second hand items for market day. These can be dropped at the school office or you can contact Lisa Jobbins on 0273214448. Many thanks

Rachel Ross is co-ordinating the Mystery Envelope stall at market day this year. If you have any quality new items that can be donated, please leave in the school office. If you have access to a company who we could approach for donations, please contact Rachel Ross on 021562452

## COMMUNITY

**Hawke's Bay Regional Council's Pest Plant Team** will be talking to rural land owners on how to identify Chilean needle grass and discuss the best controls at-

**Saturday 11 November** at Eskdale School car park, Napier/Bay View 9 am – 12 noon

**Wednesday 15 November** at Coronation Park, Waipawa, 9am – 12noon

**Darin Underhill**

Biosecurity Team Leader – Plant Pest  
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**2017 SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS**  
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## What is a school board of trustees?

Every state and state-integrated school in New Zealand has a board of trustees.

School board membership includes elected parent representatives, an elected staff representative and the principal. If the school has students above year 9, the board also includes a student representative.

## What do trustees do?

First and foremost a board is accountable for student progress and achievement to its parents and community. The board has the overall responsibility for the school. This includes legal obligations covering curriculum, property, personnel, finance and health and safety.

Here are some specific things the board does:

- Sets the strategic direction and long-term plans for the school and monitors the board's progress against them.
- Monitors and evaluates student progress and achievement.
- Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Māori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special education needs are identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfills the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
- Appoints and supports the principal and assesses their performance.

## What skills do trustees need?

Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing the school's performance are in place. Check out [www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee](http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee) for more information regarding trusteeship.

## Who can become a trustee?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can be nominated for election to a school board. Your school will be happy to help you find out more about standing for election or nominating someone else.

## How is a board elected?

The school staff and parents elect boards of trustees every three years. Those boards that have opted into staggered (mid-term) elections hold elections every 18 months.

All parents of students who are enrolled full-time in a state or state-integrated school can and should vote in the elections for parent representatives.

## What help do school trustees get?

New Zealand School Trustees Association, through a Ministry of Education contract, provides free employment and governance advice, support and resources. NZSTA also provides a variety of professional development opportunities for trustees.

## Where do I get advice?

You can call us on 0800 782 435, email [govadvice@nzsta.org.nz](mailto:govadvice@nzsta.org.nz), or visit our website [trustee-election.co.nz](http://trustee-election.co.nz)