

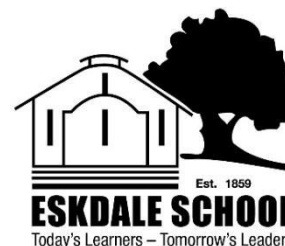
# ESKDALE SCHOOL

## May 2021 Newsletter

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# Principal's Report

Welcome to the May newsletter and the first newsletter of Term 2. The students have obviously all enjoyed their holiday break and taken the opportunity to get refreshed before returning to school. For the first week back after a term break the students were very settled and quickly got stuck into their learning.

The term ahead will be a busy one with lots of learning and activities planned for the term and of course all the winter sports codes starting up.

**Update on Incident yesterday:** As I am sure you are all aware we had a child who was approached by a stranger and encouraged to get into a car while he was waiting for the bus at Petane Domain yesterday. The outcome from this has been a good one as the man involved was not actually a stranger but a family friend who the child did not recognise.

This has been a timely reminder for all our children about staying safe when waiting for buses, walking home from the bus or just waiting for a parent. When speaking with the different classes yesterday it was encouraging to hear the children's responses about what they would do if approached by a stranger. We have reinforced these good practices and stressed the importance of never going with anyone they don't know, and if approached, call/yell/shout for help, and move in the opposite direction.

**House Leaders, Peer Mediators and Bus Monitors:** Over the following pages you will see photos of our House Leaders, Peer Mediators and Bus Monitors. These students are doing a fantastic job, making the most of the leadership opportunities and definitely worth celebrating. The introduction this year of the peer mediators is making a positive difference to the playground as they engage with children on any small disagreements. They also monitor the friendship seat which is where students go if they are not sure what to do at a break time. The peer mediators help those children find an activity to do or a group of friends to play with.

**Mathematics:** I know that recently there has been a lot of discussion about mathematics in the media. At Eskdale School we take a balanced approach to the learning of mathematics. We recognise the importance of problem solving and basic facts (times tables). We encourage instant recall of Basic Facts and have begun another big push on this last term. This does involve some 'old-school' style learning of times tables including chanting/singing them. We know that if a child has 'automaticity' with their basic facts it helps them with their problem solving and in turn their overall achievement and enjoyment of maths. I encourage you to take the time at home to help your child learn the basic facts in a way that they enjoy.

### Dates to watch out for in this term:

Teacher Only Day: Friday 4 June – school closed

Queens Birthday: Monday 7 June

Parent/Teacher Learning Conferences: Tuesday 29 (school closes at 12.30pm) and Wednesday 30 June (Week 9).

ESK River planting day: Tuesday 6 July

**Ripper Rugby:** On Monday we had a large group of year 3/4 and year 5/6 students participate in a ripper rugby tournament at Tareha Park. I know the children enjoyed their day of sport on what was a very hot May day.



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

I hope everyone has a great week.

Tristan

## Dates to Remember\*

18 May	Class, Individual & Sibling Photos – Year 0 to 6 Students Only
18 May	NYLD – Year 8 Students
19 May	Class, Individual & Sibling Photos – Year 7 to 8 Students Only
21 May	Pink Shirt Day
21 May	Year 5/6 Esk River Planting Day
26 May	Coastal Cluster Rugby
2 June	Coastal Cluster Tech Challenge
2 June	Tough Guy & Gal Challenge
4 June	Teacher Only Day - School Closed
7 June	Queens Birthday Weekend
11 June	Pimp My Ride Fundraiser at Eskdale School
16 June	Coastal Cluster Netball
29 June	Parent Teacher Conferences – <b>School closes at 12.30pm</b>
30 June	Parent Teacher Conferences – <b>School finishes at 2.45pm</b>
4 July	Jump Jam Show
6 July	Esk River Whole School Planting Day

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

# Culture Corner

This week our school focus is

**ASPIRATION**

*Tūmanakotanga*

We show **aspiration** by:-

- 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*

Things you can do to be aspirational:

- try something new today
- make sensible decisions at playtime and during class time
- find a song that has an aspirational message
- take a picture of you working on a goal

## Peer Mediators

We are proud to introduce our Peer Mediators for 2021. The aim of our Peer Mediation Programme is to get our Senior Students to help resolve small conflicts within the school playground, using mediation. Peer Mediators are selected from a group of Year 8 students who are involved in training prior to being on duty in the playground. So far, this has been a successful leadership opportunity which we will continue to grow.



# House Leaders

Introducing our House Leaders for 2021. We are so lucky to have a great bunch of students who are committed to being great role models and positive influences in our school. To find out a bit more about these students and what they want to achieve this year, visit our school website and click on the house leader tab.

## Totara House Leaders



## Pohutukawa House Leaders



## Kowhai House Leaders



## Kahikatea House Leaders



## Rimu House Leaders



## Totara House Leaders



# Bus Monitors

This year's bus monitors are already doing a fantastic job. They each have their own bright vest so our smaller students can see them and ask them for help if they need it. It is a huge responsibility and always done with care and kindness.



# Principal's Certificates

## Week 9

Kotare	Tayla Timms	Finding your voice in class and sharing your wonderful ideas and opinions with us all.
	Thea McCormack	Trying your absolute best with your learning in all areas. Super proud of you.
Ruru	Colton Bennett	Working really hard in all areas of class activity.
	Millie Berkett	Striving for excellence and every opportunity.
	Zoe Matthews	Showing real creativity and imagination in your writing.
	Will Roborgh	Awesome thinking and ideas during our STEAM sessions.
	Emily Fisher	What an amazing effort, with you're Pania legend recount.
	Harper Paterson	Your enthusiasm for all you do, is a positive influence on others.
Kereru	Maddie Verry	Being brave and giving new things a go. Tino pai!
	MJ Tobeck	Creating awesome original music in STEAM time.
	Riley Hall	Creating interesting and original designs as part of coding in STEAM. Tino pai!
	Georgia Chalmers	Always having a smile for others and being an amazing class helper. Thank you Georgia!

## Week 10

Weka	Blair Satherley	Making good choices in the classroom. It is awesome to see you taking charge of your own learning Blair.
	Leah Mitchell	A rocking start to school. Leah it has been fabulous to see you become autonomous with your morning routine and jobs.
Kotare	Finn Kendrick	Having the best stories and explanations when you are explaining your thinking. So descriptive.
	Rylee Evans	Doing your best at being resilient and not giving up when things get a bit hard. So proud of you.
Tui	Persia Farahani	Creating an amazing, creative Van gogh sunflower picture.
	Owen Ranston	persevering to create your wonderful sunflower picture.
Ruru	Charlotte Baird	Awesome to see you demonstrating leadership and setting a high standard for others to follow.
	Adam Bower	Always ready to help out and come up with novel ideas and solutions to solve STEAM problems.
	Penny Hall	Everything you do is done with a smile and lots of enthusiasm.
	Charles Cox	110% in everything you do. Tino pai Charles.
	Kyra Dudding	What a seamless transition you have made into Ruru class.
	Brie Murphy	Working really hard on her presentation skills.
Kokako	Chase Hill	Fantastic checking of supporting details and clues when answering comprehension questions.
	Alice Williams	A fantastic, logical approach when solving challenging math questions.
Hihi	Sonny Hiko-Taunoa	An amazing, hard working attitude in EFS.
	Micah Longdon	Approaching all aspects of school life with a happy, positive attitude.
Kereru	Honiana Pomana	Fantastic mathematical problem solving - tino pai!
	Madisyn Wood	Being a kind and caring member of Kereru class.
Karearea	Asha Kohlis	Being resilient and showing great communication skills during our Mana Maths sessions. Ka pai kotiro!
	Kāhu Dickson	Always showing manaaki to others in the classroom and being respectful to classmates. Tau ke!
Kuaka	Henri Hasselman	Showing great initiative and helping out where needed. Keep making those positive choices Henri!

## Week 11

Weka	Jack Jardine	An awesome start to school. Jack Welcome to Weka class. We can't wait to see you learn and grow here at Eskdale.
	Amor Parris	Sharing his passions and knowledge with others in the classroom. We love hearing about all your interests.
Kotare	Angus Verry	Working so hard at writing your name so clearly and neatly. You are a super star.
	Archie Stevens	Being a super cool kid that does his best in all areas of your learning. Ka pai.
Tui	Peata Harrison	Using your wonderful chunking strategies to work out tricky words
	Jeremy Poanta	Being a reader who uses his knowledge to help understand what an author is telling you.
Ruru	Sophie Demanser	Giving a great explanation during our DMIC session.
	Sophie Jensen	Demonstrating kindness and manaakitanga at all times.
Kokako	Reeve Fan-Robertson	Being friendly, positive and encouraging when supporting your classmates.
	Karlien Barnard	Always persevering with a positive attitude on your Reading comprehension tasks.
Hihi	Mahli Yardley	For approaching all your learning with a positive attitude.
	Grace Sung	For the amazing way you approach your learning and work with others.
Kereru	Lucas Murdock	Fantastic leadership and sharing his mathematical knowledge with others.
	Pita Hancox Rahui-Allison	Improving the way he settles to tasks and gets them completed. Tino pai!
Karearea	Kobe Paterson	Always trying his best during Maths sessions and making sure he asks great questions. Keep up the great work Kobe!
	Paige Taylor	Showing respect to others by listening and responding to ideas that her peers share with her. Ka mau te wehi!

## 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

Welcome, all, to Term Two 2021. A quiet time for the board recently, given the Easter break followed quickly by the Autumn school holidays. The trustees have not met since the last newsletter.

The school policies up for review this term include our **Protected Disclosure** policy and our **Visitors** policy, both of which are under consideration by the board and staff, as well as our **Reporting to Parents** policy, which is open to feedback from 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>.

There isn't much news on our various building projects other than the court cover. You may have noticed the temporary fencing in place... we are just waiting on the final stage of council consent before a permanent cover goes up and we have our long-awaited all-weather outdoor space. The other building plans (temporary classrooms, demolition, reconstruction) are all still progressing through design and approval stages.

Finally, many of you will have participated in the recent consultation process regarding Eskdale Park. Tristan has asked to have the opinions of Eskdale School students heard. It makes sense that our students, both as

local residents and as users of the park well into the future, should have their say. We have been advised that we will soon receive a link to an online survey for students to complete. More advice on that when it comes to hand.

**Glenn Bond**  
Chairperson, *Eskdale School Board*

# Enviro Matters

We have hit the ground running this term with lots of happenings on the Enviro Scene...

## ENVIRO SQUAD

This team have been busy behind the scenes planning some new project initiatives around the school. We should start to see some outcomes this term with a new mobile worm farm for the classrooms, a talent quest, a revamped Peace Garden and fishpond among other things. Many thanks to the Fan-Robertson family for donating the worm farm. Remember to keep your eye on the Share Shed for giving and receiving excess produce and pick up some of our firelighter bundles as the weather cools down.



Schoolwide waste practices are also being reviewed to ensure we are all modelling best sustainable practices in our classrooms.

Last term the group planned a successful lunchtime celebration of Seaweek with lots of children getting involved.



## EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY

This term our Year 5 & 6 classes continue with their hands on learning sessions on Friday afternoons. We have a follow up trip planned to Eskdale Park on Friday 21st May, leaving school at 12 noon and returning by 2.30pm. We will spend the time mulching and weeding the areas planted by the school last year. Parent helpers are needed for transport and supervision, please help if you can!

Have you seen our Green/Gold celebration garden recently? Some of the children spruced up the sign and tossed in some seeds...look at it now!





A small lunchtime group has been established recently, led by Amelia and Sadie. The girls have set up a 'butterfly rescue station' where they nurture freshly hatched Monarchs, providing food, drink and a safe haven for drying their wings. The girls have done a lot of research online as well and are considering joining the Nationwide Monarch Tagging programme. Great to see citizen science instigated by our pupils following their interests.



### Kid's Gardening Group



Due to a lot of interest, we are setting up a lunchtime Garden Group for children in Years 0 - 2. If you think your child would be interested remind them to let Miss Brewer or Mrs Rolls know.

## Autumn Library News

Welcome to Term 2, another busy term for our enthusiastic librarians. They continue to develop their new skills, as well as honing their interaction skills with other classes. They have decided to redecorate the library this term so watch out for their progress.

We have some fantastic adult helpers who are helping to process our new books ready for shelving. To make the process go faster we'd love to have some more. The jobs ensure you are able to do them in your own time at home, spine labelling and reinforcing. Please let Maree know if you are able to help.

Lucky books are again due soon, I hope you have been able to find a purchase of interest. With winter coming there is nothing better to be able to curl up somewhere with a good book.

Keep warm, happy reading.



# 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](mailto:eskdalepta@gmail.com).

If you are keen to be a house sponsor for \$250.00 please email us on [eskdalepta@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## PTA CATERING JOB – FRIDAY 7 MAY

Many thanks to our makers and bakers - Angela Taylor, Andrea Murdock, Dane Pollock, Lisa Ranapiri, Niki MacDonald, Linda Eagle, Alice Bartleet, Romana Allison, and also the Booth Family for their donation.

Big thanks to Karen Hellyer for co-ordinating this job and Angela Beamish-White and Carla Pell for their help on the day.

A very successful catering job and the recipients were more than happy! This opportunity raised \$620.00 for our school kids. Thanks to everyone involved.

## PTA AGM

The PTA annual AGM will need to be scheduled soon. Our PTA needs your help!! We need a new Chairperson and Secretary. If you are keen to be more involved in your child's school, get involved in the PTA. Please text or phone Leanne (current PTA Chair) on 021 355 341 to find out more.

## PIMP MY RIDE

This raffle is underway and forms will be coming home soon. Last call for cool cars please text or phone Leanne on 021 355 341 to get involved. All vehicles need a current WOF and rego. Drivers would be required to collect the raffle winner from their house and drive them to school (put aside 8.30 – 9.30am) on Friday 11 June.

# PINK SHIRT DAY FUNDRAISER

Friday, 21 May 2021

Bring a gold coin donation and turn Eskdale School PINK by wearing as much pink clothing and accessories as possible!

## PINK SHIRT DAY 2021 KAIAKO/TEACHER TOOLKIT



*Kōrero* MAI  
**KŌRERO ATU**  
**MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA**  
SPEAK UP, STAND TOGETHER, STOP BULLYING

## POSSUM CONTROL – GLENGARRY 2020/21 CONTRACT – ESKDALE-GLENGARRY AREA

Central Districts Pest Control Ltd will be carrying out ground-based possum control work in the Eskdale-Glengarry area between 1 May 2021 and 30 April 2022. The contract is part of TBfree New Zealand's national TB vector control programme.

The operational area is located along the eastern side of SH 5 between Eskdale and Old Taupo Cpath Road, mostly on private farmland.

As part of our permit conditions from the local health authority, we are required to notify local schools, medical centres, vets, police, iwi and user/interest groups of our intentions to use toxins.

All landowners are contacted and permission of entry obtained before any work commences on their properties. Landholders are able to prescribe the control methods to be used on their property.

Methods of control *may* include:

**1. Encapsulated Cyanide (Feratox) in Bait Stations and/or Bait Bags**

This is a small pellet bait containing enough cyanide to kill one possum. Each pellet is encased in a peanut butter based pre-feed paste (Ferafeed) and placed in bait stations. Both the Feratox pellets and pre-feed paste are dyed green. Feratox may also be used in blue paper bait bags stapled to trees or similar objects in possum habitat. Bait bags are labelled as containing poison.

**2. Brodifacoum (Pestoff) in Bait Stations**

Brodifacoum pellet baits may be used in some instances in bait stations and are dyed green.

**3. Diphacinone (Pestoff 50D/Ratabate) in Bait Stations**

Diphacinone pellet baits may be used in bait stations and are dyed green. Diphacinone may also be used in Ratabate Strikers, which are made from biodegradable potato starch and filled with a diphacinone-infused paste and stapled to trees or similar objects. Feratox pellets may also be added to the paste. The paste is dyed green.

**4. Trapping**

This may include kill traps or leghold traps. Kill traps will be used in areas where it is inappropriate to use toxins, such as near houses or walking tracks. Traps have a blaze of scented flour to lure possums – this is not toxic.

Our methods are aimed at being relatively safe and low-impact. All toxic baits are dyed green. Warning signs will be displayed at all access points into the operational area when work is in progress and will remain in place until toxin caution periods have expired.

**Risk to humans:** All baits are poison and are harmful to humans, especially young children. Do not allow children to wander unsupervised into the areas that have baits laid in them. Farmers should inform visitors to their land if traps have been set or poison has been laid. Visitors should be vigilant, particularly if they are accompanied by young children.

**Risk to dogs:** There is a risk to roaming dogs if possums or rats tip bait out of a bait station or rip a Feratox bag and the bait falls to the ground. There is also a risk if dogs lick around the mouth of a dead possum. The risk to dogs should be low, but care needs to be taken to prevent them roaming or scavenging when and where possum control is going on.

Please contact us if you would like further information or a map of the operational area.

Phone (Head Office): 06 836 5590

Email: [admin@cdpc.co.nz](mailto:admin@cdpc.co.nz)

Operations Manager: Alasdair McMakin – 021 027 15258

Other possum contractors may be carrying out similar work in the region.



List and sell your home with me and I will personally donate \$500 to Eskdale School\*

*Sam Hutchinson*

Residential & Lifestyle Specialist

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