

# ESKDALE SCHOOL

## April 2019 Newsletter

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Welcome to the April addition of the school newsletter. The term is now heading towards the last week and it has certainly been a busy and successful one for the children and the school.



**Kuaka Room Science:** Our senior students over the past few weeks have had the opportunity to do some extra science. We have been lucky enough to have Nick Williams - Head of Physics at Napier Boys High School come in and lead some hands-on science sessions. I know the students have enjoyed these sessions and taken away new scientific knowledge. One of the sessions involved collecting bacteria from different surfaces and then leaving it for a week. The follow up session had many of the students fascinated by how the bacteria had grown over seven days in their dish.



**House Leaders:** Last week at School Assembly we announced our House and Deputy House Leaders. The decision around the House Leaders has become more and more difficult with the high quality students and applications we have to look at. This year's decisions have been some of the most difficult we have had to make as a group of teachers and as a leadership team. Congratulations to all those that applied and to the following who were successful.

### Rimu

Tia  
Lauren  
Ethan (DL)

### Kowhai

Kelsie  
Georgia  
Connor (DL)

### Kauri

Maizi  
Mattias  
Belle T (DL)

### Pohutukawa

Caleb  
Tiaki  
Tamar (DL)

### Kahikatea

Leah  
George  
Ormlie (DL)

### Totara

Rylee  
Kitty  
Tess (DL)

**Optimist Yachting:** Our year 7/8 students have been optimist yachting on Pandora Pond. This was a great opportunity for the students to work together and to learn about yachting. The morning sessions for the week provided perfect wind conditions. I know the students and parent helpers had a blast. A special thanks to Nige Stilwell who spent the week down at the pond guiding the children in their sailing technique.



**School Fees/Donations:** Thank you to everyone who has already paid these. The recommended school fees/donation is \$35.00 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 essential for every child to experience 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 robotics, and STEAM resources.

2019 Recommended School Fee/Donation: \$35 per term or

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

**School Fun triathlon & Picnic:** It was neat seeing so many of our children coming along to the fun triathlon and picnic. The older students did a great job organising this event and supporting the younger students on the night.

**Korowai:** The students across the school have been working on making their own Korowai. In the year 1/2 classes there have been parents and grandparents coming in to help with this project. It was neat seeing the children working alongside adults to make it happen. Thank you to all of those parents and grandparents who were able to help.



**Principal's Sabbatical:** I have been awarded a Principal's sabbatical for term two of this year. In my absence Mike Moriarty and Tineke Hill will take over the reins and I know the school will continue to carry on as per normal over this time.



**Futsal:** On Monday two teams of year 7/8 girls travelled to the PGA to compete in a futsal tournament. This was a new sport for many of our girls but they got stuck in and competed well against the other schools. Other schools competing included Napier Intermediate, Taradale Intermediate, and St Pats to name a few. Rylee tells me all of the girls had fun and they would love to play more futsal if given the opportunity. By the end of the day the girls had run themselves out of energy and went home for a bit of R & R.



**Gumboot up NZ:** On Friday we are encouraging all of our students to wear Gumboots and come along with a gold coin donation to support this good cause. This is a day aimed at raising funds for free counselling for any child who needs help. "I am Hope" are aiming to raise \$2,000,000.00 for this project. If you would like to find out more please go to [www.iamhope.org.nz](http://www.iamhope.org.nz).

**Past students continue to shine!** It always nice hearing about how our past students have continued to do well at High School. Earlier this year four of our former students were named as prefects at Napier Girls High School. Congratulations to Eleanor Hollings-Hatton, Danica Bryant, Maddison Kaye and Sophie Exeter. Great to see you continuing to model the Eskdale way through your High School years.



I hope you all have a great final week of the term and holiday break. If I don't see you before I look forward to seeing you all again in term 3.

Tristan

## CULTURE CORNER

Our whakatauki for our value of 'Respect' is "Manaaki whenua, Manaaki tangata, Haere whakamua" - Care for the land, care for the people, Go forward.

As part of our teacher development and learning with our tamariki in the classroom, we look deeply into our school whakatauki and what it means to us and our community. Here are some ideas you can talk about at home with your child/ren that we will also be talking about at school:

- This whakatauki refers to the connection and respect we have for our environment and our people
- Special care is needed to be taken with all of the children at our school - their safety, well-being and happiness
- It is a reminder to face towards the future
- We need to respect the land and all that is important to its well-being - this is important as a Green Gold school
- With better care of our resources, the land will prosper and benefit all who stand on it - the future children of our school

With all of this in mind, we must always remember that we are communicators and thinkers on a learning journey.

Ngā mihi nui.

## PRINCIPAL'S CERTIFICATES

### KOTARE

Macy Brown	Putting 110% effort into everything she does, she is becoming a fabulous reader and mathematician! Ka pai, Macy!
Marcus Davis	Having a great attitude to school and giving everything a go, tino pai Marcus.
Sophie Demanser	Enjoying her reading meetings, using her eagle eye and pointing to the words as she reads them. Ka pai Sophie!
Eli Munford	Developing his growth mindset. Persevering when writing his full name! Tino pai Eli.
Carter Glenn	Showing enjoyment and effort during maths meetings and WOW, that counting in 2's! Tino pai Carter.
Josh Bicknell	Trying hard and applying himself during reading and mathematics meetings. Keep up the good work, Josh!
Azrial Doyle-Solly	For learning how to point one to one at the words as she reads, and for being an enthusiastic learner!

### TUI

Olivia Gale	For persisting to help her achieve well in our swimming sports. Way to go!
Mia Kersley	Showing great perseverance whilst creating her korowai with excellent results
Zarah Waterson	Always persevering and striving for excellence, fabulous home book practising
Reeve Fan- Robertson	Always being willing to share your mathematical thinking and asking your partner show me type questions
Sophie Jensen	Always willing to give new learning a go with a very positive mindset.
Niamh Nicholls	Including others in play learning and our "best super dooper packer uppperer"
Mia Kersley	Amazing perseverance, mindfully colouring and creating patterns for art
Izzie Kyle	Being an organised, fantastic class manager, caring and helpful.
Jessica MacDonald	Working hard to use her reading strategies to help her read quickly like talking

## KEA

Erin Bartlett	Showing creativity and Panekiretanga by thinking carefully and persevering to create a unique fun bus.
Akio Crowsley	Showing creativity and Panekiretanga by thinking carefully and persevering to create an original fun bus.
Olivia Taylor	For explaining your maths thinking clearly and proving how you figured the problem out. Tino Pai!
Kera O'Brien	Taking care with creating you Korowai and achieving Panekiretanga.
Ruby Kirby	For explaining your maths thinking clearly and proving how you figured the problem out. Tino Pai!
Luka Hall	Working hard at writing time. Adding information and using similes to make your stories interesting to read. Mauri Mahi, Mauri Ora!
Charlotte Baird	For showing Manaakitanga and Respect for our environment and our community. You are a kind and helpful member of our community.

## RURU

Maddie Verry	Brainstorming some great keywords and using them to add detail to your bubble writing. Keep it up!
Ollie Pointon	Showing tūmanakotanga and giving new things a go. Awesome attitude Ollie!
Hunter Malone	Confidently sharing and explaining his strategies during maths. Awesome work Hunter!
Sylvie Turner	For being an amazing reader - pointing to each word and saying the beginning sounds. Keep it up!
Honiana Pomana	Working hard to use full stops correctly in his writing. Tino pai!
Kerryn Hedley	For showing manaaki, being kind by including others. Amazing!

## KOKAKO

Jacs Booth	Showing tūmanakotanga during our "Moment in time" writing project. Awesome work Jacs!
Alex Knowles	Displaying panekiretanga by taking her time and trying her best in everything that she does. Tino pai Alex!
Toby Ross	Displaying panekiretanga by trying his hardest to list verbs, adjectives and nouns in his writing. Keep it up Toby!
Isabella Knowles	Showing manaaki and whakaute by always volunteering to help others and looking after the environment. Tino pai Bella!
Eva Jenssen	Showing manaaki by always offering a helping hand and using her initiative. Ka pai!
Luke Newall	Displaying panekiretanga by trying his hardest to use interesting language features in his writing. Tino pai!
Brianna Grant	Showing Panekiretanga by putting 100% effort into all of her work. Keep it up Brianna!
Florence Lee	Displaying tumanakotanga by facing everything with a positive attitude and giving things a go.

## TOROA

Zara Hasselman	Having a fantastic work ethic and setting a great example to the other Toroa-ites.
Aiden Wakeham	Being a respectful listener and making good choices about where he sits during sharing time.
Tait Elliot	Working hard to improve his reading by practising at home.
Kaysha Kilby	Making sensible predictions during our reading sessions.
Connor Hay	Displaying Manaaki - what a fantastic member of the Toroa team!
Kahu Dickson	Showing great perseverance at STEAM time!
Logan Grant	Communicating his ideas and strategies clearly during maths.
Riley Hill	Being a caring, supportive member of the Toroa team. Always displaying Maanaki.

## HIHI

Emma Brain	Working hard to achieve excellence in all areas. Tino pai Emma.
Felix Davis	Striving hard to achieve his goals and achieving them.
Lucia Welsby	Learning quickly that quality work takes time, and applying it to her efforts.
Jaap Hanse	Being a supportive and thoughtful member of Hihi - tino pai Jaap.
Riley Militch	Displaying an excellent work ethic and creativity in STEAM.
Kobe Simmonds	Excellent drama skills during the making of his film trailer.

## KERERU

Mac Robertson	Fan-	Showing respect and kindness to his class mates.
Leon Roborgh		Using his initiative and being a great classroom helper.
Daniel White	Beamish-	Showing more perseverance and effort with his work. Tino pai!
Eliza Anderson		Being such a thoughtful and helpful member of Kereru class.
Sienna Welsby		Asking thoughtful questions and making great contributions during maths time.
Ryan Ells		Awesome netball skills! Very impressive Ryan!
Indiana Scott		Putting 100% effort into everything that she does.
Sophie Smith		Being such an awesome Kereru role model.

## KAREAREA

Jackson Taunoa	Hiko-	Making a top effort to be a great Eskdale School kid! Ka pai.
Holly Savage		Being a problem solver and a risk taker! Keep it up Holly!
Lachie Harkness		showing "Panekiritanga - Excellence" by challenging yourself and others to be the best and being a great problem solver!
Keira Ramsay		showing 'Whakaute/Respect' by speaking with kindness, understanding and thoughtfulness
Madeleine Russell		thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness in the classroom. It is great seeing you shine!
Poppy Shepherd		W8 - thanks for sharing your bubbly personality and friendliness in our classroom, you are settling into Kārearea well!
Cyrus Nathan		settling into the new routines of Kārearea and Eskdale School. We look forward to getting to know you.
Kadaj Dixon-Macfarlane		being such a kind and helpful member of Kārearea class - it is great watching your confidence grow.
Manaia Warren		showing manaakitanga to those around you, speaking kindly and helping others.
Camryn Scott		Showing manaakitanga to those around you, speaking kindly and helping others.

## KUAKA

Isla Chantrey		Thinking deeply and critically about what she is reading and taking the time to support her answers with detail and evidence. Ka rawe e hoa!
Izzy Kenah		A fantastic all round attitude and great improvement with her fitness! Way to go Izzy!
Corbin Bauld		Being an awesome helper at swimming sports showing excellent staying power.
Ashley Blakesley		Demonstrating excellent character inferencing and summarising skills in reading.

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

At the end of our first term for 2019, we have managed our library shift to Piwakawaka. I know our new, enthusiastic librarians will be able to help create an exciting place for Eskdale students to visit, chill out or feed the mind.

Mr Cheer welcomed managers Maddi & Madeleine with Xanthe, Karlon, Kobi, Keira, Sienna, Benz, Tom, Liam K, Mac, Zara, Courtney, Noa and Aimee, as our official librarians last Thursday with their badges. They are already working as a team helping classes, assisting at lunch and play time and planning activities for term 2.

The recent book sale of old library books in the hall, run by senior students, finished today and proved to be very popular. I hope students have found some relaxing reading for their holidays.

When you have your holiday sort out, if you discover any school library books lurking in strange places, please put them into book bags ready to be returned next term.

Have a great relaxing, restful holiday break.



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

From the Board of Trustees meeting on 2 April 2018

Currently there is plenty going on behind the scenes around the school's property. Some of this will soon become very obvious with the upgrade of the lower field due to commence in the coming holidays. Secondly, you may recall we received some funding for innovative learning spaces and this will see area between Toroa and Hihi developed. Work on this project will hopefully take over the mid-year holiday break. Lastly, the Roll Growth/PMC (prefab) Replacement project continues to make (typically slow) progress through the bureaucracy. However, we continue to get updates on its progress and officials are making regular contact as the project takes shape.

The board approved funding for a solar power system for \$6,815.00 incl GST. Moving to more sustainable energy sources has been an objective of the Board for some time. With Kuaka being a modern building and on its own electrical connection it was an ideal candidate. The Board will be strongly encouraging the Ministry to include solar power as part of the Roll Growth/PMC Replacement project.

This term, the school's policies on Swimming Pools, and Alcohol/Drugs and Other Harmful Substances are currently up for review and the Board would value your feedback. If you want to see the policy or provide feedback please go to <http://eskdale.schooldocs.co.nz/Logon.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f> 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 policies currently being reviewed.

There will be elections for three parent representative positions on the Board on 7 June 2019. Nominations close Friday, 24 May 2019. The Board considers a wide range of matters at each meeting – it's not all property and finance. As an example of this, at this week's meeting we discussed matters including, learning pedagogy in the junior school, a proposed vision statement by the EFS group, how the school interfaces with the marketing activities of private business, and changing trends in injuries (hot glue gun injuries are on the rise!). if you would like to know more please talk to Mr Cheer or Board Chair, Glen Harkness or have a look at [www.nzsta.org.nz](http://www.nzsta.org.nz)

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 don't hesitate to ask

## ENVIRO NEWS

The Enviro Squad have spent many hours brainstorming and working on their vision for the sustainable future of our school. They are extremely happy to have had their vision statement approved by the BOT this week...

"The visions that we have of the future affect what we think is worth doing in the present."

**Eskdale School is expanding its sustainable choices, modelling and practising environmentally friendly concepts to instigate positive change in our community and beyond.**

- **Our ecosystem provides rewarding learning opportunities to nourish and enrich our bodies and minds.**
- **Diversity is welcomed and celebrated by working together to nurture the generations to come.**

### Spring Bulb Fundraiser

Many thanks again to the families who supported us with this. Our total sales were \$1474, making a 20% profit for Education for Sustainability of \$294.

A big congratulations to our family prize package winners. The McArdle family were the lucky recipients of first prize, with the Melville family coming a very close second and receiving a consolation prize. Many thanks again to our sponsors of Reading Cinema, Laserforce, Napier Aquatic Centre, Bay Skate and Par 2. Please support these sponsors during the holidays.





## EASTER BASKET RAFFLE \$2 TICKET

Be in Quick! – Tickets for sale on the top court daily, before and after school

## EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY (EFS)

Our year 5 & 6 students have had a busy term with their hands on projects, maintaining the various areas and learning some flax weaving. Many thanks to the family members who have helped us with supervision, enabling us to offer a wide range of activities.



Collecting and saving sunflower seeds for next season



Our swan plants and butterfly garden have been amazing this year, providing a constant source of wonder for curious young minds.



Thank you also to Madeleine Russell and Charlotte Beamish-White for repainting the worm on the concrete adjacent to the school worm farm. Great job girls!



## **Fresh Sun-ripened Figs! 5 for \$2.00**



If you fancy some figs, place an order at the school office. We will pick them for you from our school orchard and send them home with your child.

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## SKOOL LOOP – SEEKING ADVERTISERS

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Families, Staff and Friends of Eskdale School

Eskdale School is again using a school app for our parents and community members. This is a free download to the whole school community to smartphones or devices.

The school app allows for instant viewing of school events, receiving of notifications, easy advise of absences, access of school contact details and instant accessing of information about the preschool via a parents smartphone or tablet.

This app greatly enhances our communication to the whole school community and works alongside other school communication tools.

The app is funded totally free to the school by sponsorship of businesses for a small annual fee of \$275.00. There is a limited amount of how many businesses we will feature.

We would appreciate it if you would consider featuring your business in our school app, however there is no pressure for you to do so.

We wanted to give you first opportunity before we approached any other businesses.

We would very much appreciate your decision as soon as you're able. All artwork can be done complimentary for you.

For further information please feel free to contact:

Vicky King at The Skool Loop App [Vicky@skoolloop.com](mailto:Vicky@skoolloop.com) or phone 0800 203 493

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



Packaged in a fun, friendly session, yoga helps children in so many ways! It helps to keep their young bodies supple and stretch their growing muscles, while they develop their concentration and learn to relax. Mindfulness and breathing techniques provide them with skills for life.

Classes continue in term 2, 2019 at Eskdale School, Mondays 3pm -3.45pm. \$80 for 8 week term. Suitable for all ages from 5yrs to 13yrs.

Please contact Sandra Rolls Ph 027 419 6988 to register your interest, or for any inquiries.



# WE NEED YOUR HELP!! THE WONDER PROJECT

Calling all scientists, engineers, mathematicians and technologists – we need your help.



Our Year 5 & 6 students have signed up for The Wonder Project's Rocket Challenge, an amazing programme aimed at getting young Kiwis excited about STEM. However, we desperately need more volunteers to work with our teachers and pupils to design, build and launch water rockets!

Are you a STEM professional and keen to help? It only requires 1 hour a week of your time for 6 to 8 weeks during Term 2. You'll receive full training and the Wonder Project sends us everything we need to take part, including a cool rocket kit, a rocket launcher and all the online teaching modules so you don't need to know anything about rockets to help out. You can find out more info and register at [wonderproject.co.nz](http://wonderproject.co.nz)

Please let us know if you are keen, so we don't miss out on the fun!



## KNITTING LESSONS

I am offering knitting lessons during the upcoming school holidays on 17 and 18 April 2019. They are \$15.00 per class for an hour and a half. The details are here:

<https://www.eskdaleyarns.co.nz/collections/knitting-lessons/products/school-holiday-knitting-lessons>

Cheers  
Sharon



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## SENSORY EDUCATION

We regularly lead sensory workshops for parents and caregivers of children / young people for whom sensory regulation is challenging. Our education colleagues, from preschool / school sectors often attend these and continue to be most welcome. However recognising the difficulty in achieving release time, we are hosting this workshop in the school holidays specifically for those working in the education sector and additionally hope to be able to provide some specific classroom strategies.

Overall the session objectives are to:

- Gain an understanding of sensory processing across the senses (especially the movement senses: proprioceptive and vestibular), including the difference between low and high sensory thresholds (over and under-responsive), and active (avoiding and seeking) and passive (under /overwhelmed) responses.
- Gain knowledge of where to access further information and resources, including strategies to use.
- Gain confidence to use strategies, to support positive sensory-behavioural changes.
- Know how to access further support, as appropriate.

We look forward to welcoming you to our next workshop, specifically for education colleagues, to be held on:

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 from 9.30 am to 12.00 noon at Child Development Service (Villa 9)**

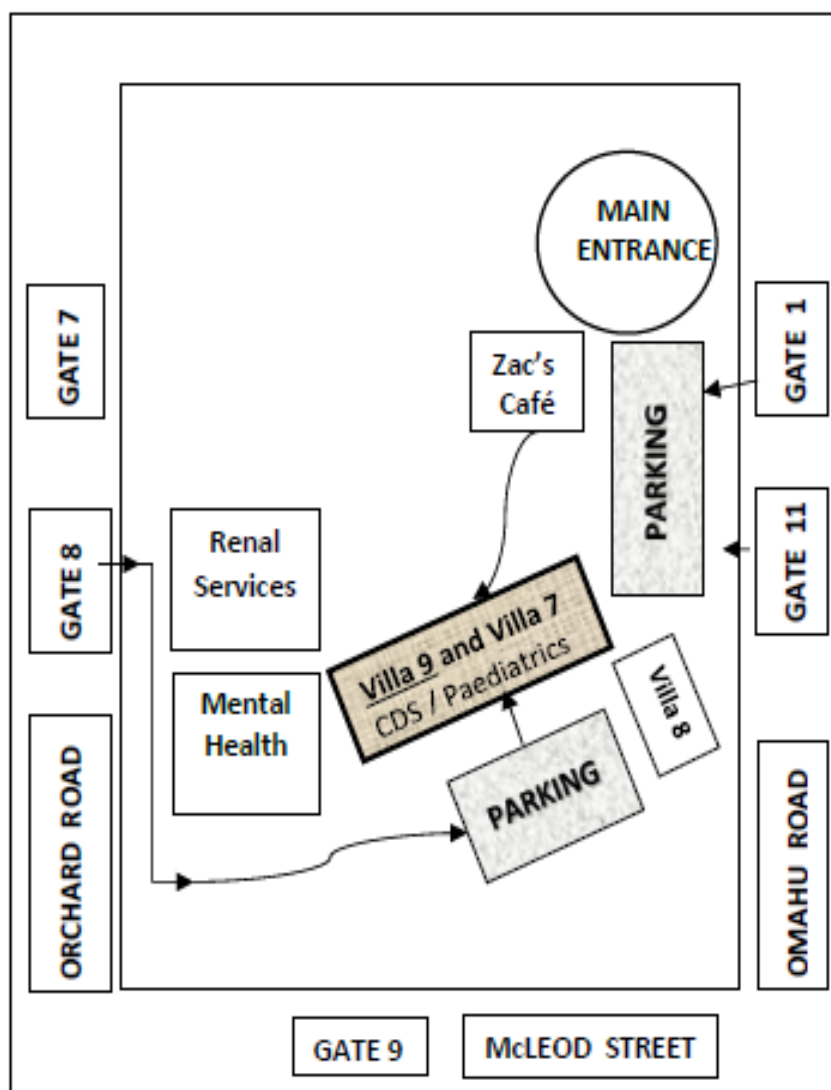
Parking may be available: Entry from Gate 8, Orchard Rd,  
Gate 1 or Gate 11, Omaha Road (*see map on reverse*)  
Parking fee: \$1.00

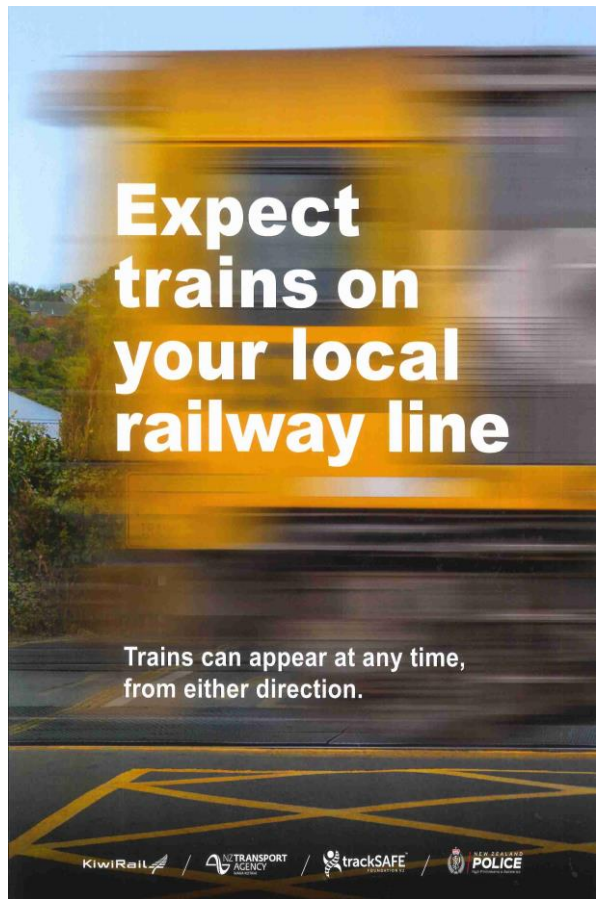
**Jeanette Frechtling**  
CDS Clinical Leader

**\*\* NUMBERS ARE STRICTLY LIMITED**

Please RSVP by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April:

Phone: 06) 8788109, Extn 5851 Or email: [cdsadmin@hbdhb.govt.nz](mailto:cdsadmin@hbdhb.govt.nz)





# Expect trains on your local railway line

Trains can appear at any time, from either direction.

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<b>School's OUT Westshore - Holiday Programme April 2019</b>				
<b>Monday 15 April</b> <b>MONDAY FUNDAY</b> Wood work and Bead work Let's bake Hot Cross Buns! 	<b>Tuesday 16 April</b> <b>TRIP DAY</b> Leaving @ 9.30 <b>CHOCOHOLICS DAY</b>  Lunch and play at Taradale Park	<b>Wednesday 17 April</b> <b>GET READY FOR EASTER!</b> Colouring Competition Egg & Spoon Races A day full of Easter themed activities. 	<b>Thursday 18 April</b> <b>TRIP DAY</b> Leaving @ 9.30 <b>TEN PIN BOWLING</b> then Cornwall Park for lunch and adventures! 	<b>Friday 19 April</b> <b>CLOSED</b> Good Friday 
<b>Monday 22 April</b> <b>CLOSED</b> Easter Monday 	<b>Tuesday 23 April</b> <b>ENVIRONMENTAL DAY</b> Estuary Walk and clean-up. Followed by lunch & play at Pandora Pond Park. Be rewarded for your efforts.	<b>Wednesday 24 April</b> <b>ANZAC ACTIVITIES</b> Celebrating our Heroes.  Bake Anzac Biscuits. A visit from some Defence Force cadets.	<b>Thursday 25 April</b> <b>CLOSED</b> <b>ANZAC DAY</b> 	<b>Friday 26 April</b> <b>SOW Fun Friday</b> Leaving @ 9.30 <b>School's OUT</b> Awesome fun with another School's Out centre at Anderson Park 

See over page for more information. Phone Leslie on 027 3420647.



Out of School Care and Recreation

## Holiday Programme

15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Holiday Hours:  
7am – 6pm

\$33.00 per day  
Extra \$20.00 on Trip Days

### School's Out Westshore

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