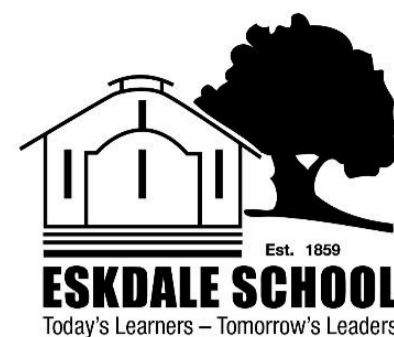


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Welcome to March and the second newsletter of the school year. It is hard to believe we are already in to week 5. We have had a positive and busy start to the year with lots of action both inside and outside the classroom.

**Online Cyber Safety:** With the online world continuing to evolve at an ever increasing rate especially in regards to social media it can be a real challenge staying ahead of the game. Often the children know more about the how, what, where and why of the online world more than we do as adults. On **Monday March 13 at 7.00pm** we have Detective Sergeant Mark Moorhouse who specialises in safety online coming along to share his experiences and to give parents some tips and advice on how you can keep your child safe online. I know what he will cover on the night and it is not to be missed!!! Put the date and time in your calendar and come along to hear what he's got to share.

**New Classroom Furniture:** Ruru and Kokako Rooms have received new modern learning environment furniture. The School Board of Trustees are paying for one room and the PTA is paying for the other. I know the students will embrace the change and make the most of the new flexible learning environments.

**House Leaders:** Over the past two weeks we have gone through the process of selecting the 2017 House Leaders. This is always a challenging task as the calibre of the applicants is very high. I want to congratulate all of the students willing to apply for this role and a special congratulations to the following students who were successful this year. I know you will do a fantastic job.

Kauri House: Lee Musson and Tyla Stothart  
Kahikatea House: Connor Moody and Morgan van Veldhuizen  
Totara House: Sophie Pollock and Issy Dunnett-Welch  
Rimu House: Amelia Hayes and Kenzie Lord  
Pohutukawa House: Angus Roff and Charlotte Swain  
Kowhai House: Levi Macfarlane and Marjolaine Stranaghan



**PTA:** As well as providing the funds for one set of classroom furniture I would like to thank the PTA for donating \$12000 to the school for school resources including library books, ICT resources and classroom resources.

**Sea Week:** Karlie and Jackie from the aquarium came into school and talked about sea week and the things we like to do at the beach. Did you know how many things seaweed is used in? Seaweed is used in a lot of things such as toothpaste, sushi, shampoo, conditioner, ice cream and even medicine. We talked about sea life and how it's important to keep our ocean clean. We made a rope of 300 plastic bags. It was so long I couldn't believe my eyes! This thing wove right around all of the students and back and forth across the hall. The very last thing we did was played a game we had to guess the animal that popped up on the screen in our classes. My teacher Mr G won! By Makyla Pilcher



**Life Saving:** The senior school have had some sessions on life saving. This was what Shenell wrote about the experience. *It was a nice hot sunny day. We got to go swimming in the icy blue pool. I saw a big bunch of life jackets and I thought to myself lifejackets = FLOATING! There was a lady too, she made a very long speech that made me yawn for a while, but other than that it was very helpful. When you get into trouble in the sea she taught us to do breast stroke when we're tired and have no energy, and to grab onto your jacket and tuck your knees in when you're cold, to keep your balance, and reduce heat loss. She called that the HELP position, heat, escape lessening, position. There was another lesson too. When your friend is drowning what do you do? She told us about these two guys who drowned because the first guy who needed help dragged the other one in! So she taught us instead of standing up and saving someone you need to lay down and grab something long then pull him/her in, you get more strength and are more stable when lying down. So she taught us very important things when swimming in the sea or lake etc. To be safe and have fun, and always wear a life jacket when you're on a boat... By Shenell May*



**Weetbix Tryathlon:** On the 15<sup>th</sup> of February we had a group of over forty students compete in the Weetbix Tryathlon. This event was held at Frimley Park and there were close to 1500 competitors in total. It was great to see our students pushing themselves in their events and cheering each other on when they weren't competing. The positive Eskdale spirit was certainly on display.



Some of the Eskdale Team, who were left at the end of the day.



Sophie Bryant



Fraser Ross



Harris Matheson

**Art Deco:** It was fantastic to see the effort that the children and teachers went to with their dressing up on Art Deco Day. I know the students enjoyed the opportunity and made the most of it- despite the rain.



**Soap Box Derby:** Some of our children continued the celebration of all things Art Deco at the Soapbox Derby.

*Leo Parsons* won all of his heats in the Kids event and *Louis Davis* was undefeated in the Parent and Child category taking out first place in the final.

*Jayden Bryant* came third in his event and is keen to return next year and will be sure to take out a place in the finals.

These Eskdale kids and their Dads did a fantastic job, as this year there were more entries than ever before so the competition was tough.

It was fantastic to see so many Eskdale supporters cheering these carts and their drivers on in a truly fantastic event.



**School Hall:** This building project is in its final stages and the focus is now turning to the fit out of the Kitchen. We look forward to using the finished product.

**Sandpit:** The PTA sandpit project is well underway and it is hoped the construction of this new addition to the school will be completed by the end of this week. Then we only need to add the sand! I am sure our junior students are going to love it.



**Swimming Sports:** The school swimming sports were held at the Onekawa Pools on Tuesday. It was great seeing all of our students giving swimming their best shot. The effort and perseverance during the races was impressive as was the way they supported one another. There was also an excellent turnout of parents and Grandparents to cheer the students on. This is the first whole school event where we have had the 6 House groups competing and it was awesome seeing the new banners and colours in action. All of the events were hard fought with **Totara** House winning the House relay and one of our new houses **Pohutukawa** taking out the overall House Competition on the day. Thank you to all the parents who helped out on the day with timekeeping – Paul, Sue, Mel, Nic, Juls, and Tash. Also thank you to Kylie, Quent, Mel, and Tash who were good sports and competed in the final relay.

**School Invoices:** You will receive your February School Invoice either by email or in hardcopy later today. This invoice includes extra-curricular activities and we ask that these are paid promptly if they haven't been paid already as many of the sports are now underway. The invoices also include the school donations/fees which we have been able to keep at the same rate for the fourth consecutive year. These equate to \$30.00 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.

**Dads and Lads Book night:** Currently evidence tells us that in general our boys don't do as well with reading as our girls. We are wanting to really promote reading for our boys and we will be hosting a Dads and Lads Book night (and for any super keen mums) on Tuesday 21 March 2017. This will be hosted by our Male teachers on staff and include a sausage sizzle. Invitations and information will be coming out soon.

**Beach Ed:** Last week our Year 5 and 6 students and our Year 1 and 2 students took part in the Beach Education day run by Surf Life Saving New Zealand. The students learnt about what to look for in the surf at the beach and what to do if something goes wrong- Like getting caught in a rip. These days were both enjoyable and informative for our students.



**Student Writing:** Mrs G's writing group have been writing about "What makes me, Me!" I have read some of the published copies and they are awesome. They all give you an insight into what makes that person special. The piece below was written by Levi Macfarlane.

*I want to tell you the four things most important things about me... Kind, respect, thoughtful, and different. Most people look at one another and think, "yeah she's a girl, and he's a boy", but, no, I'm different. I'm more. I'm too different to just be a boy. It feels like a lion inside of me trying to rip out, wanting to be free, trying everything before not having that option ever again! I've always wondered where my name came from, and when you're different, your name is your legend. I'm a son, brother, cousin, going to be an uncle, and a friend. We all have different personalities in every way, and everyone has different things that are important to us. Family, family games, money, or flash cars, yeah friends can be, but they are not always there for you when needed. Family is the biggest part of making me, ME. I am the guy that will find funny things on t.v or youtube and tell others, I will mainly come home and clean up before gaming so I can give Mum and Dad a break. Growing up with older brothers can change your life from 0 to 100 real quick. When given money, I blow it all, but I have learned now and think of others before spoiling myself. Nothing else brings me closer than family.*

By Levi Macfarlane.

Enjoy your week. Remember to upload the Parent Teacher Calendar App if you haven't done so already. I look forward to seeing you all at the Online Safety evening on Monday 13 March.

Tristan

## Dates to Remember

6 March	7pm	PTA Wine & Cheese Evening
8 March		Coastal Cluster Swimming
9 March		TACS Triathlon
10 March	5pm	Welcome Night & Fun Tri
13 March	7pm	Online Cyber Safety meeting with Det Sergeant Mark Moorhouse
15 March	11.50am	Junior Swimming Sports @ school
21 March		Dads and Lads Book Night
4 April	7pm	Board Meeting
5 April		Coastal Cluster Cricket
7 April		PTA Family Movie Night
13 April	2.45pm	Term 1 ends

## Board of Trustees Update

**Policies:** This term's reviews are **Recognition of Cultural Diversity**; the review will close at the end of the term. You can participate in the review by clicking on this link <http://eskdale.schooldocs.co.nz/> to the SchoolDocs website where all our policies are available for your perusal. Click on Policy Review, read, and review the Recognition of Cultural Diversity, which is open to our parents for review. user: eskdale Password: hill

### Your School Calendar App



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



# PRINCIPAL'S CERTIFICATES

KOTARE	
Olivia Berkett	Persisting in her learning and always giving 100 percent effort.
Toby Ross	Working hard to learn his sight words in reading and writing.
Alex Knowles	Being enthusiastic about her learning and working hard to learn the letter sounds and letter formation.
Kalyn Ramsey	Showing a positive attitude to all her learning challenges.
TUI	
Aksel McArdle	Clapping out your idea to help you write it. Well done!
Farah Melville	Settling quickly to complete reading activities. Awesome!
Lacey Thomas	Helping others by suggesting different ideas.
Tait Elliot	Writing words he knows and the sounds in tricky words by himself. Awesome!
KEA	
Luke Newall	Working hard on your Picasso art with stunning results.
Amelia Roborgh	Writing an interesting story about yourself by including lots of interesting details.
Asha Kohlis	Being brave and sitting on the bottom of the pool!
Gabriella Brownlie	Working hard to achieve smooth fluent reading.
KORIMAKO	
Sienna Welsby	A great start to a new school and class, congratulations.
Louise Gray Thompson	A great start to a new school and class, Ka pai.
Ella Pointon	Writing like an author, working hard to add detail to her work.
Loki Taylor	A fantastic, responsible class mate, always thinking of how to help others.
RURU	
Jack Hellyer	An absolutely awesome start to the new year. Working super hard and turning in great work. Tino pai to mahi buddy!
Holly Savage	Leading by example and helping others. Keep it up Holly you're going to go far!
Karlon Johnson	Always working hard, helping others and ready to go. Ka pai Karlon!
Stella Waterson	An awesome start to Eskdale School from such a friendly, positive and helpful member of the class. We're lucky to have you Stella.
KOKAKO	
Sophie Smith	What a great start to Kokako, reliable, helpful, and always focussed.
Oscar Verry	Awesome to see you carrying on from the great progress you made in 2016. Tino pai rawa.
Lucia Welsby	What a fabulous start to Kokako. Focussed and going for gold.
Max Bond	You can be really proud of the great start you have made at Eskdale School.
TOROA	
Taiamai Rewi	Great focus and effort during our Life Saving sessions.
Kowan Lamont	Awesome time management and effort with all his tasks.
Aston Musson	Being a respectful, focussed member of Toroa class.
Rianne Esguerra	Making a positive start to her learning at Eskdale School.
HIHI	
Caleb Vincent	Being a helpful, reliable and responsible person.
Lilley Lamont	A fantastic role model and being so focussed and organised.
Mayah Dooney	Fantastic start to her new school.
Belle Tayler	Being such a helpful and cheerful Hihi role model.
KERERU	
Amelia Hayes	An amazing mathematician who is persevering and learning new strategies
Fletcher Dallas	Being a helpful class member, going above and beyond.
KAREAREA	
Emily Mitchell	Settling in well to her new environment and taking new challenges in her stride.
Zahrrell Dixon-Macfarlane	Awesome use of vocabulary in his league writing to engage his audience.



# EDUCATION for SUSTAINABILITY

25 Feb - 5 March 2017



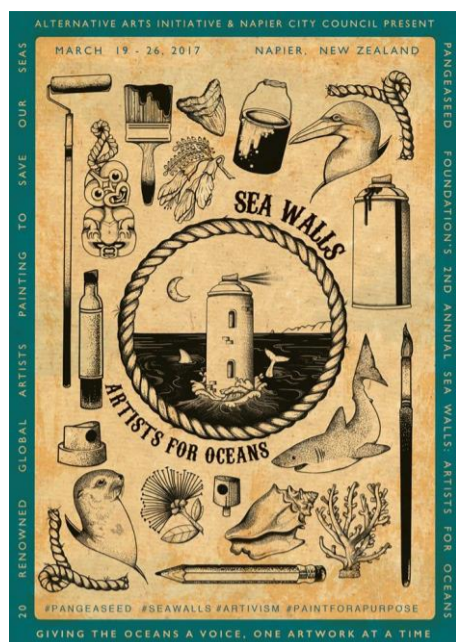
*The theme for this year's Seaweek is "Toiora te Moana - Toiora te Tangata, Healthy Seas - Healthy People"*

To help celebrate Seaweek, 50 pupils from the Enviro Squad organised a Beach Clean Up along part of Le Quesne Road on Wednesday. Check out the waste we collected from our local shores on display in the quad. Many thanks to the 12 parent helpers, we couldn't have done it without you! A fantastic community effort



**"It's sad, it's bad, and it makes us mad!"**

Visit [www.seaweek.org.nz](http://www.seaweek.org.nz) for details on locally organised events and competitions, including free guided tours and explanations of the fantastic Seawalls murals.



The Sea Walls Murals Project is coming back! We know many of our families were very interested in these artworks last year, PangeaSeed Foundation is delivering the second edition of Sea Walls: Artists for Oceans festival, here in Napier 19 - 26th March!

Some of our very own mural artists have been hard at work, check out their progress on the top court. Many thanks to Sallie Dunford who has offered to share her expertise with this group, and may also be able to introduce them to some of the Sea Walls artists! Fingers crossed!



A big thank you also to Marie Tayler from Plant HB, who worked with some of our pupils last week to help identify and label our many Native tree species. It is fantastic to have such great community involvement in our many projects!

The pupils from Hihi and Toroa are looking forward to working with Natasha Brown, Angela Taylor, Adrian Tayler, and Lyn Bulled this Friday. We will meet you in the Propagation House at 1.35pm.

**Juicies for sale each Thursday @ \$1 each**

**Proceeds to EFS Vision Map Projects**

## PTA UPDATE

### Sandpit

If you haven't already check out the new sandpit progress down by the school pool. Big thanks to Ross who is flying through this job and keeping the kids entertained with stories about digging for diamonds and making a wombat cave. The PTA have funded the job and we are keen to make this a sandpit that will provide hours of entertainment for many years to come. Thanks to Craig Ross who has organised and donated the steel posts for the sunshade.



The sandpit is due to be completed at the end of this week and we are hopeful for a quick decision on purchase of the sand so this can get up and running ASAP.

## Wine & Cheese Evening - Monday 6 March

Don't forget to RSVP to [eskdalepta@gmail.com](mailto:eskdalepta@gmail.com) or 027 480 5924 if you are attending!

We would like to thank all the families that have helped in the past and welcome the new families that have started this year. Come along and meet the PTA and other school families.

## Welcome Night & Fun Tri - Friday 10 March

The PTA will be serving food and drinks from 5.30pm. Kebabs, drinks, juices, sausages - priced from \$1.

## Family Movie Night - Friday 7 April

Annual outdoor movie night... this year we can confirm we will be showing **EPIC**

Please put this date in your diaries! A flyer and order form will be sent home in a couple of weeks.

## *HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR SCHOOL*

*Do you want to help contribute towards those extras for your child's school but are not keen to commit to a committee or attend meetings? We have some options for you:*

### ***Join the PTA Catering team!***

The catering team cater a few events a year. By joining you may be asked to help out, only if you can, and no obligation every time. Usually a plate of sandwiches, sausage rolls or slice is all that is required — you choose. Ingredients are usually supplied at your cost. This is a great option for nanas who want to help their grandchildren's school but are not sure what they can do to help or;

### ***Become a 'Friend of the PTA'!***

Join an email group of parents who are happy to be contacted by the PTA when we need help at events. You aren't obliged to help every time.

*If you are interested in either or both of the above please*

Email: [eskdalepta@gmail.com](mailto:eskdalepta@gmail.com) or text your name and email to 027 480 5924 and you will be added to the applicable email group.

## COMMUNITY

### **BABYSITTER REQUIRED**

Looking for an experienced or qualified nanny/babysitter for 3 children. Must be reliable and flexible with hours. Hours and rates TBD.

Please contact:

Rose Jones 02102468019 or 8365352

### **Eskview Junior Football Club**

Are you interested in playing Football this year, If you are, you need to come along on the 4<sup>th</sup> March or 11<sup>th</sup> March to register for the coming season at the Football Club Rooms at Petane Domain, Onehunga Road, Bayview.

Time will be 10am to 12pm on both days.

Also we are having an A.G.M at same venue on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm (won't go long).

Everyone welcome; Any enquiries please phone: Maree Dickinson 8367969; Terry O' Neill 8366432