

ESKDALE SCHOOL

Newsletter No 01

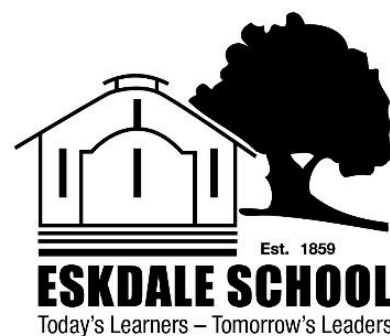
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Principal says.....

Week 1

Welcome to the 2017 school year. A special welcome to the 31 student's new to Eskdale School this year. 11 of whom had their first ever day at school. Judging by the buzz of students and parents on Tuesday morning everyone has recharged their batteries and are ready to jump into the new school year. The teaching team has been preparing and looking forward to the return of the students and the school certainly came to life on Tuesday. The enthusiasm displayed by the students is infectious and it makes Eskdale School a great place to be!

As a school we continue to grow and we need to continue to evolve with this and the dynamics that it brings. There are a couple of key elements that make a school like ours special and they are our school values and the community/family feel to the school. To ensure we keep these we are continually looking at how we change and adapt the things we are doing. There are some important changes we have made for this year. These along with a few reminders are outlined in this newsletter.

Houses and House system: This year we are introducing two new houses and this means some of the existing houses also need to change colours. We believe a really important aspect of our school culture is having the older students working with and alongside the younger ones (Tuakana-teina). The house system provides an excellent opportunity for this to happen and we want to ensure that the children get to know their big buddy well and that the house leaders know all of the children in their house. This happens best when we limit the number of children in each house and provide regular opportunities for them to get together. Of course for this to happen it has meant that some students have had to change house.

So we now have 6 houses being:

Kauri (White)
Pohutukawa (Red)

Rimu (Blue)
Kowhai (Yellow)

Kahikatea (Orange)
Totara (Green)

The houses will meet at the end of lunch every Thursday for buddy reading. On odd weeks they will then move to School Assembly and sit in their house groups and on even weeks they will stay in their house group for the afternoon and take part in house activities and competitions. These will be either sporting, cultural, art or music activities. We are hoping that this change will build on and lift the profile of our School Houses.



New Eskdale School sign and Koru's: There was a new school sign (kindly donated by Branded Signs) erected at the end of the last school year along with 5 Koru's. The Koru's were selected by the Enviro squad members to commemorate the school achieving green-gold status. These five Koru's reflect the five school values of care, community, aspiration, respect, and excellence. They also reflect the five Enviro-School guiding principles.

Communication and the school Newsletter: There will be some changes to the newsletter this year. The newsletter will change to a monthly newsletter that will come through both in hard copy and online. The newsletter will include not only information about what is going on at school but will also be a real celebration of student's learning with direct input into the newsletter from the students. Each week on a Monday morning there will be a reminders email come out to remind everyone about what is coming up each week. The new school website will also be a place of more information and updated regularly. We now have 274 people registered with our Parent Teacher Calendar App which provides the school calendar and push notifications when there are changes. This is another way of keeping up to date with the happenings at school. When uploading the app please hit 'yes' for receiving notifications.



Your School Calendar App



Download our School Calendar App Free

Join our push notifications

Always be informed of our events and cancellations

HOW: Android + Apple platforms - search "Parent Teacher Calendar" and choose our school from the menu once downloaded.





2016 Teaching Team:

Kotare (NE) **Emma Lantsbury & Mike Moriarty**

Tui (Year 1/2) **Holly Morrison**

Kokako (Year 3/4) **Justin Bicknell**

Toroa (Year 5/6) **Bryony Lovatt & Catherine Jurgens**

Hihi (Year 5/6) **Kim Wallace & Kate Aiken**

Kea (Year 1/2) **Debbie Bramwell**

Korimako (Year 3/4) **Jo Drager**

Ruru (Year 3/4) **Alex Jones**

Kereru (Year 7/8) **Angela Roydhouse**

Karearea (Year 7/8) **Richard Gillespie**

A special welcome to the teaching team for Holly Morrison, who joins us from Wainuiomata Primary School. I know Holly will bring some new ideas and skills to our teaching team.

As a group of teachers we are committed to doing the very best for your sons and daughters in 2017. We know that for students to achieve to their full potential it requires a team approach from both home and school. So I thank you in advance for the support I know you will give your child this year.

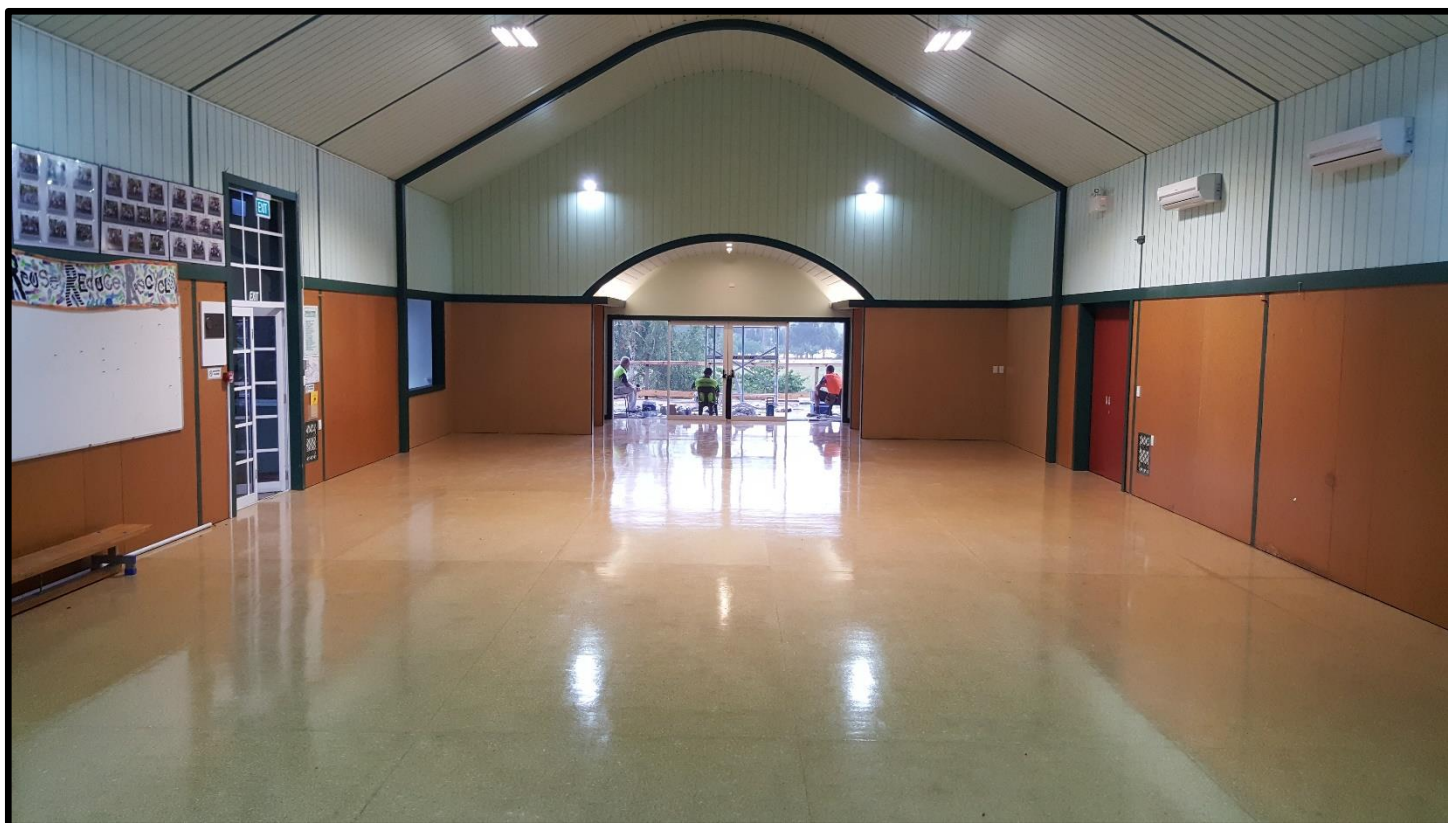
As part of getting your input there will be a notice coming home on Tuesday that we ask you to take the time to fill out and return. It will be asking you about your child and the hopes you have for them in 2017.

If you ever have concerns about your child or their learning please contact the classroom teacher sooner rather than later. If you wish to discuss anything further, please contact the Team Leader for your child's Learning Team:

- Junior Team Years 1-4 Mike Moriarty mikem@eskdale.school.nz
- Senior Team Year 5-8 Bryony Lovatt bryonyl@eskdale.school.nz

As always, my door is open for anyone who wants to touch base about any issue.





Building Projects: While we have been away there has been a number of small and large projects continuing around school. The hall redevelopment continues to make excellent progress and is nearing completion. We were able to meet in the hall on Tuesday morning and this is going to be an awesome facility for the school and wider community.

Over the school break we have replaced the old pool fence with an updated version and the PTA organised the concreting of the old sandpit area.

There has also been a number of pieces of Garden Art springing up around the school that were created by the year 2 students in Kea room at the end of last year. (Photos can be seen through the newsletter)

Meet the Teacher Evenings: The Meet the teacher evenings are an excellent opportunity to come along meet the teacher, find out what the class focus and expectations are in 2017. It is also another opportunity for you to share any valuable information that you have not already shared with your child's teacher. The Meet the Teacher Evenings will be on the following nights.

Monday 13 Feb

Hihi & Toroa (Meeting in Toroa) 5.00pm
Karearea and Kereru (Meeting in Karearea) 5.30pm
Ruru, Kokako and Korimako (Meeting in Ruru) 6.15pm

Wednesday 15 Feb

Kotare 5.30pm
Kea and Tui (Meeting in Kea) 6.15pm



Swimming Sports: Our school swimming sports for 7 year olds and above is on Wednesday 28 February at the Onekawa Pools. More info to come out in a notice on Tuesday about this event. As we did last year the 5 and 6 year olds will have their swimming sports at school. This will be held in the afternoon of Wednesday 8 March.

Art Deco Day

On Friday February 17 we will be celebrating Art Deco at school and we are encouraging the students to come along in Art Deco costume. Teachers will discuss costume ideas with their class before the day.

Sunsmart: During term 1 and term 4 hats are compulsory. Please make sure your child has a hat to wear each day at school and that they have sunscreen applied before they come to school.

Upcoming events: Term 1 always has lots on and this year is no different. Please keep an eye on the school calendar with events such as Triathlons, Swimming Sports, and Meet the Teacher evenings.



Family Donation/Fees: For the fourth successive year we have been able to keep The family donation/fees at the same rate. These form an integral part in 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 critical in ensuring every child experiences success. Thank you for your support with this.

School Fee/ Family Donation: (\$30 per child per term) or

- Individual Child \$120 per year discounted if paid in term 1 to \$100.
- Two Children \$240 per year discounted if paid in term 1 to \$200.
- Three or more Children \$360 per year discounted if paid in term 1 to \$300.

PTA: The PTA has their first get together of the year on Tuesday 7 February at 7.30pm in the school staffroom. This is a great way that you can be involved in supporting your children at school. It is also an excellent way of getting to know other parents in our school community.

A few reminders:

- School starts at 8.45am. A good start to the day is important for all learners so we ask that all children are at school and ready to go by 8.45am. For Health and Safety reasons we also ask that children do not arrive before 8.00am.
- Absent- If your child is away from school please notify the school office. This can be done via the Parent Teacher App, phoning the school on 8366845 and leaving a message, texting the absentee phone 0211145845 or emailing absence@eskdale.school.nz
- Wet day pick up- On a wet day if you are picking up your child/children they will be in the youngest sibling's classroom.



A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 6 February for Waitangi Day.

Thank you assisting us in having such a positive start to the 2017 school year.

Tristan

Sports News Week 1

Miniball Year 1-6 and Basketball Year 7-8:

Notices for these sports have been given out at school this week and are also available on the school website under the sport section.

Please can all notes be back to the School Office by this Friday 3rd February due to early registration dates.

Teeball:

Games for the Under 9's team recommence on Saturday 11th February and run til Saturday 25th March 2017 (Finals Day). This is the same team that was playing at the end of Term 4, 2016 and is coached by Louise Parsons.

Weetbix Tryathlon: It is held on Wednesday 15th February at Frimley Park in Hastings. To register go to: www.try.weetbix.co.nz Please make sure you click on the button to link your child to the Eskdale School group. Any queries please contact Mrs Wallace. Last day for online registration is Wednesday 8th February.



“Enviroschools is a unique sustainability journey. Through exploration, discovery and connections with the environment tamariki and students experience how to make decisions and take action to improve the physical and social environment of our places, our community and our world.”

We are proud to be Napier’s only Green/Gold Enviroschool, leading the way in sustainability. The Enviro Squad meets weekly, and is open for any pupils to join if they wish. It was a fantastic turn out at the first meeting this week, with 46 children present. They discussed their plans for the term with some great ideas being put forward by the students.

Next week we will recommence Waste Free Wednesday at Eskdale School, encouraging all pupils to bring their food nude! Try using washable plastic containers and buying in bulk instead of all the plastic and foil packets.

We recycle all food scraps to our worm farm and paper is used on both sides before being recycled, so please help us to reduce our environmental footprint even further by considering the waste in our lunchboxes.



Education for Sustainability (EFS)

A big thank you to those parents who volunteered to help with watering during the school holidays. Thanks to you, we managed to keep the plants in the Nursery and Propagation House alive; we really appreciate your efforts.

The pupils in Toroa and Hihi will be actively learning in our outdoor settings this term, meeting every Friday from 1.35 – 2.35. We would love some adult assistance with these hands-on sessions, if you have an hour to spare please let the classroom teacher know. We are also very keen to meet anyone who feels they may have skills to share with our pupils. Our main learning areas are the Orchard, Native Garden, Nursery, Vegetable Garden although we are keen to incorporate any aspects of sustainability. We are also hoping to include some Rongoa (traditional Maori medicine) this year and complete the task of labelling our many native plant species in the Native Garden.

A small group of children will work in the vegetable garden this Friday, please come along and help if you are available.

Juicies for sale each Thursday @ \$1 each

proceeds to EFS Vision Map Projects

LIBRARY

2017 will be an exciting year for our library. At the moment we are still working out of the new hall. But

We need some wonderful people to run our library this year..

So

If you enjoy taking responsibility, enjoy reading or want to get better at it, enjoy working with other classes.....
Apply to be a 2017 Eskdale School Librarian.

Send or present your application to Ms Drager by February 16th stating why you think you should be one of our school librarians. Looking forward to hearing from you soon!!

PTA NEWS

HUGE thanks to Brendon Berkett, Ray Berkett and Shalako Ells (Baycrete Concrete Ltd) for laying this awesome new pad outside the staff room window. No more sand on the court!!!

Brendon prepped the job, Shalako laid the concrete at his cost and the lovely Ray Berkett picked up the invoice for the concrete. Wow ! Very generous of this lot, what a great community we live in!

Support these businesses and pass on your thanks!

Newly Published Authors

Huge congratulations to Jamie Dunnett-Welch and Olivia Knowles who entered poems into competitions last term and won themselves prizes!

Jamie entered a Christmas poem into the Hawkes Bay Today competition and won herself a prize pack from Pak 'n' Save for being one of the top three poems entered. Go Jamie! Olivia entered a poem into the Toitoti Journal writing competition and was chosen to have her poem illustrated and then published in the upcoming Toitoti journal which will be in schools all over New Zealand later this term - a fantastic achievement Olivia!

We are very proud of both girls and hope to see even more students having their work published in various places throughout the year!

Below are the girls' poems...

Blossoming pohutukawa,	The wild, whistling wind whirls around the peaceful houses like a thunder storm.
Tuis singing,	The crackling fire roars like a fierce lion.
Sizzling barbeques,	When I look out of the window I see frosty flowers and trees painted white.
Joyful feeling,	The pure white snow rains down on us like Autumn leaves.
Crackling Christmas paper.	The animals outside start howling.
Waiting...	I sip at my frothy warm milo.
Excitement builds...	I snuggle down in my bed, scared of the darkness outside.
CHRISTMAS!	Winter is here.

By Olivia Knowles.

By Jamie Dunnett-Welch.

Music Tuition Notice

Dear Parents,

We are excited to advise some changes in the private music tuition offering at Eskdale School. Children are offered the opportunity for private music tuition as follows:

Piano/Voice - Orlena Wakeman

Guitar - Kylie Moody

Brass / Wind - Mr Wilson

Drums – Cameron Budge

Violin – Katrina Mortensen

- Children will be permitted to learn one instrument during school time (8:45am-2:45pm).
- All except drum lessons will be held in the old dental clinic.
- Drum lessons will be held in Piwakawaka.

Please contact the relevant teacher to request a lesson in your child's chosen instrument.

Contact Details

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Limited spaces are available, get in quick.

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Class numbers are limited. Classes begin: Mon 13th Feb

For more info and to register, phone 06 8421120

The Incredible Years Parenting Course



Napier Day Programme

Criteria: There must be a child in the family within the ages of 3 and 8 years.
The parent/caregiver must have regular contact with the child.

This course is free

Commencing: 16 February 2017
On Thursdays
For 14 Weeks
(We break for school holidays)

Location: Birthright HB Child and Family Care, 6b Taradale Rd, Napier

Time: 9.30 – 12noon

Facilitators: Lincoln Yardley; Andrea Driver

Contact Number: 835 2162 Birthright HB
022 666 4746 Lincoln

Napier Night Programme

Criteria: There must be a child in the family within the ages of 3 and 8 years.
The parent/caregiver must have regular contact with the child.

This course is free

Commencing: 15 February 2017 – 7 June 2017
On Wednesdays For 14 Weeks (We break for school holidays)

Location: Birthright HB Child and Family Care, 6b Taradale Rd, Napier

Time: 6.30 – 9pm

Facilitators: Alanna Bates, Barb Lucas

Contact Number: 835 2162 Birthright HB;
027 210 0496 (Alanna); 027 2077 075 (Barb)