

ESKDALE SCHOOL

September 2020 Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to our September newsletter. It has been really pleasing to get to this point of the term, being able to have the school open for learning and avoid the challenges over the past month our colleagues and friends at Auckland schools have had. The children have certainly benefited from the continuity both in terms of the learning and their overall wellbeing. It certainly helps having the warm sunny days that we have had over the last week too.

School Cross Country: The school cross country held last week under a different format to normal worked really well. We had an excellent turn out of students on the day with the least number of students absent ever on a Cross Country day.

The children pushed themselves hard in their races and seeing the house leaders come out to run with and support the younger students was really pleasing to see, as was the good turnout of parents for the different races.

If you have any feedback on the Cross Country format this year I would be happy to receive it, as from a school perspective, it worked well although there would be some aspects we would like to change moving forward.



The School House competition is always closely fought, and this year was no different.

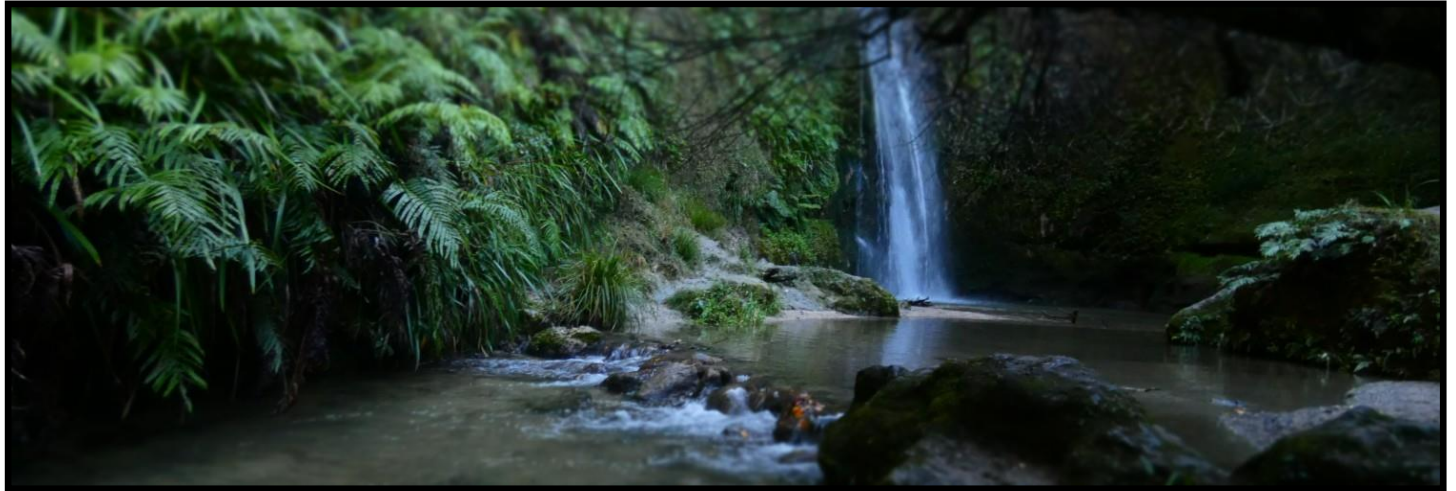
House points for this year's event:

Kauri	1780
Kowhai	1660
Rimu	1300
Kahikatea	1220
Totara	1080
Pohutukawa	1060

All of the children can feel proud of themselves for the way they ran on the day. For some Cross Country is more of a challenge than others and to see them all showing some resilience and pushing themselves through to finish the race was awesome! Congratulations also to those students who finished in the top three of their event.

<u>Race</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>
5 year old Boys	Henry L	Thomas F	Carter B
5 year old Girls	Persia F	Holly V	Indira K
6 year old Boys	Sam V	Owen R	Eli S
6 year old Girls	Alice W	Millie B	Sophie D
7 year old Boys	Luka H	Colton B	Channing M
7 year old Girls	Kyra D	Jess M	Kera O
8 year old Boys	Toby R	Roman B	Lincoln J

8 year old Girls	Kaia R	Addison M	Olivia B
9 year old Boys	Ollie P	Noah K	Baxter M
9 year old Girls	Sophie-Rose S	Farrah M	Madeline V
10 year old Boys	Isaac B	Kaes R	Koji C
10 year old Girls	Amelia R	Xanthe T	Sasha T
11 year old Boys	Liam K	Sam S	James A
11 year old Girls	Ruby K	Rhea C	Sophie S
12/13 year old Boys	Connor S	Reuben J	Shohn-Paul H
12/13 year old Girls	Tegan A & Breeze V	Abi H	Lexi P & Ellie S



Top Outdoor spot competition: Congratulations to Oliver Newall from Hihi class. He won a prize for a piece of writing and photo he submitted to the 'Top Outdoor Spot' competition run by the NZ Walking Access Commission.

Ollie beat over 400 children from all over New Zealand to win the category of best photo. He won amazing prizes which were presented to him by Nicola Henderson from the NZ Walking Access Commission on Wednesday in class. His prize included Red Band Gumboots, camping chair, camping game, camping LED light, sleeping bag, hat and emergency poncho. Oliver's exploits have also seen Hihi Class awarded a \$300.00 voucher to use on an outdoor education trip.

Well done Ollie!

PAT Testing: We have just completed our PAT testing for Mathematics and Reading Comprehension for all students in year's 3 - 8. The PAT tests are a nationally normed and scaled test that give us a gauge on how our learners as a whole are doing when compared to the National norm. (Which is established over a number of years.)

We know individual results can vary as it's a one-off test but the overall picture is what we use to help inform us of our overall programme effectiveness. This year's results were really positive and I am proud of how the students performed particularly when you consider the challenges with Covid-19 in 2020. The other positive aspect when looking at the results broken down by year levels is that our year eight students achieved the best results of any of the current year groups.

Mathematics

	National Norm(Over large number of years)	Eskdale 2020
Below Average Band	23%	12.5%
Average Band	54%	49%
Above Average Band	23%	38%

Reading Comprehension

	National Norm(Over large number of years)	Eskdale 2020
Below Average Band	23%	19%
Average Band	54%	50%
Above Average Band	23%	31%

School Sports: It is great to have some of our school sports teams back up and running. I know the students enjoy the competition and the run around. I received some really positive feedback from another school this week about one of our year 3/4 Hockey teams. They made the comment that our team played really well but also played fair and were very gracious winners. We want all of our teams and our school to be known for those qualities. Well done team. The photo (right) was sent by the coach of the opposition team.



Thanks everyone for your ongoing support. Have a great week.

Tristan

CULTURE CORNER

Thank you to all of the families who gave us feedback at our Parents/Teacher Conferences around culture. The feedback was really positive and we have ideas that we would like to keep developing to improve cultural opportunities for our students. We also had a number of experts that we will be contacting to come in and share experiences or teach skills to our students. So keep an ear and an eye out for these things happening. Remember, if you have a skill or an area of interest that you could share with our tamariki (does not have to be Māori), then we would love to hear from you: tinekeh@eskdale.school.nz

We are always talking in our classes about our School Values. Take some time to have a chat with your child/ren about our Community and Care goal:

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

He waka eke noa - A canoe which we are all in with no exception

DATES TO REMEMBER *

9 September	Coastal Cluster Cross Country
22 September	HB Cross Country Champs
23 September	Sports Team Photos
25 September	Last Day of Term 3

*See also Eskdale School Website Calendar: www.eskdale.school.nz

PRINCIPAL'S CERTIFICATES

KOTARE

Maja Garnett	Using being such a wonderful member of Kotare and showing Manaakitanga to others.
Carter Bucknell	Showing a positive attitude towards your learning and others. We are so proud of you.
Rosie Stechmann	Having the very best start to school and being a kind and thoughtful member of Kotare.
Angus Verry	Settling so well into school and becoming a wonderful member of Kotare
Esme Hicks	Learning her spelling and making wonderful progress with her reading. Tino Pai.
Kane Thorne	Making wonderful progress with his numbers and letters.
Ryley Murphy	For giving it her all at cross country and never giving up when things got tough!!!

WEKA

Owen Ranston	Showing confidence to share his ideas and thinking during Maths.
Ruby Herewini	Your amazing reading at the moment. Ka rawe my friend.
Persia Farahani	Showing a growth mindset in her learning. Keep up the can do attitude Persia.
Edward Turfrey	Displaying confidence when articulating how he feels.
Leon Moriarty	Being a good friend. Leon you so great kindness and consideration to others in Weka class.
Owen Ranston	Amazing effort in cross country. We are so proud of your determination in training it really paid off.

KORIMAKO

Lily-Ann Hooker	Being a fantastic listener. Remembering and following instructions to weave a rainbow art work. Amazing focus and perseverance.
Sam Verry	Impressive perseverance, thinking and problem solving to make a boat that moved in water.
Brianna Grant	Outstanding Learning in Maths!
Olivia Berkett	Outstanding Learning in Maths!

TUI

Phoebe Brock	Being a terrific listener, with a positive outlook towards her learning
Carter Glenn	Working very hard to accomplish his reading goals Kapai!
Kaylee Hill	Being brave at maths time , sharing your thinking and helping others
Adam Satherley	Becoming an independent learner with a positive attitude towards his learning
Maddie Wilson	Thinking before confidently sharing your great Firewise knowledge
Harper Paterson	Being brave at maths time, sharing your thinking and helping others
Corban Pell	Fantastic results because of your determination during cross country practise. What a guy!!
Emily Fisher	Being brave, giving different writing strategies a go and sharing them with others. Ka Pai!
Millie Berkett	Being a focused mathematician who questions and explains her thinking clearly to others.
Munroe Lamont	Having a fantastic attitude towards her class mates, always willing to help and share her ideas

KEA

Max Murdock	Confidently sharing his maths thinking with others and being keen to learn new strategies, awesome Max.
Charlotte Baty	Showing grit and determination during cross country training, awesome Charlotte!
Indiana Bot	Great focus and energy during our Jump Jam sessions.
Luka Hall	Sharing great ideas during our STEAM sessions and being a great teammate - listening to ideas, compromising and working hard to finish the project.

Florence Lee	Love your attitude to improving your basic facts Florence with extra homework! Tino pai!
Sylvie Turner	Wow Miss Sylvie what a great author you have become! We love hearing your stories!
Monique Hedley	Love the effort you are putting into achieving your writing goals Monique - tino pai!
Jessica MacDonald	Having great maths thinking and being keen to support others during our group sessions.

RURU

Will Roborgh	Coming up with innovative ideas in STEAM.
Ava O'Brien	Working really hard to reach her goals and always doing it with a smile.
Ollie Pointon	Training really hard to reach his goal in cross country.
Charlotte Baird	Working really hard to complete all tasks within timeframes.
Farrah Melville	Outstanding effort in her BEEP test.
Millie Jardine	Working really hard on her presentation skills.
Adam Bower	Working really hard on his phonics and his Lexia programme.
Sophie Jensen	Always demonstrating our value of kindness in all aspects of our classroom.
Micah Longdon	Having a terrific attitude to all his classwork and making awesome progress in all areas. Tino pai!
Kalyn Ramsay	A fabulous example of always demonstrating our CARE values.

KOKAKO

Reef Cave	Fantastic development of volleyball skills!
Roman Cook	Awesome enthusiasm and learning in Volleyball!
Roman Borrie	Awesome Multiplicative thinking in maths
Lexi McIlroy	Fantastic Jump Jamming!
Lincoln Johnson	Outstanding learning in Reading Comprehension
Reeve Fan-Robertson	Outstanding improvement in the beep test!

HIHI

Sonny Hiko-Taunoa	For working hard on his goals this week! Tino pai Sonny!
Kaysha Kilby	Awesome independent work with her reading activities!
Mac Fan-Robertson	Working hard on his reading follow up work and making great progress!
Hunter Malone	For making fantastic choices at school and having an amazing attitude towards his work.
Sofia Strong	For having a fabulous attitude towards Maths and working really hard.
Makenzie Smith	For always being willing to help others and having a fabulous attitude towards all her work.
Ollie Newall	For the amazing effort you have put into your research project.

KERERU

Haig Toy	Showing creative and innovative thinking during STEAM.
Cooper Egan	Fantastic soccer and volleyball skills - tino pai!
Lucas Murdock	Fantastic soccer and volleyball skills - tino pai!
Zara Hasselman	Super problem solving skills when faced with challenges.
Ellie Roberts-Kirby	Giving everything 100% effort and with a smile on her face!
Cayden Sumner	Having a terrific attitude to all his classwork and making awesome progress in all areas. Tino pai!
Xander Smith	Awesome determination and effort at cross country.
Hayley Murner-Thompson	Awesome determination and effort at cross country.
Jackson Hiko-Taunoa	Giving 100% effort at cross country. Tino pai!
Koji Crowskey	Giving 100% effort at cross country. Tino pai!

KAREAREA

Riley Harris	Well done for being resilient and persevering with literacy. Keep up the great work!!!
Xanthe Turner	For always being a kind and respectful classroom member, you are a great role model Xanthe!
Isobella McMillan	Being able to explain the learner attributes she is using and developing during our STEAM sessions.
Jenna Allan	Being able to explain the learner attributes she is using and developing during our STEAM sessions.

TOROA

Tom Stilwell	Your confidence is growing and it is showing as you are making great improvements in maths. Keep it going Tom!
Genevieve Kruger	Not only are you showing some great characterisation during radio plays, but you are being kind and supportive of your fellow group members. Very Impressed!!
Sophie Nichol	For being resilient and persevering with your Maths. Keep working hard Sophie!
Reuben Jessep	For personifying grit and resilience in his cross country running. Ka mau te wehi e hoa!
Liam Kaye	For excelling in both his cross country and his maths work with Mrs Roydhouse - ka rawe!

KUAKA

Leon Roborgh	For being focused on your learning and making a great start to your Photography Passion Project
Kobe Simmonds	You are staying on task Kobe and proving to be a constructive member of your debate team.
Carter Appleton	Showing your potential in Social Sciences - you applied yourself, focussed and engaged and it really showed mate. Some awesome note taking and explaining your thinking. Ka pai e hoa!
Wade Bartleet	Great original thinking shown during maths, keep being creative in your problem solving Wade.
Leo Parsons	For being brave and showing whanaungatanga to support others of being respectful and using kind words.
Ruby Kaye	Awesome effort during cross-country Ruby. You persevered and achieved excellence. Tu Meke Ruby!
Kadin Johnson	For excellent mahi tahi with Liam during the cross country sausage sizzle. Kia ora Kadin!
Genevieve Kruger	For showing a ton of resilience during cross-country and achieving a great result.

LIBRARY NEWS

Spring greetings from the librarians.

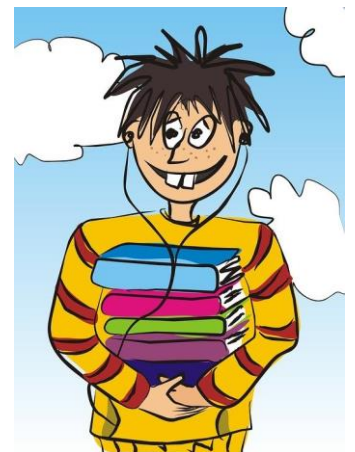
Now Spring is upon us, it's a great time to find a quiet spot for time out with a good book. I hope you are able to encourage your children to visit the library and find some literature they are able to "get lost in". With the holidays coming up keep an eye out for the librarians quick book sale when they will be selling books discontinued/taken out of the library system for 50c, \$1.00 or \$2.00.

A very big thank you to all those wonderful people who made contact with me to assist in processing our new library books. We have sorted out tasks with our new helpers already processing new books. If there is any one else out there who would be willing to give us some time processing our new books it will spread the load and keep new titles "up front" for students to read. Please contact Jo at school e mail.... jodr@eskdale.school.nz

The librarians are learning how to make Q.R codes to introduce books to readers, these will be found around the library and also on the back of some books. A work in progress .

Watch out for the next lot of spring competitions

Enjoy your spring break.





EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY (EFS)

Spring has sprung and our School environment is reflecting the seasonal changes. It's great to see the fruit trees in the Orchard beginning to flower as well as the Tui, Fantails and other native birds returning for their seasonal feed on the berries, flowers and foliage in our native garden.

The Friday EFS group have been busy planting, with approx 80 trees going in along the far school boundary fenceline to mark Conservation Week. The crew were supported by parents and teachers, many thanks to you all. Another smaller group worked at restoring part of the existing Native Garden, a tough job, but hopefully we can continue with this in the coming weeks and restore the land. We still have some Native varieties to be planted before the weather gets too warm.



THEY ARE BACK DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND! STAINLESS STEEL PEGS NOW AVAILABLE TO ORDER!



Standard pegs \$20.00 (20pc in a cotton cloth bag)
Marine Grade TOUGH PEGS \$28.00 (20pc in a cotton cloth bag)

Plus, a new addition this year....

Quality, stainless steel "Spork". A spoon and fork all in one! Perfect for your child's lunchbox \$8



All proceeds will be used towards sustainability projects around the school
Look out for the order form coming home soon!

FUNDRAISING



Eskdale School Vehicle Display

Wednesday, 4th November, (see below for times)

- Calling all Parents and family members! - bring your vehicles to school for this awesome Display.
- There is **NO** limit for the amount of vehicles you bring.
- Parents are welcome to view from 11.30 until 12.45 Any bikes or cars are welcome. Whether you own a jdm, muscle, super, offroad, onroad, retro/vintage, latest model/ pimped - we would love to have it on display!!!
- No cost to register your vehicle
- Drop off between 10.00am and 11.00am - pick up 12.45pm and 1.30pm drop off and pick up on top field (you can stay with your vehicle if you wish.
- All proceeds go towards 2020 yr 8 camp.

Entry Fee to view display: Adults/students/children - gold coin

Motorbike/Car Registrations: Please email jaydenb@eskdale.school.nz by 30th October to register your vehicle.

(any questions or queries please see Jayden Bryant - Toroa Class)



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

ESKVIEW AFTER SCHOOL

After School Sessions
and
Holiday Programmes

TERM 3 & 4 Prices

\$6.00 per hr
\$4.00 ½ hr
GST inclusive

Bus Stops For:

Eskdale School
Westshore School
Tamatea Intermediate
(Tamatea High School bus picks up at
Tamatea Intermediate to come out to Bayview)

The corner of Onehunga Road and State Highway 2

(All buses stop right next to the soccer fields
Opposite 434 Main North Road)

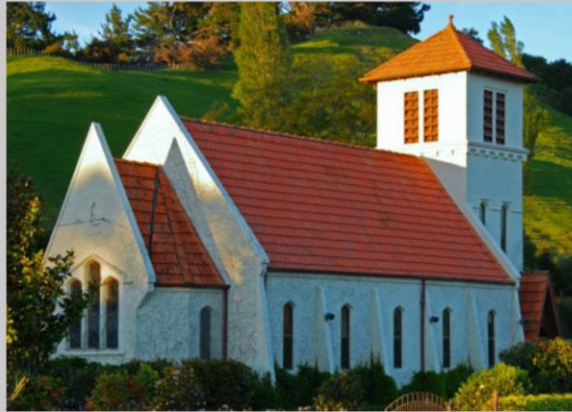
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Monday 28th September – Friday 9th October 2020
8:00 am – 6:00 pm
\$30.00 per day
Afternoon Tea Provided

<p>Friday Oct 2nd Bath bombs</p> 	<p>Friday Oct 9th Relax and chill</p> 
<p>Thursday 1st Oct Onehunga Road Bike ride</p> 	<p>Thursday Oct 8th Soap making</p> 
<p>Wednesday 30th Sept Painting Pots and Planting</p> 	<p>Wednesday Oct 7th A lesson in Karate!</p> 
<p>Tuesday 29th Sept Waitangi regional park walk</p> 	<p>Tuesday Oct 6th Come discover what we can make with these items...</p> 
<p>Monday 28th Sept Meet and greet Card making + baking</p> 	<p>Monday 8th Oct Bay View Bowling Club</p> 

COMMUNITY NOTICES

100 Years



Eskdale
War Memorial Church
Centenary Service

11am
Thursday the 3rd
of December 2020

All Welcome
State Highway 5
RSVP
eskdalechurch@gmail.com

\$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

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