

# ESKDALE SCHOOL

## June 2023 Newsletter

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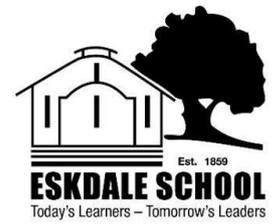
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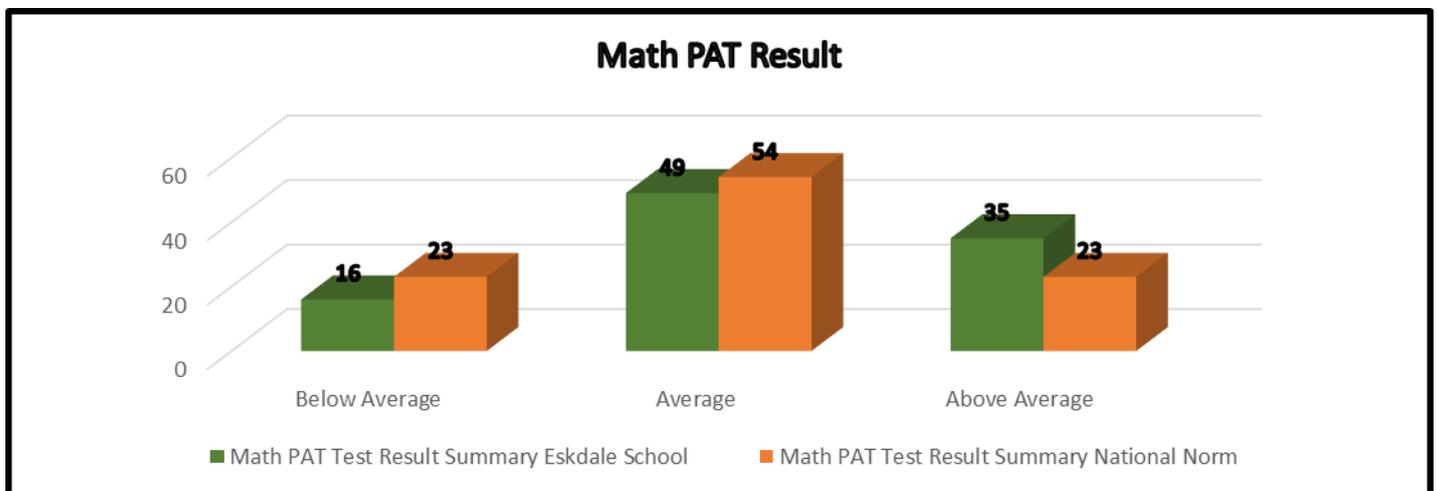
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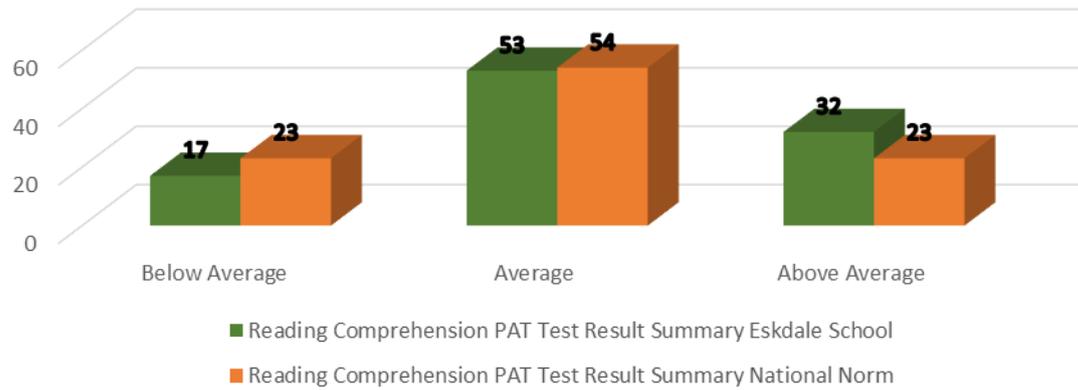
# Principal's Report

Welcome to the School Newsletter for June. We have had an excellent return to school and I know the children came in the gate on that first day back looking forward to getting back into their classroom. The school field is progressing well and we are including a limestone track around the perimeter that we will be able to use for cycling or running. We are awaiting the arrival of 30 new bikes kindly doated from Ride Holidays NZ that we will be able to put to good use on the track.

**PAT Testing:** As a school we do PAT testing online in Mathematics and Reading Comprehension. These tests allow us to get a real sense of how our students are tracking in a Nationally normed, standardised test. When these tests were established and nationally normed, they were set up so that across NZ 23% of students fit into the below average category, 54% in the average category, and 23% into the above average category. I suspect across the country now the results for many schools may be worse than when the test norms were established. I can confirm that our students in years 4-8 have completed these tests over the past fortnight and I am really pleased with our overall school results. These are particularly pleasing given the disruptive year for the students. You will see from the graphs below that we have a smaller percentage of students in the below average category and significantly larger percentage in the above average category. This is another indication that what we are doing at school is working for our learners.



## PAT Reading Comprehension Result



Even with these positive results we are always looking at what we can do to improve learning outcomes for individuals and different groups of children, and we will continue doing this.

**Reading at home:** I am aware that reading achievement levels across New Zealand have been in the media somewhat over recent times. As you can see from our comprehension test results above our children are achieving above the national norm that was set way back in 2013 so our children as a whole school are reading well. One of the missing elements from much of the media commentary is the importance of reading at home. Modelling a love of reading and reading each night with your child makes a significant difference in how well they read at school. I know people are very busy but if you can do one thing with your child at night its read to them. It's worth it and your child deserves it!

**Sports Uniform Hire:** At school we have a \$25.00 sports uniform hire charge. This year we have been able to secure funding to cover this cost so there will be **no charge for sports uniform hireage**. If you have already paid this, you will have a credit on your account.

**School Fees/Donations:** Thank you to everyone who has paid this. We have made the decision to extend the discounted rate until the end of Term 2. If you have paid the full amount, you will receive a \$20.00 credit to your account. For anyone who is yet to pay and pays before the end of this term please pay the discounted rate of \$140.00 for the year.



2023 Recommended School Fee/Donation:

\$40.00 per term (\$160.00 for the year) reduced to \$140.00 if paid before the **end of term 2**.

**Reporting:** On Friday you will be getting another Seesaw report, this time for an area of Math. Please keep an eye out for this. There will be a second English update in Week 8, a Health & PE update in Week 9, and another Math update in Week 10.



**School Visits:** Over the last couple of weeks, we have been lucky enough to have a visit from the Hawks Basketball team and the Brisbane Broncos Rugby League side. The students found both visits uplifting and I was impressed by the way the whole Broncos squad turned up at school, spent time with our students, and were genuinely interested in how our families were affected by cyclone Gabrielle. So nice for Riley to get to do the coin toss and run the team on for the second half on Saturday night.

There are updates from our Year 7/8 syndicate further on in the newsletter. They have been busy!

Thank you for your support as we continue to work together to do the best for your child/children and their learning. We have a House Waiata competition on the last day of this term. Keep an eye out for more info about this, hopefully many of you can join us on the day.

Tristan

## Principal's Certificates

Class	First Name	For ...
Kotare	Kanoa	Always being the best help in Kotare what ever the job may be. I can always count on you.
Kotare	Zophie	being a wonderful lead with our Pepeha and Karakia in the morning. You really are a super star.
Tui	Freddie	being our "go to" helper always thinking and trying your best, what a guy!
Tui	Kayla	being our Super Hero thinker, noticing and quietly helping everybody. A Super Star.
Kōkako	Evelyn	always trying your best during writing sessions.
Kōkako	Anna	being an awesome mathematician!
Ruru	Thea	absolutely amazing presentation in your books, and your handwriting is a pleasure to mark!
Kereru	Sophie	a fantastic start to Term 2 - way to go Sophie!
Kereru	Lochlan	trying super hard with his work and showing great levels of perseverance.
Karoro	Koji	It has been amazing to see you getting stuck straight back in to your learning this term e hoa. Kei ōu ringaringa te ao - The world is yours.
Karoro	Mahli	What a clever and creative writer you are. You are doing a fabulous job of varying your sentences, and I love how you are also using new vocabulary in them.
Toroa	Nina	Writing outstandingly creative complex sentences.
Toroa	Kourosh	Working studiously to ensure all your tasks are completed.
Kōkako	Evie M	being a clever writer and trying very hard with your spelling.

Kōkako	Nari	being an awesome speller! Tino Pai!
Kereru	Phoebe	being a fantastic role model and helper in our class. Thank you Phoebe!
Kereru	Corban	showing great improvement with his time management skills - way to go Corban!
Kotare	Marcus	working so hard with your literacy learning. Super proud of you.
Ruru	Esme	amazing descriptive and entertaining teabag rocket writing
Ruru	Leela	some outstanding descriptive teabag rocket writing. You should be very proud of yourself Leela, your writing has come on so well!
Kakao	Sonny	Such a strong start to the term e hoa. You are working hard, staying focussed and leading by example. Ka rawe rangatira.
Kakao	Ellie	Always giving 110%, it was so neat to see you choose to stick at the tricky maths task - even if it meant missing the start of PE. Proud of you Ellie!! :)
Karoro	Olivia	Showing incredible perseverance and resilience during our Maths sessions. I love how you are getting stuck in and using a growth mindset with your mahi.
Karoro	Dylan	A great start to Term 2. You have been trying so hard with your learning, and it is fabulous to see you taking so much pride in the work you are producing.
Toroa	Lucy	Always putting in the time and effort to learn new things.
Toroa	Rico	Showing real enthusiasm about your learning.
Weka	Anna	being such a fabulous Weka Class "Teacher". We love your passion for learning Anna!
Weka	Joe	being such a cool dude at drop off, you are so brave and resilient and we love seeing your beaming smile!
Kōkako	Reid	writing accurate and clear instructions on how to make a Catapult!
Kōkako	Quinn	being a positive and helpful member of Kōkako! We can always count on you!
Ruru	Lucy	For always making positive choices and being a great role model to your peers. Great job Lucy!
Ruru	Mack	Loved reading your dream bedroom writing, though not sure about the fat snake in it! Tino Pai Mack!
Kereru	Chase	awesome contributions during our maths discussions, being brave and offering his ideas and strategies for solving a problem.
Kereru	Hayley	being brave and trying new things - way to go Hayley!
Hihi	Joshua	For always settling into his work quickly and for making a fantastic effort in everything
Hihi	Millie	For giving 100% in everything she does and for the positive, happy way she approaches school life.
Toroa	Kobe	Being brave and sharing your fraction ideas with the class. Keep it up!
Toroa	Kaia	Being reflective on your learning by thinking about your mistakes ready to improve on them. You are becoming a lifelong learner!
Ruru	Maddie	You are showing great focus in all of your learning areas Maddie and you are producing some excellent work because of this focus. Keep it up!
Kereru	Connor	showing a great attitude towards his work, persevering until he gets it completed. Way to go Connor!
Kereru	Lilly	being brave and giving new things a go. Tino pai Lilly!
Korimako	Skye	Being kind and helping others by explaining what to do.
Korimako	Jimmy	Using your imagination to invent the lava, dynamite, danger game with George. Great team work and you did an awesome job explaining the game to everyone who wanted to join in.

Kea	Rosie	Being a brave learner - love how you are becoming so independent Rosie!
Kea	Max	Using Marvellous Mat Manners and making lots of sensible contributions to our class discussions
Karearea	Maia	Always trying her best in Reading and Writing. Keep up the great work Maia
Karearea	Mia	showing excellence and finishing all of her work to a high standard. Ka pai!
Weka	Quinn	using his really strong ignoring muscles to make great choices in Weka Class. Way to go Quinn!
Weka	Ruby Rose	showing great listening and trying hard to follow the instructions straight away. Woo hoo Ruby Rose!
Korimako	Axel	Using all of your clever reading skills to read smoothly and you are looking carefully at all the letters in each word. Wow! Axel you are a reading super star!
Korimako	Ryleigh	Using your imagination to create new things like a home for Donut with a slide. You are clever at solving problems as you work and trying different things until you are happy with the result.
Tui	Clyde	Working so hard with your reading and writing, clever guy, Ka Pai!
Tui	Zion	A fantastic start to your new term, becoming organised before school and checking in with your friends.
Kea	Marliya	Love how you are getting stuck into your writing Marliya, sounding out words carefully and checking for full stops and capitals.
Kea	Frankie	You are managing yourself so well Frankie, thinking through your options and solving problems independently.
Karearea	Sam	having an awesome start to Term 2. You have shown a lot of discipline and determination. Keep up the amazing work, Superstar Sam.
Karearea	Katelyn	for being an awesome role model for Kārearea class and always leading by example by showing manaaki and panekiretanga.
Kotare	Rita	being a kind and caring friend who shows respect and understanding towards others.
Korimako	Daniel	Listening carefully at maths time and explaining your maths thinking clearly. You are a fractions expert.
Korimako	Alison	Listening carefully at maths time and explaining your maths thinking clearly. You are a fractions expert.
Tui	Willa	being our super star helper, noticing, just helping and thinking, we are so lucky to have you in our class.
Tui	Sebastian	for working hard to complete your special reading work so quickly and beautifully presented
Kea	Archie	What a clever writer you are Archie. I love how carefully you edit your work and use the spelling tools in the room to make your work as accurate as possible.
Kea	Jacob	Settling into Kea Class well and working hard to stay on task
Karearea	Mahalia	For trying his best with his learning and sharing his Maths knowledge in group time.
Karearea	Jessica	Being a respectful and thoughtful member of Kārearea class, always looking out for her fellow classmates - awesome work Jess!
Kakao	Austin	Some fantastic efforts in your writing Austin, that have resulted in some really great sentences. Tino pai e hoa!
Kakao	Lucas	Wow Lucas, you are some author!! You write with heaps of description and aren't afraid to really let the creativity out. Ka mau te wehi tama!
Kotare	Darcie	being a determined learner who is not afraid to give new things a try. I love how you are flying with your letters name and sound knowledge.
Kotare	Alex	being a curious learner who asks so many questions and then problem-solves

		to find the answer. You really are a delight number 9er.
Tui	Jude	for being a super fraction hero with fraction numbers and pictures
Tui	Lilly	for fabulous focus in your reading and writing using your letter sounds to be a great word detective
Kea	Jack	Being a wonderful support for his classmates, helping them find their gear and follow directions.
Kea	Layla	For fabulous focus and fantastic work ethic this term. What a great role model you are!
Kōkako	Finn	for always trying your best with your reading. Tino Pai!
Kōkako	Angus	for always being willing to share your mathematical knowledge with others.
Ruru	Ric	You are an extremely kind and helpful member of Ruru class Ric. You show great initiative around the classroom and care towards your fellow classmates. It's awesome having you in Ruru Ric!
Hihi	Will	Producing an amazing piece of descriptive writing using complex sentences and fabulous vocab. Teno Pai!
Hihi	Rylee	Showing manaakitanga and kindness towards other children who are needing some support and encouragement. You are showing excellent CARE values.
Toroa	Maddie	Working hard to master multiplying fractions - creating your own questions to test yourself on and getting others to quiz you too. Keep up the great mahi!
Toroa	Josh	Working hard to master the different sentence types and using them to create both persuasive and narrative pieces. I am proud of you!
Tui	Lily	for your perseverance by keeping on trying with your Frida Kahlo art, what an artist
Tui	Ella	for being a special artist like Frida Kahlo, who persevered and made art her special activity, clever!!
Kereru	Fin	making super progress with his maths - very impressive work Fin!
Kereru	Macy	always giving 100% effort, thank you Macy!

## Dates to Remember\*

5 June 2023 King's Birthday – School closed  
 21 June 2023 Coastal Cluster Netball  
 23 June 2023 Year 0-4 – Glow Show  
 29 June 2023 Year 5/6 Ki o Rahi Competition  
 30 June 2023 House waiata competition  
 30 June 2023 Last day of Term 2  
 17 July 2023 First day of Term 3

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

## Eskdale School PTA

Tonight we are holding our AGM in the school office at 7.00pm. All are welcome and we would love to see as many of you there as possible. Thanks Brett

# Chairperson's Message

It is hard to believe how much has happened to our community since the last school newsletter at the beginning of Term One. A time of great sadness and loss, and simultaneously a time of extraordinary resilience and cohesion across our community.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the school staff for their willingness to accept and adapt under very trying circumstances. This was particularly true during term one when our community was still in shock and the arrangements for teaching and learning were constantly changing. Whilst that period was particularly difficult, I also acknowledge that the effects of the event are still being felt and the school team are still under unusual pressure. As a board we have tried to acknowledge these demands and express our support but there is no escaping the mahi that is still required at the coal face. We are all in your debt.

I'd also like to acknowledge the extraordinary generosity the school has witnessed over the last three months. We continue to benefit from local, national and international gifts that are enabling us to recover faster and to build back better. 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.

We have been able to make rapid progress on repairs following the cyclone and we hope that by Spring this year there will be little evidence of the damage to our fields, drainage and sewerage systems. I'm also pleased to say that despite all of the upheaval the pre-existing building projects are progressing on schedule. More information on that work next term, but in the meantime my thanks again to everyone who has lent a hand over the course of the last three months to ensure the school community comes out of 2023 in the best possible shape.

Ngā mihi,

**Glenn Bond**

Chairperson, *Eskdale School Board*

## Sports News



Back in April Kera O'Brien entered an under 900 squash tournament. Kera placed runner up and represented her own local club, Family & Eskdale really well. This was the 4th tournament Kera has entered having represented East Coast in her very first tournament when the East Coast Reps took on the Central North Island Reps.

Kera has shown great perseverance & determination having been thrown in the deep end by her coaches against some very tough competition, but never giving up & always showing great sportsmanship.

Kera plays out of Hawkes Bay Squash Rackets & even received the bursary award at the end of last year.

Another amazing achievement well done Kera.

# Leaders Training Day

Last week our Bus Monitors, Peer Mediators and House Leaders all participated in a Leaders Training Day.

Each leader participated in a basic first aid course - which many of the bus monitors were really grateful for after the recent bleeding nose incident.

Our house leaders took time to put together a range of activities they can use during their house game time. Many of these activities include blind-folds and working in a big buddy - little buddy pair.

The afternoon was spent with the PALs (Physical Activity Leaders) Training team from Hawkes Bay. Who went over more games that can be played across all levels.



# National Young Leaders Day

Our Year 8 students recently had the opportunity to attend the National Young Leaders Day conference at the Toitoti Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre in Hastings. They were able to listen to many inspirational speakers who discussed resilience building and strategies for working through hard times. One of the speakers that especially stood out for many of the girls was Julia Grace, who shared her calm breathing strategy - breathing through an imaginary recorder.



# Taradale ANZAC Commemoration

## - Year 7's

This year the Year 7 students were invited to attend the Taradale ANZAC commemoration, A very prestigious event.

This was a great opportunity for our tamariki to see past Eskdale School students in leadership roles within the community.

The Year 7 students did Eskdale School proud in their volume of waiata and respect shown during the ceremony.

On behalf of the school, Baxter and Evie lay a wreath of remembrance at the end of the ceremony.



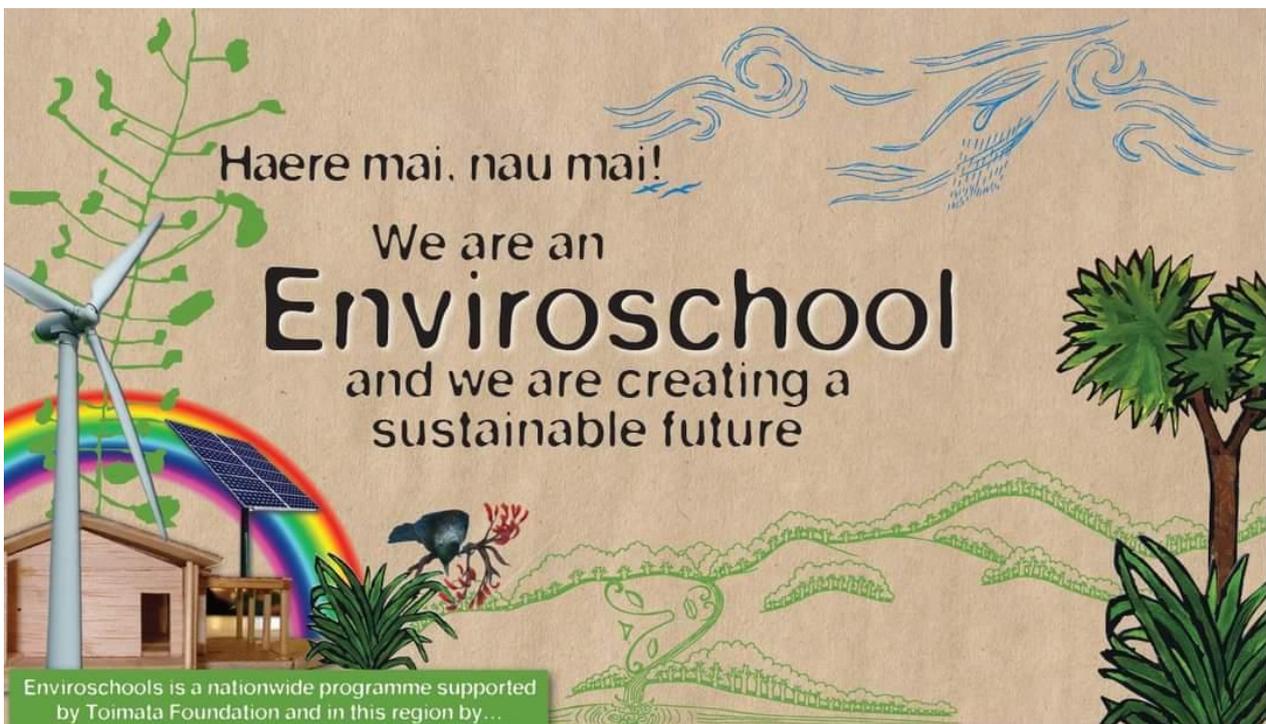
# Enviro Squad



Max is our Worm Warrior, tasked with feeding the food scraps from the staffroom to the worm farm. He was delighted to find this enormous stick insect nearby.!

Jackson collected acorns from the old Oak tree and has successfully grown this sapling at home.  
Tu meke Jackson!

As part of the Envirosquad's focus on waste, our team of Year 4 boys made signs reminding everyone to save water and turn the tap off in the sandpit. Thank you to these budding Eco Warriors.





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## Eskdale School Lunches

Subway every Wednesday starts 7<sup>th</sup> June

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