Eskdale School
November Newsletter

Welcome to the November newsletter.

The term is flying by with lots happening for our students both inside and outside of school. The last six weeks are only likely to speed up so please keep an eye on the important dates shared below.

The students in Year 3 – 6 are currently undertaking their end of year PAT tests and results for these will be sent home during Week 6. I know how hard the students have been working in the core learning areas of reading, writing and math and am sure this will be reflected in their results.

End of Year Important Dates:
24-27 November 2026 - Year 8 Camp
27 November 2026 - Year 6 & 7 Trip to Guthrie Smith
28 November 2026 – Bay View Market Day
7 December 2026 – Kereru and Hihi Trip to Onekawa Pools
8 December 2026 – Phase 1(yrs 1-3) Trip to Bay Skate
9 December 2026 – Kea and Kārearea STEM trip
9 December 2026 – EOY Prize Giving @ School 6.00pm
11 December 2026 – EOY reports coming home.
11 December 2026 – Christmas Dress up day
15 December 2026 – Classes for 2027 shared
16 December 2026 – Last day for students (School finishes at the normal time 2.45pm)

Looking ahead to 2027
28 – 29 January 2027 - School Office Open - 8.00am – 12.00pm
1 & 2 February 2027 - Teacher Only Days
3 February 2027 - First Day for students.

Fees/Donations: A big thank you to everyone who has already paid the school fees/donation. This means we can get on with resourcing our school in a way that benefits all our learners. If you haven't paid this, please do so along with all other outstanding accounts.

Dates to Remember

- 16 November - HB Athletics Champs
- 18 November - Coastal Cluster Lit Quiz
- 24-27 November - Year 8 Camp in Rotorua
- 28 November - PTA Market Day @ Petane Domain
- 7 December - Kereru / Hihi End of Year Trip to Onekawa Pools
- 8 December - Kotare / Korimako / Tui / Ruru - EOY Trip to Bay Skate
- 8 December - Year 8 Bus Monitor Trip to Splash Planet
- 9 December - Karearea/Kea End of Year Trip
- 9 December - Prize Giving (please note the change of date)
- 11 December - Christmas Dress Up Day / Cans for Good
- 11 December - End of Year Reports sent home
- 14 December - Phase 2 Christmas Activity Day @ School
- 15 December - 2027 class lists released
- 16 December - Last Day of School for 2026
- 28 January - School Office Reopens for 2027
- 3 February - First Day of School for 2027

HB Chess Tournament

Hawkes Bay Junior Chess Tournament by Cooper Pell

The Hawkes Bay Junior Chess Tournament was held in the Hastings Sports Centre on the 30th October.

Eskdale School sent nine Year 5/6 students to compete in this Tournament. These students have been a part of the school chess club, training weekly.

There were six games and each game went for a maximum of twenty five minutes. The first game was random opponents but the rest were based on if you lost, tied or won. If you lost a game you got zero points if you drew you get 0.5 and a win gets you one point.

Max Williams ended up being the overall Year 6 champion!



Year 6 Fire Fighter Challenge

On Saturday, 24 October, four of our Year 6 students competed at a Year 6 Firefighter challenge. This was held at Marine Parade to celebrate 150 years of the Napier Fire Brigade.

There were four Year 6's representing Eskdale School: Angus Verry, Maggie Drinkrow, Arlo Jordin-Tinker and Max Williams.

They competed in a range of physical challenges that were lots of fun.

Eskdale School got great results; Angus came second and Max came first and Eskdale School came 3rd overall!



ESKDALE SCHOOL PTA MARKET DAY

Saturday, 28 November 2026

🥳 It's officially Bay View Market Day Month! 🥳

Bay View Market Day is Eskdale School's biggest fundraiser! This much-loved community event attracts thousands of visitors and features 160+ stalls. This event is organised by the Eskdale School PTA, and we need your help to make it a success!

📣 SPREAD THE WORD
Head to our Facebook page 'Bay View Market Day' and FOLLOW us, LIKE our posts and SHARE, SHARE, SHARE! The more people who know about our amazing event, the better.

Please also respond to our Facebook event and share it with your friends and family.

If you'd like to help spread the word by putting up a poster at your workplace, local cafe, sports club or community noticeboard that would be amazing too! Just pop into the office and see Maree for a copy, or we can alsoemail you a digital version to print yourself.

🧁 BAKE SALE
In the week leading up to our market day we'll need plenty of delicious baking for the Bake Sale stall, see the flyer on the

👫 HELPERS ON THE DAY
We need volunteers to help with the carpark, money rattling, the Eftpos tent and more. Keep an eye out for the roster, so you can add your name.

🎁 RAFFLE DONATIONS
Help us build an amazing raffle prize! Families and businesses who'd like to donate can contact Jess on 0225142894. Once the prizes are ready, tickets will head home with students to sell far and wide!

💪 Bay View Market Day is powered by our Eskdale School community. Come on board and be part of the fun!

💙 Thank you in advance for your support. We can't wait to see you there!

BAY VIEW MARKET DAY
🗓️ Saturday 28 November
📍 Petane Domain, Bay View
⏰ 9am-2pm

✉️ Feel free to get in touch by emailing the Bay View Market Day team at bayviewmarketday@outlook.co.nz

2026 Bay View Market



CAKE STALL

WE ARE MAKING PLANS FOR THE FAMOUS ESKDALE SCHOOL CAKE STALL AND ALL DONATIONS OF BAKING WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

PLEASE BRING ITEMS TO THE SCHOOL HALL KITCHEN ON THURSDAY 26TH NOV AND FRIDAY 27TH NOV BETWEEN 8AM AND 3PM.

POPULAR REQUESTS INCLUDED FUDGE & CUPCAKES

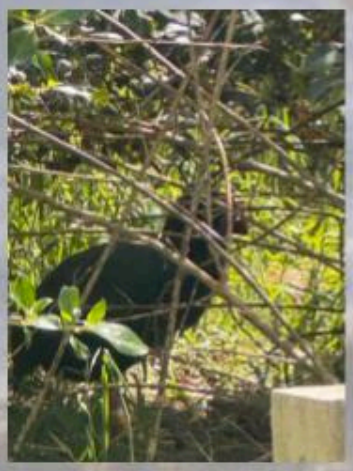


PLEASE LEAVE CAKES AND SLICES UNCUT FOR MAXIMUM FRESHNESS. THANKS!

If you need items picked up or for any questions or queries, please call Luciana Barber on 021 052 4385 or email luciana.barber@gmail.com

This week, 10 kids were lucky enough to go on a trip to Cape Sanctuary near Ocean Beach. We could see amazing views and amazing wildlife such as weta and Takahe and lots of amazing birds and insects. The Takahe is an incredibly rare bird there is only 17 takahe in the cape sanctuary and about 250 Takahe in the whole world. There is also 1,200 kiwis in the Cape Sanctuary, but we didn't see any on this trip. The Cape Sanctuary is 2,500 hectares with a predator free fence about 10.6 km long (6.5 miles long). There are 2 type of weta in the Cape Sanctuary it is called the Hawkes Bay Tree Weta and Ruud the Bug Man brought back a cave weta all the way from Christchurch.

By Thomas & Freddie

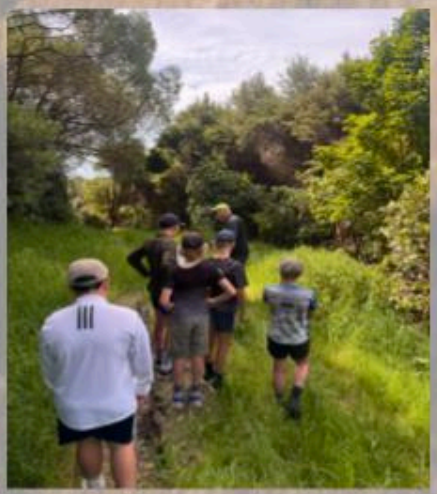













ESKDALE SCHOOL PTA
VEGGIE GROWING CONTEST!
GET GROWING NOW!
BIGGEST · SMALLEST · MOST COLOURFUL · MOST UNIQUE ·
Amazing Prizes – Judging End of March 2027!
No vegetable too big or too small!

Christmas Dress Up Day & Cans for Good!

When: Friday, 11 December

Please bring a canned food item to donate to to a local foodbank drive or a cash donation

