

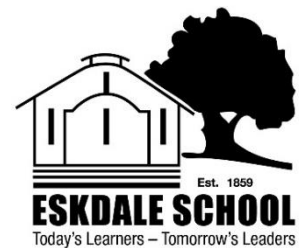
ESKDALE SCHOOL

March 2021 Newsletter

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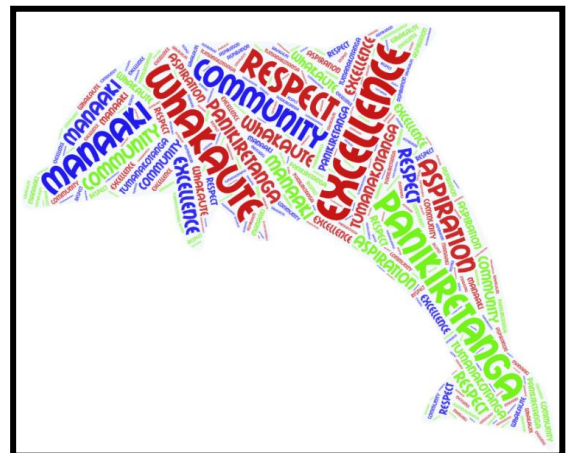


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Principal's Report

Welcome to the March newsletter. Hard to believe the first month of the school year has been and gone already. Thank you to everyone who has helped the year begin so well especially with the changing Covid-19 Alert levels.

Settling into the school year: I am really pleased with the way the children have settled into the new school year. They are displaying our school CARE values of Community - Manaaki, Aspiration - Tumanakotanga, Respect – Whakaute, and Excellence – Panekiretanga. These values continue to be the cornerstone of what we refer to at school when thinking and talking about what it means to be an Eskdale student. These are what we expect to be modelled and reflected by our children and our teaching team in their interactions at school.



Art Deco: While the official Art Deco celebrations in Napier were cancelled these continued at school with the students dressing up, looking great and enjoying their day.



Learning Conferences: Our first set of parent teacher learning conferences are coming up on Tuesday, 23 March and Wednesday, 24 March. School will finish at 12.30pm on Tuesday and the normal time of 2.45pm on Wednesday. This first set of conferences is the ideal opportunity to find out how your child has settled into their learning in 2021. This is also the perfect time to discuss some possible learning goals moving forward. Instructions on how to book a time slot will be coming out next week.

Senior Swimming sports: These are fast approaching and will be held at the Napier Aquatic Centre on 12 March. All entries for this should now have been entered online and we expect that every child seven years and over has been entered in at least two events. If your child hasn't been entered yet please

contact your classroom teacher. A \$5.00 charge will be added to accounts of all children aged seven and above to contribute to the cost of the pools and buses.

Hats: Students are required to wear a hat this term. Please remind your child to bring their hat and to apply sunscreen before leaving home.



Air Force Trip: On Tuesday 23 February, 24 Year 8 students participated in the School to Skies programme at Tamatea Intermediate. Once we arrived, we gathered in the hall Debbie Aiken gave us a rundown of what we'd be doing that day. She also demonstrated how lift works using a wind tunnel. After that we split up into three groups which did different rotations that consisted of a building block challenge, a plane interaction rotation and the final rotation was learning about how a helicopter works. For the building block rotation, you were put into two groups and the first to recreate a tower that was hidden behind a table won. The conditions were that you could only look at the tower one at a time, and you couldn't talk to

your team about what to build until you were back to your own tower.

The second rotation was the plane interaction. There were three things we could do, one being taking apart and putting back together the propellers on an old air force plane, we also got to explore the inside of the plane and dress up in air force uniforms.

At the third and final rotation we learnt how a helicopter is able to fly and how to control one. We also made paper helicopters by cutting and folding a small piece of paper and then adding a small paper clip to the bottom for weight.

Probably the main facts we took from the School to Skies programme was what lift, weight, thrust and drag is and how they work.

Lift: When the air splits over the wing of a plane and goes around the aerodynamic shape at different speeds on top and bottom changing the air pressure on both sides (low air pressure on top higher air pressure on bottom) the higher air pressure pushes the wing up causing lift.

Weight: Is how heavy the plane is e.g. cargo, people and the plane itself (this is opposite to lift).

Thrust: Similar to lift because of the air flow but instead of lifting the plane it carries the plane forward.

Drag: A force that is caused when any object such as a plane is slowed down by air going in the opposite direction and causes friction (the opposite to thrust).

Now that we have gained this knowledge, we are able to take these skills into the classroom and do some of our own experiments around manipulating planes.

Thank you to Mr Jones for organising this and to Debbie and the other air force workers for teaching us so much about flight and the four forces.

Written by Charlotte Beamish-White and Camryn-Lee Scott





Magician: On Friday last week all of the students attended a magic show put on by magician Vas Kovalski. The show was very entertaining and also informative. I know the students enjoyed the show and most of the students would have picked up some of the key messages around healthy eating.

School Fees/Donations: For the third year in a row we have been able to keep the recommended school fees/donation at the same level. This 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 additional robotics, science and technology resources.

2021 Recommended School Fee/Donation: \$35.00 per term or

- Individual Child \$140.00 per year discounted if paid in term 1 to \$120.00.
- Two Children \$280.00 per year discounted if paid in term 1 to \$240.00.
- Three or more children \$420.00 per year discounted if paid in term 1 to \$360.00.

Have a great week everyone.

Tristan

Dates to Remember*

10 March	Swimming Sports 5 and 6 year olds at Eskdale School
12 March	Swimming Sports 7 years old and over at Onekawa Aquatic Centre
15 – 19 March	Year 7 Optimist Yachting
17 March	Coastal Cluster Swimming Sports
23 March	Parent Teacher Interviews (school closes at 12.30pm)
24 March	Parent Teacher Interviews (school finishes at 2.45pm)
29 March	Year 8 HPV vaccinations
31 March	Coastal Cluster Ki o Rahi
16 April	Last day of Term – including last day sausage sizzle

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

Culture Corner

Ngā Rerenga Kōrero o Te Wiki - Phrase of the Week:

As a school we are focusing on a phrase of the week in Te Reo.

Encourage your child to enter the competition which can be found in the office. Of course, a prize can be won for one lucky junior and senior student each week. You can also visit this [LINK](#) to find out and hear how to say our phrase. It's cool to kōrero Māori! Here are the next few phrases:

Week 6: "Haere ki te whaariki"

Week 7: "Whakapainga te ruma"

Week 8: "Homai te pakipaki"

Principal's Certificates

Week 3

Room	Pupil's Name	For...
Weka	Maggie Drinkrow	Welcome to Weka Class Maggie! You have come to school ready and raring to go. I love your enthusiasm.
	Oliver Barber	Welcome to Weka Class Oliver. You have settled well into school life. Cant wait to see what 2021 will bring you!
Kotare	Anthony Hiko-Taunoa	Such an amazing start this year. Anthony, you are showing panekiretanga (excellence) in all aspects of your day. Proud of you.
	Max Williams	having a very settled start to school. We love having you in Kotare Max.
Korimako	Harry Tester	Wow Harry, what a great start to the year. Always demonstrating our school CARE values.
	Anna McGrail	Welcome to Korimako Class, we have loved having you join us!
Tui	Ashley Mitchell	Being an onto it quick class helper, thank you!!
	Evie Mitchell	Being a brave class member taking on new roles. Ka pai!
Kea	Marcus Davis	Being brave and trying new things. Awesome Marcus!
	Devin Doyle-Solly	Being a respectful member of the Kea Crew!
Ruru	Lillie Demanser	You can be very pleased with the bravery you are showing trying new things.
	Millie Jardine	You have made an amazing start to the year. What a fabulous leader you are becoming.
Kokako	Damon McDonald	A wonderful beginning at Eskdale School! We are so excited to have you join us.
	Katelyn McGrail	An excellent start in Kokako Class. Keep up the awesome learning!
Hihi	Lucas Tainui	Settling in really well to Hihi and Eskdale School!
	Isaac Bennett	Making a conscious effort to avoid distractions and producing quality work because of this! Keep it up Isaac!
Kereru	Spartan Deegan	You have had an awesome start back at Eskdale! Tino pai!
	Lucy Wise	Being an amazing member of Kereru class, especially helping and making new people feel welcome.
Karearea	Quinn Baylis	Ka pai Quinn! You have been a very helpful member of Kārearea class and you have shown great leadership skills. Tau ke!
	Ava O'Brien	You have had a very positive start to the start of the year. Thank you for always showing the CARE values.

Week 4

Room	Pupil's Name	For...
Weka	Jack Baty	Welcome to Weka Class Jack! You have had an awesome start to your school journey and We are so excited to have you with us in Weka Class.
	Fern Borrie	Fern! Thank you for showing Manaaki (community) to Miss Brewer and others in Weka in your class. You are always there to lend a helping hand. Ka Pai
Kotare	Cooper Pell	Always doing the right thing in class and in the playground. You are showing such Whakatauki (respect) to all around you.
	Seth Wood	You are making some wonderful choices with your learning and are showing that you have a real can do attitude.
Korimako	Henry Lee	We loved hearing about your taonga Henry. We learnt so much about hunting and fishing!
	Leela Agnello	You shared your taonga with such confidence Leela - we loved getting to know even more about you!
Tui	Holly Verry	Sharing your exciting adventures in a long story, using your sounds to

		help you. What an author.
	Marliya Roberts-Gray	Fantastic story writing using your sounds to help you write. Ka Pai
Ruru	Cyrus Roberts-Gray	Stepping up and demonstrating leadership.
	Rylee Timms	What a fabulous start in Ruru. Tino pai!
Kokako	Beau Ponds	An excellent beginning in Kokako Class and showing kindness to others during their first days too.
	Faye Parker	Showing kindness to everyone and always helping to tidy up.
Hihi	Gabriella Brownlie	fantastic focus to her work this week. Keep it up Gabriella!
	Nina Giacometti	Fabulous sharing about things that are special to her. Well done for being brave!
Kereru	Luke Newall	Showing amazing whakaute for others in the class - what a fantastic start to the year!
	Locky Harris	For showing whakaute and being a great listener during Mana Maths. Ka pai!
Karearea	Ruby Verry	For showing perseverance and positivity during Maths. Keep up the great work!
	Henri Hasselmen	Bouncing back and showing some awesome leadership skills in running his reading group - delegation, patience and communication. Ka mau te wehi Henri!
Toroa	Jack Demanser	Showing full application of his ability to his writing. You are doing justice to those great ideas Jack. Ka rawe e hoa!
	Finn Kyle	Showing selflessness by giving his ticket to the airshow to someone who wanted it more. A really kind gesture and a great friend!

Week 5

Room	Pupil's Name	For...
Weka	April Bower	Showing Confidence to share her ideas with others
Kotare	Tayla Timms	caring for yourself, others and the environment. You can be counted on to do the right thing.
	Mack Insull	Making some terrific learning choices and choosing to do respectful things as school by looking after other and the environment.
Kea	Heidi Roberts	Fantastic writing; so creative and detailed!
	Reef Cave	Fantastic focus and effort during all his tasks. What a great role model you are Reef!
	Indiana Bot	Managing her time so that she completes a lot of her work. So good to see Indi!
	Jackson Barnes	Awesome sounding out of words in his writing - love reading your detailed stories JB!
Kokako	Freddie Lee	Being an awesome team member and ensuring everyone has a chance to share their ideas.
	Lilly Garnett	Fabulous handwriting!
Hihi	Olivia Berkett	Always a super polite and helpful member of Hihi class!
	Kaia Ranston	Awesome contributions during our maths sessions!
Karearea	Riley Harris	Showing whakaute and manaaki to others in our classroom. Tau ke!
	Brianna Grant	Showing resilience during Maths and taking risks. Keep it up, Brianna!

Spare Clothes Wanted

Do you have any size 5, 6 or 7 girls or boys clean underwear, shorts, leggings or pants that are in reasonable condition we would love them for our sick bay for spare clothes. Please drop them to the school office.

Important Notice From Our Public Health Nurse

If your child has a serious medical condition (such as an allergy that causes anaphylaxis, type 1 diabetes, Epilepsy) they require a "Safety Plan" at school. Please notified the school office as soon as possible. It is a parental responsibility to ensure that any medication required is current and that the school is notified of any changes.

If you child has Asthma, please ensure that they have an asthma plan from their Doctor and that they have a reliever at school.

Any queries or concerns please contact me on 027 2315243 or karen.chantrey@hbdhb.govt.nz

Karen Chantrey
Public Health Nurse

Board Snippets

Chairperson's Message

2021 is in full swing at Eskdale School and thankfully we have escaped many of the continuing disruptions faced by other schools in New Zealand and around the world. We all hope things stay that way, of course, but the school remains ready to change gears if we need to.

The board met for the first time this year on Wednesday February 24th. Our main task was to finalise and approve the School Charter for submission to the Ministry of Education this week. This year we have incorporated the new *National Education and Learning Priorities* into our charter as well as elements of our three-year strategic plan (2020-2022). In addition to our familiar goals around learning and achievement, this year we have a particular emphasis on the school environment. Our specific aim is that "*the school is a positive environment that ensures all students feel safe and confident about self, school and learning.*" This document is publicly available and anyone wishing to obtain a copy should ask at the office.

Uniforms at Eskdale School?

Late last year I received a submission from a parent for the school to consider adopting a school uniform. This is a question that comes up from time to time and always sparks a lively conversation. It has been over five years since we last asked the school community for their view on this issue, so the board has agreed to survey school families this term. Every family with a child (or children) currently at the school will get a vote. To maximise the number of ballots we will be asking families to cast their vote in person at the parent-teacher interviews later this month. Any parents or caregivers unable to attend the interviews will be able to vote at the office. In the meantime, I encourage you to give this idea some thought and determine which way you might vote on the day.

I will be including messages such as this one in every school newsletter this year. The board meets twice a term and I will endeavour to use this forum to share any major decisions being made or big issues being discussed. My next message will include the key policies under review over the first half of this year, along with any other news that crops up between now and then. Any questions about school policy or Board decisions can be directed to Tristan Cheer or myself at any time.

Glenn Bond
Chairperson, *Eskdale School Board*

Enviro Matters

Eskdale School is proud to be Napier's only Green/Gold Enviroschool and as such we value and model Environmental Sustainability in all that we do...



Our Kaupapa

The Enviroschools kaupapa is about creating a healthy, peaceful, sustainable world through learning and taking action together. Our kaupapa guides all that we do and is embodied in five guiding principles that underpin the whole Enviroschools journey:

- Empowered Students are enabled to participate in meaningful ways.
- Learning for Sustainability recognises the types of teaching and learning.
- Māori Perspectives honours the status of tangata whenua in this land
- Respect for the Diversity of People and Cultures acknowledges the unique gifts, contributions and perspectives of individuals and groups.
- Sustainable Communities act in ways that nurture people and nature.

EFS (Education For Sustainability)



Our practical Education for Sustainability (EFS) sessions take place every Friday afternoon, with the Year 5 & 6 students in Terms 1 & 2.

We need some adult assistance with these sessions so we can offer a wide and varied programme. Many thanks to the parents and whanau who have added their names to this term's roster.

Our first session was last Friday, with plenty of tasks around the school. We harvested the plums and pears in the school orchard, potted up over 100 native grasses and started weeding the vege garden. The groups working in our Native Garden area tidied the plants along

the path entranceway; cutting them back in places, removed self sown prunus saplings and partitioned off a tree that was being damaged.



EnviroSquad



This group of 30 plus dedicated pupils meet weekly to take action and inspire and lead the school in sustainability matters. Last week they spent time getting to know the school environment and attempting to identify some of our many Native plant species.

This is a tricky task which will take some time but we are sure it will be beneficial. If you have any expertise in this area the group would love to hear from you!



Seaweek begins this Saturday. As we are a coastal community, the EnviroSquad are conducting their annual beach clean up next Thursday, 11 March. We meet at the car park at Le Quesne Road / Franklin Road at 1.00pm.

Please join us if you are available!

Dinosaur Succulent Garden

Today some of our 5 year olds enjoyed planting a "Dinosaur's Succulent Garden" in a mosaic trough that was donated to the school. Thank you to our kind community for thinking of us when clearing out at home.



Spring Bulb Fundraiser

It's that time of year again!

The Enviro Squad are holding our annual Spring Bulb sales competition!

The student/family who take the most \$ value in orders WINS an awesome family activity pack, just in time for the holidays!

We receive 20% of all sales, with all proceeds going towards action projects around the school.

Catalogues were sent home this week, please return order forms by **Monday 22nd March**, so orders can be filled before the end of term.

Thank you and happy selling!

Library News

We have only just been through the process of choosing our responsible librarians for the year. Firstly the students had to write a letter stating why they felt they should be considered for the position of librarian. Then the names are put to their class teachers, who also consider the applicants as to how they would cope with their school work as well as library responsibilities.

We welcome aboard these Year 5 and 6 students who are ready to give up some of their time for our school:

Lola and Sadie were voted in as the first 2021 managers

Florence, Lucy, Sophia-Rose, Ollie, Lacle, Kahu, Lincoln, Luke, Brianna, Amelia, Ruby, Maddi, Mahli, Jemma and Paige

Thank you for purchasing from the Scholastic Book catalogue. A percentage of your purchase helps us to buy books for the library. The catalogue comes out twice a term, you can negotiate with the School Office if you wish to collect the books you order yourself or for them to go home with your students.

Please help us to keep the books the students bring home safe and in good condition by putting them into their book bag to bring back to school. Most classes have a library day at least once a week and the library is open every lunch and play time for the choosing of new books. Have a great year.

Regards Jo Drager, School Librarian



Community Notices



NAPIER NORTH PRESBYTERIAN INVITES YOU TO A...

**COMMUNITY EASTER
EVENT**

TREASURE HUNT.FOOD.GAMES.EASTER STORY

SATURDAY MARCH 27 2021
2:00PM - 4:00PM

ESKDALE WAR MEMORIAL CHURCH

Planning on coming? Want to know more?
Contact Courtney: napiernorthpresbyterian@gmail.com

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