

# ESKDALE SCHOOL

## June 2020 Newsletter

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to our June newsletter. This year is certainly a year like no other one we have ever experienced. It seems a long time since our last newsletter back in March. Since then we have had 90 students manage to squeeze in a school camp, 50 complete the Optimist Yachting and everyone experience a nationwide lockdown. It is great to have everyone back on deck and have that sense of normality restored. Everyone's lockdown looked different but the children have adjusted well to life back at school and are getting on with their learning.

**Parent Conferences:** We have our mid-year learning conferences coming up on Monday, 29 June 2020 and Tuesday, 30 June 2020. This will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress across the curriculum including how they are developing the Eskdale Learning attributes. It will also provide time to talk through what you noticed about your child while they were learning remotely.

School will finish at 12.30pm for interviews on Monday, 29 June 2020 and buses will run at this time. School will finish at the normal time of 2.45pm on Tuesday, 30 June 2020. Bookings for interviews and details of how to book online for an interview will be available from Monday, 15 June 2020.

**New Playground equipment:** We have installed additional playground equipment to the bottom field and the students have certainly been making the most of it! Thank you to the PTA for purchasing the new equipment, Brendan Berkett for getting the holes sorted and Lance our hardworking Caretaker for getting it all installed for the students to enjoy. Over time we look forward to adding more equipment to this area.



**End of School Day:** We know that parking at the end of the school day can be a challenge and somewhat chaotic on occasions. The long-term solution to this problem is providing additional car parking on the school grounds and this is planned as part of a major upcoming capital works project for our school.

In the interim to manage the Health and Safety risks for our students we are going to put in place an early finish for our New Entrant, Year 1 and Year 2 students. The new finish time of 2.30pm will begin in Term 3



and will involve Kotare, Weka, Korimako and Tui classes. We are working through a plan to ensure the transition to the earlier finish time works smoothly and effectively. We will also be making sure we have systems in place to cater for the diverse needs of the children involved including those students with older siblings or those students that catch one of the school buses. This is just an initial heads-up and as we finalise the plan, further communication will come out to the families in Kotare, Weka, Korimako and Tui classes before the end of this term.

**School Photos:** The Class and individual photos are set for Wednesday, 10 June 2020. At this stage most of you do not need to do anything as you will be able to view and order the photos online once they have been completed. If however you have got more than one child at school and would like a sibling photo please complete the sibling photo form in the office before next Wednesday.

**House Leaders:** During the break we completed the final steps in the house leader selection process. As always we were faced with some difficult decisions as the applications from all of the students were of a very high standard. Congratulations to the students who were selected as 2020 House Leaders:

**Rimu**

Belle  
Tegan  
Jayden

**Kowhai**

Delta  
Connor  
Sophie N

**Kauri**

Quillan  
James  
Ashley

**Pohutukawa**

Jack  
Eva  
Ellie

**Kahikatea**

Sophie C  
Elise  
Max R

**Totara**

Syriah  
Joel  
Lexi



**Camp:** Our year 5/6 students went to camp at Guthrie Smith, Tutira in the final week before the country went into level four lockdown. They were fortunate with the timing and I know that the students made the most of this outdoor experience. Camp is always a great time to build students collaborative skills, self-management skills and resilience as they challenge themselves and others in the outdoors.



*AMAZING THINGS ABOUT CAMP  
by Indiana Scott*

I saw so many amazing different types of birds  
I heard goats, cows, and birds  
I felt a lot of rain and mud when doing the mud walk  
I smelt the grass, sheep, goat and cow poo  
I taste the mud inside my mouth  
I saw so many native plants  
I felt all my clothes getting soaked  
I smelt the fresh grass  
I tasted the really yummy porridge  
And I heard the whistle blow

**TACs Triathlon:** On Thursday, 5 March 2020, we had a number of our Year 7 and Year 8 students compete in the TACs triathlon held at Frimley Park. The students certainly did themselves and the school proud achieving some outstanding results.

### Year 7 Girls

Breeze V 1<sup>st</sup>  
Maddie P 14<sup>th</sup>  
Georgie H 16<sup>th</sup>

### Year 7 Boys

Lachie H 1<sup>st</sup>  
Jack H 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Leon R 7<sup>th</sup>  
Ashton B 8<sup>th</sup>  
Tom S 15<sup>th</sup>

### Year 8 Girls

Tegan A 1<sup>st</sup>  
Belle A 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Ellie S 4<sup>th</sup>  
Lexi P 5<sup>th</sup>  
Ashley B 7<sup>th</sup>

### Year 8 Boys

Jack B 6<sup>th</sup>

### Teams Race

Finlay B, James S, and Max R 4<sup>th</sup>

**School Fees/Donations:** Thank you to those who have already paid these. 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: \$35.00 per term or

- Individual Child \$140.00 per year discounted if paid before the end of Term 2 to \$120.00.
- Two Children \$280.00 per year discounted if paid before the end of Term 2 to \$240.00.
- Three or more children \$420.00 per year discounted if paid before the end of Term 2 to \$360.00.

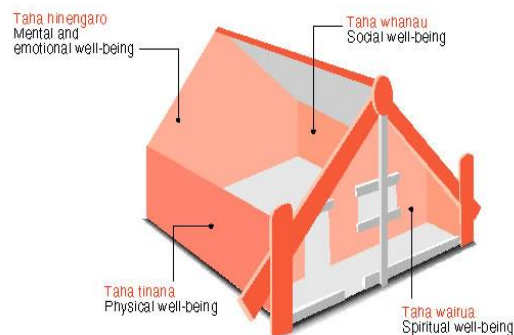
Thank you for all of your support throughout the lockdown period and in the process of transitioning everyone back to school.

Tristan

## CULTURE CORNER

Coming back to school after the Lockdown has allowed teachers to re-connect with their students and whānau. We have all been focusing on re-building relationships and creating a stronger, supportive (and supported) community.

Hauora is a Māori philosophy of health and well-being, unique to New Zealand. There are four dimensions of Hauora; Taha Tinana (Physical Well-being - health), Taha Hinengaro (Mental and Emotional well-being - self-confidence), Taha Whanau (Social Well-being - self-esteem) and Taha Wairua (Spiritual well-being - personal beliefs) There is physical, emotional/mental, social and spiritual caring. The Whare Tapa Wha model represents aspects of Hauora as the four walls of a whare, each wall representing a different dimension. All four dimensions are necessary for strength and stability. This is a great way to cater for the well-being of our students.

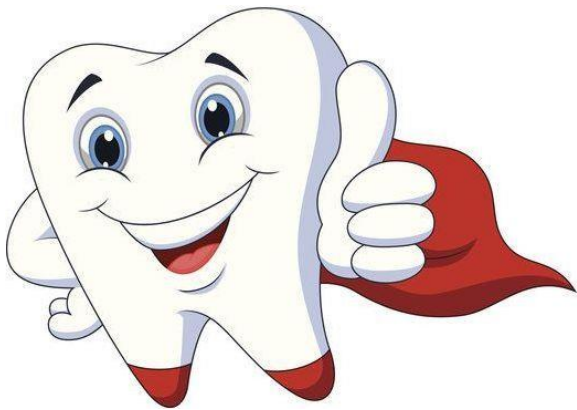


## DATES TO REMEMBER \*

10 June	Class, Individual and Sibling Photos
16 June	Pyjama Day at School - gold coin donation (see flyer at the end of the newsletter)
29 June	Learning Conferences - <b>School closes at 12.30pm</b>
30 June	Learning Conference - <b>School finishes at 2.45pm</b>
3 July	Last Day of Term 2

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

## COMMUNITY DENTAL SERVICES REOPEN



Hawke's Bay DHB's community oral health services for tamariki have resumed under Alert Level 2 with dental hubs and mobile dental units open and operational from today, Monday 18 May.

If your tamariki needs a routine dental check-up, or you have any dental concerns that may require an urgent appointment, please text our team on 027-273-6731 and we will be in touch to arrange a suitable time.

Please be advised all tamariki will be verbally screened for COVID-19 and other minor illness prior to appointments, as per Dental Council of New Zealand guidelines.

## WANTED

Korimako would like help collecting the following items for our STEM activities:

- ❖ Bubble wrap
- ❖ Cardboard tubes e.g. from the middle of glad wrap or paper towels
- ❖ Empty cardboard boxes eg: cereal boxes or tea bag boxes  
**(DEFINITELY NO TOILET ROLLS THANKS)**



Please bring any of the above items to Korimako Class. We have a large box just inside the door to put these items in.

Many thanks Korimako Class

 **SCHOLASTIC**  
**Lucky Book Club**



Due to recent disruptions to the school year, there will be just one issue of Book Club this term. Instead of Issue 3 or Issue 4, it is called **Term 2 Book Club** and it is a **Bumper** issue, so have fun perusing its pages and discovering all the goodies hidden inside!

The brochures will be handed out to students this week. Orders are due back **by Friday 12 June**. Or you may prefer to order online via LOOP (Linked Online Ordering for Parents). Go to:

<https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz> Your order will automatically attach to the School Order which will be forwarded to Scholastic on the closing date.

All orders earn Scholastic Rewards for the School. Happy Reading Everyone!



## WINTER NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

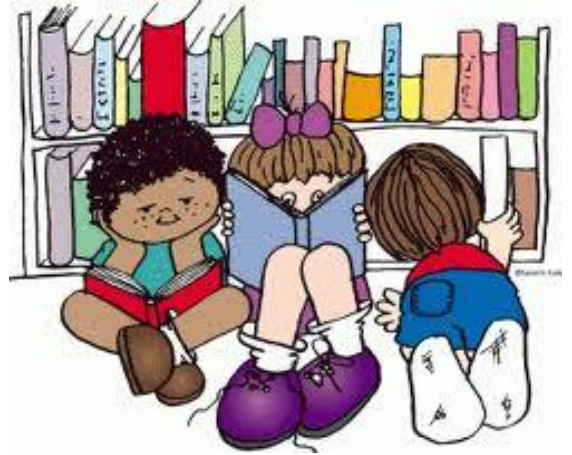
Winter greetings from our library

Welcome back from our Covid 19 lock down. The library is beginning to pick up from where we left off. Our new team of keen librarians are Ollie, Ruby, Lucia, Octavia, Jenna, Jemma, Sadie, Aaliyah, Amelia, Karlon, Sasha, Emma, Neeve, Noa, Kahu. They are busy helping various classes and also taking on responsible activities to keep the library working. Sasha, Emma and Neeve are our Managers for the term.

Classes have at least one day a week timetabled into the library to be inspired by the printed word, change books or just enjoy a story. Each week a print off is done to remind the students what books are out under their name, with the long period of time away from the school some books may have gone on holiday too. If you are able to hunt them out we would be very much appreciate them being returned to the library for others to enjoy.

Scholastic Lucky books helps us to add to our library shelves by giving us a percentage of what you buy for yourselves, this helps to add to our yearly budget. We have invested in more book stands to hold books up and display stands to display books to the reader. There has been a change around in some areas with new posters and signage to assist library browsers as well as the grouping of popular series into easy to find containers for keen readers to quickly discover more of their favourite reads.

It is winter, time to hunker down with a great book!!

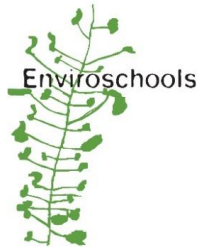


## ENVIRO FUNDRAISER



This Friday Enviro squad are doing a fundraiser for Year 8 camp and Enviro. We are going to be selling choc coated ice creams for one dollar on Friday morning. Your child will need to come to the Kotare steps before school, register their name and pay their money and we will deliver them to classrooms just before or at lunch.

# Arbor Day/World Environment Day June 5<sup>th</sup>



This Friday we will resume our hands on Education for Sustainability sessions with the Year 5 & 6 classes. Many thanks to Scott Russell for offering to help us. If you can spare an hour or two on a Friday afternoon we would love to see you!

## Spring Bulb Fundraiser



Thank you so much to those families who took orders for spring bulbs for us.

Together we sold \$992.00 worth of bulbs, earning 20% ---\$198.40--- for our Education for Sustainability projects.

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to our two winning families this year, each selling over \$280 worth of bulbs!!

**CHIARA ANDERSON and REEVE and MAC FAN-ROBERTSON**

You have both won an awesome family prize package with free entry to local attractions, including movie tickets, minigolf etc.

Enjoy!!

## Wanted...

10 Litre paint buckets needed for our activities around the school.



Please drop any spares into the office or contact Sandra at school.





## Children's Yoga Classes

recommence Mondays, Term 3, 3.00pm - 3.45pm at Eskdale School. Children 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, and finishing with relaxation techniques.

Suitable for all children aged 5 - 12. \$80 for 8 week term.

Please phone me for further details or speak with me at school.  
Sandra Rolls 027 4196988.

**\$1000!**  
List and sell your home with me and I will personally donate \$500.00 to Eskdale School and give you a \$500.00 voucher of your choice as a thank you\*  
\*Terms & conditions apply

Sam Hutchinson M: 021 023 93856 **Harcourts**

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- ✓ Permission slips



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## Supporting success in your school.

If you're a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you take out a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate \$500 to your chosen participating school.

# \$500

ASB's lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply.  
Eligibility criteria - Documentation of the facility agreement must be done by 30 June 2020.  
For this promotion to apply, you must make mention of it during the home loan application.  
Only applies to loans which are secured by residential owner-occupied property with a minimum of 20% equity. The offer is limited to one donation per new home loan. The donation will be made to the chosen school on complete draw-down of the home loan. Excludes lending through brokers. Full eligibility criteria, exclusions, terms and conditions are available at [asb.co.nz/promotions/supporting-success-in-your-school.html](http://asb.co.nz/promotions/supporting-success-in-your-school.html)

**ASB**  
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# Pyjama Day.

**FOR JUNE**

Organised by Lucia & Ruby

**Wear your  
pyjamas on the 16  
of June! and bring  
some money to  
donate!**

**16**

**JUNE**

**You are donating for  
kids all around  
Hawkes Bay that  
don't have a cozy  
pair of pyjamas for  
winter!**

**Gabby from OUT AND ABOUT  
with kids in H.B**

**Works with local charities to get  
pyjamas out to local kids in need!**