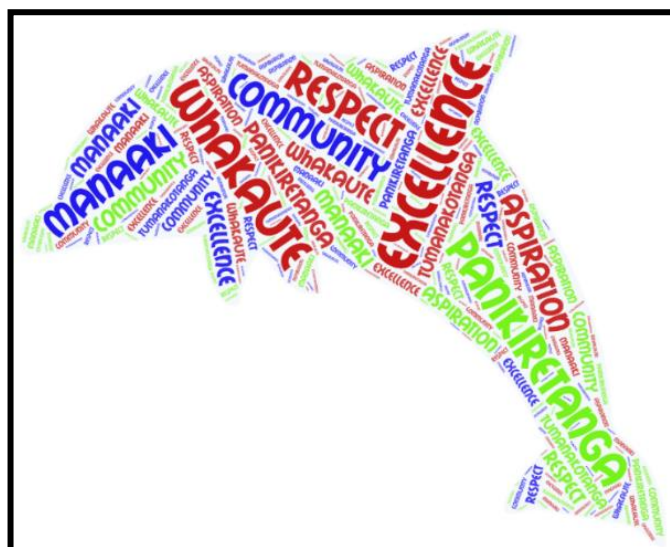


2022 - School's Back

Welcome back for the 2022 School Year. We have been back at school preparing for the arrival of the students for some time, but school only really springs into life once the children return. It has been great seeing all the students coming in the gate this morning, looking well rested with smiles on their faces ready to kick off the year. Seeing friends catching up with one another and hearing the friendly chatter was awesome.

As well as welcoming back old friends today we have welcomed 23 new students to Eskdale School including Lily Sandilands, Freddie Torrens, Freya Greer, Arya Prickett, James Tuffrey, Luke Radovanovich, Eruwera Strickland, Te Rau o Te Huia Strickland, and Liam Fisher who are having their first official day of school. Others to join our team this year are Evan Blakesley, Evie Kersley, Mia Kersley, Reid Kersley, Georgia McMaster, Mila Duncan, Marlee Duncan, Mahalia Ruka, Ruby-Jade Ivar, Leon Roberts, Emmett Roux, Reagan Semple, Braxton Scott and Winter Isaac. We are pleased you have decided to start or continue your schooling at Eskdale. We look forward to building strong relationships with the students and with families. We know that a positive partnership between home and school is essential for the success of any child.

Re-set 2022: As we begin the new year, we will be revisiting our school values with all our students. Our Care values are important and when all our children consistently model these values, school is an awesome place to be. We are beginning the year with a focus on **Whakaute - Respect**. This starts with the way the students speak to adults, speak to one another and how they look after their equipment and the school environment. We will be having a particular focus on how children are speaking to adults and peers including greetings, manners, and the language they use out and about in the playground. The start of the year is about resetting our expectations and beginning as we mean to go on. We look forward to all of our children showing respect through the way they talk throughout 2022 school year.



Eskdale School Teaching Team and Support Staff: I know as a teaching and support staff team we are all excited about the year ahead. A key aspect of the school home partnership is communication. If you ever have any concerns, worries, wonderings please make contact with the classroom teacher in the first instance. The sooner we know the sooner we can attend to issues and can ensure little things don't become big things. If you ever feel that an issue hasn't been addressed, please contact either one of the Deputy Principal's (Mike in the Junior School or Tineke in the Senior School) or myself - my door is always open.

During the school day an email is often the most effective way of getting in touch with a teacher.

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School Cleaner:	Linda Barnes	

Meet the teacher: This year given the restrictions of the Red Traffic Light we will be organising the meet the teacher differently. Each of the syndicates will be sharing a presentation with you about the year level and what to expect during week two of the school term. If you have any questions from the presentation, there is the opportunity to email these in and they will be answered via a separate Q&A session that will be shared with each syndicate. If you have any questions specifically related to your child these will be answered separately. While we recommend that you work on a plan to either send your child on the bus or leave them at the gate, we also know that touching base with the teacher is important and just ask that if you come on site you scan in and wear a mask.

Absentees: We are all concerned for the safety of our children on their way to and from school and therefore at Eskdale School we require parents to:

- Ring and inform the office if your child is to be absent.
- Use the Skool Loop App by downloading the Skool Loop App for Android and Apple devices.
- email: absence@eskdale.school.nz
- Text a message: 021 114 5845
- Leave a message on the school absence phone: 06 836 6845 press 1
- A note with a brother or sister would also suffice.

We would appreciate being informed **every day** the child is away from school.

If we have no contact from the family as to the whereabouts of a child by 9.30am and we have any reason to be concerned, then we will ring the police to investigate.

We do our best to ensure the safety of our pupils and would appreciate your cooperation in this very important matter.

Hats: Students are required to wear a hat this term. Please remind your child to bring their hat and to apply sunscreen before leaving home.

Eskdale School Sweatshirts & Jackets: Please keep an eye out over the next week for order forms coming home.

Swimming: The school pool is open and the students will be swimming this term. Please send your child to school with togs and a towel everyday. There is a swimming timetable but sometimes on very hot days we are also able to squeeze in an extra swim or two.

Covid Response Framework: As you will all be aware we are currently in the **RED** traffic light setting. This means the following in our school setting:

- Limit the number of visitors on the school site- where possible please send your child on the school bus or drop them at the school gate. If you need to come on site please scan in and wear a mask.
- Year 5 and above- Masks are to be worn by teachers, support staff and students when in the classroom.
- Excellent hygiene will be followed at school with a particular focus on handwashing.
- We recommend that children bring their own drink bottle from home and fill this up during the day when at school.
- All students in Year 5 and above must wear a mask when travelling on the school bus.
- We will be having doors and windows open to increase airflow and we will be learning outside when practical.
- Most importantly if your child is unwell, please keep them at home.

We want to try and make things as positive and normal for children as we possibly can in these challenging and unprecedented times and ask for your support with that.

Waitangi Day (Observed) – Monday 7 February – School Closed

Art Deco Day Dress up – Friday 18 February

Teacher Only Day – Friday, 18 March – School Closed

School Sports: At school we offer a variety of extra-curricular sporting opportunities for our students and see the importance that these opportunities play in a child's development.

Term 1 sport registrations are now open on our school website.

Click on the Sport Tab and then Sports Registrations. Please then select the sport you wish to register for and fill in the online form.

Please make sure all registrations are completed by the due date. Due to sport organisation cut off dates, late entries unfortunately will not be accepted. If there are not enough students who register for a team and/or coaches, a team will not be able to be entered.

If you require any further information please email sport@eskdale.school.nz or contact Kim Wallace.

School Fees/Donations: The school fees/donations for 2022 are set at \$40.00 per term. These form an integral part of ensuring we can provide all of the resources we want to 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 additional devices, robotics, science, and technology resources.

2022 Recommended School Fee/Donation: \$40.00 per term: or

- Individual Child \$160.00 per year discounted if paid in term 1 to \$140.00.
- Two Children \$320.00 per year discounted if paid in term 1 to \$280.00.
- Three or more children \$480.00 per year discounted if paid in term 1 to \$420.00.

Student Online Tips: Each newsletter we will be sharing some tips and advice about digital learning. This newsletter's focus is on managing and monitoring your child's time online.

The internet has changed the way we work, rest and play. Given the current environment which is increasingly reliant on students connecting, interacting and learning using online spaces and digital devices, it's important families and whānau feel confident providing support and guidance.

Here are **Netsafe's** top tips for parents wanting to manage how much time their children spend online:

- ♣ **Understand what they're doing:** Not all time spent online is created equal. Talk to your children about what they are using digital technology for so you have a better understanding of how they are spending their time.
- ♣ **Help them to self-manage screentime:** Children need to start managing how long they spend online themselves and so talk to them about how they are using the online space and things they can do to find a balance between being online and offline.
- ♣ **Set boundaries:** Talk about expectations and set clear boundaries, just like all parents do with bedtimes and chores. Set limits together and think about how you can model those screentime expectations. You can also look into using parental controls or scheduling or restricting access via the router.
- ♣ **Technological solutions:** Internet content filtering tools are important tools and play a role in online safety and often include features or settings which allow time online to be limited. Many platforms also offer options which include time online trackers which help children understand how much time they are spending online and what activities they spend the most time engaging in.
- ♣ **Look out for changes:** If your child's technology use is affecting their ability to take part in normal activities (such as sleeping, engaging offline or participating in other hobbies) or has changed their behaviour then it's important to discuss and put in place supports for managing time. This could include restricting where they can use their device, for example not allowing it in their bedroom at night which can prevent sleep.

We look forward to working with you over the coming year to ensure the best possible outcome for your child/ren.

Tristan

Culture Corner

Culture Corner is all about engaging with our whānau and community, both inside and outside of our kura. This term we also have a few family challenges that you can do with your tamariki and be in to win some awesome prizes too!

As a whole school we are looking at our School Values and Attributes and how we can get better at practising them, keeping them at the front of our minds and showing that we value them. Attached to each of our values and attributes are Whakataukī (proverbs). They are commonly used as inspirations in speeches and also as gentle reminders spoken to each other in everyday life. They are poetic expressions of wise sayings which allude to symbols native to Aotearoa. We start February off with our School Values, which are:

Week 1

CARE & COMMUNITY

Manaaki

- show our school's CARE values
- be actively involved in our school and community
- consider people, places and things
- know how to work as part of a group

WHAKATAUKI: He waka eke noa

A canoe which we are all in with no exception

THINGS TO DO

- use manners, smile and say hello to others
- pick up rubbish
- put your rubbish back in your lunchbox
- help clean up the classroom
- visit an event in the community and take part
- take part in an activity that explores how teams work best

Week 2

ASPIRATION

Tūmanakotanga

We show **aspiration** by:-

- having a 'can do' attitude
- learn through activities that are meaningful and relevant, driven by interest
- have choices about how we learn, what we learn and why we
- take risks with our learning

WHAKATAUKI: Ko ia kāhore nei i rapu, tē kitea

He who does not seek will not find

THINGS TO DO

- try something new today
- make sensible decisions at play time and during class time
- find a song that has an aspirational message
- take a picture of you working on a goal

Week 3

RESPECT

Whakaute

We show **respect** by:-

- showing respect for ourselves, others' and the environment
- standing up for what is right
- speaking with kindness, understanding and thoughtfulness
- look out for each other
- Treating others' fairly

WHAKATAUKI: Manaaki whenua, Manaaki tangata, Haere whakamua

Care for the land, care for the people, Go forward.

THINGS TO DO

- make something environmental up in the Native Area
- keeping your stationery in your tote tray/space
- listen to others and ask them how they are feeling
- do your tidy up job at the end of the day
- help keep your class and home tidy

Week 4

EXCELLENCE

Panekiretanga

We strive for **excellence** by:-

- try your hardest at everything you do
- lead confidently
- challenge ourselves and others' to be the best we can be
- support others' in their success
- reflect on goals and set new ones
- be a problem-solver

WHAKATAUKI: *Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe, me he maunga teitei.*

Pursue excellence – should you stumble, let it be to a lofty mountain

THINGS TO DO

- be a great role model
- be positive
- be proud of everything you achieve
- comment positively on someone else's success
- know when you have done your best
- give lots of different things a go

WHĀNAU CHALLENGE

This month's whānau challenge is to write down what you think each whakataukī means for our school, our community and your whānau and enter them into our challenge box in the office. It could be a poster, photos, an explanation - get as creative as you like. Our lucky winner will receive a dinner voucher at Valley Devine to the value of \$50.00. The winner will be drawn on the 28 February and announced in our Monday Morning Reminder Email.

Sports

Kia Ora koutou! Sports is ready for another year. And to celebrate we have new Eskdale School Sports Uniforms. Netball, Volleyball, Miniball, Summer Hockey are all on offer!

Some things have changed and there is a lot of new information that has all been updated on our sports website.

<https://sites.google.com/eskdale.school.nz/eskdale-sport/home>

Please read this information very carefully and please be aware of deadline dates as I can not accept late registrations for teams.

Thanks for your understanding, please don't hesitate to contact Ashleigh (sport@eskdale.school.nz) if you have any questions.

Nga mihi, Ashleigh