

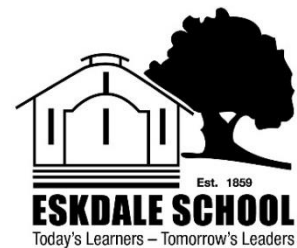
ESKDALE SCHOOL

April 2021 Newsletter

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Principal's Report

Welcome to the April newsletter. As we head into the long Easter weekend, it is worth reflecting on some of the highlights we have had already at school this year. The parent/teacher learning conferences held last week saw an excellent turn out of parents and whanau with close to 90% of parents making it along over the two days. It is great to see that level of engagement from our families. We know that for teaching and learning to be successful there needs to be a strong partnership between home and school. If you did not manage to get along last week, I encourage you to touch base with your child's teacher to check in how they have started 2021 and how their learning is progressing. Our school values as highlighted in the picture of the chicken will continue to be a focus for our school throughout 2021.



I am sure everyone will be pleased to know that Hayley has now returned home from hospital after being struck by a car. She is recovering well from a broken collarbone. This could have been so much worse and we wish Hayley a speedy recovery. This is a tough and important reminder of just how careful we need to be when crossing roads, and if we are driving near school buses or in the school zone how alert, watchful and careful we must be.

Opti Yachting: In week seven, all the Year 7 students from our school went to Pandora Pond to do Optimist Yachting. We were split into two groups and each group went for two days.

When we all got to Pandora Pond we had to assemble our own yacht and put on life jackets. We put up the mast, tied two knots called the bow line and the figure eight, got the centre board ready and finally attached the rudder.

The yachting guru a.k.a Mr Stillwell helped us and demonstrated how to assemble the yacht and also the parent helpers were very helpful.





We did races, challenges and got to explore an island in the middle of the pond. One thing we had to do was watch out for the devilish boom, it swings around when we are trying to sail and can hit your head in the process.

Some of the members yachting had capsized (tipped over) such as Karlon the capsized king and Shay.

After yachting some people decided to go swimming in the water and some unfortunate souls stood on piles of crabs and sharp shells. We really enjoyed the experience and thank you to Mr Stillwell and to all of the parents who helped out.

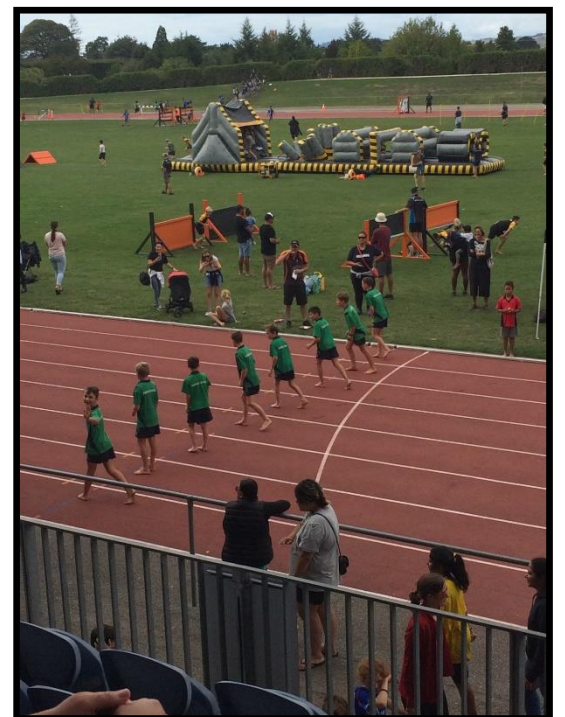
Written by Neve R, Sophie S and Kadaj D.M



Swimming Sports - Junior and Senior: It was great to see all the students giving swimming a go at the junior and senior swimming sports this term. Equally as impressive was the way the students supported one another at these events.

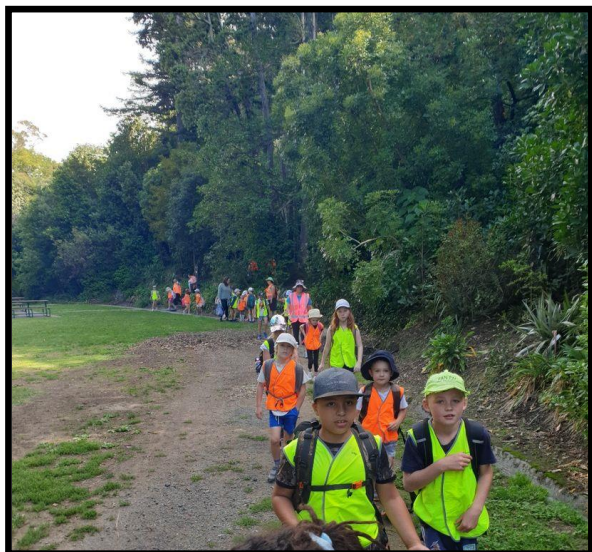
Mitre 10 Tough Kid Challenge: On 24 March 2021 we had over 50 Year 3 - 6 students participate in the Tough Kids event at the Sports Park in Hastings. This was a really fun day with over 2,500 children participating from schools throughout Hawkes Bay. Children had to navigate a huge obstacle course that included walls, nets, water slides and fire hoses!

Coastal Cluster: On 17 March 2021, 26 Year 5 and 6 students went to the Clive Pools to compete in the Coastal Cluster Swimming competition. There were children from five other schools competing. They had to swim in 25m freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. There was also a Year 5 relay and a Year 6 relay. Everyone tried their hardest and supported each other which was awesome to see.



We had two champion swimmers - Logan Grant and Sasha Taylor who each came second overall which is a fantastic achievement!

Year 3/4 Trips: Our Year 3 and 4 classes had a fantastic trip out completing a big hīkoi over Mataruahou (Napier Hill). Our walk was led by Seraphina from the MTG who shared with us many 'stories', myths and legends of Napier including *Pania of the Reef*, *Tama Rereti* and *The Sky Waka*, *Moremore* and *the Day of the Earthquake*. Our adventure took us from Sturm's Gully, up to the lookout on Bluff Hill and down to Centennial Gardens before looping back to the cars.



TACs Triathlon: On Tuesday, 16 March 2021 a group of Year 7 and 8 students participated in the TACs (Town and Country Schools) Triathlon which was held at Frimley Park. The students had to do a 2km run around Frimley Park and then do a 4km bike of the same track. The run / bike track was really wet and boggy which made it hard to bike on.

Once they had done the 4km bike we had to do a quick run to the pool then do a 150m swim and run to the finish, which was really hard after doing the run and bike. Overall our school did really well, the times and places are below. It was a really fun opportunity and we were glad to be able to do it.

By Benz Booth

Results:

Student	Time	Place
Benz Booth	22m 48s	4 th Yr 8 Boys
Lachie Harkness	24m 11s	6 th Yr 8 Boys
Oscar Verry	24m 57s	10 th Yr 8 Boys
Tom Stilwell	25m	11 th Yr 8 Boys
Maddie Thomson-Provines	31m 58s	10 th Yr 8 Girls
Breeze van Veldhuizen	20m 32s	1 st Yr 8 Girls
Ruby Kaye	24m 25s	2 nd Yr 8 Gilrs
Sophie Smith	29m 25s	8 th Yr 7 Girls
Emma Brain	33m 38s	10 th Yr 7 Girls
Liam Kaye & Jasper Robertson (Team)	21m 1s	2 nd Y8 Boys Team





Hawkes Bay Year 7/8 Swimming Champs: On 25 March 2021 four students from Year 7 and 8 (Kobe Simmonds, Oliver Newell, Breeze Van Veldhuizen, and Jade Musson) went to Flaxmere WaterWorld for the Year 7 and 8 Swimming Champs to represent Eskdale School. There were 14 schools and 170 students there from schools all around Hawkes Bay from Wairoa to Waipukurau. Kobe did the 50m & 25m Freestyle. Jade, 50m Freestyle and 25m Freestyle and came second in 25m Breaststroke. Ollie did 50m Freestyle, Breaststroke & Backstroke. Breeze got first in 100m Individual medley, 100m

Freestyle and 50 backstroke and came second in the 50m Breaststroke. Thank you to Mr James for organising this for us. All had a great time, and it was a great experience with some good results.

Teachers Graduating: Due to Covid and lockdowns two of our teachers Mr James and Whaea Jahni did not get to attend their graduating ceremony last year. The good news was that it was third time lucky in terms of the graduating ceremony. Last week they finally got to celebrate their achievements with the rest of their colleagues. Congratulations Isaac and Jahni



School Fees/Donations: Thank you to all the families who have already paid their school family donation. 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 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 per term or

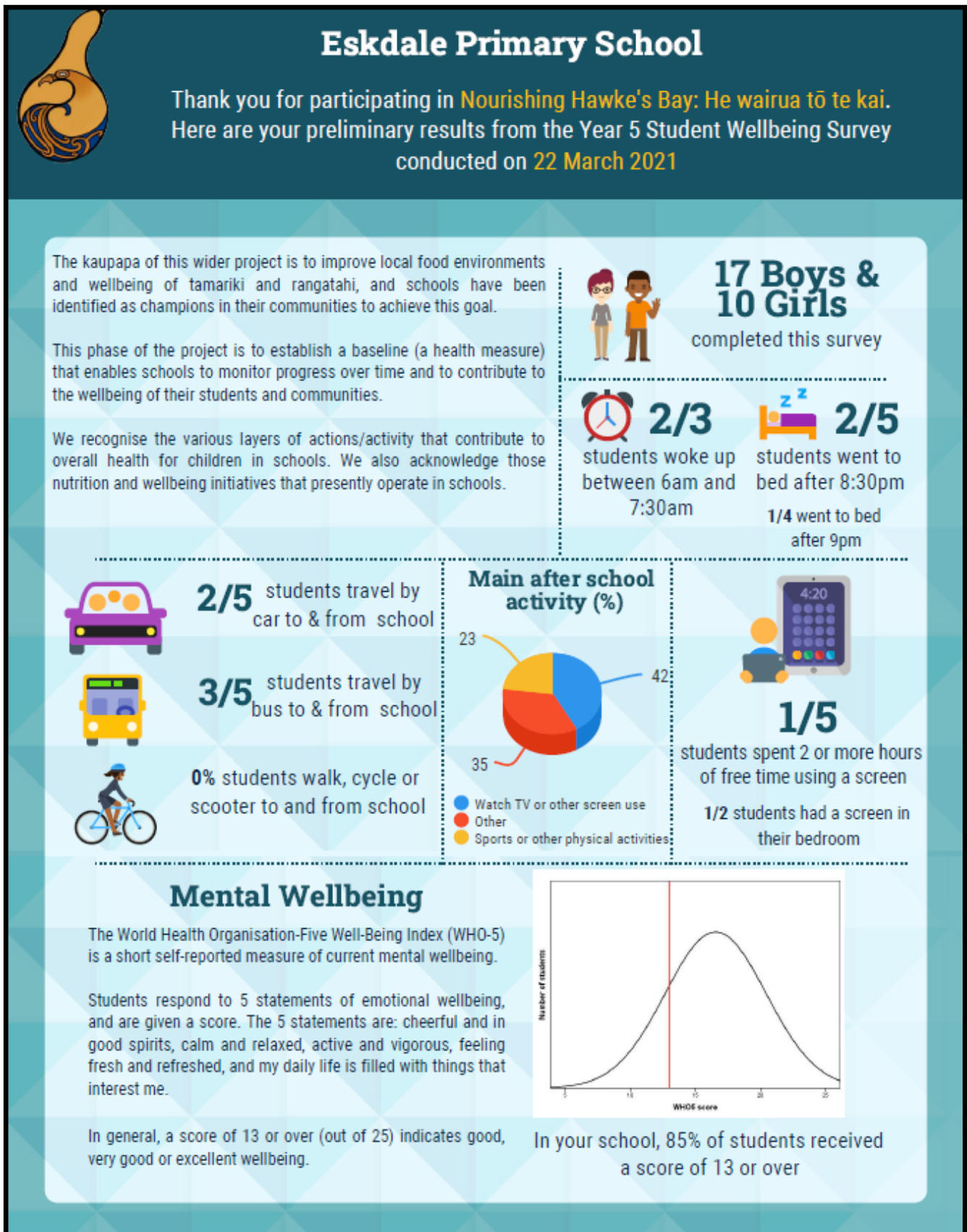
- Individual Child \$140 per year discounted if paid in term 1 to \$120.
- Two Children \$280 per year discounted if paid in term 1 to \$240.
- Three or more children \$420 per year discounted if paid in term 1 to \$360.

Nourishing Hawkes Bay: EIT has been working in conjunction with the MoE, the Heart Foundation, Sport HB and the DHB to collect data around the health and wellbeing of Year 5 students across Hawkes Bay. They have anonymously collected the initial data sample with our Year 5 student's and this is summarised below. It makes for interesting reading and is shared below. Once they have collected all of the Hawkes Bay data samples they will be able to create a benchmark and compare the different schools and communities.

I believe it is something that we all need to be aware of so this is shared below.

Enjoy your Easter weekend.

Tristan





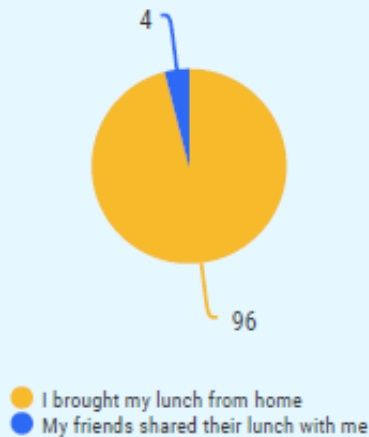
Healthy eating helps your body work well and helps you feel good. It can lower your risk of developing several diseases. Eating healthy means eating a variety of foods that give you the nutrients your body needs.



9/10

students reported having breakfast

Sources of lunch (%)



Daily Consumption

in line with National Nutrition Guidelines



25% of students had 3+ serves of vegetables

5% did not eat any vegetables



52% of students had 2+ serves of fruit

0% did not eat any fruit



0% of students had takeaways



1/25

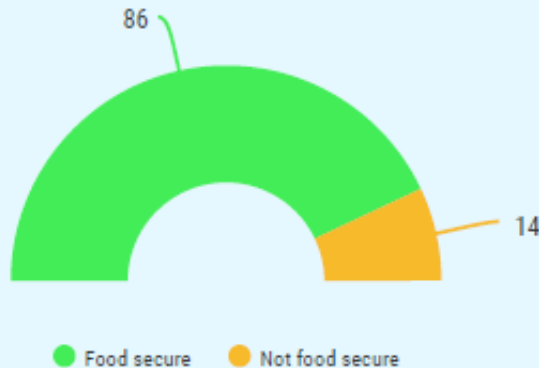
consumed sugary drinks



1/12

consumed packaged chips

Food Security at home in the last week (%)



- **Two** of the students said "The food at home ran out and we had to wait before buying more."
- **Two** of the students said "I was hungry because there was not enough food at home."

Dates to Remember*

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| 2 April | Good Friday (school closed) |
| 5 April | Easter Monday (school closed) |
| 6 April | Easter Tuesday (school closed) |
| 16 April | Last day of Term – including last day sausage sizzle |

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

Culture Corner



We were so lucky to have the Kahurangi Māori Dance Services visit our school to perform. Their show is focused on myths and legends of the Māori people retold in drama, dance and song. The show was interactive, entertaining and a rich learning experience for all of our students. We hope to have them back again soon!



Principal's Certificates

Week 5

Korimako	Maddie Wilson	Thank you for being such a fabulous role model in Korimako Maddie. Ka mau te wehi!
	Abel Appleton	Showing Manaakitanga to a classmate when they were upset. You are such a kind friend Abel.
Tui	Jainil Valand	Showing confidence with your swimming skills, fantastic effort!! Ka pai
	Layla Roberts	Awesome effort in your story writing, using picture plans, writing information about each picture. Ka pai
Kereru	Lincoln Johnson	Fantastic effort and contributions during maths time.
	Monique Hedley	Creating interesting and original designs as part of STEAM. Tino pai!

Week 6

Weka	Jaime Gale	Being a positive role model and always showing whakaute and 5 on the mat.
	Chloe Greenbank	Beginning to show confidence when sharing ideas with the class. Proud of you Chloe keep it up.
Kotare	Quinn Satchwell	Working hard to hear letter sounds when writing independently. Keep going Quinn - you can do it!
	Kate Dodd	Being brave in phonics and never giving up. Awesome Kate, keep it up!

Tui	Amelie Hallaux	Awesome work perfecting your handwriting presentation skills.
	Curtis Gardner	Working hard to be an “onto it” classroom manager.
Kea	Charlotte Baty	Always displaying manaaki - a positive and helpful member of Kea Crew.
	Hayley Brain	Always striving for panekiretanga (excellence) in everything she does. What a fabulous role model you are Hayley.
Kokako	Olive Shepherd	For Always being on task and working studiously.
	Kera O'Brien	Always using kind and encouraging words.
Hihi	Kaysha Kilby	Awesome effort with her STEAM planning and reflections.
Kereru	Sadie Bond	Amazing organisation and leadership for Seaweek!
	Lola Brown	Amazing organisation and leadership for Seaweek!
Karearea	Yoshi Bowcock	Tau ke Yoshi! You have shown great resilience and perseverance with swimming.
	Chloe Caird	Welcome to Kārearea class Chloe. You have made a great start to your time at Eskdale. Ka pai kotiro!
Toroa	Sonny Harrison	Actively taking part in his DmiC teams success. You are taking ownership for what you can do Sonny and tautoko'd by those around you. Great work tima!
	Max Bond	For showing leadership and kotahitanga in his DMiC group - you have really stepped up Max. Ka mau te wehi!
Kuaka	Magdalena Jobbins	For demonstrating leadership, patience and manaaki in her DMiC group. Ka rawe Magdalena!
	Maral Farahani	For showing manaaki and encouragement in her DMiC group - offering advice and support. Awesome to see Maral!

Week 7

Weka	Lily Gale	Being a respectful member of Weka. Lily you always use kind words within our class. We are lucky to have you.
	Nari Jones	Showing manaaki to all members in Weka class especially when people ask for help. Ka Pai Nari.
Korimako	Chiara Anderson	Always giving 100% in all her learning. Tino pai Chiara!
	Thomas Fisher	Awesome effort in your story writing, writing words you know, using the word card and sounding words out. Ka pai Thomas!
Tui	Azariah Hancox-Rahui-Allison	Working hard to use her new words in her story writing, fantastic girl. Ka Pai!!
	Robert Jensen	Giving 100% effort in all his school activities, What a guy!!!
Kea	Max Gasson-Guilford	Making a superhuman effort to focus and do his very best work. Fantastic Max!
	Taj Kohlis	So wonderful to see the happy, positive version of you Taj - love seeing the smiles and hearing the kind words!
	Phoebe Brock	So wonderful to see you put your best effort into everything you do. What an awesome role model you are to your Kea Crew mates!
	Harvey Lucas	You are displaying some great leadership qualities Harvey! I love seeing you organise and support your group members in such a positive way.
Kokako	Connor Havill	Showing kindness to others, especially when helping with their learning.
	Zarah Waterson	Using outstanding vocabulary in your writing. Well done Zarah!
Kereru	Aiden Wakeham	Being a kind and caring member of Kereru class. Thank you Aiden.
	Toby Ross	Fantastic contributions and perseverance when problem solving with his maths group.
Toroa	Sonny Harrison	Sharing some awesome personal experiences in his writing and showing commitment to achieving.
Kuaka	Genevieve Kruger	Showing determination and fantastic progress in her writing.
	Cayden Sumner	Showing excellence in his woodblock printmaking, AND showing teamwork, patience and problem solving in yachting.

Week 8

Weka	Arlo Jordan-Tinker	Showing responsibility when taking on leadership roles with the classroom. We appreciate your help Arlo.
	Dallas Lamont	Being a good friend to our new school visitors and showing them around our classroom.
Kotare	Elodie Duclercq	Showing respect to our environment and to others.
	Kane Thorne	Always trying your best with your learning.
	Ryley Murphy	Learning your letter sounds and being so clever at reading time.
	Lucy Hall	Being a kind and considerate person who shows respect towards others.
Korimako	Ric Smith	Showing focus and enthusiasm towards his learning. Awesome job Ric - keep it up!
	Esme Hicks	Being brave when writing independently, stretching out words and hearing letter sounds. Awesome Esme - you can do it!
Tui	Ryder Pollock	Being a great Problem Solver, trying hard with all his work. Great guy!!
	Kellin Pulford	Becoming focused at Mahi time, trying hard to learn and make great choices. Ka Pai.
Kea	Jensen Jordan	I love the effort you are putting into your reading Jensen, it is really paying off! What great progress you are making!
	Munroe Lamont	What an improvement in the presentation of your work Munroe! It is wonderful to see you take such pride in your written work.
	Ruby Roberts-Kirby	What a fabulous writer you are Ruby! I love reading your detailed stories! Fabulous editing too!
Kokako	Corban Pell	Including lots of WOW facts in your writing.
	Alec Stanton-Croom	Demonstrating fantastic leadership and being kind and patient when helping others.
Hihi	Josh Ranapiri	Incredible focus during Maths!
	Dylan Stanton-Croom	Showing perseverance and determination in Maths.
Karearea	Luke Dodd	Showing respect towards others in our classroom. Ka mau te wehi!
	Rico Harrison	Showing focus and determination during reading sessions. Keep up the great work, Rico.
Kuaka	Rocco Davis	Showing determination and focus in his pou whenua artwork.

Week 9

Weka	Evie Lennan	Being brave to try new things and having the confidence to share her ideas in our meetings.
	Poppy Milnes	Letting her creativity and imagination shine in her play. Poppy it is fabulous to see you expand and develop ideas through your creativity.
Korimako	Cooper Marr	Clever maths thinking and great explanations during our maths sessions. Tino pai Cooper!
	Evelyn Lacey	Writing interesting stories on a variety of topics with super sounding out. Awesome Evelyn!
Tui	Ben Torrens	Sharing your maths knowledge and explaining your strategies with your class mates. Ka Pai!!
	Charlie Grisdale	Welcome to Tui Class, you have made lots of new friends, it is GREAT to have you.
Kokako	Lucas Malone	Reflecting and thinking carefully when creating a sturdy support structure for your apple annihilator.
	Niamh Nicholls	Outstanding application of your comprehension skills in reading. Keep it up Niamh!
Kuaka	Eliza Anderson	Showing great detail and creativity when completing your Poupou Cubism artwork. Amazing work!
	Breeze van Veldhuizen	Creating an amazing piece of Poupou cubism artwork. Your patience and eye for detail paid off, well done Breeze!
	Marlon Anderson	Writing detailed and descriptive pieces of narrative writing.
	Chamon Brown	Great use of descriptive words in your narrative writing Chamon. You are capable of great things when you put your mind to it.

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.

Chairperson's Message

Term One is rushing past and suddenly we find ourselves at the Easter break. With two shortened weeks prior to the April school holidays, I suspect time will continue to fly and this term will be quickly left behind us. My thanks, once again, to everyone who took part in the school uniform ballot. A close race but in the end a clear majority would prefer to keep things as they are. Commiserations to those that voted for a different outcome. I sincerely hope everyone agrees that the process was transparent and robust, whether the result went your way or not.

As you may be aware there is a constant cycle of policy updates for schools across New Zealand. The Ministry of Education provides templates and guidance, and individual schools can adopt or tailor these policies according to local circumstances. Periodically all such policies come up for review to ensure they remain up to date. There are only two policies under review this term: **Finance and Property**, which is under consideration by the board, and **Home Learning**, which is open to feedback from staff, parents' and caregivers. If you would like to see what the current policy is and/or submit any ideas on improvements to this policy you can do so through the school policy link on our website: <https://www.eskdale.school.nz/118/pages/5-school-policies-and-procedures>

In other Board news, all eyes are on the rebuilding of the older parts of the school over the next few years. Designs are progressing through Ministry of Education channels and we hope to have a green light to share more information with the school community later in the year. With demolition due to commence in 2022, we hope to have temporary classrooms in place by the end of 2021. We are also working hard to get construction of the new car parking arrangements underway (if not complete) by the end of this school year. All of these things are vulnerable to change and delay, of course, so I will be using this chairperson's message to keep everyone up to speed.

Enjoy your break. I hope the Easter Bunny is good to you.

Glenn Bond

Chairperson, *Eskdale School Board*

Enviro Matters

Lots of eco action has been happening behind the scenes at school lately. The Year 5 & 6 EFS groups have been shifting and spreading bark, potting up native tree seedlings, harvesting (and sampling!) fruit from the school orchard, together with all the seasonal weeding and general maintenance tasks in our Native Garden and Peace Garden. We are very grateful to the parents and whanau who have helped us with this. If you have spare time on a Friday afternoon, we would love to hear from you...no experience needed.

The Enviro Squad continue to meet weekly and are pleased to now be tackling their chosen Action projects. We have teams working on a variety of eco focussed activities from enhancing areas of the school and establishing a new worm farm, to fundraising projects. It's pleasing to see the group tackling their ideas with such enthusiasm.



SHARE SHED

Remember to keep checking the shed just inside the front gate for lots of donated produce. Feel free to help yourself to anything you see, the idea is to share our excess rather than waste it. The feijoas, grapes, cucumber and zucchini have disappeared quickly this week. With winter on it's way look out for our bundles of cabbage tree leaves, perfect firestarters!

SPRING BULB ORDERS

A BIG thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser. We have now input all the orders and await delivery from NZ Bulbs. Unfortunately, there was a shortage of stock this year due to Covid so we have had to refund some of your orders. The winner of the holiday prize pack will be announced at assembly next week.

WINTER PLANTING

We are starting to plan our Native plantings for this season, continuing the legacy of the insightful ex principal and former Board members who established our "bush" area approximately 22 years ago. We have had some shrubs donated, have ordered some from Plant HB, as well as the ones we earn by recycling the school's waste paper, and also have some parents and friends of the school growing for us at home. **Some additional items we will need this year are...stakes, fertiliser tabs and the use of an auger to dig holes in the hard, compacted areas. If you think you can help in any way, please contact Sandra at school.**

Remember to think sustainably with the Easter Weekend ahead. Some ideas for Eco friendly activities can be found online and in the following links:

<https://www.pinterest.com/dalachin/eco-easter-ideas-for-a-natural-sustainable-easter/>

<https://peacefullivingwellness.com/simple-steps-for-a-sustainable-easter/>

Wishing you all a happy and relaxing Easter break.



Autumn Library News

Where has the first Term gone? We have been extremely lucky to have a great team of enthusiastic, capable librarians this year.

They have been learning new shelving skills as well as honing their interaction skills with other classes.

Lola and Sadie are our Managers. They have taken on extra responsibilities to ensure the library is working well.

The librarians have organised some Easter activities, including hunting for egg pictures around the school, colouring in competitions and Easter crafts.

Thank you to the team of supporters who work behind the scenes, preparing new books to go onto the shelves. We can't run successfully without you.

Finally, please check those hide away places at home for any library books lurking around. We would love to have them back for others to enjoy.

Regards Jo Drager (School Librarian)

PTA Update

ROOM WITH A VIEW

Our bi-annual event Room With A View is happening this year!! Keep 25 September 2021 free.

If you are keen to have your home open for viewing at Room With a View please email eskdalepta@gmail.com.

If you are keen to be a house sponsor for \$250 please email us on eskdalepta@gmail.com. House sponsors have the opportunity to display their marketing material at a home and /or you can choose to be at the home on the day to talk to enquirers. Your company logo will be in our programme and on the house signage.

DISCO

It's Disco time !!!!

Dust off your dancing shoes and get ready to boogie at the King George Hall on Friday 9th April! School children are welcome to bring a friend from another school, younger siblings are welcome and if you have two children across both years feel free to choose which session you come to. All proceeds of this event will go to support the Milford Family whilst Zac is having treatment in Starship Hospital.

To make it a funtastic night for the kids like its 1999 it would be awesome if we are able to get help with;

- setting up the hall
- couple of people at the door taking entry money
- food sales and prep
- security/chaperones
- clean up/pack down

And if there happens to be a DJ out there willing to spend a couple of hours spinning some tunes. Happy for people to contact Carla on 027 9733 755





Kia ora all.

April Holiday Programme 🏒

We are pleased to offer all our Year 3 - Year 9 players a three day programme with an awesome line up Coaches. This is fantastic timing for a bit of a pre season run around.

On offer are two registrations options - either register for a minimum of two days (just choose these when registering) or register for the three day programme.

Dates: 19th to 21st April
Venue: Park Island Hockey turfs
Price: \$50.00 per day
Time: 9am to 3pm

Registrations closes on the 11th April at 8pm.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScF0ETUp_gQAQO3oBK93kH68nHn9riiAKfXpmP-Efn8nvA8wQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

We would love to get as much coverage around this as possible, so please share this in your school newsletter, or any online media you may have.

Kindest regards

Michelle Francis
Administration Manager
Hawke's Bay Hockey

P| 06 844 1166 | M 027 599 9454 |



ESKVIEW JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB are looking for new players.

Come along to our weigh in day
Sunday 11 April 11.00am to 1.00pm
For more details contact Cara
eskviewjuniorrugbyclub@gmail.com



Esk View
After school

After School Sessions
and
Holiday Programmes

Enquiries
& Bookings



Contact: Leslie Lane
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Holiday
Programme

TERM ONE HOLIDAYS
April 19 - April 30

TERM TWO HOLIDAYS
July 12 - July 23

Term THREE HOLIDAYS
October 4 - October 15



**DECEMBER 2021
& JANUARY 2022**

Holiday programmes to be confirmed
with school finishing dates.

Teacher Only Days - OPEN.

Centre days \$35.00 per day

Trip days \$45.00 per day

(Trip days will be capped at \$50.00 per dependant
on fees/expenses for any one trip)



Artwork by Elegg-Martin, 2020