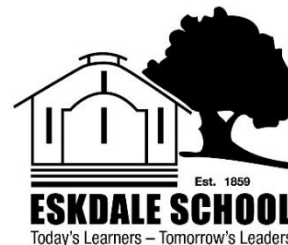


**ESKDALE SCHOOL**  
**March Newsletter**

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### March Newsletter

Welcome to the March edition of the school Newsletter. It is hard to believe that the first month of the year has already passed us by. The first month has gone smoothly with the students settling back into school life seamlessly and learning in all areas of the school is well underway.

### Weetbix Tryathlon

This year we had a record 68 students from our school taking part in the Weetbix Tryathlon. It was an awesome day with over 1500 children in total taking up the challenge. The day was a hot one and I was impressed by the effort our children put into their events. The Eskdale attitude of never giving up and giving it your best shot was certainly on display on the day.



### Art Deco Day

It was great to see the sheer number of students who turned up to school in their Art Deco outfits on the day. From the five year olds in Kotare through to the 12 year olds in Kuaka it was awesome to see the effort that they had gone to on the day.



## Swimming Sports

On Tuesday we held our School Swimming sports for the 7 year olds and over at the Onekawa Pools. It was great to see over 220 of our children swimming in these events. Even more pleasing was seeing the effort put into the races by our students and the way they supported one another. In total we had 103 length races and 12 width races. The day ran very smoothly and I would like to acknowledge the work put in by Kellie Harkness to organise the day.

One of the highlights of the swimming sports was the House relay won by Rimu and of course all swimmers earned points for their house. The final house results were:

Kowhai - 1,460

Kauri - 2,880

Totara - 3,360

Kahikatea- 3460 and 2<sup>nd</sup> equal

Rimu – 3460 and 2<sup>nd</sup> equal

**Pohutukawa 3620 and 1<sup>st</sup> place**

## Ruru Class Writing

The students in Ruru Class have been recounting their holiday highlights in the form of a recipe. Below is Cash's recipe.

### Summer Cake

By Cash

#### Ingredients

1tsp of birthday

1 tsp of home  
bowl.

1/3 cup Otis

Cup of happiness

2 and 1/2 cup of water slide  
minutes.



#### Method

Sprinkle home in the bowl.

Pour the water slide into the

Put the happiness into the bowl.

Pour all of the Otis in.

Cook it in the oven for 15

Please enjoy.



## Hihi Class has been combining Science, Measurement and Writing

The students in Hihi class have all been growing their own kumara in a water container, measuring the results each morning and writing about the changes. Some students have even given names to their Kumara and have written detailed descriptions about them. It is amazing how quickly Kumara grow!

## Kuaka Camp

Our Year 7 & 8 students head off to Guthrie Smith Camp in Tutira on Monday for camp. We wish them all the best and know that they will get to share some awesome experiences with their classmates. Fingers crossed they get to enjoy some good weather.

## Bus Pick up Change

This is to let everyone know that due to safety concerns the bus pick up in the morning opposite Young Motors will cease from Friday 2 March. The next pick up is outside 4 Square.

## Invoices

Please keep an eye on your inbox as the Invoices for the start of the year will be coming out later today or tomorrow morning. These contain all Term 1 sports fees and any other activity fees. Given most of these sports have now begun and the team registration fees have been paid we would appreciate prompt payment.

Each month in the newsletter I am going to be adding a Kiwaha (Saying/idiom) and a Whakatauki(proverb), this newsletters are below:

Kiwaha: Me he tē = Like a boss!

Whakatauki: Kia ngātahi te waihoe = rowing together in unison.

Have a great week!

Tristan

## Junior Swimming Sports

This year the junior school swimming sports will be held on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of March (week 6). The 5-year-old races will start at 11:30 with the 6 year old races starting directly afterwards at around 12:00. We advise you that space is limited to view, and also that no parents are allowed in the pool area during this time as space inside the pool area is very limited. It is important to note that unless the weather is very cold, we are likely to carry on with the event in unfavourable weather conditions. We look forward to seeing you all there.

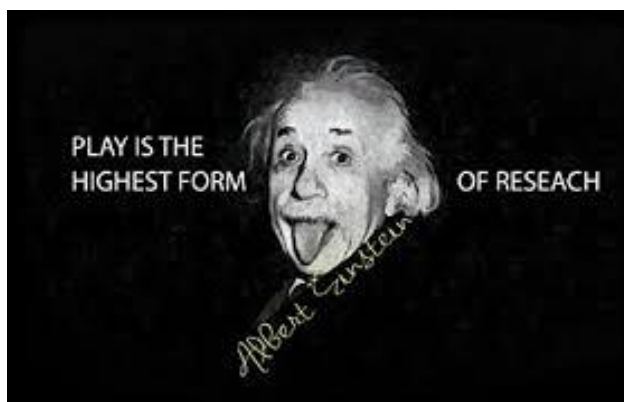
Regards,

Mike Moriarty, Emma Lantsbury, Sue Stilwell, Debbie Bramwell, Jo Drager & Jill Skjottrup

## Wanted.....

Kotare are looking for loose parts for their play based learning. If you have any of the following items lying around looking for a new home, please drop them off to Kotare.

- Milk bottle tops
- Cable wheels
- Un-tanalised timber off cuts
- Newspaper
- Buttons/Lace/Fabric
- Plastic pipes/tubes
- Flat head nails (unused)
- Stones
- Shells
- Driftwood
- Cardboard



# PRINCIPAL'S CERTIFICATES

KOTARE	
Jess MacDonald	Coming back to school with a positive can do attitude! Keep it up, Jess!
Kera O'Brien	For being a fantastic Kotare role model! Great job, Kera!
Jackson Barnes	Taking risks when learning how to write his name, you can do it!
Charles Cox	Being a good role model and putting 100% into all he does. Keep it up Charles!
Sam Kyle	For trying hard to learn the pink words and being an enthusiastic reader!
Bella Sivewright	Wow! Bella almost knows all of the letter sounds and names! Keep trying hard to remember them, Ka pai!
TUI	
Sylvie Turner	Welcome to your new class, making new friends and joining in Tui. What a hero.
Roman Borrie	Being a thoughtful, caring and helpful Super Tui Hero!
Liam Hellyer	Being an author in the making, adding interesting detail to his writing kapai
Cyrus Roberts-Gray	Always being respectful to your class mates. kapai
Olivia Berkett	Working hard with one arm ka pai
Kaia Ranston	Persisting to write long stories , working hard to find the correct sounds
KEA	
Lincoln Johnson	Being an encouraging group member and helping your group to work together to create a musical pattern.
Jacs Booth	Being a kind and caring class member and taking care of new people.
Harvey Lucas	Using punctuation to help make your story sound interesting.
Farrah Melville	Being a kind caring and helpful class member.
Harry Robb	Being brave and taking on the challenge of going in the pool!
RURU	
Sonny Hiko-Taunoa	A fantastic start to the year Sonny! You are a kind, caring and thoughtful member of Ruru. Ka mau te wehi!
Cash Thomson	Working hard to research the Napier Earthquake to gather information to present to the class. Ka pai!
Ruka Bracken	Staying focused and producing a great summer recipe. Ka mau te wehi!
Alistair Bremner	Asking his brain and thinking about what to do when stuck. Ka pai!
Amelia Roborgh	Being a focused and hardworking member of Ruru. Ka pai!
Kaes Robson	Being focused and on task with his learning. Tino pai!
KOKAKO	
Isaac Bennett	for being a fantastic role model during writing time
Anushka Du Preez	for always trying her best and working hard during reading time
Makenzie Smith	Well done for a fantastic start in Kokako class Makenzie! You are always willing to help others and work hard.
Aiden Wakeham	Aiden, you always put 100% into your work and you are a great role model - keep up the fantastic work!

<b>TOROA</b>	
Tristan Kyle	Settling into Toroa so well.
Xanthe Turner	Settling into Toroa so well.
Rico Harrison	For being a kind and caring classmate.
Zara Hasselman	Being an organised, self-directed learner.
Jackson Hiko-Taunoa	Making excellent choices and being a great help at the swimming sports.
Ellie Kirby	Being super brave and swimming like a fish at the senior swimming sports.
<b>HIHI</b>	
Jack Demanser	Focussed and going for gold!
Izzy Kenah	Great role for the new Year 5 students.
Eva Warr	Demonstrating skill and positivity with Te Reo.
Charlotte Beamish White	110% in everything you do. Tino pai!
<b>KERERU</b>	
Felix Davis	Fantastic listening skills and beautiful manners.
Albie Williams-Lamb	Fantastic listening skills and beautiful manners.
Sophie Callander	A fantastic start to her new school
Mia Yardley	Being an awesome Kereru helper and role model
Manaia Warren	Being a hard-working and kind class member of Kereru.
James Allen	Fantastic effort and attitude in all school areas.
<b>KAREAREA</b>	
Sophie Nichol	Displaying CARE and kindness towards others, showing the Eskdale Way.
Leo Parsons	Displaying CARE and kindness towards others, showing the Eskdale Way.
<b>KUAKA</b>	
John Dalton	For his excellent work in coding. Working with speed and accuracy. Ka pai to mahi John!
Zahrrell Dixon-Macfarlane	Demonstrating all of our school values on the trip to EIT. A true ambassador and leading by example. Ka rawe Zahrrell!
Daniel Olsen	An amazing deep and descriptive piece of personal writing. Ka mau te wehi Daniel!
Tiaki McArdle	Consistently demonstrating a positive and mature all round attitude. Ka mau te wehi Tiaki.
Keta Harkness	Focussing really hard on his swimming skills. Tino pai Keta.
Nicole Bewick	For being a consistently positive role model in Kuaka and making thoughtful contributions. Stepping up to teach your peers has been really impressive also.
Maizi Williams Lamb	An absolutely awesome piece of writing using only metaphors to describe your life. Ka mau te wehi Maizi.

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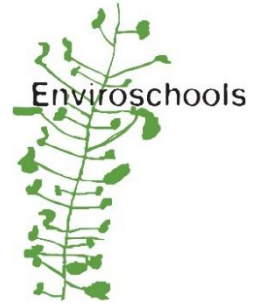
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## **Enviro Matters March Newsletter**

**Enviroschools** is a unique sustainability journey. At Eskdale School we are proud to lead the way as Hawke's Bays only school to have achieved the Green/Gold standard. 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 seeing a wide range of benefits from this approach....



- A sense of belonging and contribution
- Recognition of the different skills and qualities of themselves and others
- Skills of working collaboratively, making decisions, planning and taking action
- Increased confidence
- Hands on, authentic ways to engage with the curriculum and learning

It's fantastic to see our pupils have embraced our Waste Free policy this term, with a significant reduction in waste here at school. The EFS team have Beeswax Food Wraps for sale in the school office for only \$5 if you would like one to use in place of cling wrap.

**Seen in our Native Garden...** Wow! We know we have piwakawaka, korimako and tui, but this week a mighty kereru has been spotted in our Native Garden several times! Can you spot it? It's great to see that the tree species we have been nurturing are now attracting an even more diverse range of birdlife.



## **EFS Friday Sessions (Year 5 & 6)**

Many thanks to the team of parents, grandparents and friends who have offered to help with these sessions. It is fantastic to be able to offer a diverse range of learning experiences to the children, and only requires an hour of your time on a Friday.

Last week's session involved a lot of harvesting and clean-up work from the summer holidays. It has been fantastic to share plums, peaches, figs and pears from our school orchard and silverbeet, tomatoes and cucumber from the vege garden. How many schools can say that?



Term One's specialist composting team!

### **Attention Gardeners!**

Please remember to quote Eskdale School at the checkout when you are shopping at The Garden Depot or Palmers, Napier. Help us to earn loyalty points towards more plants for our school!



**Seaweek** is a National week of celebration of the sea with events planned in all regions.

Please see our noticeboard in the quad if you are keen on attending some local events...there are some great activities including free admission to the aquarium, mural tours etc.

At Eskdale School we will also be celebrating Seaweek in week 7, from 19/3 – 23/3, as our year 7 & 8 students are away at camp next week. The Enviro Squad have activities planned and also intend to conduct a Beach Clean up in the local area on Thursday 22 March, in their lunch break.

### **Spring Bulbs**

Catalogues were sent home last week with the eldest child in every family. Be in to win an awesome family holiday activity pack by collecting the most \$ value in orders. Our EFS activities receive 20% of all orders, so this is a great annual fundraiser. Please take orders from friends and family and return to the box in the office by 20 March. Many thanks.



### **Old Mobile Phones**

We collect old or unwanted mobile phones in the office which are sent away for recycling and dismantling. This raises money for the Sustainable Coastline Mobile Phone Appeal. Clear out your drawers sometime and bring in your old phones!

## Community Notices

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## WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



### HOLIDAY PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMME

<p>Tuesday 17 April - Friday 22 April</p> <p>9am - 3:30pm</p> <p>WOODFORD HALL WOODFORD HOUSE</p> <p>Havelock North</p>  <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 5px;">a creative school for creative kids</p>	<p>Drama, Dance, Costume, Mask, Music, Performance</p> <p>Ages 8 - 12</p> <p>24 Spots Available</p> <p>Don't Miss Out!</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">LET THE WILD RUMPUS START!</p> <p>Call today 021 647142 sharppperformingarts@gmail.com www.sharppperformingarts.co</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 5px;">Like us on Facebook and Instagram</p>
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## SeaweeK 2018 Events

### Children's Day

Sunday 4 March

Free entry to the National Aquarium for one child 14 years and under with one paying adult.

Children's activities at the aquarium to celebrate Children's Day.

Contact: Aquarium reception at 834-1404