

# ESKDALE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 2024

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2024. This year has been an absolute cracker with many highlights most of which wouldn't have been possible without the support of you, the parents. The ones that help transport, go on camps, coach sports teams, help in classrooms and the ones who help with fundraising so that we can afford to make these opportunities happen. Thank you.

In amongst the wide variety of opportunities offered for our learners we have continued to focus on the core areas of learning. This has resulted in over 86% of our students from across the school in 2024 working at or above their expected curriculum level for English and Math. We are proud of this result and the community should be too. Thank you to the teaching team for your caring, focused approach to support our learners achieve this result.

**Looking ahead to 2025:** As this year accelerates towards an end we look ahead to 2025. As shared in the last newsletter the school structure does look different next year. Below are the classes and teaching team:

Deputy Principal's are Mike Moriarty and Tineke Hill

### Phase 1

New Entrant Class - Weka - Sue Stilwell

Year 1 Class - Kotare - Mike Moriarty & Emma Lantsbury

Year 2 Class - Korimako - Debbie Bramwell

Year 2/3 Class - Tui - Jo Drager

Year 2/3 Class - Ruru - Isaac James

## **Phase 2**

Year 4 Class - Kea - Bryony Lovatt

Year 4/5 Class - Karearea - Amy Coker

Year 5/6 Class - Kereru - Kim Wallace & Tineke Hill

Year 6 Class - Hihi - Catherine Lee & Kate Aiken

## **Phase 3**

Year 7/8 Class - Kakao - Alex Jones & Tineke Hill

Year 7/8 Class - Karoro - Jess Rodda

Year 7/8 Class - Toroa - Jahni McLean


Targeted Literacy and Math Support Teacher & CRT: Nicole Bason

CRT: Catherine Jurgens

**Farewell to three of our teaching team:** The end of 2024 sees us farewell three of our teaching team. Angela Roydhouse who has been a committed, longstanding member of our team, having been with us for 20 years, is leaving to start a new teaching position at St Mary's School in Hastings next year. Justin Bicknell who has been a valued member of our team for over 17 years steps down from his regular teaching spot but I'm sure the children will be happy to know that we will see him back regularly next year as a key member of our relief teaching pool. Tim Orbell finishes at the end of the term after successfully taking the reins in Toroa Class for the second half of this year.

**2025 Class Lists:** The teaching and management team have been planning and organising the classes for 2025. 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 overall dynamic of each class.

The class lists will be shared on Wednesday, 18 December via the school website. This will be a password protected page, and we will share the password with you all 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 six weeks of the 2025 school year. If there are any concerns or worries after this time, I am more than happy to discuss these with parents.



**Moving Rooms:** As shared in the last newsletter, most of our classes will begin the 2025 year in the new classroom block. They will begin moving next week so that the temporary classrooms are empty and can be removed over the summer break to make way for a new astro-turf court. The old Year 7/8 classroom block adjacent to the new carpark will also be emptied so that work can begin converting this to a new office/administration block over the summer break too. You are all welcome to join us for a blessing of the new building on Monday, 9 December at 5.30am (more information further in the newsletter).

**Year 8 Camp:** Two weeks ago our Year 8 students headed for Rotorua on camp. It was three nights and four action packed days for the students, the teachers and the parent helpers. I managed to get up and join in some of the activities including the MKR cooking competition, where clearly the students had been practising as there were some delicious meals. It was a hard competition to judge, made even more challenging by Miss Rodda's complex scoring system and in the end two teams took out the coveted prize as MKR champs.

I also timed my trip to take on the students at the luge however after a few team tactics from the students and Joel nudging me off the track it was Joel that showed the most speed and skill to win.

The students also visited the Redwoods night walk, Waimangu Valley, 3D Art Gallery and played lawn bowls. There were also endless amounts of time swimming in the onsite pool and playing touch rugby. I could not have been more proud of how the students represented our school and themselves during their time away. Who knew you could take 30 year eight students to Countdown Rotorua so they could work in their teams to buy their groceries for MKR and come away with only compliments from the other shoppers and storeworkers. I'm sure this years Year 7's will already be looking forward to their chance next year.

**SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL VISITORS AND WORKERS:** Due to Asbestos removal, wrapping and disposal, the school will be closed to everyone from Saturday, 21 December 2024 to Friday, 10 January 2025.



**CAMP MKR**



**REDWOODS**



**NAPIER 150 YEARS**



**ATHLETICS**

**Napier 150 Years:** On Thursday last week a group of our House Leaders went along to the 150 Years celebrations for Napier at the Sound Shell. The students received a Kowhai Tree from the Mayor to plant at school as part of this celebration. Interestingly, whilst celebrating 150 Years in Napier our school recently ticked over the 165 year mark.

**School Athletics:** It was fantastic seeing the students take to the running track and different field events on Athletics Day. The awesome weather was only matched by the positive attitudes on display and the support the students showed to their classmates taking on the events. It was great that we could use the Long Jump pit and having the High Jump back was a bonus (thanks for transporting the mats Bronwyn). Also thank you to everyone who supplied a gazebo for the day. The teacher team managed to retain the bragging rights over the students in the student v teachers relay and managed to do this without any injuries. Congratulations to Rimu House who took out the Athletics House Competition.

Well done to our age group champions below:

**BOYS**

	First	Second	Third
5 Yrs	Jake McCarthy	Flynn Lacey	Hartree Holt, Obi Stevens
6 Yrs	Zakeil Pepper	Tamati Froneman-Dehar	Carter Pell
7 Yrs	Clyde Parris	Liam Fisher	Asher Hall
8 Yrs	Amor Parris	Max Dawson	Blair Satherley, Max Williams
9 Yrs	Reid Kersley	Leo Howard, Archie Stevens	Cooper Pell
10 Yrs	Owen Ranston	Adam Satherley	Leon Moriarty
11 Yrs	Jackson Barnes	Kupa McLean	Chase Hill
12 Yrs	Akio Crowskey	Braxton Scott	Colton Bennett
13 Yrs	Yoshi Bowcock	Baxter MacInnes	Lacelle Sumner



## GIRLS

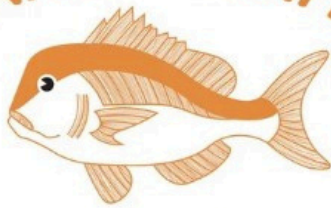
	First	Second	Third
5 Yrs	Harper Whiting	Katelyn Satherley, Zoe Williams, Mila van der Linden	Isabelle Monrad
6 Yrs	Lucy Adams	Ara Jones	Chloe Duclercq
7 Yrs	Harper Webster	Amba Roberts, Freya Greer	Kanoa Harrison
8 Yrs	Nari Jones	Ella Byrne	Leah Mitchell
9 Yrs	Holly Verry	Evelyn Lacey	Thea McCormack, Elodie Duclercq, Leela Agnello
10 Yrs	Frankie Ross	Millie Berkett	Annabel Brownlie
11 Yrs	Alice Williams	Charlotte Baird, Penny Hall	Rylee Timms
12 Yrs	Kaia Ranston	Olivia Berkett	Addison McDougal
13 Yrs	Ruby Verry	Evie Kersley	EI-Lae Bush, Florence Lee

Thank you for all of your support throughout 2024.

If I don't see you before, I hope you all manage to have an enjoyable Christmas Break, and I look forward to seeing you back again for 2025.

Tristan

SNAPPER CAFE



BAYVIEW

The perfect setting for coffee, breakfast, brunch or lunch!

We have a fully fenced courtyard that is both child and dog friendly as well as seating inside for those cooler days!

**Open Wednesday - Sunday  
8.30am - 2.30pm**

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with any coffee purchased**

Located at Napier Beach TOP 10  
10 Gill Road, Bay View



## BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

As 2024 comes to a close and our tired kids eagerly anticipate the holidays, we reflect on what a successful year it has been for our school. From excelling in academics and sports to shining in the arts and giving back to the community, our students have done it all.

A few highlights include our first swimming sports in three years, the Waipatiki Beach Planting Day, and our continued academic success at Mathletics and the PAT results exceeding the national averages.

These achievements wouldn't have been possible without the incredible dedication of our Eskdale School teachers and staff. Thank you for your ongoing commitment and always putting our tamariki first. I also want to highlight the continued support of the PTA and their fundraising efforts, which have once again provided great experiences for the children, including the addition of a school van and playground equipment.

We will have an opportunity to thank and acknowledge all our community at Prize Giving on Monday, 16 December. I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Wishing everyone a relaxed, fun-filled holiday season, whether you're soaking up the beautiful Hawke's Bay summer or traveling elsewhere. Bring on 2025, where we can look forward to many more successes and the completion of our wonderful new school buildings and surrounds!

Jaelyn Hankin

Chairperson - Board of Trustees

## BLESSING OF OUR NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Kia ora whānau,

There will be a Karakia Whakatuwhera (blessing) of our new classrooms on Monday by our local kaumātua, Koro Matiu Eru. This will start at 5:30am at the roadside entrance to the new building. It would be great if you could join us for this very special event.

After the event, there will be a sausage sizzle breakfast and activities set up for those kids staying at school until the start of the day.

DATE: 9 December 2024

TIME: 5:30am

VENUE: Eskdale School - Roadside Entrance

COST: No cost

If there is anyone who can help with the setting up activities, sausage sizzle and/or cutting fruit, can you please come and see Tineke or email her [tinekeh@eskdale.school.nz](mailto:tinekeh@eskdale.school.nz)

Ngā mih nui,  
Tineke Allan  
Tumuaki Tuarua - Deputy Principal  
Waea mahi: 06 836 6845

## YEAR 5/6 END OF YEAR FUNDRAISER

**WHEN:** Monday 16 December

Our year 5/6 syndicate "Give it back" and Christmas dress up day. We are organising a school wide collection of non-perishable items to donate for our local Foodbanks. Donations can be brought to school during the day or brought to Prizegiving at night. Students can dress up in Christmas attire on this day if they would like.

## YEAR 3/4 FUNDRAISER THANKS



Our Year 3/4 syndicate held a fundraiser for the SPCA at the beginning of the term. They would like to thank everyone for their generous donations, they raised \$186.00 for the Napier SPCA and also got some lovely animal toys. A big thank you to everyone who contributed. Thanks Tima Koru

## SPORTS UPDATE



On the weekend we went to Gisborne to compete in the Hawkes Bay Poverty Bay Long Course Swimming Championships at the Kiwa Pools. We swam in a 50m pool and were part of the Napier Aquahawks swimming team of 13. There were 207 competitors from 12 different clubs from across the North Island who raced in 47 events. In total, the three of us got four medals and five ribbons in butterfly, backstroke, freestyle and breaststroke races. Our Aquahawks team did very well as we were one of the smallest teams there but managed to bring home lots of medals and ribbons.

The best part of the weekend was getting to compete against different clubs and watching the senior swimmers who are really fast.

Ben Torrens, Rylee & Tayla Timms



## DATES TO REMEMBER

6 December	Year 5/6 EOY Estuary Trip
6 December	Bus Monitor Trip to Splash Planet
11 December	Board of Trustees Meeting
12 December	Year 0/2 EOY Staycation @ Eskdale School
16 December	Year 5/6 Fundraiser (non-perishable food donation / Christmas dress up)
16 December	Prize Giving
19 December	Last Day for Students 2024
3 February	Term 1 Starts 2025

## ESKDALE SCHOOL ABSENTEES

A reminder that if your child is absent from school to contact the school office prior to 9.00am.

This can be done in a number of different ways:

**Email:** [absence@eskdale.school.nz](mailto:absence@eskdale.school.nz)

**Text:** 021 114 5845

**Phone:** 06 836 6845 (option 1)

**App:** Skool Loop

## PTA RAFFLE WINNERS

A huge thank you to everyone that sold raffle tickets on behalf of the PTA before our Market Day last weekend. The winners are:

### RAFFLE WINNERS

- Draw 1: Ladies Bike - Maxwell Stewart
- Draw 2: Ladies hamper - Jessica Verry
- Draw 3: Xmas hamper - Mike Beattie
- Draw 4: Picnic table and kids pack - Brian Bassett
- Draw 5: Baby Yoda Print - B. Patterson
- Draw 6: Outdoor/Mens hamper - Milly Ross
- Draw 7: Pak n Save hamper - Elly Buchanan
- Draw 8: Pak n Save hamper - Vanita Chandra

Congratulations to the winners and thank you everyone for the support!

## ENVIRO / EFS RAFFLE WINNERS

Our Enviro/EFS stall had a very successful day at the Market Day last weekend raising approximately \$780.00.

A huge thanks to everyone that stopped by and purchased from their stall.

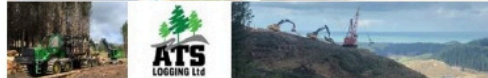
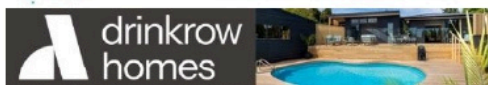
Their raffle winners were:

- Traditional Christmas Cake - Natalie
- Eco Kiosk Raffle - Jill Lee
- Kitchen Raffle - Amaya Hunt
- Lee Family Christmas Cake - Patrick

Congratulation to the winners.

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