

ESKDALE SCHOOL

February 2020 Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2020. Welcome back to you all and a special welcome to the **29 students who began their time at Eskdale on Monday, with 11 of those children having their first ever day at School.** The school has been a quiet (and often boring) spot over the last few weeks and it was great to have it spring back to life on Monday morning with the children bouncing in the gate with smiles on their faces. The positive buzz the children bring is infectious and as I went around the rooms on Monday I could already see them keen to get into their learning and to catch up with their mates at break times.

The partnership between home and school is an important one and has proven to be a key ingredient in students being successful at school. We look forward to working with you in 2020 to ensure that your child/ren succeeds at Eskdale School.

Some important dates to be aware of are:

Waitangi Day - Thursday 6 February – School Closed.

Meet the Teacher Night – Tuesday 11 February - 5.30pm & 6.30pm

Junior Swimming Sports 5 & 6 year olds - Tuesday 3 March - Eskdale School Pool

Senior Swimming Sports 7 year olds and older - Friday 6 March – Onekawa Pools

It is also worth putting in your diary now **Grandparents day** which is on this term on Friday 3 April.

ESKDALE SCHOOL TEACHING TEAM AND SUPPORT STAFF:

I am pleased with the teaching and support staff team we have put together for 2020. I know that they are all looking forward to the year ahead. A key aspect of the school home partnership is communication. If you ever have any concerns, worries, wonderings please make contact with the classroom teacher in the first instance. The sooner we know the sooner we can attend to issues and we can ensure little things don't become big things. If you ever feel that an issue hasn't been addressed please contact either one of the Deputy Principals (Mike in the Junior School or Tineke in the senior school) or myself f- my door is always open.

During the school day an email is often most effective way of getting in touch with a teacher.

Principal:

Deputy Principal:(Jnr School)

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Kotare Class: (NE)

Weka Class: (Y1)

Tui Class: (Y1/2)

Korimako Class: (Y1/2)

Kea Class: (Y3/4)

Kokako Class: (Y3/4)

Ruru Class: (Y3/4)

Tristan Cheer

Mike Moriarty

Tineke Hill

Nicole Bason

Natasha Brewer

Mike Moriarty

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Teacher Aides:	Sandra Rolls	
	Melanie Squires	
	Moirra Anderson	
Caretaker and Grounds:	Lance Robson	
School Cleaner:	Linda Barnes	

CORONAVIRUS:

Our school is currently monitoring information being provided by the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health in regards to the coronavirus. At this stage the message is that if a student has recently been to China, or has been in close contact with someone confirmed with the virus, we encourage the student to stay at home for the first two weeks of school. (The incubation period for this virus is currently thought to be 14 days). Otherwise for everyone else it is school as normal and we will continue to monitor the situation.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT:

This year we will begin with the meet the teacher evening on Tuesday February 11th. The Junior School classes (Y1-4): Kotare, Weka, Tui, Korimako, Kea, Kokako and Ruru will meet at 5.30pm and the Senior School classes (Y5-8): Hihi, Kereru, Karearea, Toroa, and Kuaka will meet at 6:30pm.

SCHOOL FEES/DONATIONS:

We have been able to keep the recommended school fees/donation at the same amount again this year - \$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 additional robotics, science and technology resources.

2020 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.

HATS:

The summer terms (term 1 and 4) students are required to wear a hat. Please remind your child to bring their hat and to apply sunscreen before leaving home.

BREAK IN:

Between Christmas Eve and the 3 January we had a break in at school. The locks were broken off the mower shed and the push mower along with the stihl brushcutter were stolen. If you happened to notice anything suspicious around that time please let me know.

OLD KITCHEN SINK OR HOB:

If you have an old kitchen sink with tap, or an old hob Korimako class would love to repurpose one of those. They don't need to be in working order. Please contact Debbie in Korimako Class if you can help out with either of these items.

TRANS-TASMAN ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Congratulations to Holly Savage who took home a silver medal in the long jump event at the championships held in the holidays. What an awesome achievement!

Thank you all for your support at the beginning of the year it has certainly made for a smooth start.

Tristan

CULTURE CORNER

Nau mau - Haere Mai and welcome back to school. This term we are looking at across our whole school at our CARE Values. Talk to your children about these things and learn more about our Eskdale School Community.

Our first being Community & Care - Manaaki. As part of the **community**, we:-

- support and take care of others
- participate
- know how to work in groups and as a team
- are involved in community groups and events
- show manaakitanga
- value tuakana/teina relationships

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A canoe which we are all in with no exception

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- having a 'can do' attitude
- learn through activities that are meaningful and relevant, driven by interest
- have choices about how we learn, what we learn and why we
- take risks with our learning

Ko ia kāhore nei i rapu, tē kitea

He who does not seek will not find

We will also learn about ways to show Respect - Whakaute. We show **respect** by:-

- showing respect for ourselves, others' and the environment
- standing up for what is right
- speaking with kindness, understanding and thoughtfulness
- look out for each other
- Treating others' fairly

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Care for the land, care for the people, Go forward.

Last but not least, We strive for **excellence** by:-

- try your hardest at everything you do
- lead confidently
- challenge ourselves and others' to be the best we can be

- support others' in their success
- reflect on goals and set new ones
- be a problem-solver

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