

ESKDALE SCHOOL

April 2022 Newsletter

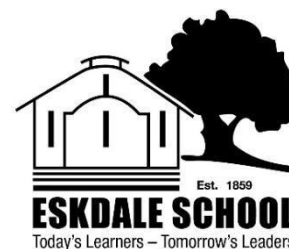
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Principal's Report

Welcome to the Eskdale School April Newsletter and the final newsletter for this first term. It has certainly been another term that has brought some challenges but one that has been rewarding in that we have been able to ensure a continuity of learning at school for the whole term and haven't had to revert to a distant learning model, hybrid learning model or a reduced timetable. This is largely down to everyone sticking to the guidelines and protecting others by following isolation rules and keeping a child at home if they are unwell. Thank you for your support with this, it has paid dividends in terms of keeping our programmes running in a relatively normal way.

Upcoming Dates to put into your calendar:

Thursday 14 April - Last Day of term 1

Friday 15 April - Good Friday- School closed

Monday 2 May – First Day of term 2

Monday 6 June – Queens Birthday- School closed

Friday 24 June – Matariki – School closed

Friday 8 July – End of term 2

Milky-Way Kiwi: As part of our STEM focus we have been able to gain and utilise some STEM funding. Through this funding we were able to bring in two space experts much in the same way we brought Ruud Kleinpaste in a few weeks ago. Over two days we had Haritina Mogosanu and Samuel Leske from Spaceward Bound work with and inspire our students. Haritina has worked with the Romanian Space Agency, becoming an analog astronaut and Sam has worked with the RNZAF for 24 years as a pilot and intelligence officer.

Over the two days students got to work with a Mars Rover and/or visit the portable planetarium. Listening to the children and teachers talk about the experiences and seeing how engaged the children were with the programmes was certainly encouraging. I know they took a lot away from the learning experiences.



Year 5/6 Camp experience: It was awesome to see all the planning and preparation come to fruition last week with the Year five and six students heading away for three days of activities. I managed to get down to camp Ranui on Thursday and was impressed by the 'give it a go' attitude our children displayed along with the way they supported each other through the different challenges. Thank you to the teaching team and parent helpers who made it possible.

Below is Evie's take on the camp:

Camp by Evie: At the end of March (Wednesday and Thursday), we spent 2 days at Camp Ranui with our friend Russell. On Friday we had another Camp day - we did an amazing race along the Marine Parade and spent the afternoon at Ocean Spa. All the year 5 / 6 students had many exciting moments whether it was whizzing down the water slide or running around the farm finding the next marker for orienteering. Many people stepped outside their comfort zone and did things they were scared or worried about, but in the end we all had fun. All the parents and helpers made camp so amazing and fun we all loved it. We will all have a memory of camp in our mind forever.



Covid Protection Framework and Vaccine Mandates:

As I am sure you are aware there have been some changes made to the Covid Protection Framework and Vaccine Mandates. Some key points to note:

- Teachers, Parents, and volunteers are no longer required to be vaccinated to work/help with students at school.
- Under the red setting students in Year Five and up are required to wear a facemask when indoors unless they have an exemption.
- Under the red setting any visitors on to the school site including relieving teachers, tradespeople and parents are required to wear a mask at all times unless they have an exemption.
- To limit the number of visitors onsite we request that when possible you send your child to school on the bus or if dropping them to school farewell and pick them up at the gate.
- We will continue to follow good hygiene practices at school including frequent handwashing and sanitising.

School Fees/Donations: Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who has already paid these this term. The school fees/donations for 2022 are set at \$40 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 additional devices, robotics, science, and technology resources.

2022 Recommended School Fee/Donation: \$40 per term or

- Individual Child \$160 per year discounted if paid in term 1 to \$140.
- Two Children \$320 per year discounted if paid in term 1 to \$280.
- Three or more children \$480 per year discounted if paid in term 1 to \$420.

Online Safety: April Focus is 'Bullying vs Banter': It isn't always easy to tell the difference between banter and bullying. Having a laugh with your friends is a normal part of friendships, but how do you know when it has gone too far? We've put together some tips to help you tell the difference. What is banter?

Banter is a friendly back and forth between two people or a group of people. True banter or 'roasting' is not intended to (and does not have the effect of) shaming, upsetting, belittling, offending or making someone uncomfortable. Banter between friends is a shared joke.

Here are some signs that banter may have gone too far:

1. Is there only one person in on the joke?

Good banter is about a back and forth exchange, not a one-way-attack on another person. If it is only one sided then this might be a sign that the joke is more bullying than banter.

2. Is the joke embarrassing, insulting or shaming towards another person?

A bit of friendly back and forth is one thing, but if the banter intends, or has the effect of, embarrassing or shaming a person then this is most likely bullying.

3. Is the joke about someone's gender, religion, sexuality, race, ethnicity or disability?

There are some things that it's best not to joke about. Making fun of personal or sensitive parts of someone's identity is going beyond banter and towards bullying, especially when it is an attack on a personal identity that they feel sensitive about.

4. Has the person said (or is acting like) they don't like it?

Banter is only fun if both sides are in on the joke together. If the person who the joke is aimed at seems uncomfortable or has asked for it to stop, take that, as the banter may be about to cross the line into bullying.

For more information check out the advice for parents and caregivers dealing with online bullying here:

www.netsafe.org.nz/parents-bullying/

I hope you all manage to enjoy the Easter Break and manage to spend some time with your families over the school holidays.

Tristan

Principal's Certificates

Recipient	For ...
Lily McLean	Welcome to Weka Class Lily. You have made a shining start to school. Loving your enthusiasm for learning.
Freddie Torrens	Welcome to Weka Class Freddie. We love seeing your smiley face walk through the door each morning.
Ryley Murphy	For being kind and helpful to everyone
Blair Satherley	Amazing problem solving and perseverance with making the remote control car
Freya Greer	Welcome to Weka Class Freya! Wow what a start to school. We love how you show respect to your teachers and peers.
Eruwera Strickland	Welcome to Weka Class Eru. You have made a solid start to your learning journey at Eskdale School.
Te Rau O Te Huia Strickland	Welcome to Weka Class Te Rau. Miss Brewer loves seeing your brain at work during your play. You are always making awesome creations.
Luke Radovanovich	Welcome to Weka Class Luke. You have had a cracking start to school this year.
Elodie Duclercq	Being a kind caring and helpful, class member.
Lucy Hall	Showing kindness and creativity by sharing your ballet dance moves with your friends.
Mia Demanser	Mia, we love seeing you back in Weka! Can't wait to see what this year holds for you.
McKenzie Barnes	Mckenzie welcome back to school. You have had a positive start back in Weka class. Keep it up!
Mack Insull	Trying out new techniques and thinking of new ideas to construct at the making table.
Jack Baty	Using your knowledge of letter sounds to read and write tricky words. Tino Pai Jack!
Lucas Crabtree	Lucas you are having a fantastic start to the school year. Thank you for showing our new Weka's what to do in class. I appreciate your help.
Liam Fisher	Welcome to Weka Class Liam. It has been lovely to see how you have come out of your shell and share your thinking with others.
Avalon Beere	Being such a terrific friend and making sure other people around you are using kind and respectful words. You are a star!!
Olivia Hooker	Being such a wonderful risk taker with your learning. Your confidence has grown so much. Tino pi!
Anthony Hiko-Taunoa	Being Brave and holding the Giant Weta! Tino pai for trying something new.
Isabelle Taylor	Using you knowledge of letter sounds to figure out tricky words at reading and writing time. Tino Pai!
Max Dawson	Sharing lots of his knowledge to help us with our investigations
Maggie Drinkrow	Being a wonderful Tui helper who is a patient classroom friend
Grace Hill	Being an outstanding role model, leader and helper for our new Year 3 students.
Angus Goodall	Making super statistic sentences about the data you collected and your graphs.
Arya Prickett	Welcome to Weka Class Arya. We can't wait to see you grow and learn here at Eskdale School.
James Turfrey	Welcome to Weka Class James.
Milana Hallaux	Making wonderful choices in and out of the classroom. You show such kindness and respect to those around you. Awesome!
Sebastian Hill	Showing us what a creative and imaginative builder you are. Your determination and perseverance is fantastic.

Nari Jones	Persevering and thinking about how to make your writing interesting. You are using descriptive words and because to add more information. Wow!
Mila Duncan	Persevering and thinking about how to make your writing interesting for us to listen to. Wow you are writing lots of interesting information in your stories.
Jack Jardine	Making fantastic brave choices and being a great Tui helper
Rosie Mitchell	Working hard with her reading and writing, writing her own stories and learning new words Ka pai
Amelie Hallaux	For her fabulous focus and determination to produce her best work. You are a wonderful role model for the rest of us Amelie!
Leo Howard	Being brave and offering his ideas during our maths discussions.
Lilly Garnett	Making super statistic sentences about the data you collected and your graphs.
Faye Parker	Being an outstanding role model, leader and helper for our new Year 3 students.
Ben Torrens	You are making some positive choices Ben and you are showing great perseverance and focus in your work. Well done Ben!
Eli Munford	You are showing great resilience in your work Eli and you are becoming a positive role model for your peers.
Zarah Waterson	For settling so well into Year 5 and always working to the best of her ability.
Reef Bryant	For being so keen to teach the class a new PE game.
Ruby Verry	showing she can step up to the challenges given to her and working hard to achieve her goals.
Indiana Bot	always trying so hard with her school work and doing it with a smile on her face too!
Paige Taylor	completing her Maths warm ups to a high standard and asking intriguing questions during Math group sessions
Yoshi Bowcock	great work during our Reading session on Questioning, explaining your reasoning well to your peers.
Daniel Beamish-White	Awesome mahi during Science with sharing your knowledge of plants.
Shay Robson	Making awesome connections between your own experiences and the text when reading about deer hunting.
MJ Tobeck	An awesome start to the year in Nga Manu Tohu.
Charlie McDougal	for showing excellent leadership qualities at House Meetings
Georgia McMaster	for having a positive attitude and always giving 100% with your learning
Leia Parker	working so hard at your learning in all areas. Ka pai!
Arlo Jordan-Tinker	Being a focused, motivated and enthusiastic learner, keep it up Arlo, way to go!!
Finn Kendrick	being a keen insect detective and liberator who just loves sharing his passion.
Munroe Lamont	Thank you for helping the year 3's settle into our class Munroe! You have done a great job of showing them our routines and expectations.
Phoebe Brock	Wow Miss Brock! You have really stepped up the standard of your work! I love how focussed and positive you are too!
Quinn Satchwell	You have been working hard in your reading and including awesome details in your aquarium writing.
Jeremy Poanta	Making fantastic observations and reasonings about our statistics data and graphs.
Leon Roberts	Leon you are making some very good choices and you are contributing positively in group discussions.
Rylee Timms	You lead by example and are a great role model to your peers. Keep up the awesome work Rylee!
Alec Stanton-Croom	A focussed and motivated learner! Keep it up Alec!
Akio Crowsley	Working hard and to a high standard!

Honiana Pomana	Showing amazing imagination and description in his writing.
Braxton Scott	Making thoughtful and useful contributions to his maths group.
Kerryn Hedley	Great inferring during our reading session this week. You did so well to explain your understanding to group members too - Ka pai!
Luke Dodd	being a great kaitiaki (guardian) for our environment in your own time and during EFS. Thank you for being respectful to our spaces at school.
Alistair Bremner	Awesome mahi during reading and sharing your knowledge of vocabulary with others in your group.
Sophie Smith	Always giving your mahi 100% effort and doing it with an awesome attitude.
Indira Kohlis	You are showing great focus and determination with your spelling and basic facts, keep it up!
Ollie Pointon	showing a fabulous work ethic and always being willing to help others.
Micah Longdon	You consistently strive to do your very best and are a fabulous role model in the way you treat others!
Madi Wood	showing bravery and asking questions when she would like more information about something.
Ruby Ivar	being a kind and respectful member of Kereru class - thank you Ruby!

Chairperson's Message

As we approach the Easter break, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school community for looking out for each other so well over the course of yet another strange and unpredictable school term. The pandemic continues to test us, stretching our family, school and community resources to the limit. Despite this, our Eskdale whānau are consistently doing their part by exercising caution with the virus and following advice where this is offered.

We have some way to go before the COVID seas calm, but I'm deeply pleased we have been able to keep the school operating in the way we have to this point. By constantly juggling school staffing and priorities, the team have ensured that day-to-day changes and disruptions are minimised for our students. This is not easily done and comes at a cost in terms of the stress placed on teachers and administrators, so please continue to be respectful and understanding in your interactions with the school.

For those interested in school policy issues, the Ministry of Education has developed a new approach to rolling policy reviews. Each year will have an overarching theme and all related content will be reviewed over the course of the four terms. This year's theme is **Health, Safety and Welfare**. The specific policies under review by the board this term include *Health and Safety Management* and *Emergency, Disaster and Crisis Management*. Anyone interested in contributing to these reviews can access the files through the *schooldocs* website (<https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>), or by approaching the school directly.

In other news, the construction of the carpark and temporary classrooms have been hampered, as you might expect, by the simultaneous pressures of COVID and the relentless wet weather this autumn has delivered. We are approximately one term behind schedule at present, but it seems likely this will extend. I will update again on this in the middle of the year.

I hope everyone gets to enjoy the upcoming break, whether you have already had COVID, or you currently have COVID, or you are yet to have COVID! And I hope the Easter Bunny's schedule isn't disrupted by staff shortages or sluggish supply chains.

Glenn Bond

Chairperson, Eskdale School Board

Culture Corner

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 April off and end our term with a couple of our Learner Attributes, which are:

Week 10

He Ngākau whiwhita - Being **PASSIONATE** means to:

- respect and celebrate that we all have different passions
- use people, places and things to inspire us
- choose things that interest us
- do things that bring us joy
- show enthusiasm for things that interest us

Key Competencies: Participating and Contributing, Managing Self, Relating to Others'

Week 11

He whakaoti rapanga - Being a **PROBLEM SOLVER** means that we:

- recognise that we can make our own choices to solve problems
- work with others to solve problems
- use a range of resources to help us solve problems
- negotiate and compromise
- listen to, remember and respond to others

Senior Students Leadership Opportunities

These tamariki are also part of our Culture Corner this month. They have been stepping up to responsibility and are playing such an important role in our kura. They have weekly meetings that they attend and are able to have a real say in what happens at our school. Here are some awesome things they have been busy doing:

House Leaders:

- Helping with PTA lunches by preparing, serving and cleaning up
- Working with Mrs Rolls, Mr Cheer, Mr Moriarty and Miss Hill on the early bird pick up

Peer Mediators:

- Organising Morning Tea activities for our tamariki which have been fun and exciting
- Preparing a new buddy bench for our younger students

Bus Monitors

- Keeping our tamariki safe on our buses
- Reporting any incidents that need following up



Dates to Remember*

14 April 2022	Easter Dress Up Date – bring a gold coin donation for the SPCA
14 April 2022	Last Day of Term 1
15 April 2022	Good Friday -School closed
2 May 2022	First Day of Term 2
6 June 2022	Queen's Birthday -School closed
24 June 2022	Matariki -School Closed

*See also Eskdale School Website Calendar: www.eskdale.school.nz

Tough Guy & Gal event (Mud Run): Clifton Station Thursday 2 June 2022 Parents/Caregivers enter and pay for children online

Here is the online entry link:

<https://eventdesq.sportstg.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=main&EventDesqID=38230&OrgID=20511>

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that parents select the correct entry/day and venue.

Please select **THE TEACHER WILL PICK UP THE RACE NUMBER** when you come to the bib collection question. Please write the school name in FULL.

As long as all of these things are done the organiser can link all the entrants together and have everything waiting for the teacher on the day to pick up from the event registration.

Any questions please contact Mrs Wallace.

PTA Lunches Term 2

You can now order your Term 2 Lunches online by ordering through our school website under PTA>Order Lunches. Please make sure you know your child's classroom, so they are put onto the correct list.

Orders close Monday 2nd May, 2022. All lunches are \$4 each. Term 2 we have got:

Week 1 - (4 May) Pasta Bolognese

Week 2 - (11 May) Hot Dog and Fruit

Week 3 - (18 May) Mac n Cheese

Week 4 - (25 May) Pie and Fruit

Week 5 - (1 Jun) Nachos

Week 6 - (8 Jun) Cheese Burger

Week 7 - (15 Jun) Roast Beef

Week 8 - (22 Jun) Yummy Subs & Fruit

Week 9 - (29 Jun) Butter Chicken

Week 10 - (6 Jul) Pizza

We are always looking for people to help preparing and clean up on Wednesday's. Please let us know if you are available when you order online.

Enviro News

ENVIRO SQUAD UPDATE

Our various project teams have been busy working over the past month. **The Pest Team** has been identifying the various pests around the Native Area with their bait strips to work out where they are. The next step is to repair the current traps and start their trapping programme.

The Beach Clean Up on the 9th March was very successful. We had a number of family members and BOT members join us. We noticed there was less plastic than in previous years but a lot of fishing line and netting.

Mosaic Pavers

In order to make way for the new carpark, the Peace Garden will be relocated to above the Year 5 and 6 classrooms. We have a team making mosaic pavers to add to the new area. The roses have already been moved and we will be moving the fishpond and shade area next.

Fairy Doors

We have a team of Year 3 and 4 students running fairy door workshops for the junior classes. These classes are proving very popular! The doors will be added to our Native Area once they are finished.

Planting Shade trees

We have a group of seniors researching trees and preparing a proposal for Mr Cheer to replace the trees that needed to come down to make way for the new carpark. The project was welcomed by the BOT who have already pledged to buy 3 mature trees for the area.

Coming up: World Earth Day 23rd April. This year's theme is Invest in our planet - very topical at the moment! What will your family do?

<https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2022/>





Library News

With the holidays just around the corner now is the time to hunt out all the overdue library books ready to return in Term 2.

We are missing quite a few books and would appreciate these being returned as soon as possible so others can enjoy the books as much as your children have.

Thanks



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DAY: THURSDAY
14 APRIL 2022



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Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.



HOT X BUNS



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per packet of 6 hot cross buns and are available in traditional or chocolate

Your buns will be at school **THURSDAY 14 APRIL**

We can send them home with your child or you can collect from outside the office after school

I would like to order hot cross buns: *(write the number of packets—6 buns per packet)*

Traditional _____ Chocolate _____ Total packets _____ @ \$4 per pack

Total to pay \$ _____ Paid online

Name _____ Room _____

Phone _____ Send my buns home I will collect my buns from school

Please place orders and make payments by **MONDAY 11 APRIL**

♦ Due to Covid-19 restrictions please send your order by **Email** to eskdalepta@gmail.com

♦ Pay **Online** to the Eskdale PTA bank account 03-0698-0975167-000 * **NO CASH ORDERS THIS YEAR** *

PTA FUNDRAISER thanks to Pak n Save Napier **\$1** per pack is given back to the school!



List and sell your home with me and I will personally donate **\$500** to Eskdale School*

Sam Hutchinson

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