

Neusletter March 2024

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome the first newsletter of Autumn. The first term is now nearly at the halfway point and the students are certainly making the most of the learning opportunities. It was great to see so many of you making it along to the meet the teacher night and the structured literacy information evening.

Structured literacy: If you didn't make it along on the night but would like to know more, please chat with your child's teacher or you can follow the link to the presentation that was shared on the information evening. <u>www.eskdale.school.nz</u> The important message is that many aspects of this approach were already part of our programme and moving forward this is now front and centre to our approach when teaching reading and writing. The evidence is unequivocal that this is the best way to learn to read and write including spelling.



Cyclone Gabrielle anniversary: A few of our school leaders attended the service at the Eskdale War Memorial Church and as a whole school we took a moment to reflect on the Cyclone and the 12 months that have followed. The focus was on the resilience, sense of community spirit, and the courage shown by so many. It was also positive to remember that it was by working together that we were able to get through. It is hard at times to believe that it was 12 months ago last Friday that we had our first school day at Petane Domain. We continue to think of the people in our community that are still working through the ongoing challenge left from Cyclone Gabrielle.

During the afternoon of the anniversary, we were lucky enough to have a helicopter from No. 3 Squadron drop in for a visit. The students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to hop on board and check it out this impressive piece of machinery. We appreciated the fact Hastings Boys High School nominated our school for the visit and the generous Koha they delivered on the flight.



Parent/Teacher Learning conferences: These are coming up in Week 8 on Monday 25 March and Tuesday 26 March. This term the focus for these conversations will be around how your child has settled into the year, their initial learning strengths observed and areas to further develop. The information you can share about your child is also important as you know them best!

To allow for the learning conferences we will finish school at 12.30pm on Monday 25 March and the buses will run at this earlier time. School will finish at the normal times on Tuesday 26 March. The online booking schedule will be shared on Monday 18 March (Week 7). Please make sure you book in online.

	Week 6	Week 8	Week 10
Year 1/2	Maths: Basic Facts ladder	English: Reading	Maths: Measurement
Year 3/4	Maths: Number and algebra	English: Reading	Maths: Basic Facts
Year 5/6	Maths: Number & Algebra	English: Writing	Maths: Basic Facts
Year 7/8	Maths: Number	English: Writing	Maths: Basic Facts

Upcoming SeeSaw Reporting:

TACs Triathlon: On Wednesday 28 February a group of our year 7/8 students competed at the TACs Triathlon held at Frimley Park. They achieved some excellent results and even more importantly gave it their best shot.

Year 8 Girls Team Race- Kaia, Evie and Olivia B finished 2nd

Year 7 Girls Team Race- Mia K and Ruby R-K finished 1st

Year 8 Girls Individual Race- Ruby V finished 2nd

Year 7 Boys Individual Race- Samson S finished 9th

School Fees/Donations: We have been able to keep our school fees/donations the same again for the third year running. Our 2024 school fees/donations are set at \$40.00 per term. These form an integral part of ensuring we can provide all 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 literacy support time, increased teacher aide support, and purchased additional learning resources.

2024 Recommended School Fee/Donation: \$40.00 per term or

- Individual Child \$160.00 per year discounted if paid in term 1 to \$140.00.
- Two Children \$320.00 per year discounted if paid in term 1 to \$280.00.
- Three or more children \$480.00 per year discounted if paid in term 1 to \$420.00.

It's been a great start to the 2024 school year. We are now focused on keeping the momentum going into the 2nd half of this term and the rest of the year.

Tristan

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES

Hihi

Alice

Fantastic organisation of our Morning Mahi activities, and providing great leadership and support to our new Year 5's.

Jacob

Making a great start to 2024 in Hihi. We are impressed with your bookwork Jacob, and love seeing your smile. Ka rawe e hoa!

Kakao

Levi

A fantastic start to the year Levi - demonstrating respect for your role of houseleader, and leading by example. Ka mau te wehi e hoa!

Indiana

Such a positive start to the year Indi. You have slotted right into life in the Year 7 & 8s, giving everything a go - with a smile on your face. Ka rawe e hoa!

Kyra

You have really impressed me with your work ethic Kyra. You get down to your mahi straight away and ask great questions to further your understanding. Your going places kid!

Lochlan Already we are seeing your creativity shine through in your mahi Lochlan. I can't wait to see you build on this throughout the year! He whetu ki a koe!

Lucas

It was so awesome to see you tautoko your classmate in the water safety activities Lucas. Ka rawe Rangatahi!

Connor

Connor I was really impressed with the way you supported your classmates in the water activities. This manaaki is something that you should be very proud of.

Karearea

Sam

Having a great start to the year, and being an awesome role model for our classmates. Ka mau te wehi! ~ Awesome!

> Amelie Getting stuck into your learning and completing your mahi neatly. Ka pai tō mahi! ~ Good work!

Joshua Presenting and displaying his work neatly and taking pride in the mahi he is producing. Tau kē! ~ Choice!

Karearea ctd...

Jonah Showing panekiretanga and leading by example. Thank you for being an amazing leader in Kārearea, e hoa!

Karoro

Charlotte Showing all of the school values while settling into the Karoro whānau. He whetū koe ~ You're a star!

Roman Great to see you settling in to the 2024 Karoro whānau. You have such a fabulous sense of humour. Tau kē ~ Choice!

Erin Thanks for keeping me on my toes, trying to persuade me for treats and always trying to do your best. Tau kē!

Luka What a great start to the year. You are quiet, yet oozing with confidence. Keep up being the best you can be. Tau kē.

Kea

Rosie Being a wonderful Kea Crew Ambassador - thank you for helping our year 3's settle in so well.

Jaime Being a wonderful Kea Crew Ambassador - thank you for helping our year 3's settle in so well.

Shivansh Wow what a fantastic start to Eskdale School Shivansh! You are listening so hard and doing all your work to the best of your ability!

Jack

What a fabulous Kea Crew Ambassador you are Jack. I love how helpful you have been for the people on your table!

Eli

Welcome to Kea Class Eli! You are doing so well picking up our routines and following instructions!

Archie

What a patient, caring group leader you are during maths sessions Archie. You are really helping your group members to be brave and ask questions.

Freya

I love seeing how brave you are during maths Freya! Asking great questions and giving things a go. What a great growth mindset!

Kereru

Kupa

What a fantastic start you have made to your new school. We are loving having you in Kereru class!

Phoebe

What an absolute superstar you are Phoebe! We so appreciate your amazing work habits and effort that you put into everything.

Freddie

You have really stepped up to be a Year 6 role model. Thank you Freddie!

Lily-Ann Always giving 100% effort even when things appear tricky. Great work!

Ben

We have been so impressed by the way you have started Year 5 Ben. You have shown amazing perseverance and listening skills. Way to go!

Holly

A fantastic start in Kereru class! We love the way you use you initiative and strive to improve your skills and knowledge.

Kōkako

Martha Challenging yourself during swimming sessions. Tino Pai!

Elodie Sharing some great examples of different sentence types in your writing.

Oliver For successfully using different sentence structures to help you add more detail into your writing pieces.

Zion For showing perseverance and working hard to include different types of sentences in your writing. Tino Pai!

Finn

You can be very proud of how well you are doing with both your maths and writing Finn. Your positive attitude is great to see. You are a great role model.

McKenzie For being a great role model during our Brain Gym sessions.

Korimako

Chloe

Listening carefully to stories and giving detailed answers. Great listening and Thinking.

Ara

Showing problem solving and perseverance when creating 3d structures.

Isabella For being kind and helpful to everyone. Tino pai Isabella

George

For listening carefully and being a fabulous role model.

Marcus Determination and perseverance at swimming with learning back kick with the flutter board.

Kotare

Nymeria

Showing such kindness to everyone around you. You have made a wonderful start in Kotare.

Hunter

Being so brave and giving so many new things a try. I am so proud of you for showing such resilience. Keep trying hard.

Carter

Showing what a wonderful "can do attitude" in all areas of your learning. Nga mihi Carter!

Lucy

Being so enthusiastic about learning. You are a wonderful role model in and outside the classroom. Tino whakahihi ki a koe (so proud of you)

> Mila Being such a good friend and being so kind to everyone around you. You sure are showing Eskdale Schools values.

Charlie Giving all areas of your learning 100%. You sure catch on quickly to new ideas and concepts. Tino pai Charlie.

Rubi Trying new things even if they can be a bit scary at times. Super proud of you Rubi.

Nikita

Being such a terrific helper in the classroom making sure we are all doing what we need to be doing. I don't know what I would do without you.

Ruru

Thea

You are so helpful to Mr James and you and take on extra responsibilities with ease. Thank you Thea!

Tayla na you being a positive role r

I have really enjoyed seeing you being a positive role model to our new Year 3's. You are a considerate leader Miss T!

Mack

Great holiday snapshot writing Mack. It was great to see you focus on yourself and achieve a great amount of work in a short time.

Leia

Awesome mathematical skills Leia, especially with your basic facts.

Freddie

I absolutely loved your whole class explanation about breaking numbers into place value for addition and subtraction equations. Well done Freddie!

Dallas

Great descriptive writing Dallas. I really enjoyed the description of the fish you caught with your Uncle, "slimey and gooey". Great words mate.

Amor For using a variety of sentences to create a very engaging piece of writing about your mums delicious tacos. Ka mau te wehi!

Arya

Great understanding about place value and how to use it when solving addition and subtraction equations.

Toroa

Paige

You have had a fantastic start to the year. We really appreciate your friendliness, leadership and excitement for learning.

Bella

You are doing an outstanding job with your summarising. You are clearly thinking about what you read and how you can re-explain facts using your own words. Well done!

Heidi

Giving every challenge a go and being brave when working with your random groupings.

Locky

You have had a fabulous start to the school year. Your focus and determination to complete tasks is great and I especially appreciate you showing our new students how things are done in Toroa.

Adam

Showing outstanding composure and remaining extremely calm when breaking your arm.

Toroa ctd.....

Reef

Outstanding focus on your learning. You are doing a marvelous job at completing all your tasks and I especially enjoy your writing.

Tui

Tamati Listening so carefully and being a great role model in Tui class

Zophie A great CARE role model , thinking about others and trying oh so hard with her work

Lilly Being a great rememberer and helper, showing us how to be marvelous Tuis

Leo

Showing great listening skills, showing others how to do things and taking on big responsibilities

Asher

Great listening skills and taking on responsibilities so quickly and thoughtfully

Leo Putting effort into all your classwork, such an excellent attitude with fantastic results

Elizabeth Being a terrific helper at community tidy up, you are my goto...You know where everything is found, Ka Pai

Weka

Jake

Making a fantastic start to school! I love your enthusiasm for learning Jake, and the way you share your learning with your family.

Peyton

Making a fabulous start to school! What a wonderful role model you are for Weka Class Peyton, you give the best reminders!

Louis

Making a great start to school! I love how you are giving new things a go Louis!

Freddy

Making a super start to school! I love your enthusiasm when learning the Eskdale School Pepeha and Karakia Freddy.



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT



As we find ourselves approaching the halfway mark of Term 1, 1 hope your children have settled into the rhythm of the 2024 school year. I have every confidence that the staff have ensured a smooth transition for all.

The Board has met for the first time this year in Week 3, and I feel very fortunate to be elected as the Chairperson for your Board of Trustees. Our first meeting focused on the strategic plan for the next two years where we agreed on two key priorities for the school. These are set for this two-year period and centered around having a plan and vision that fully encapsulates our communities' aspirations and the second being ensuring our tamariki experience success at school where numeracy and literacy are the foundations for their learning.

Your input and perspectives are invaluable as we shape the future of Eskdale School. There will be numerous opportunities for you to contribute your thoughts and ideas, and I encourage you to actively engage in this collaborative process. It is through our collective efforts that we will continue the tradition of having a school that is enriched by our community.

For those interested in school policy matters, we invite you to review and provide feedback on specific policies each term. This term, our focus areas include the Governance and Management, Parents and Whānau, and Documentation and Self-Review Policy sections. To access these policies and offer your feedback, please visit our SchoolDocs website.

www.eskdale.schooldocs.co.nz. Username: Eskdale Password: hill

Should you wish to discuss any school-related matters or share suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I'm looking forward to a great year ahead for the school, and here's hoping that summer can stay around a little bit longer.

Ngā mihi nui,

Jaclyn Hankin Chairperson, Eskdale School Board of Trustees chairperson@eskdale.school.nz

WORDS FROM THE PTA

We are just parents, teachers, grandparents helping teachers and children reach potential and enjoyment along the way. We need new members and helpers to make these jobs easier. Come along, we would like your input, help run, organize an event, or suggest purchases that can be made to help the school.

The PTA supported the School, Teachers and children while at the domain and coming back to the Eskdale School.

Since being back at school, we have provided:

- Teacher thank you gifts
- School lunches
- Large outdoor Chess set
- Container for bike storage
- Portable basketball hoop
- A range of musical equipment
- Topped up the sandpit of sand
- Headphones for each syndicate throughout the school
- \$10,000.00 donation to school each year
- \$2,000.00 donated towards the Year 5/6 camp

Looking ahead to this year, save these dates.

- 28 March 2024 PTA AGM
- 5 April 2024 Movie night movie TBA
- 7 April 2024 Catering event
- 24 August 2024 Quiz night
- 27 September 2024 Color Fun Run last day of term
- 30 November 2024 Bay View Market Day

The catering team have done very well and have been keeping very busy. We have already catered the Bluff Hill Art Deco Day. Upcoming is the Farm Forestry conference on 7 April 2024.

If you want to help but are pressed for time and cannot commit to a regular monthly meeting, become a friend of the PTA. Help with baking or supplies. To make communication easier we have set up a new Facebook Group where we can post upcoming events and the help that we require, join our group 'Friends of the Eskdale PTA'. If you are not on Facebook but would like to help please email the PTA at eskdalepta@gmail.com to join the mailing list.

Members of the PTA are:

Brett Barnes (Chairperson), Cara Pell (Secretary), Wendy Mitchell (Treasurer) Rachel Kay, Luciana Barber, Jo Demanser, Michelle Barnes, Jess Crabtree, Kara Denham-Giacometti, Suzy Gasson-Guilford and Amanda Roborgh







We've had a busy start to the year with 45 keen Year 4-8 environmentalists joining Mrs Rolls and Mrs Lovatt every Tuesday from 12.45pm - 2.00pm.

We started the year planning school wide activities and education around protecting our seas for Sea Week (3 - 10 March).



On Tuesday 5 March we went down to Le Quesne Rd beach for our annual beach clean up. We were lucky enough to have lots of whanau support and Helen Howard, our Enviro School's Coordinator joined us too.



Next week we will be running lunchtime activities with a Sea theme for the rest of the school. The ocean is a precious resource and as a coastal community we have even more responsibility to help protect it.



Education for Sustainability (EFS)

Practical sessions on Friday afternoons have started for our Year 5 & 6 students.



Eskdale School Absentees

A reminder that if your child is absent from school to contact the school office prior to 9.00am.

This can be done in a number of different ways:

Email: absence@eskdale.school.nz

Text: 021114 5845

Phone: 06 836 6845 (option 1)

App: Skool Loop

Eskdale School Sports

All sports notices and information regarding upcoming sports is displayed on our school website.

Any other Sport queries (eg Coastal Cluster) please contact Kim Wallace: kimw@eskdale.school.nz

Any Team Sport (out of school time) queries please contact Maree Baird: sport@eskdale.school.nz

DATES TO REMEMBER

8 March	5 & 6 year old swimming sports @ Eskdale School	
11 March	Kiwi Kids Charity visit	
11-14 March	Optimist Yachting Year 7 only	
15 March	Age 7 and over Swimming Sports @ Onekawa Pools	
15 March	Math progress report on SeeSaw	
20 March	Coastal Cluster Swimming Sports	
25 March	Learning Conferences (school finishes at 12.30pm)	
26 March	Learning Conferences (school finished at 2.45pm)	
28 March	English progress report on SeeSaw	
28 March	PTA AGM	
29 March	Easter Friday (school closed)	
1 April	Easter Monday (school closed)	
2 April	Easter Tuesday (school closed)	
5 April	Unison Switch Sports Day	
5 April	PTA Movie Night	
8 - 10 April	Year 5/6 Camp at Camp Ranui	
12 April	Math progress report on SeeSaw	
12 April	Last day of term	

SPORTS REGISTRATIONS



Registrations for the 2024 football season are now open. Boys grades and Girls grades for 5 years and older.

Open Day for new and current players at Petane Park 19 March 2024 @ 3:45pm.

Registrations close 29 March 2024.

For more info and to register go to: www.sporty.co.nz/eskviewjuniors/ or email eskviewjuniorfootball@gmail.com

Registrations for Term 2 sports will be available towards the end of this term. There will be Hockey, Netball Years 5-8, Basketball and other sports available.

When you are enrolling your children for sports, please be sure they definitely want to play as children pulling out of sports teams after teams have been created makes finding replacement children to fill spots very difficult.

This term we had 15 children pull out of teams after the teams were registered with their sports. It's a disappointment for already formed teams and a huge amount of admin finding replacement children after cut off dates. The withdrawal of children also impacts the cost per player.

TACS TRIATHALON

On the 28 February 2024 Ruby V, Kaia, Olivia, Mia, Ruby RK and Samson participated in the TAC'S triathlon. The events in the triathlon was a 2km run, 4km bike, and a 150m swim. Ruby V placed 2nd in the year 8 girls individual with a time of 30:50. Samson got 9th in the boys year 7 individual with a time of 33:22 . Ruby RK and Mia came 1st in the year 7 girls teams with a time of 31:21, and Olivia, Kaia and Evie got 2nd in the year 8 girls team event with a time of 26:01. Thank you to Sirena, Vikki, and Bronwyn for the parent help who made it an even more awesome day. We hope more people enter this amazing event next year. Written by: Kaia, Olivia, and Ruby V











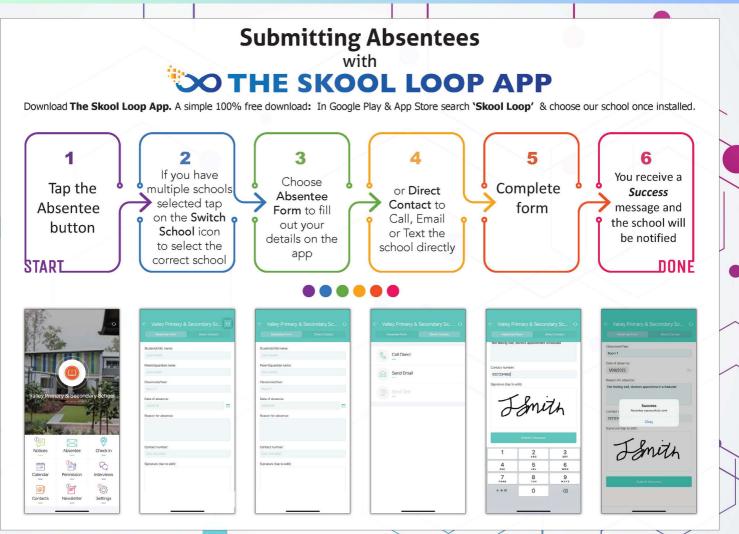
Meet the 2024 Librarians



Please congratulate our new Librarians for 2024 who are:

Penny Hall, Alice Williams, Grace Hill, Amelie Hallaux, Lily-Ann Hooker, Kate Dodd, Faye Parker and Reagan Scott-Semple

SKOOL LOOP APP FOR ABSENTEES



Eskdale School

Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:



If you would like to advertise on the Eskdale School Skool Loop App please email <u>Content@skoolloop.com</u>



To download our app: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose School once installed.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Job opening on a beautiful property in Tangoio area.

Causal position, working within school hours.

Gardening, grounds work, cleaning and general jobs.

Must be very trustworthy, reliable, hard working and positive individual.

A good team player as well as being capable to work alone.

References needed.

Contact Claire Redington 022 0734824 Or Clinton Redington 027 4378486





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

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Eskdale School Lunches Tuesday & Thursdays

Tuesday - Subway Thursday – Pita Pit Orders cut off 8am 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
- 3. 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.



ENTRY BY GOLD COIN DONATION





25TH FEB - 24TH MARCH ANDERSON PARK GREENMEADOWS





For further information visit the Facebook event page or contact Mike Courtney on mike.john.courtney@gmail.com or ph 027 429 4199

WWW.NAPIERHARRIERS.CO.NZ

Sweatshirt, Jacket, Hat & Beanie Order Form 2024

Eskdale School have sweatshirts, jackets, hats and beanies available for purchase for all students. These are good quality Kukri items that can be worn to sports games, interschool events or to school. These items are not compulsory.

HOW TO ORDER:

 Please complete the form below
Make payment by internet banking to: Eskdale School Board of Trustees 12-3144-0214570-00 Ref: Hoodie / Surname / First Name

Please note there is a delivery time frame of approximately 10-12 weeks. All orders must be submitted no later than **3.00pm on Friday, 8 March 2024**. No late orders will be able to be accepted after this date.

We do not have sample items for sizing. Please circle the size option you would like below.

If you have any questions please contact Maree on 06 836 6845 or mareeb@eskdale.school.nz

Student Name : _____

Student Class: _____



Option 1 - Hooded Sweatshirt - NO Name Price: \$75.00 (size Medium, Large and XL \$81.00)

Size: 5-6 7-8 9-10 11-12 13-14 XXS XS S M L XL



Price: \$81.00 (size Medium, Large and XL \$87.00)

Size: 5-6 7-8 9-10 11-12 13-14 XXS XL XS S Μ L

Option 1 - Name to be printed on the bank of the blast fleece jacket?



Option 3 - Blast Fleece Jacket - NO Name Price: \$87.00 (size Medium, Large and XL \$98.00)

Price: \$87.00

Size: 5-6 7-8 9-10 11-12 13-14 XXS XS S Μ L XL



9-10 11-12 13-14 Size: 5-6 7-8 XXS XS S Μ L XL

Option 4 - Name to be printed on the bank of the blast fleece jacket?



Option 5 - Brushed Sports Twill Bucket Hat Price: \$23.00 (minimum order x10)

Size: 50cm 54cm 58cm



Option 6 - Brushed Cotton Hat Price: \$29.00 (minimum order x10)

57cm

Size: 55cm

59cm

61cm



Option 7 - Winter Beanie Navy Blue with Green Logo (looks black in the photo below) Price: \$15.00 each

Size: Small Medium