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ESKDALE SCHOOL
Today's Learners – Tomorrow's Leaders

2026

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI

Welcome to Eskdale School

Information for new families · "The Jewel of the Bay"



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A warm welcome to you and your whānau

We hope your time at Eskdale School and in our district is rewarding and enjoyable. This booklet covers the basics, and our regular newsletters will keep you up to date through the year.

Our door is always open. Please contact us at any time, for any reason. Keep this booklet handy for quick reference.

OUR VISION

Today's Learners, Tomorrow's Leaders

At Eskdale School we develop and inspire our students to:

- Be confident, considerate, respectful and responsible learners
- Be problem solvers, risk takers and creative thinkers
- Value environmental sustainability
- Be independent, enthusiastic, collaborative learners with enquiring minds
- Respect and embrace cultural and social diversity
- Lead by example

OUR VALUES

We CARE

Community
Manaaki

To support and take care of others

Aspiration
Tūmanakotanga

Having a "can do" attitude

Respect
Whakaute

For yourself, others and the environment

Excellence
Panekiretanga

Try your hardest at everything you do

SCHOOL TIMES

A day at Eskdale

8.45	10.20	10.45	11.10	12.45	1.35	2.45
School starts Block one	Morning tea Seniors	Morning tea Juniors	Block two	Lunch	Block three	School finishes

Teachers love having the whole class present and ready to start. Please aim to have children at school between **8.00 and 8.40am** so they have time to settle in.

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06 836 6845
admin@eskdale.school.nz

PRINCIPAL
Tristan Cheer
027 436 6846

BOARD CHAIR
Jaclyn Hankin
chairperson@eskdale.school.nz





GETTING STARTED

Enrolment

Every child needs an online enrolment form (available from the office). Please bring or send in:

- [x] Proof of residential address
- [x] Birth certificate or passport (Aus/NZ)
- [x] EOTC parent/caregiver consent form
- [x] Cybersafety agreement
- [x] Student information consent form
- [x] Bus transport code of conduct (if taking the school bus)
- [x] Parental consent form

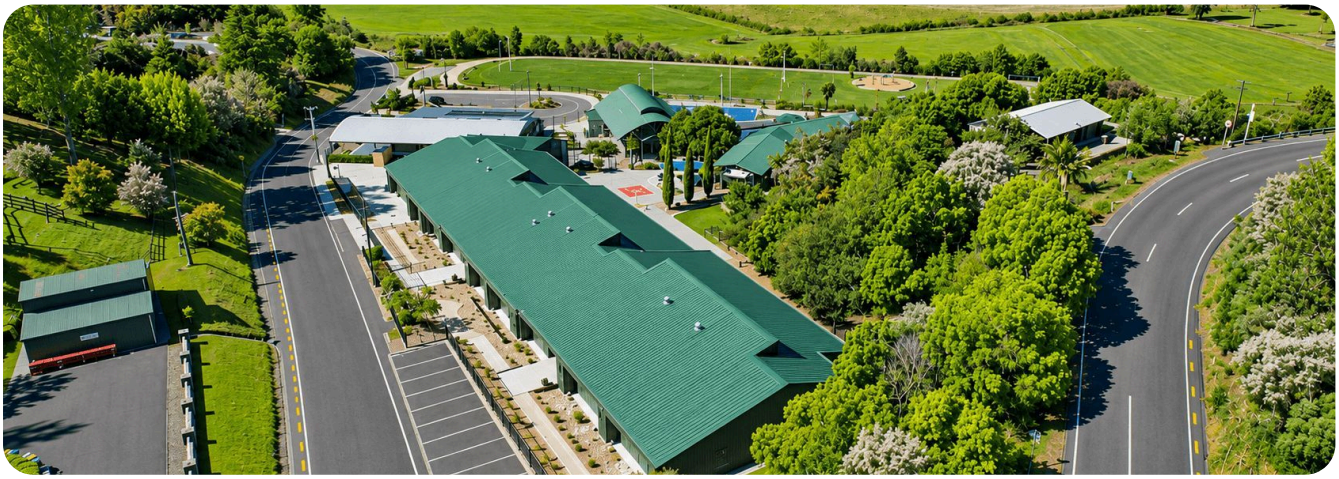


ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

One of Hawke's Bay's oldest schools

1859	~300	13	Full
Established	Students, NE–Y8	Classrooms	Primary school

Our team is led by the principal and two deputy principals, with nine full-time teachers, six part-time teachers and seven support staff.



ALL ABOUT THE PEOPLE

Our staff

SENIOR LEADERSHIP

Tristan Cheer	Principal	principal@eskdale.school.nz
Tineke Hill	Deputy Principal · Kapa Haka (Mon)	tinekeh@eskdale.school.nz
Mike Moriarty	Deputy Principal · Kōtare (Mon–Wed)	mikem@eskdale.school.nz

TE KĀKANO · NEW ENTRANT – YEAR 3

Sue Stilwell · Phase Leader	Weka	NE	sues@eskdale.school.nz
Emma Booth · Thu & Fri, CRT	Kōtare	Y1	emmal@eskdale.school.nz
Debbie Bramwell	Korimako	Y1/2	debbieb@eskdale.school.nz
Jo Drager · Library	Tūī	Y2/3	jodr@eskdale.school.nz
Isaac James · Junior sport, Kapa Haka	Ruru	Y2/3	isaacj@eskdale.school.nz

TE PUĀWAI · YEARS 4 – 6

Bryony Lovatt · Enviro Squad	Kea	Y4	bryony@eskdale.school.nz
Amy Coker	Kārearea	Y4/5	amyc@eskdale.school.nz
Kim Wallace · Phase Leader	Kererū	Y5/6	kimw@eskdale.school.nz
Catherine Lee · Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri	Hihi	Y5/6	catherinel@eskdale.school.nz
Amy West · Hihi Tue · Kererū Fri	Hihi · Kererū	Y5/6	amyw@eskdale.school.nz

TE HAUHAKE · YEARS 7 – 8

Alex Jones · Phase Leader, Kapa Haka	Kakao	Y7/8	alexj@eskdale.school.nz
Jess Rodda	Karoro	Y7/8	jessr@eskdale.school.nz
Jahni McLean	Tōroa	Y7/8	jahnim@eskdale.school.nz

OFFICE & SUPPORT

Maree Baird	Office Administrator · Sports Coordinator	mareeb@ · sport@eskdale.school.nz
Steph Flemington	Accounts Administrator	stephf@eskdale.school.nz
Kelly O'Leary	Learning Support Coordinator	kellyo@eskdale.school.nz
Catherine Jurgens	Classroom release (CRT)	catherinej@eskdale.school.nz
Jos van Dijk	Caretaker	caretaker@eskdale.school.nz
Sandra Rolls · Moira Anderson · Jess Crabtree	Teacher aides	sandrar@ · moiraa@ · jessc@

ALL ABOUT THE PEOPLE

Board of Trustees

The Eskdale School Board of Trustees is our governing body. Trustees consult parents on school policy, look after the school's finances, employ our staff and make sure the school's charter is fulfilled. They are accountable to the Minister of Education and to the Eskdale community.

Day-to-day management is the principal's responsibility, so **please raise any concern with the principal first.**

JH **Jaclyn Hankin**
Chairperson

MG **Mark Greer**
Parent representative

NB **Natalie Brown**
Parent representative

MB **Maree Baird**
Board secretary

TC **Tristan Cheer**
Principal

NW **Nick Williams**
Parent representative

BL **Bryony Lovatt**
Staff trustee

+ **Position vacant**
Parent representative

Board meetings are held twice a term, and parents are always welcome to attend.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Our PTA

The PTA is the social, recreational and fundraising arm of our school, and every parent is welcome to get involved. Its biggest event is **Bay View Market Day**.

? **Position vacant**
Chairperson

WM **Wendy Mitchell**
Treasurer



WORKING TOGETHER

Absences

We all care about our children's safety on the way to and from school. If your child is away, please let us know **every day** they're absent, using any of these:

TEXT
021 114 5845
Text message

EMAIL
absence@eskdale.school.nz

PHONE
06 836 6845
Leave a message on the absence line

APP
Skool Loop
Android & Apple

WEBSITE
Report an absence
On our website

NOTE
A note
With a brother or sister

9.30am If we haven't heard from you by 9.30am and we have any reason to be concerned about your child's whereabouts, we will ask the police to investigate.

Late arrivals

If your child arrives after the 8.45am bell the roll may already be marked, so:

1. You or your child report to the office and get an **office pass**.
2. Your child gives the pass to their teacher, so they know the office has been told.

Collecting children

If you're picking your child up at 2.45pm, or any other time, please **come into school and walk them to your vehicle**. This is especially important for our juniors.

Wet days

Older siblings go to their younger sibling's class. Please collect them from the classroom.

Talking to teachers

Teachers are happy to chat about your child before school, or by email or phone (see page 5).

Medication

If your child needs medication, short or long term, please fill in a consent form from the office.

WORKING TOGETHER

Things to know

No hat, no play

Hats must be worn in the playground at all times in Terms 1 and 4.

No school uniform

Eskdale doesn't have a uniform. In Term 1 you can buy an optional school hoodie, Blast fleece jacket, beanie or sunhat.

Sports uniform

A school uniform can be hired from the office for sporting and cultural events outside school. A **$25 fee** is added to your child's account for the year. Please keep it all year and return it to the office in Term 4.

Family donation

The board asks for a family donation each year, set by the school's needs at the time. It's tax deductible.

Library

Library nooks in each area plus a refurbished library full of new books. Please help your child care for and return books on time.

School lunches

Order through EZLunch:
www3.ezlunch.co.nz/families

Tue · St Pierre's Sushi **Fri · Domino's Pizza**

Dental clinic

Community Dental Clinic, Onekawa School, 235 Kennedy Road, Napier. Phone **06 873 4863**.

School buses

Buses arrive from 8.15 to 8.40am and leave at 2.55pm. Every student using a bus must complete a Bus Transport Code of Conduct.

School Transport Assistance may be available for Year 0–8 students who live more than 3.2 km from the nearest school (measured from the school to the home) and don't have suitable public transport. Ineligible students have been able to use a bus in the past if the operator will stop and it isn't overloaded.

FOR OUR STUDENTS

Learning beyond the classroom



Kapa haka

Junior and senior kapa haka groups run once a week in 2026. All boys in Years 5–8 take part in a weekly haka session, learning our school haka and local haka.

Enviro school

As a **Green-Gold Enviroschool** we promote sustainable living and reducing waste, so please keep this in mind when packing lunches. **Wednesday is waste-free day.**

We're always looking for adult helpers in the garden (no experience needed). Contact Bryony Lovatt: bryonyl@eskdale.school.nz





Swimming

Every class has swimming sessions in Terms 4 and 1 to build water confidence and safety. All students take part; if your child can't for a medical reason, please send a note.

Student leadership

Senior students can take on roles as House Leaders, Bus Monitors, Enviro Leaders and Peer Mediators.

ENROLMENT SCHEME

Our home zone

Purpose and principles

Our enrolment scheme exists to:

- avoid overcrowding, or the likelihood of overcrowding, at the school
- make sure applicants are selected fairly and transparently
- help the Secretary make the best use of the existing network of state schools.

It must be as fair as possible: it doesn't exclude local students, and no more students are excluded than necessary to avoid overcrowding.

Live in the zone?

All students who live within the home zone are entitled to enrol at Eskdale School. Proof of residence is required.

Home zone boundary

Starts at the coast on the southern boundary of Bay View; out to the State Highway; north to Onehunga Road; out Onehunga Road; east down the middle of the outfall channel to the Ahuriri Estuary; across country to the intersection of Seafield and Puketitiri Road; along Puketitiri Road to Glengarry Road to the Napier–Taupō Highway; across country to the north end of Ellis Wallace Road; across country to 177 Darky Spur Road; across country to the corner of State Highway 2 and Aropaoanui Road, including Kaiwaka Road; across country to the coast, including Aropaoanui Road; then back down the coast to the starting point.

Out-of-zone enrolments

At the start and midway point of each year, the board decides how many out-of-zone places are likely to be available for the next two terms and publishes this in a local newspaper, with how and when to apply. Applications are processed in this order:

1. **Special programme** (not applicable: Eskdale doesn't run a special programme approved by the Secretary of Education)
2. **Siblings of current students**
3. **Siblings of former students**
4. **Children of former students**
5. **Children of board employees or board members**
6. **All other applicants**

If there are more applicants than places in priority groups 2–6, places are decided by ballot under the Secretary's instructions; ballot dates are published in a local newspaper. Applicants claiming sibling priority may need to prove the relationship. *Jaclyn Hankin, Chair, Board of Trustees*



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