

# ESKDALE SCHOOL

## December 2022 Newsletter

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## Principal's Report

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2022. The year has certainly flown by, and it seems hard to believe that it was earlier this year we were having to wear masks at school, events were being cancelled, and we had large numbers of students and teachers away with covid or isolating as a contact. It has been so pleasing to see the resilience of the school and the students with things bouncing back to normal in the second half of the year.

Over the past week I have been analysing our achievement data and I am pleased to report student achievement in both English and Math has improved on our 2021 results which is another reflection of the resilience of our learners and our approach to teaching and learning at school in 2022.

Throughout the year students have made the most of the opportunities presented and have experienced success in a variety of academic, cultural, and sporting areas both at school and when competing against other schools from around the region. I want to acknowledge the commitment and work of our teaching team, and support staff who throughout the year have given their best for our tamariki.

Thank you to the PTA for their relentless fundraising efforts, and our Board of Trustees for their excellent governance of our school. Parents, I thank you for working with us and supporting your child in their learning journey this year. Let's hope 2023 provides us with four terms of normal and even more opportunities for our children to shine.



**Year 8 Camp:** I have been up in Rotorua at the Year 8 camp this week and I was super impressed with the way our children gave everything a go, showed respect for other people when out and about, and most importantly how they interacted with one another. They are an awesome group of young people who were excellent ambassadors for our school. They coped well with a change of programme due to the weather and you can see the adjacent photo from the 3D Art Gallery that they went to on Wednesday after the Luge was rained out. Fortunately the weather was better yesterday and they got to test each other and the parents and teachers on the Luge.

## Important upcoming events and dates:

<b>Monday 12 December</b>	Final Assembly and Prizegiving
<b>Tuesday 13 December</b>	Year 5/6 end of year trip
<b>Wednesday 14 December</b>	End of year school reports come home 2023 class lists are shared
<b>Thursday 15 December</b>	Final day for students in 2022. School finishes at the normal time.
<b>Friday 27 January 2023</b>	School office opens for 2023.
<b>Tuesday 31 January 2023</b>	First day for the new school year.

**Towards 2023:** As we look ahead to 2023 the teaching team is relatively stable with the only change in personnel being Tarsh Brewer leaving to head overseas for her OE. There is some change to the class levels and teachers at the levels. Mike Moriarty and Tineke Hill remain the two deputy principals. The classrooms, teachers and year levels are below:

### Junior School

NE-Y2 Syndicate:

NE/Y1- Weka – Sue Stilwell (An additional teacher will join this class in the 2nd half of the year)

Year 1- Kotare – Nicole Bason

Year 1/2 – Korimako – Debbie Bramwell

Year 1/2 – Tui – Jo Drager

Year 3/4 Syndicate:

Kea – Bryony Lovatt

Ruru – Isaac James

Kokako – Angela Roydhouse

### Senior School

Year 5/6 Syndicate:

Hihi – Catherine Lee and Kate Aiken

Kereru – Kim Wallace (Tineke Hill – Friday)

Karearea – Jahni McLean

Year 7/8 Syndicate:

Kakao – Alex Jones (Justin Bicknell – Monday)

Karoro – Jess Rodda

Toroa – Amy Coker

CRT – Catherine Jurgens Year 1-6 and Mike Moriarty Year 7/8

Reading Recovery – Emma Lantsbury

SENCO – Tineke Hill

**2023 Class Lists:** The teaching and management team have been planning and organising the classes for 2023. 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 and syndicate as a whole. The class lists will be shared on Wednesday, 14 December via the school website. This will be a password protected page and we will share the password with you via email once the page has been uploaded on Wednesday.

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.

**School Athletics Results:** I was super impressed by the way the children gave it their all on the Athletics Day and it was so nice to have parent's sharing the experience with us again. What an awesome day. Well done to everyone who participated and congratulations to our overall champions:

Age Group	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
5-Year-old Girls	Harper Webster	Amba Roberts	Skye Howard & Sarah Beneke
5-Year-old Boys	Clyde Parris	Luke Radovanovich	Ivan Ranston & Jude Wilson
6-Year-old Girls	Maggie Drinkrow	Ella Byrne	Nari Jones
6-Year-old Boys	Max Williams	Max Dawson	Amor Parris
7-Year-old Girls	Holly Verry	Maja Garnett	Summer Cave
7-Year-old Boys	Reid Kersley	Abel Appleton & Curtis Gardner	Thomas Fisher
8-Year-old Girls	Indira Kohlis	Annabel Brownlee & Isla Kohlis	Maddie Wilson
8-Year-old Boys	Owen Ranston & Adam Satherley	Ben Torrens	Jonah Longdon
9-Year-old Girls	Elia Giacometti	Sophie Jensen	Heidi Roberts and Rylee Timms
9 Year-old Boys	Freddie Lee	Jackson Barnes	Sam Verry
10-Year-old Girls	Kaia Ranston	Olivia Berkett	Brianna Grant & Kyra Dudding
10-Year-old Boys	Akio Crofskey	Samson Sheriff & Alec Stanton-Croom	Colton Bennett, Connor Havill & Roman Borrie
11-Year-old Girls	Sophia-Rose Sheriff	Sivad Rewiti	Maddie Verry
11-Year-old Boys	Honiana Pomana	Ollie Pointon	Hunter Malone
12-Year-old Girls			
12-Year-old Boys	Isaac Bennett	Riley Harris	Jack Tester
13-Year-old Girls			
13-Year-old Boys	Karlon Johnson	Charlie McDougal	Chamon Brown

The 12 & 13 year old final result will be confirmed after the High Jump which will be completed next week once the year 8's return from camp.

Thank you all for your support throughout 2022. The year has been a positive one after a very tricky first two terms. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all after the holiday break.

Tristan

## Principal's Certificates

Fern Borrie	using your spelling fingers to assist you to write new words, so grown up!
Maggie Drinkrow	a fabulous story about the Black Ferns, you could be a journalist!
Dallas Lamont	working so hard with your sounds you are so clever especially as you are now using them to help you write your stories.
Evie Mitchell	Outstanding progress in all areas of English. Great work Evie!
Lucas Malone	Fantastic progress in learning your letter-sound combinations with Mr Moriarty. Awesome work Lucas!
Ric Smith	Loving the support you show others and giving genuine compliments to them. You are spreading kindness with you decisions Ric, keep it up dude!
Harry Tester	You have wowed with your mini golf STEAM project Harry. You persevere with your creative ideas to bring them fruition. Great work Harry!
Ollie Pointon	For getting involved in so many aspects of school life throughout the year!
Jacs Booth	For having positive mindset towards everything you do!
Locky Bot	Sharing your game developing knowledge and taking a detailed Scratch workshop
Shay Robson	A very creative poem about your identity with some awesome language features. You worked so hard on this and should be mighty proud!
Isaac Bennett	a creative and informative display of your new knowledge of the German language and culture.
Isobella McMillan	for creating vivid images in your poetry using descriptive language and artistic flare!
Ella Pointon	for creating vivid images in your poetry using descriptive language and poetic devices
Chloe Greenbank	Fabulous maths, adding and subtracting big numbers so cleverly
Arlo Jordan-Tinker	using those letter sounds so quickly to help you work out new words and now using your spelling fingers to help you spell new words. What a guy!

Angus Goodall	Showing awesome kindness and encouragement to others while playing Mini Golf on our trip.
Kaylee Hill	Fantastic fractions! You did a great job at multiplying fractions. Well done Kaylee.
Karlien Barnard	You always strive to show excellence in the work that you do. Well done Karlien, keep it up!
Heidi Roberts	For the incredible progress you have made with your reading this year! Nice job Heidi.
Zarah Waterson	For the way you look out for people and care about others!
Marlon Anderson	Using figurative language to create striking images through your poetry.
Lola Brown	Giving all of the events at Athletics your best effort, and doing so with a positive attitude. You are such a superstar Lola!
Marlee Duncan	For creating vivid images for your audience through your use of poetic devices.
Kyra Dudding	For the enthusiastic and focussed way you approach everything you do!
Joel Tester	Thank you for everything you have done this year to help out in any way you can!
Sophie Smith	Always being supportive of your peers, and leading the way in everything you do.
Jack Tester	Showing dedication and 100% effort in your learning about the Spanish culture and language, and creating an awesome display for the expo!
Jaime Gale	all the wonderful helpful things you quietly do in class, you are an aspiration to your classmates!
Max Dawson	just getting on with your learning in just an enthusiastic way Kapai!!
Quinn Satchwell	Awesome fraction learning. We love hearing your ideas and watching your brain work during maths discussion time.
Jeremy Poanta	Fantastic application of multiplication and division during our fraction unit. You are mastering finding a fraction of an amount!
Riley Harris	being brave and taking the lead in your Language Expo Display
Sophie Smith	creating an artistic and informative display about France for our Language Expo
Carter Reha	For his fascinating presentation to Hihī class about Mushrooms. We learnt so much about them thanks to you!
Adam Bower	For the amazing effort you have put into your work this year. You should be so proud of yourself!
Nina Giacometti	Showing great problem solving skills during maths sessions.
Aiden Dudding	Creating a vivid image for your audience in your creative writing using descriptive language and poetic devices.

## Dates to Remember\*

6 December	Year 8 Leavers Dinner
12 December	End of Year Assembly
13 December	Year 5/6 End of Year Trip
14 December	Reports home Class lists shared
15 December	Final day for students (school finishes at 2.45pm)
31 January	First day of Term 1 2023

\*See also Eskdale School Website Calendar: [www.eskdale.school.nz](http://www.eskdale.school.nz)

# Chairperson's Message

We've entered the home straight for 2022 and the summer holidays are within sight. I hope that plans are taking shape for everyone to connect with family and friends over the long break.

At the October meeting of the school board we were joined by our newest member, Lee Turner. Lee has a longstanding relationship with the school, and comes with numerous connections throughout our community and a range of useful professional skills to add to the mix. Lee has taken over the policy portfolio left vacant by Amy Allan and has hit the ground running. Welcome, Lee.

Many of you would be aware that last weekend the Eskdale School PTA hosted the Bay View Market Day. It was a beautiful day and the numbers in attendance appeared to dwarf all previous years. Enormous thanks to the PTA members and the squadron of volunteers, some of whom work many hours on this event. More details will come to hand soon on the fundraising result but regardless of the bottom line the event was a great one for our school, our local community and the wider Hawke's Bay. Huge congratulations to all involved.

Recent changes to the strategic planning cycle at the Ministry of Education mean that we will not be renewing our 3-year rolling plan, previously due to start next year, until 2024. We had some great feedback from the community about our existing strategy, and the board and management team will hang on to this information, using it both to inform our practice in 2023 and then our long term plan for 2024 and beyond. Thanks to everyone who got involved.

Prizegiving is coming up on Monday, 12 December 2022 and will give us an opportunity to thank and acknowledge our staff and students, as well as providing us with our formal opportunity to farewell the kids and families leaving our care. You can expect some changes to the format this year which we hope you all enjoy. Please come along if you can, and I'll see you there.

Season's Greetings!

**Glenn Bond**

Chairperson, *Eskdale School Board*

## 2023 School Lunches



Eskdale School lunch orders 2023

Esk Valley Catering are offering lunch orders starting term 1 next year! Lunches will be available on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Lunches can be ordered each week via our website-[www.eskvalleycatering.co.nz](http://www.eskvalleycatering.co.nz) orders can be made until 5pm Monday for the week.

Please contact Mel on 022 646 9762 [eskvalleycatering@outlook.com](mailto:eskvalleycatering@outlook.com) with any questions

\*As we complete the development of the website, allergen information will be updated accordingly.

<https://www.eskdale.school.nz/635/pages/81-eskdale-school-lunches>

# Wanted

The Junior School are on the hunt for any unwanted Countdown Farm Bricks. Please drop these into the office if you have any going spare. Thanks



## Sports News

### MOUNTAIN BIKING IS COMING YOUR WAY!

Sport HB has a programme starting early 2023 and are interested in bringing it to Eskdale School. You may have a child who is keen to get out on their bike but maybe you don't ride yourself or just don't have time. The idea of this programme is to develop a group of riders from the school unit that will learn key skills, meet other kids who love bikes and ultimately have fun!

#### Structure of course

Duration: 4 sessions run afterschool (day to be confirmed) 2 hours in length

Age: 7-9 & 10-12

Venue: Pan Pac MTB Park

Cost: Free

Requirements: Suitable bike to be ridden off road, two working brakes and helmet.

This course will be undertaken by a PMBIA Certified Instructor.

If you think your little shredder might be keen, please email [katipomtb@outlook.co.nz](mailto:katipomtb@outlook.co.nz) to find out more. I need to know numbers to see whether SHB can bring it your way.

## Eskdale School PTA Raffle Results

A huge thanks to everyone that helped out with market day. Our raffle winners are:

Raffle 1 - Water blaster, basket full of goodies - Amy Satherley

Raffle 2 - Mini BBQ table and games - Krystelle McDonald

Raffle 3 - female hamper - Marie Jardine

Raffle 4 - Lisa Fisher's hamper - Ezra Curd

Christmas Cake - Janis Warren

Pamper Basket - Raewyn Geange

Firewood donated from Pan Pac - Claire Chalmers

# 2023 Stationary Lists

Your child's back to school class list is ready to go at [www.myschool.co.nz](http://www.myschool.co.nz).

Get a free magnetic whiteboard family organiser when you shop online with OfficeMax MySchool in December.

More information can be found at the end of this newsletter.

## Library News

If you have any school books eg: library books, early readers etc, can you please get your child/ren to return these to the office no later than **Friday, 9 December** so that these can all be returned to the school library and book room. Thanks

## Enviro Squad



Many thanks to all those people who supported our stall at Market Day. The Enviro squad made approx \$400 which is a fantastic amount for a small group! The team had lots of fun making goods and helping out on the stall. Our raffles will be drawn on Friday. Thank you to the PTA for this opportunity!

**A special thank you to our small team of Enviro enthusiasts who meet once a week in their lunch breaks to help raise awareness about sustainability around the school.**

**Ka pai to mahi.**

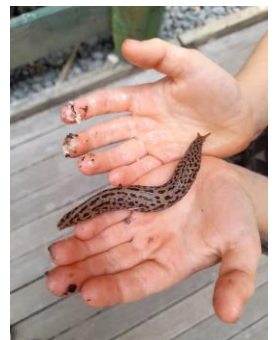
## Education for Sustainability (EFS)



Our school environment is rich in biodiversity...slugs, fungus, frogs and much much more. All there to be investigated by our tamariki...

Max with the super sized Leopard slug which lives in our worm farm.

Carter discovered these giant fungi in our Native Garden, which he thinks are King Stropharia. Carter is a fungi enthusiast, a Mycologist.

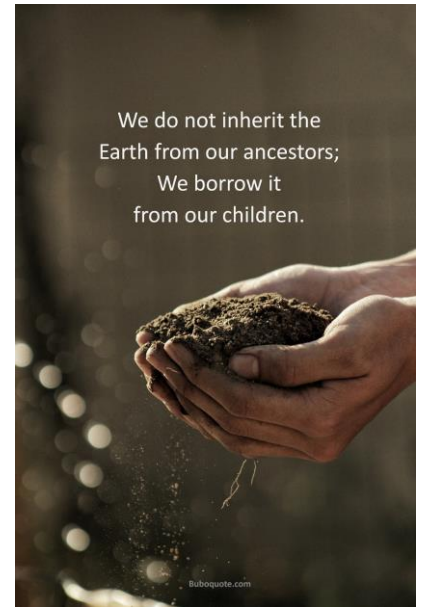




### **Friday sessions**

Many thanks to all the parents who have helped us throughout the year. We have been able to offer a wide variety of practical activities to the children, and could not continue to do this without your support! We have carried out experiments to see whether our citrus cleaner is as good as commercial cleaners and created 3D models of Heipipi Pa.

Last week our Kai gardens and Bee/Butterfly gardens were planted, t-shirts upcycled into bags and some of us learnt about the importance of caring for our drains and taking care of our waterways.



### **Tips for a sustainable Christmas**

Thanks to Your Home and Garden we share some eco-friendly Christmas gift giving ideas.

Try and simplify the season. Buy fewer presents and less food and opt to travel as little as possible. Slow down and make the most of the family moments instead.

- Don't forget to take your eco bags when you go shopping for presents, food and other supplies!
- Choose gifts, decorations and groceries with minimal packaging, or opt for those in recyclable or compostable packaging.
- Say no to palm oil, or choose products made with sustainable palm oil. Check the ingredients in shop-bought mince pies, pastry and chocolates, as well as any skincare or body products you are gifting. A lot of these contain palm oil, the farming of which leads to deforestation and loss of habitat for animals such as orangutans and Sumatran tigers.
- Plan ahead and only buy what you need for your Christmas meal so less food is wasted.
- Shop local and seasonal to minimise your carbon footprint.





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# **OCTAVIUS CHOIR** presents **A Merry Little Christmas Concert**

**2pm, Sunday December 11  
Eskdale War Memorial Church**

Pay at the door — cash only, please  
Adults \$20, students and children free

[www.eskdalewarmemorialchurch.com](http://www.eskdalewarmemorialchurch.com)

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