

ESKDALE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back for the 2023 school year. There has certainly been some significant changes to the site over the break with the last bits of the old school block being removed and our beloved Oak Tree coming down. As a group of teachers we have been preparing for the return of the children for some time and it was awesome being able to welcome everyone back on Tuesday. The start of the year is always special and it's particularly so for the children starting out on their education journey or those that have started a fresh at our school. It was nice being able to welcome all the new families and students with our Mihi Whakatau on Tuesday morning.

The children have certainly come back with plenty of energy and enthusiasm. I can honestly say I cannot remember a smoother start to a school year.

The new carpark is generally flowing well and we will continue to make tweaks where possible to eliminate any clinks in the system. In the morning if you are dropping and leaving your child, please do this adjacent to the footpath. If you are calling in, please find a park and walk with your child across the carpark.

In the afternoon the early bird pick-ups are going smoothly. At the 2.45pm pick if you are collecting your child please come into the carpark. If you are parked in one of the middle car parks you will need to hop out of your car and collect your child from the gate, if you are parked/stopped adjacent to the footpath your child can walk to your car along the path.

A new Year = A new beginning: A new year has begun and so has a fresh set of opportunities for your child to experience success. As a teaching team we have been focussing on the importance of having high expectations and building positive relationships with every child. The connection we have with you as a parent is also critical to ensuring success for your child. If you are ever unsure of something or wanting to know something please let us know. Likewise if you have information that might help the classroom teacher please make contact.

Eskdale School Teaching Team and Support Staff: The teaching team is settled and looking forward to the year ahead. If you have any issues, please contact the classroom teacher in the first instance as the sooner we know the sooner we can attend to issues and 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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New Reporting Format: This year we are trialling a new reporting format designed to give parents more regular, relevant and up to date reporting information throughout the year. This replaces the written reporting however we will still have our parent/teacher learning conferences towards the end of Term 1 and 2. Please watch the video that explains the new system [Real-Time Reporting](#). There will also be an opportunity at the upcoming meet the teacher night to ask any questions.

Meet the Teacher night: Our annual Meet the teacher night will be on **Wednesday 8 February**. The Junior School classes will meet at 5:30pm - NE Year 1/2 classes will meet in Weka, Year 3/4 classes will meet in Kokako Class. The Senior School Classes will meet at 6.15pm - Year 5/6 classes will meet in Hihi, Year 7/8 classes will meet in Toroa Class.

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.

Swimming: The school pool is open and the students will be swimming this term. All classes have at least three swimming sessions each week. Please send your child to school with togs and a towel everyday as sometimes they can squeeze in an extra swim.

School Fees/Donations: The school fees/donations for 2023 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 additional devices and STEAM equipment.

2023 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.

Thank you for helping make the start of the year a good one. I look forward to working with you throughout 2023.

Tristan

DATES TO REMEMBER

6 February	Waitangi Day – School Closed.
8 February	Meet the Teacher Evening
15 February	Weetbix Tryathlon
17 February	Art Deco Day Dress up
9 March	5 & 6 Year olds Swimming Sports @ School
14/15 March	Parent/Teacher Learning conferences
17 March	7 Year olds and over Swimming Sports @ Onekawa Pools

*See also Eskdale School Website Calendar: <https://www.eskdale.school.nz/1/calendars/1-school-calendar>

CULTURE CORNER

On Teacher Only Day, Eskdale School staff were out and about exploring Heipipi Pa. We had an awesome guide, Tipene Cottrell, who shared stories of the past about the area. It was a fabulous day and we took away some local history, made connections and of course, team building! We are hoping to share this experience with our students by taking them on a trip too.



2023 SCHOOL LUNCHES



Esk Valley Catering are offering lunch orders starting Week 2 of Term 1! Lunches will be available on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Lunches can be ordered each week via the website www.eskvalleycatering.co.nz orders can be made until 5pm Sunday for the week.

Please contact Mel on 022 646 9762 eskvalleycatering@outlook.com with any questions

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

SPORTS NEWS

All sports information for Term 1 has been uploaded on to the school website.

Please get registrations in as soon as possible as some of these have registration cut offs this Sunday, 5 February 2023. Unfortunately we are unable to accept any late registrations.

Your child will be issued with a Eskdale School sports uniform. There is a fee of \$25.00 for the hireage of this uniform. You will only pay this fee once per year.

For any sports queries, please contact Maree at sport@eskdale.school.nz.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Children's Yoga Classes returning Term One 2023!

Fun and creative sessions using games, storytelling and partner work to help children nurture a strong, healthy body and a calm, contented mind.

- Increase concentration and attention span
- Improve co-ordination and posture
- Enhance flexibility and strengthen growing bodies

Classes are suitable for ages 4 - 12 years and will be held after school, from 3.00pm-3.45pm, either on Wednesdays or Fridays. \$80.00 per 8 week course. Limited spaces available.

Please contact Sandra Rolls Phone/Text 027 419 6988 for further details and to register your interest.

Certificate in Radiant Child Yoga Programme