

## ESKDALE SCHOOL

### August Newsletter

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Welcome to August and the first newsletter of term 3. We have had a positive start to the term and the students are enjoying this mild winter weather. Please make sure you read through to the Board snippets to find out about the planned nationwide strike by teachers on Wednesday 15 August.

**Cross Country:** The school cross-country is approaching in week 7 on the 4<sup>th</sup> September. This year we will be holding this at Eskdale Park. This will be more user friendly for parking and the course we have come up with more closely mirrors what the students will experience at the coastal cluster and Hawkes Bay cross-country events. The students have all started practicing and I am pleased to see the effort they are putting into their training. Please make sure they are coming to school with something suitable to run in over the next five weeks.

**House Waiata Competition:** On the final day of last term we held our first House Waiata competition. Each of the houses performed a song that the house leaders had selected and the houses had been practising. The quality of the singing from each of the houses was excellent and co-ordination around uniforms was impressive. Congratulations to Pohutukawa house for narrowly beating Totara to win this year's competition.



**Rep Hockey:** Over the past four years Hockey has really taken off at Eskdale School with more students playing and more students playing at a higher level. This year we have a number of players selected into the U13 Hawkes Bay rep sides. Congratulations to Daniel Olsen for making it into the Hatch Cup team, and to Fletcher Dallas, Josiah Jobbins, and Fraser Ross for making it into the Curtis Cup side, and to Tia Anderson for making it into the Rawleigh Cup team. I want to acknowledge and thank Ginny Olsen who started coaching our year 7/8 students back in 2014 and has been a huge contributor to the growth and success of Hockey at school.

**Junior Readers:** Thank you to the PTA for donating \$5000 towards the purchase of some new junior readers. I know our junior students will enjoy the new book titles.

### Wig Wednesday

We are having Wig Wednesday to raise money for The Child Cancer Foundation on **Wednesday 8th August**. The idea is to wear wigs or cover your hair in a crazy way and bring a gold coin to donate.

There will also be baking and art / stationery raffles and lollies for sale for \$1 each

We are looking for a hairdresser to help our teachers and students shave the heads of: Mr. Jones, Quillan Squires, Jac Dalton, Caspian Buxton, Tess Warr and Kitty Mathews.

Thanks

Organising team- Quillan, Lexi and Eliza.



**2018 AIMS Games:** This year we have three students who have qualified for the New Zealand Aims games in Tauranga. This event takes place in the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> of September. This is the first time we have had students head off to this tournament. The students heading away are Sophie Bryant for swimming, Tia Anderson for Cross Country, and Ormlie van Veldhuizen for gymnastics.

**Mud Run:** On Monday we had 96 students compete at the annual mud run held at Clifton Station. It was great seeing the students challenge themselves on the course with many taken out of their comfort zone. The way students helped one another and supported one another was a real highlight. I even received some positive feedback about how one of our seniors had assisted a couple of younger students around the course. Great to hear and see the Eskdale values in action.



**Gymnastics:** Congratulations to Ormlie who took out the HB-Poverty Bay gymnastic champs and the Wellington Open Artistic gymnastic champs. An awesome effort.

**Kiwaha:** *Wheriko = Brilliant, impressive, dazzling*

**Whakatauki:** This relates to our school value of **Excellence:**

**Panekiretanga.**

*Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe, me he maunga teitei = Pursue excellence, should you stumble, let it be to a lofty mountain.*



There is a busy term ahead of us with lots of opportunities for the students to get involved. Enjoy the rest of the week.

Tristan

## Board of Trustees Update

### Notification of Strike

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The NZEI has advised the Eskdale School Board of Trustees that the principal and teachers at our school will be taking strike action on Wednesday 15 August 2018.

The Board has carefully considered the availability of teaching staff and unfortunately decided that we can't provide the normal teaching services or appropriate and safe supervision during the strike. It's important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike.

The school will need to close during this strike.

I know that this is inconvenient for parents and students alike, but please be assured that student safety is our main concern.

Thank you for your understanding. Please contact Tristan if you have any queries relating to this decision.

Yours sincerely,

Glen Harkness  
Chair Board of Trustees

### Rationale for Strike

The claims of the NZEI are listed below. The NZEI has elected to take strike action during their bargaining as they believe the Secretary for Education has not adequately addressed these in the proposed new collective agreement. During collective bargaining, the Secretary for Education takes on some of the roles and responsibilities of the board of trustees as the employer.

<u>NZEI claim</u>	<u>Secretary of Education's offer</u>
<p>Make sure teachers have time to teach, are well supported to meet the learning needs of all children by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introducing staffing and resourcing for every school to have a SENCO (Special Needs Co-ordinator).</li><li>• Doubling the amount of CRT (Classroom Release Time) available to teachers (Currently 10 hours) and renaming it 'professional practice time'.</li><li>• Increase professional leadership staffing to allow more release for teachers in leadership positions.</li><li>• Reduce curriculum staffing ratio to reduce class size and allow for more teachers.</li><li>• Increasing the number of resource teacher positions nationally.</li></ul> <p>Address recruitment and retention issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increasing pay by 16% increase over the term of CA.(Collective Agreement)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase CRT to 12 hours per term and rename it as Professional Practice Time.</li><li>• Pro-rata the payment of the unit to part time resource teachers.</li><li>• Change the Tutor Teacher Allowance to a Mentor Teacher allowance and make it available in more circumstances.</li><li>• Enable teachers to take up CoL (Community of Learning) leadership roles.</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 year term.</li><li>• Differentiated pay increases.</li></ul>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 year term.</li> <li>• Renewing the salary comparability clauses with secondary teachers.</li> <li>• Removing the qualifications cap on the salary scale.</li> <li>• Applying increases in the settlement to union members only.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Steps 1-7 increase by approx. 14.7% over the 3 year term of the agreement.</li> <li>○ Steps 8-12 increase by approx. 6.1% over the 3 year term of the agreement.</li> <li>• Merge steps 1-4 of the base scale (step 4 is the entry step for teachers with a degree).</li> <li>• Renew the salary comparability clause.</li> </ul>
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### Other Board News

The board received second-term reports for the Targeted Students and the Accelerated Pupil programmes. These results alongside the mid-year report on the attainment of all students against the 'Eskdale Expectation" showed just how well students are achieving and highlight the success of the numerous initiatives being employed by the teachers to drive learning success. Congratulations to both students and teachers on the very pleasing results.

The board reluctantly accepted Sarah Foster's resignation as a parent representative. Sarah has made a considerable contribution to the board and the greater school during her terms on the board. In particular, she held the health and safety portfolio during a period of change in this area brought on by significant changes to legislation. Sarah has also acted as a Board representative during senior staff appointments. The board will shortly formally advertise its intention to fill the vacancy for a parent representative via a process of selection. In the interim, if you wanted to be considered for selection or wanted to know more about what would be involved please feel free to talk to either Tristan or board chair, Glen Harkness

A traffic engineers report commissioned by the Board at the May meeting, confirmed the Boards concerns that the current traffic management, parking situation, especially at drop-off and pick-up times is a health and safety matter. On the basis of this report, a plan to improve parking and pedestrian access to the school will be submitted as part of the schools 5-year plan which is currently due. The board expects to have advice from the Ministry of Education on acceptance of the 5-year plan by the end of 2018. Being a health and safety matter the funds for the parking and pedestrian access would be immediately accessible, therefore the commencement of the project would then be determined by the planning and consent process and securing a contractor.

This term, policies on Complaints, and Behaviour Management are currently up for review and the Board would value your feedback. If you wanted to see the policy or provide feedback please go to [www.schooldocs.co.nz](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz) and use the username "eskdale" and the password "hill". This site contains all our policy and procedures, but also has the functionality for you to provide feedback on policy currently being reviewed. It is useful to note that school management reviewed the Behaviour Management Plan in 2017

Board meetings are open to the public and so are the minutes from these meetings. If you want to know more about the snippets above or anything else about the Board of Trustees please chat to Tristan or Board Chair, Glen Harkness.

**Have you downloaded our school app yet?**  
*Never miss important school information again!*



- ✓ Events
- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission slips



Simple free download:  
 In Google Play and App Store search 'Skool Loop' and choose our school once installed.





# PRINCIPAL'S CERTIFICATES

## KOTARE

Luka Hall	Displaying our care values and always being a thoughtful and respectful member of Kotare.
Kera O'Brien	Starting the term with focus and positivity towards her work.
Ben Knowles	Showing perseverance when completing his handwriting.
Connor Havill	Making great choices, being focussed and staying on task.

## TUI

Reef Cave	Being an enthusiastic miniball player, organising your team and trying hard to learn the moves.
Florence Lee	Being an enthusiastic reader, using all her skills quickly and accurately.
Madisyn Wood	Being a new member of Tui class, making new friends and helping everyone.
Joel Tester	Wow!! Getting your writing machine working quickly, giving us lots of detail.

## RURU

Logan Grant	Helping others overcome problems with their learning. Tino pai!
Maral Farahani	Writing a good piece of persuasive writing, arguing that holidays should be 3 weeks! Awesome!
Billy McArdle	Working hard to find the words he is looking for in the dictionary. Ka pai!
Keira Ramsay	Designing a well thought out kowhaiwhai panel that shares information about you and your family. Awesome!

## TOROA

Jorja Martin	Putting a lot of effort into the editing and reworking stages of her writing. Tino pai Jorja!
Sophie Smith	Being an excellent peer tutor at writing time. Ka mau te wehi!
Cayden Sumner	Being a caring writing tutor to his classmates.
Jack Tester	Being a confident writer who knows his goals and is keen to achieve them.

## KERERU

Camryn Scott	A fantastic start to Term 3. Tino pai!
Wade Bartleet	Terrific focus and determination with his Digi Awards.
Kowan Lamont	Fantastic grit and determination at the mud run. Awesome work!
Mia Yardley	Super start to Term 3. Well done!

## KAREAREA

Seth McAuliffe	You have settled into the term with a great attitude! Keep it up!
Natalie Turner	Showing Manaakitanga and having a positive attitude to start the new term!
Courtney Brooks	For settling into the term with a positive attitude! Ka pai Courtney:)
Lachie Harkness	Putting in a massive effort into your maths and starting the term with a positive attitude

## KUAKA

Emily Mitchell	Producing work of a high standard in all areas of her learning. Tino pai Emily!
Aston Musson	Awesome science procedure writing!
Kahu Yardley	Proving he is capable of producing independent work of a high standard. Go Kahu!
Joe Hrustinsky	An awesome example of self-managed and self-directed learning in his reading work. Keep it up Joe!
Jayden Moody	Super cross country fitness training!
Lana Kringe	Pushing herself to do her best with her cross country training.

## DATES TO REMEMBER \*

8 August	Wig Wednesday
14 August	AIMS GAMES -Cupcake Fundraiser
15 August	Strike Day -School Closed
16 August	Senior Gym Festival
	Coastal Cluster Soccer
16-17 August	Maths Camp
17 August	Kids Movie Night -PTA Fundraiser
28 August	School Photos
29 August	Coastal Cluster Literacy Challenge
30 August	Camp Meeting Yr 5/6
4 September	School Cross Country
6 September	School Cross Country Postponement Date
11 September	Open Day for Yr 7 & 8 2019
12 September	Coastal Cluster Cross Country Yr 4-6
14 September	TACS Cross Country
17 September	Camp Karearea/Hihi
18 September	Camp Karearea/Hihi
	Yr 7 Mathletics
19 September	Camp all Yr 5/6
	Year 8 Mathletics
20 - 21 September	Camp Kereru
25 September	HB Cross Country
27 September	HB Cross Country postponement date
28 September	School Term ends

\*See also Eskdale School Website Calendar: [www.eskdale.school.nz](http://www.eskdale.school.nz)

### **CANS FOR GOOD**

We are taking up this community initiative again this year. Students can bring cans in during Week 5, from 20<sup>th</sup> August with the last day being Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

1 can = 1 point for your House.





## Wanted

Clothing for school use in the sick bay. Preferably boys shorts from size 5 up. We would appreciate your help.

If you have any items of clothing your Child has used from the sick bay, please return to the School Office. Thanks.



## August News from the Library

If you walked into the library at the moment you will see books everywhere! Because this term we are focusing on reorganising our Non-fiction genre section to make it easier for the students to find books of interest.

No longer will these books be classified strictly under the Dewey Library system but under genre or topics of interest.

At the moment there will still be a Dewey number on the spine but not as specific as it used to be.

These changes are to help the students become independent learners, to be able to discover informative books easily, independently and to expand their knowledge and general understanding of a large variety of concepts.

You will have noted some of the non-fiction books have light green pictures at the top right hand corner.

These have been reclassified into a junior non-fiction section. It is still available to all students. It is available now to help the younger readers make it easier for them to find topics of interest.

## PTA EVENTS

ESKDALE SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS

# QUIZ NIGHT

SAT 1ST SEPTEMBER, 7PM

ESKDALE SCHOOL HALL  
\$30 per person - ADULTS ONLY  
Ticket includes pizza, slices and your first drink  
AUCTION & MYSTERY ENVELOPES  
QUIZ TEAMS OF 4-8 PEOPLE  
CASH BAR

Email [eskdalepta@gmail.com](mailto:eskdalepta@gmail.com) to order your tickets

Eskdale  
Junior School  
MOVIE NIGHT

# PETER RABBIT

17th AUGUST, 5.30pm  
THE SCHOOL HALL

\$4 ENTRY  
\$2 SLICES OF PIZZA

ESKDALE  
SENIOR SCHOOL  
MOVIE NIGHT

17TH AUGUST  
IN THE SCHOOL HALL  
7.30PM

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\$2 SLICES OF PIZZA

## Enviro Matters August

Our Year 3 & 4 students are looking forward to their hands on sustainability classes this term. These are held on Fridays from 1.30 – 2.45pm. We require extra adults to help with supervision to make these sessions a success....

Please let your child's teacher know if you are free to help any Friday this term. No experience needed!



**Enviro Squad** This group of students continue to meet on a Wednesday at lunchtime and are working hard to complete their action projects. Many thanks to the families who have helped with these.



Please help us to reduce our waste at school by remembering to **pack your food nude!** Other options could be to use a **Beeswax Lunch wrap (available to purchase in school office – ONLY \$5)**

Or consider buying in bulk and splitting the food up into smaller, washable containers.



## Extension Science Y7-8

Science in the Aquarium is a **FREE after school programme** for students who have a keen interest in science and want to learn more about the animal world. Students will get to learn about how animals live, behave and survive in their habitat and ecosystems. The programme will be based on the New Zealand Science Curriculum. Our educators will be on hand to guide students along as they investigate biodiversity, learn about ocean ecology and adaptations and discover what is inside a fish with a dissection!

This programme is a great way to enhance science skills for intermediate students before they go to secondary school.

### Details

**When:** Wednesdays 3.30pm - 4.30pm for 5 weeks

**Dates:** 15 August - 12 September

**Where:** National Aquarium Education Room

**Who can come:** Y7/8 Intermediate students

**Cost:** FREE

**We are aiming for about 10 - 15 students in total so first in first served. Registration essential.**

**Register:** Jacque Wilton phone on 833-5428  
email - [jacquew@nationalaquarium.co.nz](mailto:jacquew@nationalaquarium.co.nz).

**What to bring:** Drawing and writing materials will be supplied.

List and sell your home with me and I will personally donate \$500 to Eskdale School\*

\*Terms & conditions apply

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