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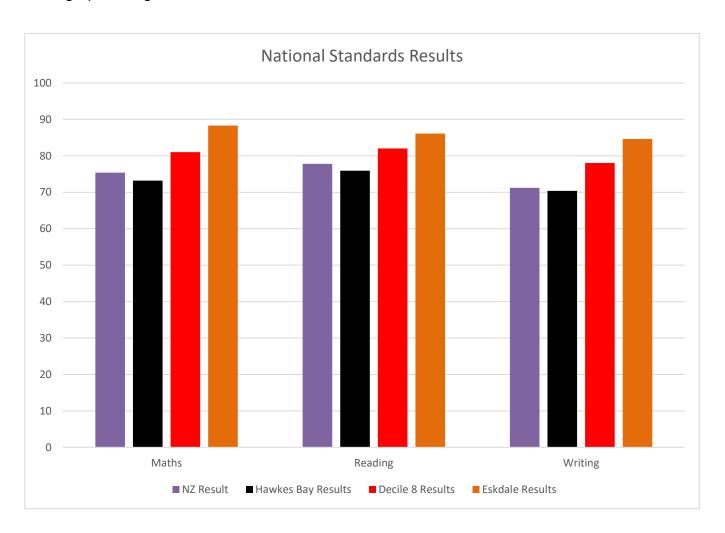
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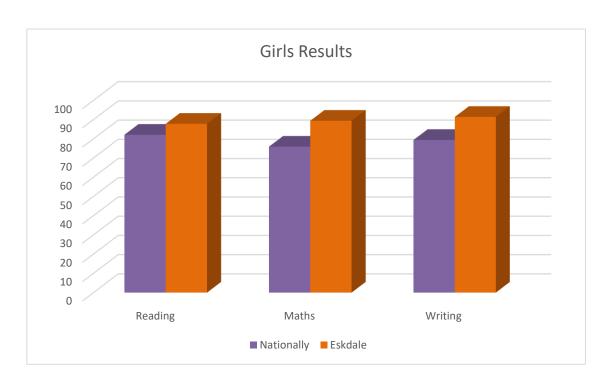


Welcome to the final newsletter of the 2017 school year. The year has been another successful one in the life of the school and it has raced past. There are some important pieces of information in this newsletter about the end of year as well as the beginning of 2018 and of course there are all the usual highlights shared from the last month. The learning activities over the year simply couldn't happen without the support of you the parents. We enjoy working with you to provide the children at Eskdale School a great learning experience If you are parent who has coached, managed, transported, or worked with students thank you. A special thanks to the team on the PTA and the Board of Trustees. The time and energy spent on making the school a better place for everyone is much appreciated. Finally, I would like to thank the teaching team and support staff. Their commitment and dedication to our school is really appreciated and they make a positive difference for our learners.

**2018 Academic Results:** We have now gathered and collated all of our end of year data. We can be proud of how our children have achieved this year and the different graphs below highlight just how well they achieve when compared to others from around Hawkes Bay and the rest of New Zealand. Of particular interest is how well they achieve when compared to schools of similar demographics e.g. decile 8 schools.







**School Organisation for 2018:** We are continually looking at how we can keep improving what we are doing as a school and as a teaching team. We also continue to face the challenge of a growing roll and want to ensure we not only have the systems in place to manage this but that the systems improve the outcomes for all learners. The classes and teaching team for 2018 is:

Principal: Tristan Cheer

Deputy Principal: Mike Moriarty

Deputy Principal: TBA (Currently undertaking the interviewing process for this role)

Junior School

Kotare (NE) Emma Lantsbury & Sue Stilwell

Tui (Y1/2) Jo Drager

Kea (Y1/2) Debbie Bramwell Ruru (Y3/4) Holly Morrison Kokako (Y3/4) Sophie Andrews

Toroa (Y3/4) Bryony Lovatt

Toroa (13/4) Dryony Lovall

Senior School

Hihi (Y5/6) Justin Bicknell

Kereru (Y5/6) Kim Wallace & Kate Aiken Karearea (Y5/6) TBA (Senior School Deputy

Principal)

**New Year 7/8 Block**(Still to be named) Angela Roydhouse, Alex Jones, and Wendy Gillespie(3)

mornings per week)

Catherine Jurgens will be continuing her art programme in the classrooms in 2018 and Kellie Harkness will also be doing some part time work at school.

Support Staff:

Mel Squires-Teacher aide in the new year 7/8 block (2x mornings per week)

Sandra Rolls- Teacher aide working in various classes and EFS co-ordinator.

Mary Doohan- Office administrator

Maree Baird- Receptionist/Office support

Wally Woods- Caretaker

Linda Barnes- Cleaner

Many of you will have heard the exciting news about Mr Gillespie accepting the role as Principal at Te Pohue School. This is a fantastic opportunity for Richard and I wish him all the best. I would also like to thank him for his massive contribution to our children, our school and wider community over the past three years.

A lot of you will also know that Kylie Moody is undertaking her Primary School Teacher training next year. This will mean that Kylie will not be around as much in 2018 and I would like to thank her for her enormous contribution to her music students, the school music programme as a whole as well as Kapa Haka and band. Kylie will be here at different times including one of her teaching practicums.

Class Lists for 2018: The teaching team has been planning and organising the classes for 2018. The process for placing a child in a class is rigorous, we know the children well and we always aim to get it right for the individual child and the dynamic of each class as a whole. The class lists will be shared on Wednesday 13 via the website and the school noticeboards. A child will be in the class they are placed in for at least the first 6 weeks of the school year. If there are any concerns or worries after this time I am more than happy to discuss these with parents. The students in year 7/8 will be based in the new block as one group with 3 teachers responsible for their learning.

**Important Reminders:** As we look toward the end of the term there are a few things to remember:

6pm Monday 11 December- School Prize giving- Students are asked to be seated on the field by 5.50pm. I suggest that parents and family coming to watch bring along a rug or something similar to sit on. The prize giving will be on the bottom field this year.

Reports- Your child's 2017 school report will be sent home on Tuesday 12 December.

Class Lists- The 2018 class lists will be uploaded to the website and put on display on the Noticeboards after school on Wednesday 13 December.

Last Full Day- The last full day of school is Thursday 14 December. This is the last day the buses run for 2017.

Friday 15 December- School is open and closes for the year at 12.30pm

**2018 Start of the year Info:** The first day for students is *Monday 5 February*. The school office will be open for enquiries from *Tuesday 30 January*.

Coastal Cluster Tabloid Sports: Twyford School hosted the first ever Coastal Cluster Tabloid Sports on 1st November. The year 5 and 6 students who attended had a great time problem solving, "threading a needle", filling a bucket, guiding a "blind" partner around an obstacle course and hitting a target. It was great to see our students working as a team, problem solving and having a great time.





**School Athletic sports:** This year we held the school athletic sports at Eskdale Park for the first time. This turned out to be an awesome location for what was a great day of athletics for our kids. I was impressed with the way the children supported one another and gave everything their best shot. Our athletic champions and place getters for each age group are outlined below:





AGE	PLACING	GIRL CHAMP	TOTAL PTS	HOUSE	воу снамр	TOTAL PTS	HOUSE
5 years	1	Kalyn Ramsay	16	Totara	Akio Crofskey	18	Kahikatea
	2	Kera O'Brien	15	Kahikatea	Charles Cox	15	Rimu
	3	Monique Hedley	14	Kahikatea	Roman Borrie	14	Kahikatea
6 years	1	Gabriella Brownlie	25	Kauri	Ollie Pointon	21	Rimu
	2	Madeline Verry	21	Kahikatea	Noah Kyle	17	Pohutakawa Kauri
					Luke Dodd	17	Kauii
	3	Farrah Melville	13	Kowhai			
7 years	1	Aaliya Taewa	29	Rimu	Isaac Bennett	22	Kowhai
	2	Poppy Shepherd	15	Rimu	Logan Grant	20	Kauri
	3	Sasha Taylor Neve Russell Georgia Still	12 12 12	Kowhai Pohutukawa Pohutukawa	Alistair Bremner	16	Kauri



8 years	1	Holly Savage	19		Carter Appleton	24	
	2	Manaia Warren	18		Link Chambers	16	
	3	Stella Waterson	15		Riley Militch	15	
9 years	1	Tegan Anderson	18	Rimu	Rocco Davis	17	Pohutukawa
	2	Breeze van Veldhuizen	15	Kahikatea	Albie WL	16	Kauri
	3	Sienna Welsby	14	Kauri	Liam K	14	Kauri

10 years	1	Rylee Hill	23	Totara	Connor BW	27	Totora
	2	Taryn Hayes	19	Totara	Mattias BS	20	Pohutukawa
	3	Jamie Dunnett-Welch	14	Totara	Shohn-Paul Hiko-Taunoa	17	Kahikatea
		Tamar Aiken	14	Pohutukawa			
11 yrs	1	Aaliyah Scott	28	Rimu	Daniel Moule	21	Kahikatea
	2	Ormlie van Veldhuizen	20	Kahikatea	Jaden Krige	17	Kowhai
	3	Lana Krige	18	Kowhai	Caleb Vincent	15	Pohutukawa
12&13 Yrs	1	Charlotte Swayn	25	Pohutukawa	Levi Macfarlane	28	Kowhai
	2	Tyla Stothart	17	Kauri	Connor Moody	15	Kahikatea
					Lee Musson	15	Kauri
					James Cox	15	Pohutukawa
	3	Issy Dunnett-Welch	16				



Year 7/8 Science Trip: Last week our year 7 & 8 students travelled in to work in the science lab at Napier Boys High School. This was an informative and enjoyable experience for our senior students as it gave them a taste of what to expect in science when they get to High School. They also had the opportunity to spend time in the Planetarium.





**Year 8 Leavers Dinner:** On Tuesday night we had the year 8 leavers dinner at Valley d'Vine. It was an enjoyable meal out with a fantastic group of young people. We are really proud to be sending such a wonderful group of students off to High School and know that they will do well wherever they are going.



Thank you for helping make 2017 a great one for our school and our students. I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all again in 2018.

Tristan

## Dates to Remember

11 December Prizegiving –6pm12 December Reports home

14 December Last full day for students-Last day buses will run

15 December School open –closes 12.30pm

5 February First Day Term 1 2018

6 February Waitangi Day



# **PRINCIPAL'S CERTIFICATES**

TUI				
Working hard to learn how to round numbers in the thousands. Awesome job Micah!				
Working really hard to include lots of detail in her writing and making her characters				
talk. Ka mau te wehi!				
For listening for all the sounds in his writing and using his phonics to write the sounds in				
tricky words. Ka pai!				
KEA				
Fantastic fluent reading and amazing expression.				
You are working hard and making impressive progress with achieving your maths goals.				
Creating an interesting poster about Koru and Kowhaiwhai patterns, using Pic Collage.				
Fantastic job sharing your ballet talent with us. You spoke in a clear voice, looked at your audience and told us lots of interesting information.				
KORIMAKO				
An enthusiastic learner who is focused in getting his work completed on time.				
Fabulous reading aloud, helping others by chunking and working out tricky words.				
Creating a fun mystery Doug video. Ka pai, You put in lots of effort				
Writing a detailed recount about your time in Hawaii, hooking the reader in.				
Writing an informative procedure about 223s, adding detail to help the reader				
understand.				
Super effort in your reading and writing. Always a happy positive bubbly boy.				
KOKAKO				
A quiet worker who is achieving at the highest level.				
Working at the highest level and supporting others while doing so.				
Demonstrating great skills in reading and applying these to other areas.				
You are working hard and making impressive progress with achieving your reading				
goals.				
Becoming more independent in class by using her initiative and thinking through her options.				
Becoming a focused class member, making great choices to become an independent learner.				
TOROA				
Using clever strategies to solve word problems involving fractions				
Putting a lot of effort into completing tasks and managing his time well				
Setting herself excellent learning goals and using Seesaw to share her learning				
Using Seesaw to share his learning goals and getting great feedback from his family.				
Using punctuation effectively to produce a clever cartoon.				
Managing himself well in class and putting a lot of effort into his literacy tasks.				
Managing himself well and completing tasks t the best of his ability.				
Doing a great job of organising his ideas into paragraphs.				
HIHI				
Super progress with her maths!				
Great effort and skills during our P.E. sessions.				
For super effort and positive attitude in all school areas.				
Amazing determination and effort in all of your school work - well done!				
Super improvement with his reading comprehension and vocabulary.				
Having such a fantastic attitude and always putting in 100% effort.				
KERERU				
Using great questioning skills to help deliver an entertaining and informative passion				
project about raising chickens.				
project about raising chickens.  Using excellent problem solving skills when designing and constructing an electric violin				

	KERERU continued			
Amelia Hayes	Demonstrating excellent leadership skills when supporting and encouraging your peers at Year 7/8 Disco			
Harris Matheson Wow what an amazing presentation on Anime! Excellent use of that phonetic alposition to create your own unique language!				
KAREAREA				
Issy Dunnett-Welch	Brilliant organisation of the Eskdale School's got talent show for her passion project			
James Cox	Developing his level of independence in his maths			
Charlotte Swayn	Super effort in High jump, well done Charlotte			
Zavier Hill	Jumping like a Kangaroo in High jump, massive effort Zavier!			
Tahlia Beale	Amazing drive and self-monitoring in all areas of her learning. Tahlia you are a star!			
Daniel Moule	Working to a deadline in completing his draft report on a day in Pompeii			

#### **Back to School Stationery Requirements for 2018**

We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make Back to School easy! All your child's school stationery list requirements will be uploaded online at **myschool.co.nz** to make it easy for you to purchase your child's back to school requirements. These will be online by end of next week. We will email you to let you know when they are available. Simply search for our school, select your child's class for 2018 and follow the instructions on the website.

Buying through OfficeMax MySchool also earns School Rewards for our school which we can redeem for much needed educational supplies, equipment for our classrooms or to help those students in need.



#### OfficeMax MySchool makes Back to School easy for you with these great benefits:

- Shop Your Way online at <a href="https://www.myschool.co.nz">www.myschool.co.nz</a>, freephone 0800 724 440
- Price Match Promise find a lower price and OfficeMax will match it.
- Free Delivery for orders over \$46. Choose delivery to home or work at a time that suits you.
- Multiple Payment Options including secure internet banking, credit/debit card.

## Library books

Your Librarians have asked, if you would please hunt around home for those elusive library books that have fallen behind things or are lying under objects. Because of the changes to the library we need as many books back as possible to be resorted and shelved as soon as possible. *Thanks from The Librarians* 



Spare Clothing Required...

Our Medical room supplies need replenishing! If you are tidying out in the holidays and can help by donating any of the following items, we would be very grateful.

Girls summer clothes – shorts/skirts/tops Size 5,6 & 7

Boys summer shorts – size 7 & 8

## Year 7/8 Camp Movie Fundraiser - "Star Wars: The Last Jedi"



Where: Reading Cinemas (3D)

When: Thursday, 14th December, 2017

Time: 7pm Cost: \$20

We are offering a seat, a packet of 'Sweet as Popcorn', a bar of Whittaker's Chocolate and a glass of Sauvignon Blanc, Merlot, Beer or Softdrink for the 'cheap as' price of \$20. In purchasing a ticket you will be helping us to fundraise for our Senior students camp in 2018.

If you would like a ticket please return the slip below with \$20 cash to the school office by Friday 8th December. Get in **FAST** as we only have **100** seats left. Please tell your family and friends.

This movie is being released on Thursday 14th December, so we will be one of the first in NZ to see it!

We would like to thank Trevor at Linden Estate, Christopher at Zeelandt Brewery and the very generous team at Sweet as Popcorn for their donations and support of this fundraiser! And Mike Bewick for getting the ball rolling and for his help and organisation.

Thanks
Angela and Richard

Name:







Total paid:

## Year 7/8 Camp Movie Fundraiser - "Star Wars: The Last Jedi"

Drink preferences:			
Sauvignon Blanc	Merlot	Beer	Softdrink

number of tickets: x \$20





## **EDUCATION for SUSTAINABILITY (EFS)**

What a year it has been! As an Enviroschool we aim to foster a generation of people who instinctively think and act sustainably. Our pupils are certainly well versed in this with our many programs woven throughout all aspects of school life. This year we have strengthened many of our community relationships together with deepening our waste reduction practices at school. Highlights of the year's activities...

- Seaweek Beach Clean Up at Le Quesne Road.
- Wastefree weeks held every term. Lunchbox stickers and beeswax wraps introduced.
- Hosted a visit from Sherwood School.
- SPCA Fundraising.
- Assisted with gaining signatures for Ban the Bag, plastic bag petition.
- Reciprocal visits with Marie Taylor Plant Hawkes Bay.
- Hosted Hawkes Bay Enviroschools Hui with groups from 15 schools in attendance.
- Conservation Week Kowhai Grove planted at school, Native Garden regenerative planting and Green/Gold Garden initial plantings undertaken.
- Wig Wednesday Raised \$3370 for the Child Cancer Foundation.
- Top court mural completed.
- Eskdale Park, Linden Estate and Guthrie Smith native tree donating and planting.
- Keep NZ Beautiful week Village clean up in Bay View.
- Upcycled bags made from t-shirts for school office, JJ Organics and Cranford Hospice shop.
- Stalls at Room with a View and Bay View Market Day.
- Awarded Best School Environment, Napier City Council competitions.
- Students surveyed, with many vision map projects identified and underway.



Through these many actions, our students

experience how to make decisions and take action to improve the physical and social environment of our places, our community and our world.

Many thanks to all those parents and whanau who have helped in so many

different ways with our activities throughout the year. We truly do appreciate your ongoing support and could not offer such a wide variety of learning experiences to the children without you.







A special thank you to Brylie Robson and Sue O'Callaghan for creating our new kaitiaki/scarecrows, Wanda and Hinemoa, with the help of some of our students.

Happy holidays from the Enviro Squad, and remember to rejoice, reuse and recycle this festive season!

### **PTA NOTICES**

We pulled it off again! A fabulous team effort this year resulted in a fun and successful Market Day for 2017! We would like to thank a number of people:

**Leanne Harkness and Karen Hellyer**, first of all, for heading the PTA meetings and doing so much in the background that often does not get noticed or acknowledged.

**Laura Lucas** for a stellar job of booking & communicating with vendors and smoothing over any issues or questions they may have had leading up to Market Day.

**Glen Harkness** for his detailed Parking Plan which was changed 12 hours before the event and his management of parking on the day as well as marking out the sites all Friday afternoon.

**John Knight** at the domain for mowing and preparing the park and Jon Olsen and the team at the council for approving the parking changes.

**Anna and Rowan Kyle** for the bright and attractive Signage – not only making them but putting them up and taking them down and storing them for us.

Viv Moule and the Soccer club for the use of their rooms for the café and counting and also their EFTPOS machine.

The **Playgroup** for the use of their ovens and the **tennis club** for their power.

Colleen Schofield and the team at **Bayleys & Civil Defence** for loaning their Marquees – and thanks to the guys who helped us put the Marquee's up. Also thanks to all the families who loaned us the gazebos and tables for the day.

**Christine** for counting all the floats and a meticulous job of counting on the day with her team (right down to the last missing 10cents).

**Niki and Billy MacDonald** for picking up Santa and his lollies from the North Pole and delivering him safely to the Local Fire Engine. Also, thanks to the local volunteer Fire Brigade for their assistance with Father Christmas.

#### **VENDOR ASSISTANCE AND PARKING TEAM**

Glen Harkness, Craig Ross, Neville Harkness, Bryce Harkness, John, Jack and Nicholas Olsen, Ella Harkness, Grace Burrell, Finn Yuill, Hayden Borrie, Nigel & Jack Stillwell, Dan Hill, Jane & Mark Jessep, Tristan Cheer, Lindsay Taylor, Garry Hrustinsky thanks for the smooth running of this on the day.

**MUSIC**: Kylie Moody and Katrina Mortenson for organising the brilliant entertainment provided for the public this year and of course all the present and past students who took to the stage with such flair and confidence. And thanks NSB Infrastructure for providing the stage & Simon Moody for helping with all the gear. Again the music was a great hit with crowds of people coming to listen to our school performers

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Thanks to Jo and Shaun Demanser for taking care of our Health and Safety plan. Huge thanks to our problem solving, negotiating, mediator, health and safety officer on the day – **Richard Gillespie!** 

#### **VENDOR SALES**

Thanks to all the vendors who came from near and far to help make this day such a success.

Total raised by vendor site sales estimated 75 stalls at \$80 = \$6,000

#### **THE BUCKET RATTLING TEAM:** (who luckily had buckets to rattle)

Sue Stillwell for organising & her team Moira Anderson, Catherine Jurgens, Mel Squires, Emma Lantsbury, Bryony Lovatt, Mary Doohan, Holly Morrison, Angela Roydhouse, The Stillwell boys, Aania Stothart, Debbie Bramwell, Quillan Squires, MacKenzie Squires, & Rhonda Smith.

**Bucket Rattling Made \$2077** 

### WHITE ELEPHANT/2<sup>ND</sup> HAND TEAM

Thanks Lisa Jobbins for managing this massive undertaking! From Lisa: Absolutely HUGE thanks to all those helping on the White Elephant/Book/Clothing stand on Saturday. It was a mammoth achievement and couldn't have done it without you - Mike Moriarty, Sara Brownlie, my daughter Esmeralda Gemma Turvey, Jen Yardley, Lisa Hayes, Ang Revell, Ginny Olsen, Tomomi B, Melanie Staples, Myra, Myra's sister, Katrina Mortensen, Lee Turner, Jess Verry & Noriko . Special thanks also to Tania Coleman, Diane Donoghue and Michael Jobbins who were there at 7am to help unpack and set up. Michael STEPTOE Jobbins did an amazing job of selling and convincing customers to purchase, even helping to fix items and deliver on Sunday to customers. Definite asset to the stall! A HUGE thanks to Angela Beamish-White who helped collect, store, organise and advise, another major asset to this stall. Well done everyone! Thank you!

second hand stall made \$1,724.50

#### **CAKE STALL TEAM**

Many thanks to Jo Drager, Michelle Matthews, Pam Garbutt, Andrea Massey, Kellie Harkness, Carla Pearson and Lyncia Harkness for your fantastic help on the Cake Stall. Thanks to all those who baked — some donating more than 5 items!!! Special thanks to Sue O'Callaghan for the 2 beautiful Christmas cakes, raffle will be drawn this week.

Cake stall made \$917

#### CAFÉ TEAM

Thank you to all of the wonderful parents and businesses who supported the Café at Market Day this year. Without your support the Café would not have run so smoothly nor have been as enjoyable. All of the donations we have received in the past week were fantastic. We know it has been a lot of work, but everyone did a wonderful job and we sincerely thank you for your efforts and generosity.

Firstly thank you to the team of organisers Charlotte Kenah, Leanne Harkness, Karen Hellyer and Hayley Grant. Hours of cleaning, preparing, setting up and packing up – your time is what helped it all come together so well.

Secondly, thank you to those who donated baking, produce, time, and/or equipment, all of which were very much utilised on the day! Thank you Melanie Squires, Amy Allen, Tania Diack, Sue Stilwell, Amanda Roborgh, Jessica, Glenn Bond, Julie Pollock, Jules Bell, Nic Anderson, Karen Chantrey, Anna Kyle, Jane Jessep, Glen Harkness, Lisa Hayes, Christine Hay, Viv Moule, Ange Beamish-White, Amy Allen, Kerin Savage, Dana, Sarah McGoff, Jo Demanser, Angela Beamish-White, Tash Brown, Carol McLennan, Tina Dunnett-Welsh, Vicky Burkett, Nigel Stilwell and Lee Turner.

Businesses in our community are also amazing and special thanks goes to Good Time Pies, Butler & Hewitt for setting up the appliances and electrical, Total Food Equipment who loaned us the Espresso Coffee Machine, Esk View Playgroup for allowing us to cook in their kitchen, and the Soccer Club for lending their club rooms for the Café to be set up.

Finally, many thanks to the volunteers who actually gave up most of their Saturday to run the Café and sell all of your scrumptious food; Hayley Grant, Charlotte Kenah, Anna Kyle, Trish, Karen Chantrey, Gemma, Bex, Natasha, Izzy Kenah and Kelsie Taylor. Also big thanks to my lovely husband Lindsay Taylor who organised and plumbed in a coffee machine for us!

Café made \$1,463 (less expenses)

#### **EFTPOS TEAM**

Huge thanks to Christine Hay for managing the EFTPOS this year. This was a fantastic job and 100% efficient and accurate ©. Thanks to the team that supported her: Mary Nichols, Vanessa Brock-Smith, Wendy G, Dana WJ, Leanne H and Toni.

EFT POS made \$287

(from transaction fees)

#### **MYSTERY ENVELOPES TEAM**

Our team included Rachel Ross, Laura Lucas, Megan & Hayden Borrie, Rebecca Maidment, Liz Harvey plus Eva Ross, Mia Yardley & Elise Lucas. So many wonderful prizes were donated by amazing businesses in our wider community. Thanks to everyone who played a part in this.

Mystery envelopes raised \$1,483.90 envelopes made \$1,483.90

#### **SAUSAGE SIZZLE TEAM**

Sam Hutchinson would like to thank the following people for helping her on the Sausage Sizzle and Juicy stall which was a School Fundraiser: Viv Moule, Toni Scott, Rich Hutchinson, James Moran (Harcourts) and Glenn Bond. Thanks Sam for donating all the sausages and bread.

Sausage Sizzle made \$338.70

(but lots left for more sausage sizzles)

#### **ELECTRIC PUKEKO TEAM**

Thanks to Amanda and Dom Roborgh for managing the Electric Pukeko stall. Thanks to her helpers Zizi & Sarah Tester We gain 15% of total sales.

**Electric Pukeko Commission \$168** 

TOTAL THE Total to be advised at a later date after expenses have been tallied.

#### **CAR BASHING AND DUNKING TEAM**

This year PTA donated the money made at these two stalls to the year 5/6 and 7/8 camps next year. Thanks to Nic and Earl Anderson, Steve and Louise Parsons and all the student helpers and to Bee Jay Wreckers for the car.

These stalls made \$447.50

#### **FIREWOOD RAFFLE**

Paul Bryant you were as pretty as a picture in that skirt - thanks for organising this raffle as a camp fundraiser this year.

#### **EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY:**

Thanks to all the Students who helped plus Sandra Rolls, Kate Aiken, Kim Wallace, & Alex Jones.

Made over \$180

(for Education for Sustainability)

Thanks to Tristan for once again leading by example and to all the wonderful Eskdale School teachers who helped on the day.

If you know of anyone we have inadvertently forgotten to thank, please contact Rachel 021562452 or <a href="mailto:rachel.m.ross@icloud.com">rachel.m.ross@icloud.com</a>

Lastly, thanks to the weather Gods!

Thankyou to all those that took part in the Sunflower Growing Competition. Entries are being worked on at the moment, and there should be some results shortly!

Don't forget over the Christmas and New Year period, and School Holidays, I am still available for appraisals on yours or your friends and families properties and will still be running the 'Eskdale School Donation Scheme' during this time.

Enjoy your holidays!

#### School's Out - Before School Care

School's Out Westshore are looking into offering a Before School Van Shuttle from the beginning of next year, which will mean Eskdale families can utilise our programme from 7.00am each morning. Putting this into action will be based on if there is a need for the service, so if you think this is something you will need or utilise, please contact us through phone or text on 027 342 0647 to register your interest.







Thank you everybody that contributed presents to go up to Starship Hospital for the kids in there over Christmas. I'm so impressed Eskdale School! We have over one hundred and fifty presents which means a better Christmas for lots of very ill kids in Auckland hospital, and even some awesome presents for their Mums also.

I will deliver them to Starship myself before Christmas, so will leave the box in the office until Tuesday next week.

Thank you again for helping me to support Starship. Merry Christmas,

Sophie Pollock

### **COMMUNITY**

## **Eskdale Community Christmas Carol Service**

7 pm, Thursday December 14th at Eskdale Memorial Church. Followed by supper.

A warm welcome to everyone to this child-friendly service.







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