## **ESKDALE SCHOOL**

June 2019 Newsletter

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#### PRINCIPALS REPORT

It has been a busy term with lots of things going on across the school. We are proud of how the children have been trying so hard to show our school values and attributes during morning tea and lunch breaks, while the bottom field has been out of action. It gets extremely busy on the top field and it has been pleasing to see children working together to share this space. Manaaki whenua, Manaaki tangata, Haere whakamua - Care for the land, care for the people, Go forward.

- Our Lit Quiz team (Kitty, Tess, Josiah and Joel) went to the Nationals in Wellington. The kids did an amazing job, coming 5th equal out of 17 teams. A huge shout out to Rebecca Maidment, Rachel Ross, Wendy Gillespie and last years Lit Quiz Team who also went to support the group.
- Our Year 8 students also attended the NYLD in Hamilton.
- As a school we raised a whopping \$240.00 for the Mental Health Foundation for Pink Shirt Day.
- We celebrated Support Staff day where we were able to show appreciation and thanks to all of the people who work so hard behind the scenes.

Matariki Week is coming up (17th-21st June) where we have a variety of activities planned for our tamariki which will include arts, crafts, waiata and more. Each house are busy preparing their performance for the waiata competition, so keep a look out for the notice coming home soon.

Green/Gold Enviro Reflection Day is also approaching next week (Wednesday 12th June), where we have lots of special visitors in the school and we get to reflect on our enviro journey since 2015. We are really looking forward to this day.

Thank you to the many of you who remain supportive of us, despite the disruption caused by on-going industrial actions. Ensuring that we have enough high quality teachers to support our tamariki into the future is incredibly important to us.

Finally, a reminder about wet days. Eskdale School has procedures in place to ensure the safety of our children on wet days. If your child is being picked up by car they are supervised in their class by the classroom teacher. Older siblings go to the classroom of their younger sibling where they wait until parents come to collect them. On wet days we do not allow children to wait up at the top hockey turf or to meet parents on the street. We thank you for your support with this.

He waka eke noa - A canoe which we are all in with no exception. We are looking forward to a positive rest of the term.

Ngā mihi nui Tineke Hill and Mike Moriarty

#### **CULTURE CORNER**

Our teachers have been meeting on Thursday mornings before school for our Te Reo Cafe. We have been learning new kupu to use in our classroom through a variety of games and resources. This has been a fun and relaxing way for teachers to find new ways to incorporate Te Reo, Tikanga, Te Ao Māori for our tamariki. Our learning environments aim to be rich in cultural learning and understanding, acknowledging Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the important role it plays in education.

## MAORI ENGAGEMENT EVENT

As part of building effective relationships we are holding a whanau hui after Matariki celebrations on Friday 21 June 2019. We will be looking at Ka Hikitia, the Ministry's strategy for accelerating learning, and discussing future goals for our students. This will be held in the staffroom at 10.55am. We invite all whanau to join us. Kai provided.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER \*

11 June	Year 1 / 2 Matariki Trip
12 June	Green Gold Reflection Day
13 June	Barefoot 7's
17 June	Junior Novice Gym Festival
17 June	PTA Meeting
18 June	Board Meeting 7.00pm
19 June	Coastal Cluster Netball
21 June	Whanau Hui morning tea at 10.55am
24 June	Year 7 / 8 Speech Finals
26 June	Year 7 / 8 Attitude visit
27 June	TACS Speeches
28 June	PTA Movie Night
1 July	Learning Discussions - School Closes at 12.30pm
2 July	Learning Discussions - School Finishes at 2.45pm
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<sup>\*</sup>See also Eskdale School Website Calendar: www.eskdale.school.nz

Last Day of Term 2

## Reminder....

## Voting for school trustee elections closes Friday 7 June at NOON

All parents and caregivers of children who attend Eskdale school are eligible to vote for the parent representatives on our Board of Trustees.

You will have received a voting form in the mail recently, together with candidate statements, we have four candidates for the three parent representative positions:

- Amy Allan

5 July

- Glenn Fan-Robinson
- Andrea Hawkins
- Nick Williams

Please return your voting slip IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED to the box in the school office.

**VOTING CLOSES AT MIDDAY (12.00PM) ON FRIDAY 7 JUNE 2019** 

# **PRINCIPAL'S CERTIFICATES**

#### **KORIMAKO**

Lily-Ann Hooker	A fabulous start to school, you are a respectful and kind member of Korimako.
Harry Tester	Having a great attitude to school and giving everything a go. Tino pai Harry!
Ashley Mitchell	Enjoying her reading meetings, using her eagle eye and pointing to the words as she reads them. Tino pai Ashley!
Robert Jensen	A great start to school - getting involved in learning meetings and being a respectful member of Korimako. Ka rawe Robert!
Cooper Marr	A great start to school - getting involved in learning meetings and settling in well. Ka rawe Cooper!
Marliya Roberts-Gray	Working hard to master writing her name with correct letter formation and always with a big smile on her face. Tino pai Marliya!
Cooper Knowles	You are a fabulous Korimako role model giving 100% effort during your learning meetings and always showing the school C.A.R.E values. Awesome Cooper!
Adam Satherley	Giving 100% in both his PLAY and learning meetings. Fantastic Adam!

## **KOTARE**

Ben Knowles	Outstanding work in Handwriting. Tino pai! keep it up dude!
Emily Fisher	Being an absolutely wonderful role model to others in Kotare. We are so lucky to have you.
Eli Smith	Wonderful use of Kelso's Frogs. I have never seen such powerful ignoring muscles.
Rylee Timms	Always showing Manaaki spirit. Riley always ensures everyone is included in play.
Alice Williams	Using a fabulous storytelling voice when she reads. Great Job Alice, I enjoy listening to you. Keep up the good work!
Lucas Malone	Top Notch effort at Story writing time. You are finding so many letter sounds. Keep it up, dude.

## TUI

Jackson Barnes	Writing a fabulous story using word sounds, word card and adding in an adjective.
	Ka Pai!!
Charlotte Baty	Always giving everything 100%, a super focused learner. Ka Pai!!
Isabella Sivewright	Zooming along with her writing and handwriting skills Ka Pai
Olivia Gale	Working hard using her reading strategies to make her reading make sense and
	sound like talking.
Lochlan Jordan Tinker	Using his initiative to assist others, always showing our CARE values Ka Pai
Niamh Nicholls	Always using her initiative to help others and taking on classroom responsibility like
	an adult.

## **KEA**

Itiria Maxwell	Clever counting backwards to solve tricky subtraction
Charlotte Baird	Persevering with tricky subtraction problems and achieving Panekiritanga.
Taj Kholis	Working hard and staying focussed at writing time.
Luka Hall	Showing Manaaki and good judgement with supporting your friends
Sienna Bicknell	Working hard to read fluently and using all your reading strategies to check and correct your reading.
Henry Peacock	Looking carefully at all the letters in a word and checking your reading. Clever reading skills.

## **RURU**

Luke Dodd	Being super focussed to write a descriptive haiuku poem. Awesome Luke!

Lincoln Johnson	Taking his time to work out questions during maths tag. Keep it up Lincoln!
Sonny Hiko-Taunoa	Adding detail and full stops to his writing. Tino pai Sonny!
Micah Longdon	Being brave and asking to join in! Well done Micah!
Georgia Chalmers	Consistently showing CARE values and being a kind and helpful member of Ruru.

## **KOKAKO**

Addison McDougal	Reading fluently with fantastic expression. Keep it up Addison!
Cheyanne Pekepo	Working hard in DMIC to share her mathematical strategies. Tino pai!
Kalyn Ramsay	Sharing her mathematical strategies with her group. Awesome Kalyn!
Kaia Ranston	Showing enthusiasm and a positive attitude in everything we do! Keep it up Kaia!
Madisyn Wood	For showing Manaakitanga by taking turns at being a leader and including everyone.
	Ka pai!
Lucy Wise	Showing our Learner Attributes of Problem Solving and perseverance to create an awesome boat independently!
Tristan Kyle	Showing our Learner Attribute of being Community Minded by explaining his strategies to his peers. Tino pai Tristan!
Toby Ross	Working super hard in writing by using punctuation and editing skills! Keep it up Toby!

## **TOROA**

Riley Hill	Showing grit and determination to master new learning during maths.
Josh Ranapiri	Showing manaaki for our classroom and his classmates.
Sasha Taylor	Working with her group to solve maths problems - great strategies and sharing ideas!
Aiden Wakeham	Working with his group to solve maths problems - great strategies and sharing ideas!
Logan Grant	Displaying panekiretanga (excellence) in everything he does What a fantastic role
	model for our class Logan
Oliver Bethune	Working hard to improve his focus and work ethic. Tino pai Ollie!

## HIHI

Breeze van Veldhuizen	Using her amazing work ethic for a great start to the term.
Noa Salonius	Making great choices to achieve excellence in her literacy tasks.
Natalie Turner	Focussed and making an awesome start to the term.
Casey Moffitt	Using great I.T. skills to create an interesting story.
Eva Warr	Always giving everything 100%, a super focused learner. Ka Pai!!
Liam Happi	Making the most of his learning opportunities and trying hard to succeed.
Lucia Welsby	Demonstrating great resilience by learning, and bouncing back from trying situations.
Jade Musson	Using her STEAM time to help plan and organise an obstacle course for fitness.
Ashton Bell	Listening carefully to advice on next steps and implementing it.
Maddie Thompson- Provines	Having a great attitude to school and giving everything a go. Tino pai rawa.

## **KERERU**

Ryleigh Hutchinson	Creating interesting mind mapping in writing time. Well done!
Chamon Brown	Trying hard to offer his ideas in our DMIC maths sessions.
Abi Hutchinson	Showing super creativity and description with her writing. Ka Pai!
Magdalena Jobbins	Always being a kind and caring member of Kereru class - thank you!
Freyja Longdon	Showing Whakaute for herself, others and our environment. Tino pail
Oscar Verry	Thoughtful reflections and insights during STEAM time.
Stella Waterson	Always showing kindness and Manaaki - you are such an awesome role model
	Stella!
Eva Hrustinsky	Amazing effort, attitude and achievement in all school subjects. Well done Eva!

## **KAREAREA**

Henri Hasselman	What a positive start to the term Henri, you are taking everything in your stride! Kei
	te pai.

Zac Milford	What a positive start to the term Zac, you are taking everything in your stride!
Poppy Shepherd	Showing greater confidence in maths by sharing ideas in your DMIC group discussions.
Kiera Ramsay	Always trying your best in everything you do. Ka Pai Keira!
Ruby Kenah	Displaying an enthusiastic attitude towards her school work and participating confidently in class and group discussions.
Finn Kyle	Having a fabulous focussed start to Term 2 and showing problem solving skills making his rabbit trap. Ka pai!
Jackson Hiko-Taunoa	Showing passion, dedication and independence while writing his report on Shearing. Ka Pai!
Jack Tester	Showing wonderful maths thinking and working hard on his independent maths activities!
Max Bond	Being a kind and honest member of Karearea class. Well done Max!
Aniah Bracken	Working really hard on independent literacy tasks and completing them to a high standard. Wonderful!!

#### **KUAKA**

Tully O'Bryan	A fantastic research report on the history of the bicycle kick.
Jamie Dunnett-Welch	A great start to note taking and paraphrasing in reading - awesome stuff Jamie!
Lilley Lamont	For her great attitude at NYLD - getting stuck into anything that needed doing.
Corbin Bauld	For his awesome attitude and growing maturity at NYLD camp.
Tia Anderson	Showing fantastic note taking, summarising, and paraphrasing skills in her reading work this term!
Lauren Harkness	Showing strength and determination to go out of her comfort zone at NYLD - we are proud of you Lauren!
Josiah Jobbins	Representing our school superbly in both the Regional and National Lit Quiz competitions!
Tess Warr	Representing our school superbly in both the Regional and National Lit Quiz competitions!
Kitty Matthews	Representing our school superbly in both the Regional and National Lit Quiz competitions!
Joel Buxton	Representing our school superbly in both the Regional and National Lit Quiz competitions!

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE**

May's meeting was relatively light, being the last of the current Board, and with few significant matters needing to be addressed. The Board at Eskdale School, has for several years had midterm elections, meaning that the five parent representatives are spilt into two election cycles. This ensures greater continuity for the board, by preventing five new parent representatives starting after any election. At this election current board member Andrea Hawkins and Glenn Fan-Robinson are both standing for re-election with Viv Moule deciding to conclude his time with the board. Viv has made an outstanding contribution to Eskdale school, having been first elected onto the board almost 35 years ago. While he did have a gap in the middle of this, his contribution and service to the school has been monumental. Viv served as board chair for many years, led the process to appoint Tristan as Principal and in more times was the driving force behind the hall extension project.

Please support the Herepoho Whanau Hui. This event is a part of the schools Ko nga akonga i te Pokapu Strategy and helps shape Eskdale school for everyone.

We are fortunate to have four very worthy candidates standing for election, so please take a few minutes to vote.

Board meetings are open to the public and so are the minutes from these meetings. If you want to know more about the snippets above or anything else about the Board of Trustees please don't hesitate to ask.

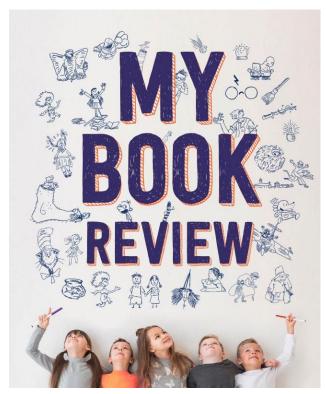
#### **NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY**

Greetings from the librarians.

Now winter is upon us it's a great time to hunker down with some good books. So I hope you are able to encourage your children to visit the library and find some literature they are able to "get lost in". We have just had another selection of new books ready to be issued and continue to be lucky to have Mrs Bramwell's mum and Pam, our teacher aide, give us their time to process our new books.

The Librarians are running a Matariki competition for Years 1 - 6. Get along to the library to enter the competition.

For those of you who are into competitions there is a Paper Plus Book Review competition to enter. Give it a try, good luck



Dear Eskdale School,

Paper Plus would like to invite your school to participate in our 2019 Book Review Competition.

My Book Review is a great way for children to engage in both reading and writing and to develop these skills.

This is open for class Years 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8. All you need to do is for your class to complete a book review on a book of your choice.

There will be a winning class from each age group with each winning class receiving prizes worth over \$1000. There will also be a special prize for the class teacher. Entries open 1st of June and close 31st of July.

If you would like your class to get involved please visit <a href="https://www.paperplus.co.nz/competitions">www.paperplus.co.nz/competitions</a> for more information along with some fun class resources to complete. Regards,

**Your Local Paper Plus Store** 



## **EFS Matters ....**

This month we've been very active with EFS in our year 5 and 6 classes. We have been around interviewing the children and our volunteer adults and teachers.

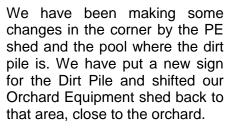
Scott Russell volunteered for EFS a few weeks ago as a parent helper. He said "I volunteer for EFS because it's important for children to learn how to garden and look after plants". A big thank you to all our adult helpers.

A few weeks ago there were some trees cut down across the road so our EFS team is recycling all the leftover bark from the trees and we're using it for mulch around the school gardens

#### **Erosion Testing...**



This is some erosion testing done by Hihi and Toroa classes. They have got bottles filled differently, one filled with dirt the next had forestry debris the next one had grass and the last one had flowers. They would then run water through the bottle and see which one would come out with the cleanest water and how much soil runs off when it rains. We are interested to find out the results.



Just a reminder Our Green Gold reflection is coming up next week so remember to keep our school neat and tidy and if you see any

rubbish please remember to pick it up. In 2015 our school became a green gold enviro school so we are hoping to achieve that again.





# **Eskdale Lit Quiz Hawkes Bay Champs!**

A huge congratulations to Tess, Josiah, Kitty, and Joel who took out the Hawkes Bay Lit Quiz competition.

They then went onto Nationals in Wellington and after a hard fought battle placed 5th equal in NZ! Way to go, we are super proud of you! A huge thank you to Rebecca Maidment and Rachel Ross who have worked with the kids in preparing them for these competitions.





Below is a recount written by Tess...

Since early last year, two lit quiz teams had been training every Friday morning to compete in the Lit quiz Hawkes Bay Heat. In the A-team: Kitty Matthews, Josiah Jobbins, Joel Buxton, and Tess Warr. In the B-team: Quillan Squires, Eva Ross, Eva Hrustinsky, and Elise Lucas. Each training session the teams were asked a handful of questions and worked on their strategies.

Eventually came the night of the competition, the teams arrived at the Napier Intermediate hall where they would compete. Inside there were 30 tables set up, one for each team of four. On each table there were ten sheets of paper, each with ten questions on it. When the lit quiz teams got to their tables they were asked to pick a bonus round. The A team chose cats, and the B team chose princes and princesses. And so it begun, all of the teams huddled over their sheets, scribbling down answers.

By halftime the A team was coming 3rd, with their bonus round still to come. After the last question had been answered the answer sheets were gathered and everyone was waiting for the results. It just so happened that the Eskdale A team had placed 1st equal along with Taradale Intermediate! There couldn't be two winners, so there had to be a sudden death round. The question went something like this... This movie came out in 2017, it was directed by Stephen Chbosky. The story is about a family, all centred around a boy - Joel shot his hand up and answered the question. "Wonder?" Yes! We had won!

It wasn't over yet, every reading session in class the team was pulled aside to train for Nationals. Every training session we were given buzzers and asked a series of questions about books, and discussed what we would do on the night and what our strategies were.

On 25 May, the Lit Quiz A-team gathered at Novotel in Wellington. We were supported by last years team, parents, coaches, and next years upcoming team. The following day, the 17 teams from all around NZ came together at the National Library to compete for the glory of representing NZ in the world finals which were being held in Singapore.

In the quiz there were five categories, each with 15 questions, the categories differed from book titles to humanoid creatures. Overall, the Eskdale team came 5th equal at 15 points, (3 points away from coming 3rd equal) All in all, the experience was exciting, scary, but most of all, heaps of fun.

Thank you to Rachel and Rebecca, for coaching us and teaching us the ways of the Lit Quiz.

By Tess Warr





## PINK SHIRT DAY

A huge thanks to everyone that wore a pink shirt on Friday 17 May 2019, we managed to raise \$240.00 for the Mental Health Foundation.



## NYLD (NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY) TRIP 13/14 JUNE 2019 BY RYLEE HILL



On Monday the 13th of May, all the year 8 students travelled to Lake Karapiro. The bus ride was pretty smooth (thanks to the bus driver Jamie) and it was really fun because he put a movie on for us.

We stopped at Tokoroa Countdown to get the groceries for the MKR! It was pretty funny because we looked like a swarm of green things with all our jerseys on!

We hit the road again and we headed for Lake Karapiro. When we arrived at the



cabins right next to the lake, we took our bags to our room and got warm clothes on for Waka Ama! We got split into two groups, one group went to do Waka Ama, and the other (my group) did some fun games with Mr Moriarty, such as, Rats and Rabbits, Ultimate Frisbee and we played soccer with a rugby ball! After an hour the groups swapped over. We walked down to the lake and watched the other group finish off doing their Waka Ama. The two instructors had a little talk to us about the history of the lake. We got split into two groups and got into our Waka. The instructors helped us learn how to control the Waka and work together!

When we finished Waka Ama, we headed to the cabins and got ready for MKR!! We got put into kitchens and we started cooking! The scores were really close with, Kelsie, Tamar, Lauren and Kitty taking out first!! I'm sure the teachers' tummies were full after tasting all the yummy dishes!!

In the morning we had to wake up early, at 7:00am. We had breakfast and cleaned the rooms, packed the bus and headed to the Claudelands Events Centre Hamilton. The arena was so big and loud! The main topic of this National Young Leaders event was, He Aha Te Kai A Te Rangatira? He Korero, He Korero, He Korero. What is the food of a leader? It is conversations.

The speakers were, Hana Tapiata, Christian Gallen, Ronnie Taulafo, Dr Lehan Stemmet and Kings!! Some of the things that I learnt were; how to listen to the good voice in your head, you're never too young to make a change and the right way isn't always the easy way!!



We had pizza for lunch and to finish the event we had a performance from the NZ rapper, Kings!



The event was over so we hopped back on the bus and headed back to school, with a stop in Tokoroa for Subway! When we arrived back at school it was pitch black!

Overall, I really liked the two days, I learnt a lot and I wish we could go again!!

By Rylee Hill

#### **WANTED - WOOL**



Wool and needles to knit winter "Grandma slippers" for our class. We would also appreciate any help learning how to knit and follow the pattern.

Many thanks Toroa.



## PTA HELP REQUIRED!!!!!

Eskdale School have a Green/Gold Reflection Day on 12 June 2019. Approximately 40 - 50 people will be invited to the day and the school needs to feed them.

Lunch will be between 12.45pm - 1.15pm in the school hall.

Your contribution of food will be a donation to the school and you will <u>not</u> be reimbursed for ingredients.

If you are able to bake or buy food for this event please email our catering co-ordinator Lisa Jobbins on eskdalepta@qmail.com.

Many thanks, we look forward to supplying some yummy food for a great day of reflection of our school's commitment to our environment.

#### YAYOI KUSAMA ART WORK

Come on down to the hall and see the amazing art work by the Year 7&8's. They have been learning about a 91 year old Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama otherwise known as "the princess of polka dots" who still works 9.00am to 5.00pm every day. She is a pioneer of many different types of art - paintings, sculptures, fashion, performances and installations - with one thing in common, DOTS! So pop down to our hall and see the life size portraits of our seniors and their dots!





# PTA CATERERS REQUIRED



Hi all, the school PTA are looking for more mums, dads, aunties, uncles and grandparents to join our catering team!

You will be asked a couple of times a year to make or bake something for an event that the PTA is catering. Your plate of food is a donation and the school charge for a couple of catering jobs a year.

We have a small but very generous team of bakers so we would like to extend this group to spread the load. Please email <a href="mailto:eskdalepta@gmail.com">eskdalepta@gmail.com</a> to be added to the list.

You don't have to help every time, just when you can :-) You don't necessarily have to bake, sometimes we are just looking for donations of ingredients.

Many thanks

