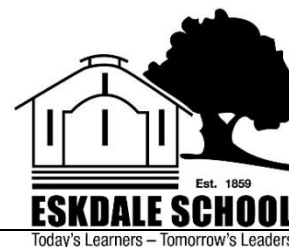


ESKDALE SCHOOL
February Newsletter

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Welcome to the 2018 school year. It is great to be back! A special welcome to the 33 student's new to Eskdale School this year. School has been a relatively quiet place over the last 6 weeks but it certainly came to life this morning with the happy buzz of 307 children. It was awesome seeing the way the children enthusiastically came in the gate ready for the challenge of the year ahead. We held a Powhiri this morning to welcome the new students, staff and any new families. It was a really positive way to start the 2018 school year.



Eskdale School Teaching Team and Support Staff: This year we welcome three new teachers and one new person to the support staff team. The staff list below includes the syndicate leaders in bold and everyone's email address. Please feel free to touch base with me or any of the team at any time.

If you ever have any questions, queries or issues please contact the classroom teacher in the first instance. The sooner they are aware of an issue the sooner they can do something about it. If you have any further concerns please contact their syndicate leader, one of the Deputy Principal's or myself. As always my door is open. (Most of the time anyway).

Principal:

Deputy Principal:(Jnr School)

Deputy Principal:(Snr School)

Kotare Class: (NE)

Tui Class: (Y1/2)

Kea Class: (Y1/2)

Kokako Class (Y3/4)

Ruru Class (Y3/4)

Toroa (Y3/4)

Hihi (Y5/6)

Kereru (Y5/6)

Karearea (Y5/6)

Kuaka (Y7/8)

CRT/ART

Sports Co-ordinator

Tristan Cheer

Mike Moriarty

Tineke Hill

Sue Stilwell

Emma Lantsbury

Jill Skjottrup

Jo Drager

Debbie Bramwell

Sophie Andrews

Holly Morrison

Bryony Lovatt

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Office support-

Teacher Aides-

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Maree Baird

Sandra Rolls

Mel Squires

Moira Anderson

Caretaker and Grounds: Wally Woods

School Cleaner:

Linda Barnes

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Kuaka: After a variety of native bird names were put forward by the students, the new class name chosen was Kuaka. (Pronounced coo-aka). This was selected because it is the Maori name for the godwit and the godwit is a migratory bird. The students in this new block will be getting ready to migrate to High School which of course is the next step on their educational journey. It is a fantastic space and I know the learners will make the most of the opportunity of being in this new block.



Meet the Teacher: The Meet the teacher night is on Monday 19 February. This year we will meet in syndicates with the year 1/2 syndicate (meeting in Kea Class) and year 3/4 syndicate (meeting in Toroa Class) at 5.30pm. This will be followed by a sausage sizzle where you can catch up further with your classroom teacher or one of the other teaching staff. The Year 5/6 syndicate (Meeting in Karearea) and the year 7/8 syndicate (Meeting in Kuaka) will have their meetings begin at 6.45pm. If you are coming along for the later meeting or staying for both, please feel free to catch up over a sausage in bread.

Fake News: Yes hard to believe but Fake News has hit our shores. I am not sure if any of you saw the article on “stuff” or in the Sunday Star Times but we were in the headlines. In an article about the school fees/donations it had our school in 2016 as collecting in over \$350,000 in donations (3rd highest in NZ). What the article failed to point out even though the reporter spoke to me on Friday was that in excess of \$300,000 were donations from charitable trusts etc. for the Eskdale School and Community Hall redevelopment. The amount we actually got from school fees/donations in 2016 was approx. \$20,000.

Waste Free Lunches: As we continue to develop as an enviro-gold school we will this year move to waste free lunches. Waste free Wednesday has been working well and we are now extending this over the whole week. The children will still be able to leave any food scraps at school but other rubbish- plastic wrap, chippie packets etc. will be coming home with them.

Sunsmart: We want our children to be Sunsmart. Hats are compulsory in terms 1 and 4. Please make sure your child has a hat to wear at school.

Eskdale Hoodies: Many of you would have seen the Eskdale School Hoodies on display last year or worn by some of the teaching staff. These are available for people to purchase this year. If you would like to order one of these, please complete and return the order form which can be located later in this newsletter or the school office. We will have some sample sizes at school so that you can try them on if you wish.

Art Deco Day: Friday the 16th of February is the day we celebrate Art Deco as a school. Children are encouraged to dress up in Art Deco costume for the day. Teachers will be sharing more about this in class and I know many of the classes will be planning shared lunches etc.

Road Safety: As I am sure you are aware the before school drop off and after school pick up are very busy times at school. To ensure that everyone comes to school and gets home safely-

- No student leaves the school grounds without an adult.
- The Turning D is to be a car drop off zone only. No Parking and waiting. The buses need this space.
- On a wet day the children need to be collected from the youngest family member’s classroom.

School Fees/Donations: After being able to keep the recommended school fees/donation at the same figure over the past four years the Board of Trustees have requested that we alter this from \$30 per term to \$35 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 critical in ensuring every child experiences 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 some of the robotics.

2018 Recommended School Fee/Donation: \$35 per term or

- Individual Child \$140 per year discounted if paid in term 1 to \$120.
- Two Children \$280 per year discounted if paid in term 1 to \$240.
- Three or more children \$420 per year discounted if paid in term 1 to \$360.

School Swimming Sports: Both the 7yrs and up swimming sports and the 5 & 6-year-old swimming sports will be held this term. The 7 yrs. and up will be held at the Onekawa Pools on Tuesday 27 February. More detailed information to come.

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Absentees:

We are all concerned for the safety of our children on their way to and from school and therefore at Eskdale School we require parents to:

- Ring and inform the office if their child is to be absent or use the Skool Loop APP- by downloading the Parent Teacher Calendar App (see below) for android and Apple devices.
- email: absence@eskdale.school.nz
- Text a message: 021 114 5845
- Leave a message on the school absence phone: 06 836 6845
- A note with a brother or sister would also suffice.
- We would appreciate being informed every day the child is away from school.

teacher so they know the office

Late Arrivals:

The Office needs to be informed if your child arrives after the bell (8.45am). The procedure is: You or your child reports to the Office and receives an Office Check-in pass, which is to be taken to the class.

<p>HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR SCHOOL APP YET?</p> <hr/> <p>NEVER MISS IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION AGAIN!</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Events* Notices* Notifications* Absentee* Newsletters* Permission Slips		<p>Simple free download: In the Play Store and App Store search 'Skool Loop NZ' and choose our school once installed.</p>
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It has been a fantastic first day that has run really smoothly. Thank you for your support with this. Please keep your eye on the calendar as there are there is a lot happening this term. I look forward to working with you to provide the best learning opportunities for our Eskdale Students in 2018.
Tristan

Thank you to Louise Donkin, Bay View Village Pharmacy. We received \$50 in vouchers for the school to use in the Pharmacy. We thank the school community for nominating Eskdale School when making their purchases.

Sport

Coming home this week will notices regarding the following school activities and team sports.

- School swimming Sports (7 year olds and up)
- Weetbix Tryathlon (return slip due Friday 9 February)
- Cricket
- Volleyball
- Miniball
- Summer Hockey

Please check your child's bag for these notices. Registrations for some of these codes close on Wednesday night (7 February) so the return slip will need to be returned first thing Wednesday morning.

ESKDALE SCHOOL HOODED SWEATSHIRTS

This year Eskdale School have made sweatshirts available for purchase for all students. These are good quality Kukri sweatshirts that can be worn to sports games, interschool events or to school. The sweatshirt is not compulsory. The sweatshirt is on display in the office and a full set of sizes will be available from 5th Feb in the office for students to try on.



How to Order

Make payment by Internet banking to...
Eskdale School Board of Trustees 1231440214570-00
Ref: Hoodie

and one of the following....

1. tear off the below order form and drop into the school office

OR

2. email the following information to altnapier@gmail.com

- Option 1 or 2
- Size
- Name for back of Sweatshirt (if choosing Option 2)
- Student Name

by Thursday 16th February**

**Please note: There is a delivery time frame of approx 9-10 weeks. All orders need to be in by 16 Feb for sweatshirts to arrive the beginning of Term 2. A second order will be placed later in the year.

If you have any queries please contact Nic Anderson 0272241385 altnapier@gmail.com

I would like to order a sweatshirt for _____ (student)

Option 1 UN-NAMED \$63.25 inc gst

SIZE (please circle one) 5-6y 7-8y 9-10y 11-12y 13-14y XXS XS S

Option 2 NAME ON BACK \$69 inc gst

Name to appear on back (in capitals) _____

SIZE (please circle one) 5-6y 7-8y 9-10y 11-12y 13-14y XXS XS S

Payment has been made to Eskdale School Y / N

Hooded Sweatshirt

330g Cotton Sweat, 100% Polyester Mesh Lined Hood
Applique logo, Hoodie Pouch Pocket,
Ribbed Cuff & Hem
No Drawstring (does not apply for sizes 2XS, XS & S)



Option One UN-NAMED \$63.25

No Name on back of sweatshirt

Sizes 5-6 years
7-8 years
9-10 years
11-12 years
13-14 years
XXS*
XS*
S*



Option Two NAME ON BACK \$69.00

Your Name on back of sweatshirt

Sizes 5-6 years
7-8 years
9-10 years
11-12 years
13-14 years
XXS*
XS*
S*



* these sizes come with a navy drawstring in the hood

**Larger Adult sizes are available if required. (M, L, XL, XXL) without name \$74.75 / with name \$80.50

KUKRI SIZE CHART (INCHES)

SIZE	5-6y	7-8y	9-10y	11-12y	13-14y	XXS	XS	S
Chest	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38
Waist	23	24	25	26	27	28	30	32

Library News

It is exciting to be able to have a home for our library once again. We are located in Korimako Room. With a new layout and some new furniture, we hope to be up and running this week.

We are looking for 15 librarians. Could you be one of them?

Would any year 5 or 6 student who wishes to embark on an exciting new journey as a librarian in our new work space, write a letter of application to Ms Drager stating why you should be considered for this job. Applications close on Wednesday 14th Feb.

ESKVIEW TENNIS CLUB

TERM ONE JUNIOR 5-12 yrs. TENNIS COACHING

Eskview Tennis Club in conjunction with Simon Winter Professional Tennis (NZ) Ltd is offering junior tennis coaching at the Eskview Tennis Club in Bay View. Lessons start Thursday 8th February and run for 7 weeks. Cost: Beginner - ½ hour \$50 per term; Intermediate and Senior - 1 hour \$95 per term. If you are interested please contact Angela on 027 337 1169 or ange@pixelbook.co.nz.



Children's Yoga Classes recommence Monday 12th Feb, 3pm - 3.45pm at Eskdale School. Learn techniques to **improve concentration, focus and reduce anxiety**, whilst enhancing flexibility, strength, coordination, and body awareness. Packaged in a fun way with games, partner and group work. Suitable for all children aged 5 - 12. \$56 for 7 week term. Please phone me for further details or speak to me at school. Sandra Rolls 027 4196988.

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