

Newsletter September 2023

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Welcome to the September edition of the school newsletter. I continue to be impressed by the positive attitude, high levels of engagement and happy disposition our students display whether in class or in the playground. It is a joy to be able to show prospective new school families around our school.

Wearable Arts: On 24 August, many of our Year 7/8 students competed in the Edible Arts Competition, despite the Toitoi Edible Fashion Awards being cancelled. Miss Rodda, Julia Dallas from Pakowhai, Emma Robertson from Port Ahuriri, and Kerryn from the Designers in Schools Programme, managed to pull an event together for our keen students. We came away with seven winners, out of 13 entries from our school. There were approximately 55 entries from the three schools, which is an amazing outcome given the circumstances. All our students can be really proud of their creative, detailed costumes. By Sadie and Lola



The Loaded Librarian Designer: Sadie Bond

Model: Sadir Bond



From the ground up Designers: Olivia Berkett & Ruby Verry Model Olivia Berkett



Freya Molenberg
Designers: Evie Kersley,
El-Lae Bush, & Florence Lee
Model: Evie Kersley



Rice Rice Baby
Designers: Nina Giacometti &
Xanth Turner
Model: Nina Giacometti



A Table for Two Designer: Kaia Ranston

Model: Kaia Ranston



Disco Bride
Designers: Maddie Verry &
Asha Kohlis
Model: Maddie Verry



Queen of the Coop Designers: Kerryn Hedley & Gabriella Brownlee Model: Kerryn Hedley



Littering Labyrinth
Designers: Ollie Pointon, Lacelle Sumner,
Liam Hellyer, & Lincoln Johnson
Model: Ollie Pointon



Cupcake Queen
Designers: Monique Hedley
& Paige Hanson
Model: Monique Hedley



Little Bo PeepDesigner: Jenna Allan
Model: Jenna Allan



The Alien
Designers: Lola Brown &
Grace Sung
Model: Lola Brown



Flowing Floral Frock Designer: Sofia Strong

Model: Sofia Strong



Cycle of the CycloneDesigner: Sophie Brock

Model: Sophie Brock

Rebuilding After the Cyclone: As we continue to invest in our school environment after the cyclone, we have just finished clearing all the dead trees and silt from the boundary between the school and our neighbours. The first step was clearing this area and we will begin the second part of regenerating this area by planting a large number of new native seedlings this week. I want to do a massive shout out to Brendan and Vikki Berkett who donated the time, machinery, and manpower to get the clearing of this area completed for the school. It took a team of drivers, diggers, and trucks six days to complete this job and their support is greatly appreciated by the school.

As I write this the students are out planting. Thanks also to Daniel Gale for sorting the mulch to put around the trees.

Cyclone Funding: After receiving some very generous donations from all over the country and support from the MOE we have been able to use these funds to support individual families, provide learning support for students by funding additional teachers, cover the cost of buses for all students for the rest of the year, contribute significantly towards all EOTC opportunities for our students,

repairing any damage to the school caused by the cyclone, covering the costs of all sports uniforms for the year, and of course catering 10,800 school lunches in term one while we were at the domain. As we use continue to use these funds prudently, aspects of this support will be able to continue through to 2024.

Forensics: Two people in white come out of a strange van, their mission, to teach the school about investigations and crime scenes. They setup in Hihi, and overnight it becomes a grim crime scene with a murdered mannequin as the victim.

Doug, the victim had been stabbed by a robber when he got home. The robber at first had stolen some jewellery but after being startled, he jumped out of the window, fell, and cut himself and left his DNA all over the wall.

DNA is a fascinating thing, it can be left behind by anything growing from your body, hair, fingernails, dead skin, blood anything like that and he smeared his all over the victims wall. One human holds a DNA chain long enough that if it is outstretched it can go to the sun and back four times, or the moon and back 1500 times.



Next the shoe prints. Luckily, we found one right outside the window, so we mixed up a combination of water and plaster to fill the print and determine which suspects it was. However, that took too long (20 minutes) and the suspect was on the run, plus he could easily burn his shoes at any moment. In his scramble he stood on some paper that he knocked over and we used iron oxide and a magnet to take a print clearly displaying whose shoe it was. That is how we cracked a case and became "real" forensic scientists. Thanks to our visitors, we all learnt a lot.

By Akio





Cross Country: An awesome day last Friday. We have some very impressive and determined runners at Eskdale. One of the most pleasing aspects on the day was seeing the positive attitude and effort displayed by all of our students. I am also continually impressed by the way the house leaders run out in front of and behind our students' offering loads of encouragement for the younger runners.

The House competition is always tightly fought, and Friday was no exception with a close result. Third place went to Kahikatea second place Kauri and first place Kowhai.

Girls	First	Second	Third
12 & 13 Years	Sophia-Rose Sheriff	Evie Kersley	Gabriella Brownlee
11 Years	Olivia Berkett	Kaia Ranston	Ruby Verry
10 Years	Emily Fisher	Mia Kersley	Kera O'Brien
9 Years	Alice Williams	Ashley Mitchell	Millie Berkett
8 Years	Holly Verry	Frankie Ross	lyla Kohlis
7 Years	Fern Borrie	Ella Byrne	Leah Mitchell
6 Years	Arya Prickett	Harpr Webster	Milana Hallaux
5 Years	Sofia Barber	Rita Drinkrow	Nymeria Le
Boys			
12 & 13 Years	Isaac Bennett	Ollie Pointon	Baxtar MacInnes
11 Years	Lincoln Johnson	Roman Borrie	Joel Tester
10 Years	Colton Bennett	Freddie Lee	Reeve Fan-Robertson
9 Years	Owen Ranston	Leon Moriarty	Ben Torrens
8 Years	Reid Kersley	Ryder Pollock	Henry Lee
7 Years	Amor Parris	Max Williams	Archie Stevens
6 Years	Clyde Parris	Liam Fisher	Ivan Ranston
5 Years	Marcus Satherley	Grayson Lawton	Forest Goddard-Reddington







Have an awesome last two weeks of the term everyone. There is a lot happening from Mathletics through to the Napier and Hawkes Bay Cross Country events so please keep an eye out for information.

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES

Kotare - Zophie

working so well in our Literacy time. You are pulling words apart and putting them back together like a pro. Keep it up. Tino pai

Kotare - Elizabeth

enjoying your work with Reading Eggs and being so positive and engaged. You are learning so much.

You are a star.

Korimako - Leia

For showing consideration and encouraging everyone to join in when working in your Firewise group.

Korimako - Greer

Wow, you are reading fluently and using expression to make your reading sound interesting. Great work Greer

Tui - Sienna

great organisation with your video presentation, you thought about what was required in sequence and organised props to help your group.

Kea - Azareah

So lovely to have you back! What a hard working student you are!

Kea - Edward

Love how hard you are working to add details to your writing Edward! What a super Holiday recount!

Ruru - Esme

You have a wonderful way with words Esme and I love the thought and effort you put into constructing your writing. You have written some well phrased and very informative paragraphs about the Rattlesnake. Be proud of yourself!

Ruru - Mila

Loved your reptile report Mila. You gave great details about the Chameleon, and you broke your ideas up into paragraphs wihch made it easy to read. Awesome effort Mila!

Hihi - Cohen

For always working hard in everything you do. Nice one Cohen!

Hihi - Kera

For an amazing effort in your latest piece of writing. You persevered, worked independently and should be so proud of it!

Kereru - Devin

For making awesome progress in maths. Well done Devin!

Kereru - Freddie

For being a science whizz! We love your enthusiasm and scientific ideas!

Kereru - Ruby

For amazing Hockey and netball skills. Way to go Ruby!

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES ctd...

Kakao - Ellie

Some fantastic work in your gathering and synthesising tasks Ellie. Your summarising of information on bridges was awesome. Ka rawe!

Kakao - Kerryn

Working hard in Pāngarau/ Math is paying off Kerryn. Its awesome to see your knowledge and understanding of working with decimals continue to grow. Tino pai tō mahi.

Karoro - Jenna

You are making great strides with your decimal and percentage Maths learning at the moment Jenna. It is fabulous to see you taking initiative by asking questions to better your understanding, keep it up!

Karoro - Lola

A fabulous piece of writing about the Concentration Camps with meaningful vocabulary and ideas, which demonstrated what a capable and articulate author you are. Ka pai Lola!

Toroa - Locky

A Emmy winning performance of the sales assistant during our consumerism unit- even when you were off stage, you maintained your characterisation and had the audience in tears.

Toroa - Kaia

For a showstopping performance during our consumerism unit. Your embodiment of the shady salesperson had the audience in stiches.

Korimako - Avalon

For creating an amazing 3d cartoon face on you sun. You are a clever artist!

Korimako - James

Being an amazing scientist. Listening carefully and sharing your science ideas clearly. Wow!

Tui - Jude

working hard to create longer, interesting stories . We just love the way you use your phoneme fingers to help you to spell tricky words.

Tui - Daario

being a positive roll model during our Cross country practise, you encourage others and you push yourself to achieve excellence each time.

Kea - Jacob

Being a fantastic big helper for the Duty Teacher - helping stack tyres. Awesome to see you being so responsible Jacob!

Kea - Kate

Putting so much effort into her Literacy Tasks. Fantastic Mahi Kate!

Hihi - Leon

For the mature and motivated way you engaged in our Hihi Dance sessions.

Hihi - Faye

For being so enthusiastic during our Dance sessions and having lots of fun!

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES ctd...

Kereru - Sophie

For always giving 100% effort. Your hard work is paying off Sophie - well done!

Karearea - Luka

For showing strong leadership and for completing your mahi to the best of your ability. Keep it up!

Karearea - Eadie

Working hard in reading groups when learning about the Author's Purpose. Well done!

Karoro - Joel

You are making amazing progress with your learning in all areas Joel, and should be mega proud of your efforts!

Karoro - Koji

You are making amazing progress with your learning in all areas Joel, and should be mega proud of your efforts!

Toroa - Nina

For an outstanding performance during our consumerism unit. Your respectful and convincing portrayal of a wronged customer was very believable.

Toroa - Levi

Awesome learning in mathematics! You are mastering how to multiply decimals. Well done!

Toroa - Riley

Outstanding written report about Land Cruisers! Well done!

Kea - Rosie

Loving the effort you are putting into all your work Rosie! Especially in your reading tasks, what detailed answers! Tino Pai!

Kea - Layla

Love the effort and focus you are displaying Layla. I can see how hard you are working in all areas of your learning!

Kokako - Blair

demonstrating great spelling and phonics knowledge

Kokako - Carter

Showing great summarising skills when learning about reptiles

Ruru - Cooper

Well done Cooper for getting 200 out of 200 for your Multiplication and Division Tables. Such an amazing effort and focus to do them all in under 10 minutes! You are a Mathematical Superhero Coop!

Ruru - Maddie

Great work with your reptile report about Komodo Dragons Maddie. You wrote very informative paragraphs with great linking sentences as well. Well done Maddie!

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES ctd...

Kakao - Austin

Continuing to make awesome progress Austin - this is down to your hard work and focus.

Ka rawe e hoa!

Kakao - Lucas

When you knuckle down you are capable of anything Lucas. You produce some awesome mahi, and displayed some excellent leadership skills in house time. Ka rawe e hoa!

Toroa - Maddie

Always showing excellence in every piece of work you complete!

Kokako - Elodie

Showing more confidence in finding and highlighting key words and phrases when summarising information

Kokako - Fvie

You always give 100% when learning new skills, especially during maths lessons! Tino Pai!

Tui - Lilly

sharing your fantastic first aid knowledge and being able to put it into practice. Ka Pai!

Tui - Mia

using your clever reading skills to help you write longer and longer stories. Tino Pai!

Kea - Jaimee

Sharing her clever maths thinking in a confident, clear way.

Kea - Max

Making huge progress with his focus and following instructions. Love how hard you are working Max!

Ruru - Amor

You have given so much in cross-country training and it shows as you have always managed to stay in front of Mr James. Great effort Amor!

Ruru - Indira

It's awesome seeing your cheeky and charismatic nature come out Indira. You have grown in confidence and it is great to see you use your voice.

Kea - Peata

Love how hard you are working on producing top quality writing Peata! Your editing skills are coming along in leaps and bounds!

Kea - Henry

What a confident writer you have become! I love seeing the effort you are putting into editing your writing and upgrading your vocab.

Kokako - Fern

Showing more confidence when summarising information and writing reports about reptiles.

Kokako - Maja

You always give 100% in all areas of your learning. A great example to others. Tino Pai!

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Another complicated term is nearly behind us. The days are lengthening and the sun is starting to generate a little warmth, at last.

I expect everyone is aware of the challenges we faced in July and August with the Ministry's decision to initially pause and then radically reduce the scope of our capital works program. An unnecessary situation but a great result to see sanity prevail and have this decision overturned. I'm sure we are all equally pleased to see the concrete being poured this week. There's not much more to say on that issue, other than to acknowledge the wonderful support the staff and board received during the battle. Both at the time and since, we have felt enabled and acknowledged by the people we were trying to represent. Thank you all.

After the chaos of that time, I'm pleased to report we are back to the really positive situation we were in prior to the disruption. As I explained in May the school is in excellent financial shape and, thanks to the goodwill of these donors far and wide, we are ready to manage both planned and unplanned needs over the next couple of years. I have also just signed a really generous 5-year property plan with MOE that includes provision for some great improvements at the school in coming years: solar power, pool heating to extend the swimming season, new pool changing rooms and a new music space so we can rekindle the extracurricular music program at some point. Alongside the new capital works, these improvements mean Eskdale School is going to be an amazing place to learn and grow up for many years to come.

In other news, we have board elections coming up in November. I am coming to the end of my second term and will be stepping down from the board at the end of the year, thereby creating a vacancy. Board terms last three years and are a great way to meaningfully connect with the work of the school. If you have ever considered getting involved in school governance, I would strongly encourage you to put your name forward. More information will be coming out about that soon.

Warm regards,

Glenn Bond Chairperson, Eskdale School Board







Year 5/6 Times Table Rock Stars

The Year 5/6 class of Kereru recently took part in a Maths Tournament running over three days competing against 324 other classes around New Zealand. They achieved the fantastic result of being the 5th top class in New Zealand! Special mention to Colton Bennett for achieving 23rd best individual student and Connor Havill the 33rd best individual student out of all of New Zealand.

All that effort with your maths learning is really paying off!





DATES TO REMEMBER



11 September 12 September Sports Team Photos Napier Cross Country

20 September

HB Mathletics Competition

9 October

Term 4 Starts Last Day of School for 2023

14 December7 February

First Day of School for 2024

*See also Eskdale School Website Calendar: <u>www.eskdale.school.nz</u>









Sports News

Unison Awards

In August some of our students were lucky to receive Unison Sportsmanship Medals.

Our lucky recipients were:

- Phoebe Brock Netball
- Charlotte Baty Netball
- Angus Goodall Hockey
- Kahu o Te Rangi Dickson Hockey
- Willa Flemington Football
- Elodie Duclercq Football
- Emily Fisher Football
- Ellie Roberts-Kirby Football
- Tamati Froneman-Dehar Football
- Sebastian Hill Football
- Sam Verry Football
- Liam Hellyer Football
- Angus Goodall Rugby

Year 5/6 Netball Tournament

On 17 August our Year 5/6 netball teams competed in a tournament at the Onekawa Netball Courts.

Our Eskdale Ninjas Tea, received a prize for good sportsmanship and they received some new netball bibs for our school.



Sports News ctd...



Congratulations to Kaia Ranston who headed up to Tauranga to represent our School at the AIMs games in Tauranga. The AIMs games is an annual event for Year 7/8 students from across New Zealand and the Pacific. It is a tournament designed to challenge the best of the best and this year had over 12,000 competitors. Kaia did very well in her gymnastics event all while feeling not 100%. Well done Kaia.

Sports Registrations are now open. On offer we have:

Year 1-2 - Netball, Hockey and Futsal Year 3-4 - Netball, Hockey and Futsal Year 5-6 - Hockey, Water Polo and Futsal Year 7-8 - Hockey, Water Polo & Canoe Polo

Registrations at : <u>Eskdale School Website</u>

Enviro Veus



It is fabulous to see our Koru have been re-installed in a prominent position in the School.

These five koru were purchased to celebrate our school earning Green Gold Enviroschool status. They symbolise the five guiding principles of the Enviroschools programme...

- Empowered Students
- Learning for Sustainability
- Maori Perspectives
- Respect for Diversity of Peoples and Cultures
- Sustainable Communities

Many thanks to Kaes and Evan for their hard mahi clearing and replanting the House Tree corner of the school field.





Year 8 Camp Sponsorship Opportunities

Our Year 8 students will embark on the **highly anticipated**, **memory making** adventure in November and we would like to provide businesses with the opportunity to sponsor us! If you are interested in either of the 2 sponsorship opportunities below, contact amvc@eskdale.school.nz or alexi@eskdale.school.nz and we will get the ball rolling for you!

Option 1: Buy a advertising space in our Yearbook - Check out the Silver and Gold packages

Silver	Gold	
1 x <u>Quarter A4 Page</u> Colour advertisement in School Yearbook	1 x <u>Half A4 Page</u> Colour advertisement in School Yearbook	
'Silver' Business name in regular camp related correspondence with parents	'Gold' Business name in regular camp related correspondence with parents	
Recognition of 'Silver' sponsorship in regular Facebook interactions with community.	Recognition of 'Gold' sponsorship in regular Facebook interactions with community.	
Framed 'thank you' from the Camp Tamariki after camp.	Framed 'thank you' from the Camp Tamariki after camp.	
Cost: \$250 + GST	Cost: \$400 + GST	

Option 2: Sponsor an activity:

Check out the list of activities and costs below. Let us know which one you would like to cover the cost for and in return you will get:

- your name will feature in school communications about the camp, including our school Facebook page and newsletter.
- a framed photograph capturing our tamariki taking part in the sponsored activity, accompanied by a heartfelt message of thanks from them.
- a short video showcasing the activity, which you are welcome to use for promotional purposes.

Activity	Cost
Waimangu Boat Cruise and Walk	\$1,135.50
3D Trick Art Gallery	\$630.00
Motion Entertainment - Xtreme Tramp	\$720.00
My Kitchen Rules Cooking Competition	\$540.00

A huge shout out to our sponsors so far:

Gold Sponsors

Conroy Removals



Activity Sponsors

Plan B Hydraulics Fusion Physio Ahuriri

And a big thank you to Property Brokers who donated \$1000 and Countdown Rotorua who have given us \$1500 to spend in store.

If you have the opportunity to support any of these business please do so with our thanks!

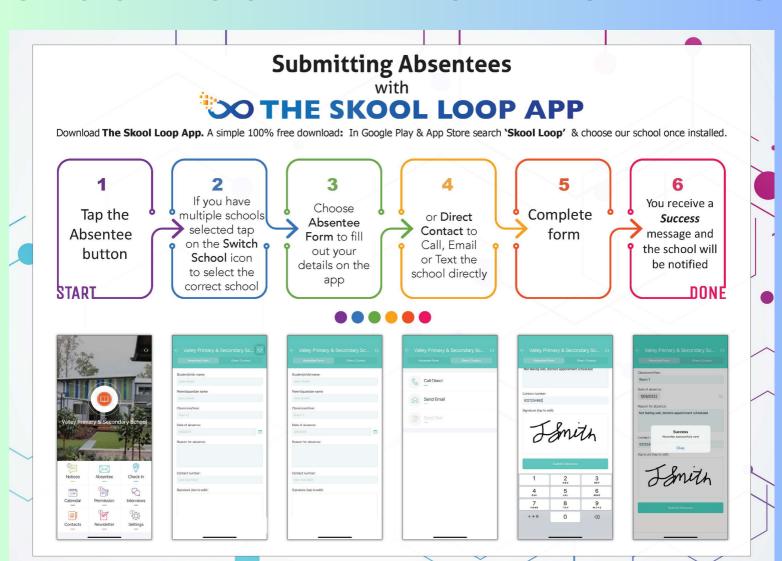








SKOOL LOOP APP FOR ABSENTEES









Eskdale School Lunches

Wednesday – Subway
Thursday – Pita Pit and Hells Pizza
Friday - Zambrero Mexican
Orders cut off 9am on the day of delivery



To open a Lunchonline account..

it's simple all you need to do is register an account at

www.lunchonline.co.nz

- 1. Login/Place an Order
- 2. Create an account
- Add member/s include name. school and classroom number
- 4. Under Lunch Orders select student name Start order and place your order
- 5. You will be directed to the make a payment page
- 6. A pop up will confirm 'your order has been successul' or check 'Order History' tab
- 7. Any queries please call us on 0800 LOL LOL (0800565565)

Following is the protocol families should follow if something is amiss with the lunches because refunds will not be given without the lunch being checked by a school staff member.

Children: Go to the office as soon as they notice a problem and advise the office staff.

Parents: Please ensure your children are aware of this, as we don't do refunds without the lunch being checked by one of the School staff.