# **ESKDALE SCHOOL**

March 2019 Newsletter

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#### **March Newsletter**

Welcome to March and the second newsletter of the year. The first month of school has flown past with the children getting stuck into their learning and a variety of other opportunities that have been available this term. The school pool has certainly been a real asset over the last month, both in class swimming sessions and in lunchtime swims.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews:** Our first round of parent/teacher interviews to discuss student progress is coming up in the final week of the term - Monday 8 April and Tuesday 9 April. We will be finishing school at 12.30 on Monday, 8 April and buses will run at the earlier time. These interviews will provide you with the opportunity to find out about your child's progress in terms of academic learning as well as their progress in terms of learning attitudes and behaviours. An important aspect of these first interviews will be discussing next steps for learning and goals.



**Art Deco Celebration:** On Friday 15 February, we celebrated Art Deco at school. The students all looked fabulous in the Art Deco garb and I was super impressed with the effort they all went to with their dress. We were even joined by Kahu's grandfather in his Alvis vintage car. The students from Karearea, Kereru, Hihi and Toroa also travelled in to the Art Deco celebrations in town and I know they made the most of their day out.





**Online resources for parents:** One of the new challenges facing parents is keeping abreast of the new online mediums our children are using. Most issues arise around social media/chat sites and as parents you need to be aware of what your child is doing online and when they are doing it. I can assure you we know what they are doing when they are at school. Netsafe has developed an excellent site designed to give parents an insight into the online world our children are experiencing as well as some tips on what you can do to help your child. It is worth a look. <a href="https://www.netsafe.org.nz/advice/parenting/">https://www.netsafe.org.nz/advice/parenting/</a>

**Bus Monitor Training:** Mark Johnson the school's liaison police officer came to school last week to do the bus monitor training with our children. The Bus monitors enjoyed the refresher course and managed to convince Mark that they should undertake the Police Basic Fitness test. It was great seeing them giving it a go and I know Mark was impressed with their fitness and agility.





**Weetbix Tryathlon:** We had over 50 students competing and completing the Weetbix Tryathlon. It was great seeing the students giving it their best shot and completing this course on what was a really hot day. For many it was their first taste of triathlon as a sport. Here is what Breeze van Veldhuizen from Hihi had to write about her event.

'I stand in the line waiting to go for my swim I have my red cap on my head and my goggles tight on my eyes. I go up with 11 other girls for my race. We hop into the pool, it's freezing cold, then a lifeguard says on your marks get set go and off we go. When I finished my swim I was in the lead. I hopped out of the water and ran out of the gate, through the rose bushes to where my buddy Abi was waiting for me to tag her. I tagged her and off she ran to her bike. I quickly put my clothes over my togs and



waited for her to come back. When I saw her she was running towards me, I called her name she tagged me and we started our run together. Half way through the run Abi started to get the stitch and stopped a few times but I encouraged her to keep going at the end she stopped and I turned around and ran with her to the end.'

**School Fees/Donations:** Thank you to everyone who has already paid these. The recommended school fees/donation is \$35.00 per term. These form an integral part of ensuring we can provide all of the resources we want for our students. The funds provided by the Ministry of Education do not cover all of the resources we believe are essential for every child to experience success. Over the past 12 months we have used the school donations for increased teachers in classes (reducing teacher to student ratio), increased reading recovery time and bought some robotics, and STEAM resources.

2019 Recommended School Fee/Donation: \$35.00per term or

- Individual Child \$140.00 per year discounted if paid in term 1 to \$120.00.
- Two Children \$280.00 per year discounted if paid in term 1 to \$240.00.
- Three or more children \$420.00 per year discounted if paid in term 1 to \$360.00.

**Principal's Sabbatical:** I have been awarded a Principal's sabbatical for term two of this year. In my absence Mike Moriarty and Tineke Hill will take over the reins and I know the school will continue to carry on as per normal over this time.

**Learning through play:** It was great seeing the go-carts constructed by some of our senior students last year being used by our juniors in their learning through play. The boys were setting up their own obstacle course and taking turns at seeing who could do the best without hitting the cones.



**Swimming Sports:** A reminder the school swimming sports (7 yrs and up) is on Friday from 9.15am at the Onekawa pools. The races will flow through fairly quickly once we get started. The 5 & 6 year olds had their swimming sports on Tuesday. They all completed at least three events and it was great seeing their water skills on show.



Year 7 & 8 Town and Country Schools Triathlon: Last week the annual town and country schools triathlon was held at Frimley Park. We had a group of 19 students competing in this event and there were some excellent results.

#### Individual Results

Y7 girls –	8 <sup>th</sup> Belle Anderson
	6 <sup>th</sup> Ashley Blakesley
	5 <sup>th</sup> Lexi Pollock
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tegan Anderson
Y7 Boys-	5 <sup>th</sup> Jayden Bryant
	10 <sup>th</sup> Jack Blakesley
Y8 girls	26 <sup>th</sup> Tamar Aiken
	21 <sup>st</sup> Kelsie Taylor
	8 <sup>th</sup> Tiaki McArdle
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tia Anderson



#### Team Results

- Y7 Boys 11<sup>th</sup> Finlay Bishop, Max Ranapiri, Leo Parsons
- Y8 Boys 3<sup>rd</sup> Mattias Brock-Smith, Jayden Moody, Caleb Vincent
- Y8 Girls 2<sup>nd</sup> Lilley Lamont, Rylee Hill, Ormlie van Veldhuizen



**Fun triathlon and Picnic:** This event will be held at school on Friday 15 March and races will start at 5.00pm. This is always a fun event for everyone who attends. More info to come out on Monday about this event.

**Culture Corner:** Our whakatauki for our value of 'Aspiration' is "Ko ia kāhore nei i rapu, tē kitea" which means - he who does not seek will not find.

As part of our teacher development and learning with our tamariki in the classroom, we look deeply into our school whakatauki and what it means to us and our community. Here are some ideas you can talk about at home with your child/ren that we will also be talking about at school:

- This whakatauki refers to our willingness to do something. When we are willing to dream, wish and make goals we are learning to be aspirational.
- Sometimes when we don't take risks we limit ourselves and our true potential
- We problem solve and know that being in the learning pit can be a difficult place to be but we must try and find new solutions to our challenges

With all of this in mind, we must always remember that we are problem solvers and learners on a journey. Do you have any other ideas to add to our whakatauki that might be useful for our shared understanding? Send your ideas to <u>culture@eskdale.school.nz</u>

I hope you all have a great week. I look forward to seeing many of you at the swimming sports tomorrow.

Tristan

### DATES TO REMEMBER \*

8 March	Swimming Sports at Napier Aquatic Centre, Onekawa
13 March	Coastal Cluster Swimming Sports
15 March	Fun Triathlon and Picnic 5.00pm at Eskdale School
8 April	School finishes at 12.30pm
8 April & 9 April	Parent Teacher Interviews

\*See also Eskdale School Website Calendar: <u>www.eskdale.school.nz</u>

# **PRINCIPAL'S CERTIFICATES**

#### KOTARE

Jonah Longdon	A fabulous start to school, you are a respectful and kind Kotare member!
Rylee Timms	For being a fabulous role model for all the new members of Kotare.
Devin Doyle-Solly	Working hard to form the letters in her name correctly. Ka pai!
Leon Roberts	Remembering to make the letter 'n' in his name face the sun. Great stuff, Leon!
Alice Williams	Having a go at and talking about the reading strategies she could use to help her read words,
	Ka Pai Alice.
Cooper Knowles	Showing respect to the teacher and students in Kotare class. Great job Cooper, keep up the
	good attitude!
Corban Pell	Showing confidence and skill in the water when kicking on his back with a flutterboard.
Millie Berkett	Always giving 110% in everything that she does and having an inquiring mind!

#### TUI

Millie Jardine	Being a fantastic tui role model . Kapai
Freddy Lee	A terrific start to your new year, a clever thinker.
Jackson Cook	Being a great listener and questioner at thinking maths time.
Colton Bennett	Being a hard worker at writing time, making your writing so exciting with descriptive words.
Channing Melville	Being a creative constructor, using lots of different materials to create his model.
Samantha Kyle	Having a go at sharing her thinking during maths problem solving time.
Channing Melville	Using his letter sounds to write tricky words and now writing two sentences.
Hayley Brain	Fantastic explanations during maths learning time.
Phoebe Brock	Using her letter sounds to help her write longer and longer stories.

#### KEA

Roman Cook	Working hard at writing time and using interesting words in your stories. Wow!
Reef Cave	Being a kind, caring and helpful member of
	Kea class.
Kyra Dudding	Working hard at thinking time, listing to your buddy and helping them to share their ideas with
	you.
Zoe Matthews	Working hard at writing time and using interesting words in your stories. Wow!

Reef Bryant	Explaining your mathematical thinking clearly and proving how you figured out the problem.
	Tino Pai Reef!
Taj Kohlis	Sharing interesting information about your name using a clear voice and looking at the
	audience.
Charles Cox	Thinking like a scientist, looking closely, thinking carefully, wondering and trying a new idea.
	Great work making a bubble in your hand.
Kyra Dudding	Persevering at writing time to add interesting information and wow words to make your story
	exciting to read.

#### RURU

Aksel McArdle	For sharing his knowledge, thoughts and ideas when reading. Tino pail
Kourosh Farahani	Settling into the year so well and being a fantastic role model. Amazing!
Lucas Murdock	Showing Tūmanakotanga and persevering with his art. Well done!
Sadie Bond	For being a supportive maths group member, and helping others to understand. Well done!
Jemma Moffitt	Asking questions at maths time to make sure she understands. Amazing!
Cyrus Roberts-Gray	For using the beginning sounds and blends to read tricky words. Tino pai!
Olivia Burkett	For asking questions to gain deeper understanding during maths. Awesome!
Roman Borrie	For having an amazing growth mindset and taking on the senior swimming sports! So proud
	of you Roman!

### ΚΟΚΑΚΟ

Austin Nichol	For showing Manaaki to the younger students in Kokako. You are awesome Austin!
Tristan Kyle	For being an amazing Tuakana for our Teina. Thanks for being kind Tristan!
Gabriella Brownlie	For showing panekiretanga (excellence) and creativity during learning through play. Tino pail
Ruka Bracken	Consistently showing whakaute (respect) to others and always lending a helping hand. You're a star Ruka!
Noah Kyle	Showing panekiretanga (excellence) by trying his best in everything that he does. Tino pail
Jenna Állan	Showing whakaute (respect) to the environment by looking after our classroom. Ka pail
Asha Kohlis	For showing manaaki to others in maths by helping them understand her place value strategies. Ka rawe Asha!
Farrah Melville	For showing panekiretanga by trying her best in everything she does. Ka rawe Farrah!
Lacelle Sumner	Showing creativity by designing detailed floor plans for buildings. You are an amazing architect Lacelle!
Jackson Wielinga	Always coming to school with an infectious smile and positive attitude. Keep being awesome Jackson!

### TOROA

Koji Crofskey	Being a great Maanaki role model
Riley Hall	Having fantastic perseverance and working super hard to complete tasks to a high standard.
Xanthe Turner	Being a positive and respectful Toroaite
Quinn Baylis	Having a great attitude at Maths - digging deep to get out of the learning pit!
Logan Grant	Being a great group member during maths, clearly explaining his thinking and supporting others.
Hamish Callander	Super effort and attitude at Beach Ed
Aaliyah Taewa	Managing herself well, completing tasks to a high standard and showing whakaute for her classmates.
Makenzie Smith	Being a supportive and thoughtful member of her maths group - tino pai Makenzie!
Kaes Robson	Being a supportive member of his Maths Community - sharing his ideas and helping his team climb out of the learning pit.
Lola Brown	Being super determined to complete the orienteering courses by herself - awesome grit Lola!

HIHI

Eva Warr	Always demonstrating manaakitanga to others.
Casey Moffitt	Making an awesome start in Hihi
Kirsty Froneman	Great explanation during our DMIC session.
Ashton Bell	Working really hard to build his resilience.
Jack Hellyer	Great leadership and role modelling to year 5s
Noa Salonius	Setting high standards in her work and achieving them.

Jade Musson	Great teamwork to produce some outstanding literacy work
Natalie Turner	Great teamwork to produce some outstanding literacy work.
James Allan	Awesome thinking and problem solving skills
Rhea Chantrey	Setting a high standard in all classroom activities

#### KERERU

Charlie McDougal	Being a fantastic Kereru role model!
Genevieve Kruger	A terrific start to her new school. Ka pai!
Liam Kaye	A fantastic start to the year. Keep up the super work!
Oliver Newall	Showing terrific perseverance and having an awesome attitude towards his work.
Charli MacInnes	Asking thoughtful questions in Maths.
Karlon Johnson	An awesome start in Kereru class!
Kobi Evans	Fantastic explanations with his maths thinking.
Stella Waterson	Being a terrific role model for others in Kereru class.
Harry Cox	Clever thinking and asking thoughtful questions in Maths.
Billy McArdle	Showing great effort and perseverance with his learning.

#### KAREAREA

Jack Tester	Making a wonderful start to the year, showing a great attitude, participating in discussions and trying your best.
Laa Brown	A great start to the year, showing a positive attitude, participating in discussions and trying your best. Ka rawe!
Shartaiya Maxwell	Being a kind and thoughtful student, offering help to others.
Charlotte Beamish- White	Showing Panekiretanga during class time, especially your awesome maths questions!
Max Bond	Showing Whakaute by being a great role model for others
Tom Stilwell	Having such a great attitude and being an awesome classmate!

#### KUAKA

Mattias Brock Smith	Demonstrating a good attitude to learning and challenging himself. Tino pai to mahi!
Tukara Maxwell	A great start - quietly getting on with the task at hand, staying focussed and settling in well.
	Ka rawe Tukara!
George Stillwell	Contributing valuable ideas during writing discussions and giving new things a go!
Rylee Hill	Showing a mature attitude to all she does - keep it up Rylee!
Caleb Vincent	Showing strong mana when leading the school and haka group in powhiri. Tino pai Caleb!
Kowan Lamont	Awesome attitude and effort in Maths!
Rianne Esguerra	Great mathematical thinking - kai pai Rianne!
Lauren Harkness	Amazing even herself with her writing!

# **NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY**

There are new books arriving in the Library in the next few weeks, so please remind your children to visit the library to have a look at the new books and also remind them that they can bring these books home. They just need to choose their book and see the on duty librarian and they will be able to assist them.

The Librarians for 2019 will be announced early next week.



# **ENVIRO NEWS**



### Welcome to Seaweek, with this year's theme: **"Tiakina o Tātou Mōana – Care for our Seas**"

The Envirosquad are leading the way with action projects this week, organising a giant creative, collaborative poster on which students could draw, write, doodle etc. This is on display in the school hall.





Yesterday, the group conducted their annual Beach Clean Up at Le Quesne Road. They were met by Enviroschools facilitator, Sonya who discussed the Atua of Tangaroa with the group before the clean-up.

Would you or your friends litter at your house? The Squad spent about an hour collecting rubbish from both the beach and car park areas. Well done team! A great community effort.

Many thanks to the parents who provided transport, we can't do it without you!











# **EFS – FRIDAY AFTERNOONS**

These sessions have got underway, with our Year 5 & 6 classes enjoying getting out and learning some of the practical tasks associated with caring for our school environment. We have a wonderful team of parent helpers for these Friday afternoon sessions...feel free to come along, no experience needed!







## WANTED - KEA CLASS

Kea class are on the hunt for a dolls house and dress up clothes (in sizes 5 - 8). If you have any of these items, please drop them off to Mrs Bramwell in Kea Class. Thanks.

# **COMMUNITY NOTICES**



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