

2024 Class Lists: The teaching and management team have been planning and organising the classes for 2024. The process for placing a child in a class is rigorous, we know the children well and we always aim to get it right for the individual child and the overall dynamic of each class and syndicate. The class lists will be shared on Wednesday, 13 December via the school website. This will be a password protected page and we will share the password with you via email once the page has been uploaded on Wednesday. A child will be in the class they are placed in for at least the first six weeks of the school year. If there are any concerns or worries after this time, I am more than happy to discuss these with parents.

Coastal Cluster Lit Quiz: On 22 November two teams of Year 5/6 kids headed to Haumoana School for a literacy quiz against other Coastal Cluster schools. One team, Zoe, Erin, Lochlan and Oliva G, was named the 'Literacy Wizards!' The other, named the 'Headless Chickens', had Alice, Mia, Karlien and Alec. There were 10 sets of 10 questions with different categories. The Literacy Wizards came 3rd place and Headless Chickens came 4th place. It was lots of fun! By Zoe and Erin



School Athletics: What a great day the School Athletics Day was! Different location but same old determination and positive attitudes being displayed by our students. It was so great to see so much parental support given the change of location and thank you to everyone who supplied a gazebo for the day. Well done to Kowhai House for winning the House competition on the day and to all our students for giving everything a go! The teacher team retained the bragging rights over the students in the student v teachers relay and made it through with no injuries.

Well done to our age group champions below:

	First	Second	Third
5 Years	Nymeria Le, Ara Jones, Evelyn Harwood	Lucy Adams	Hannah Gale and Chloe Duclercq
6 Years	Arya Prickett	Harper Webster	Greer Winter
7 Years	Nari Jones	Sienna Retallick	Fern Borrie
8 Years	Holly Verry	Lucy Hall	Summer Cave
9 Years	Frankie Ross	Rylee Timms	Eadie Turner
10 Years	Elia Giacometti	Munroe Lamont	Charlotte Baird
11 Years	Kaia Ranston	Olivia Berkett	Sienna Bicknell
12 Years	Sophia-Rose Sheriff	Madeleine Verry and Gabriella Brownlie	Ruby Verry
13 Years	Nina Giacometti	Xanthe Turner	Amelia Roborgh and Sofia Strong

	First	Second	Third
5 Years	Tamati Froneman-Dehar	Forest Goddard-Reddington	George Ross
6 Years	Clyde Parris	Liam Fisher	Luke Radovanovich
7 Years	Amor Parris	Jack Baty	Max Williams
8 Years	Reid Kersley	Cooper Pell	Archie Stevens
9 Years	Joshua Sung	Leon Moriarty	Owen Ranston and Adam Satherley
10 Years	Connor Havill	Colton Bennett	Luka Hall and Chase Hill
11 Years	Akio Crofskey and Samson Sheriff	Roman Borrie	Reeve Fan-Robertson
12 Years	Ollie Pointon	Yoshi Bowcock	Baxtar MacInnes and Lucas Tainui
13 Years	Isaac Bennett	Kahu Dickson	Evan Blakesly

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Thank you for all of your support throughout 2023. If I don't see you before, I hope you all manage to have an enjoyable Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you all back again in 2024.

Tristan



DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT



Thank you – Glenn Bond

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and school community I would like to say thank you for the tireless effort, support and passion Glenn Bond has put in as both member and Chairperson of the Board of Trustees. Glenn has worked relentlessly over his six-year tenure.

In the face of significant challenges such as Covid-19, cyclones and not to mention the recent battle around our rebuild with the Ministry of Education, Glenn maintained a calm, positive approach which put Eskdale School staff and students first.

Glenn, Clare and family, thank you for your commitment and dedication to Eskdale School. As your time with Eskdale School comes to an end, we wish you all the best with the next stage of your education journey. We have been privileged to have you.

Jaclyn Hankin
Deputy Chairperson
Eskdale School Board of Trustees

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES

Isla

Welcome to Weka Class. We love how you remind your teachers about the Weka Class Rules when they forget!

Lucy

Welcome to Weka Class, what a super start to school! We love seeing your passion for learning!

Emerson

Forming your letters correctly and showing real pride in your work. Tino Pai.

William

Making good choices and being a responsible member of our community. Also for working hard, staying focused and listening carefully.

Isabella

Working hard to achieve smooth fluent reading. Tino Pai Isabella!

Maddison

Working hard to form her letter sounds correctly and using great phoneme fingers on tricky words

Sebastian

Using great strategies to quickly work out maths problems ka pai!

Leo

Fantastic editing and upgrading of his written pieces.

Amelie

Adding wonderful details to her written pieces, especially alliteration and similes.

Oliver

Oh wow Oliver! You have made so much progress with your basic facts! It is great to see your confidence growing every day! Tino pai!

Elodie

What wonderful progress you have made with your basic facts Elodie. You have worked so hard and look what you have achieved!

Lilly

Great leadership skills during our team PE sessions Lilly. I liked how you communicated your ideas to your teammates clearly and worked with them to solve the carpet crossing task. Well done!

Ruby

You are doing such an amazing job with your handwriting Ruby. Your perseverance and focus has paid off and I love reading your beautifully neat handwriting.

Cooper

Great effort in getting 100% in your basic facts test Cooper. You have worked hard to know these and it is awesome seeing your hardwork pay off. Keep pushing those Year 4s!

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES ctd...

Maddie

You are showing great dedication to your work Maddie and it is showing. 100% in your basic facts test and creating a very detailed hamburger plan for your "About Me" writing. Amazing work Maddie!

Colton

Being a basic facts superstar! Way to go Colton!

Chase

What a fantastic start to Term 4 you have had Chase! Awesome effort!

Lucas

Your commitment to learning different phrases and words in our Spanish sessions is unmatched, and seeing you so excited about your new learning is fabulous. Ka pai!

Eva

Continuing your awesome mahi in Pāngarau / Math Eva. You are really going places with this, and your ability to identify patterns and explain their growth using rules is really taking off. Ka rawe.

Pita

Amazing effort with your maths mahi - you are focusing so hard on having success with your learning. Ka pai!

Aiden

Always showing kindness and empathy towards others.

Kourosh

Supporting others with their learning by kindly helping them to see where they have made mistakes.

Sofia

Forming your letters correctly and showing real pride in your work. Tino Pai.

Azareah

Fabulous phonics work and brilliant time management; what a hard working member of Kea Crew you are!

Lily-Ann

Love the effort you are putting into punctuating your writing carefully Lily-Ann!

Alec

For the fantastic way you have approached learning about Algebra in Maths time. You are amazing!

Penny

For giving everything you've got to your school work. Nice one Penny!

Liam

For really stretching yourself in pangarau by taking part in the final challenge of the Otago University Problem Challenge. Your mahi and resilience resulted in your being the in top 2.5% of participants in the country. Ka rawe Liam!

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES ctd...

Micah

For really stretching yourself in pangarau by taking part in the final challenge of the Otago University Problem Challenge. Your mahi and resilience resulted in your being the in top 2% of participants in the country. Ka rawe Micah!

Sadie

For really stretching yourself in pangarau by taking part in the final challenge of the Otago University Problem Challenge. Your mahi and resilience resulted in your being the in top 2% of participants in the country. Ka rawe Sadie!

Roman

You have been doing some fabulous thinking to discover different patterns and algebraic rules in our Maths sessions, ka pai e hoa!

Sophie

Fantastic mahi in our literacy sessions. You are identifying different forms of figurative language and explaining your interpretations of them like a pro!

Adam

For putting so much effort into his Reading. Your work ethic and determination to not give up has meant that you have achieved so much this year. You should be extremely proud of yourself Adam!

Karlien

You are a fantastic role model Karlien. You give all your work 100%. You should be very proud of the way you apply yourself and take pride in your work!

Grace

You have done a fantastic job of demonstrating your ability to analyze different forms of figurative language in depth - a real literacy superstar!

Olivia

A fabulous effort in Spanish, you are catching on to different words and phrases and using amazing pronunciation - buen trabajo la amiga!

Stevie

Being a kind and caring person towards everyone around you. Tino pai!

George

Adding more information and describing words to make your stories interesting. You are persevering and staying focused. Tino Pai!

Daniel

Thinking of original ideas and descriptive details to include in your stories. Your stories are always interesting to listen to. Tino Pai!

Lily

Working hard at your reading, using your phoneme fingers to help you with tricky words, and going back and re reading the sentence.

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES ctd...

Jude

Persevering, spending lots of time creating your environment for your diorama.

Paige

You have been working so hard on mastering your blends with Kelly! We are so proud of you!

Marlee

Awesome learning in our algebra patterns unit. You have mastered creating and substituting rules.

Leo

He pai ki te whakapau kaha - staying focused and giving everything you do 100% Proud of you.

Reeve

Your determination and love of learning have seen you begin to progress in all areas of your learning. Well done. So proud of you. Kia mau tonu te mahi!

James

For showing kindness and thoughtfulness to everyone. You are always thinking carefully and helping others. Tino Pai James

Alison

For showing creativity by trying different ideas to create your Pania Diorama.

Freya

Working hard at your reading, using your phoneme fingers to help you with tricky words, and going back and re reading the sentence

Kayla

Being such a great role model for our class, you always help and care for your class mates and your teacher Ka Pai!

Frankie

Fabulous written language! Such creative, interesting writing Frankie!

Marliya

What clever phonics work Marliya, you are a phonics star!

April

Great understanding of algebra April. Love how you are applying yourself and showing off your amazing pattern identifying skills.

Lilly

Awesome seeing you take extra care in your hand writing Lilly. You are looking at each word carefully and making sure you are spelling them correctly. Well done.

Hayley

Showing creativity and curiosity with her STEAM projects. We are always interested in what you will do next Hayley!

Reeve

Persevering with challenging problems and extending his thinking whilst doing so. Way to go Reeve!

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES ctd...

Jonah

Using your Maths knowledge to support group members. He tino pai tō mahi, e hoa!

Harper

Working hard at Maths time. Ka pai tō mahi!

Kobe

You are an outstanding young man! I appreciate how you give every task 100% and really think about how the new learning fits with things you already know.

Georgia

You have grown so confident in making rules for algebraic patterns! Well done.
All that hard work is paying off.

Joe

Showing a 'can do' attitude during maths and story writing! We love how you just want to keep going and going with your learning meetings Joe - what a superstar!

Oscar

Showing such enthusiasm during phonics, nailing your letter names and sounds and now joining them together to make words! Ka mau te wehi!

Mila

Giving all of your learning meetings 110%! Hearing lots of letter sounds during writing, offering ideas during class discussions, great focus during maths - way to go Mila, be proud - your teachers are!

Rita

Being such a math whizz and being able to add three digit numbers. WOW!

Sofia

Being a math whizz and being able to add three digit numbers. WOW!

Martha

Working hard to gain and super speedy recall of the five times table

Greer

For working hard to add lots of detail and interesting information to your writing.

Ella

Making extra objects to add more detail to your Pania diorama , looking fantastic

Willa

Putting so much effort into all your work, adding extra to give it a special shine, Ka Pai

Edward

Being such a respectful, focused member of Kea Crew

Jack

I love how respectful and hardworking you are Jack! What top quality work you are producing!

Samson

Making great progress in all school areas. Way to go Samson!

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES ctd...

Mack

Was great hearing about how your Great Great Grandfather was a spy in WW2. What was especially awesome was how you recognised how brave and clever he must have been to do this. Well done Mack!

Maggie

Great research about your family history Maggie. You showed an understanding of how you came to be through particular events of the past. Awesome effort!

Amor

I love how you wrote about why your family is special to you with lots of love and kindness in your household. You got me in the feels Amor, well done dude!

Angus

Amazing effort building your family bach at Anaru Bay for your diorama. I particularly enjoyed how you spoke in front of the class as to why this is an important place for you and your family. Great job Angus!

Niamh

Thank you for being such a wonderful role model and helper in Kereru Niamh. Your kindness and effort is so appreciated.

Jackson

Showing great focus in Literacy time and improving your spelling and sentence structure. Keep it up!

Lucy

I love how you always know more that you think you do! It is so great to see you applying all your new learning skills - especially in maths.

Yoshi

Your "get on with it, and get it done" attitude is outstanding! It doesn't matter what learning area we are working on - from P.E. to Writing, your willingness to complete any task is always appreciated.

Phoebe

Being a conscientious and determined learner, always striving to better her abilities.
Impressive work Phoebe!

Fin

Showing fantastic progress in English and Maths. Well done Fin, you should feel proud of your achievements.

Cooper

You have shown great focus during our sentence structure writing sessions. I can really see you understanding the importance of varying sentence type to create an engaging piece of writing. Keep it up Cooper!

Ric

I have appreciated you showing our younger classmates how to do their Seesaw video recording. Great leadership qualities Ric!

Harry

Well done with interviewing and recording your fellow classmates about their family history diorama. It's great to see you pass on your knowledge to others, well done Harry!

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES ctd...

Arya

Being a focused mathematician during quick fire maths , Go You!!

Sienna

Being an awesome member of Tui class 2023, we know you will enjoy your exciting time in Japan, learning about new cultures and gaining new life long experiences.

Asha

Managing yourself so well in class and moving from group to group! Great focus and problem solving Asha!

Summer

What a huge effort you put into your Sense of Place project Summer! You learnt heaps about your whanau in the process!

Hunter

Such a great effort on Athletics Day! You just kept on going, giving every event 110%. Ka mau te wehi!

Hannah

Welcome to Weka Class! It has been so lovely getting to know you and we love how you are giving everything a go! Ka pai Hannah.

Arley

Welcome to Weka Class Arley! We are so proud of how brave you have been saying goodbye in the mornings, you are a little superstar!

Jared

For demonstrating our CARE Value 'Community/Manaaki' during Athletics Day. You showed such kindness with your thoughtful words and actions cheering on your Weka Classmates! Ka mau te wehi!

Zion

Fabulous effort in athletics.

Layla

Working so hard to edit her writing so that it includes at the correct punctuation. Well done Layla!

Robert

Wow Robert! Super impressed with how hard you have worked to improve your basic facts recall. Love how your number knowledge has also improved.

Oliver

Sharing interesting facts and great vocabulary when practicing different sentence types.

Evie

Showing a great understanding of different sentence types using your excellent knowledge of interesting facts.

Anna

Well done on creating an informative and detailed diorama about your family history.

Holly

Demonstrating an excellent understanding of your family history through your diorama.

Enviro News

The Enviro Squad had been busy preparing for the Market Day, making Seeds for Love and potting up sunflowers. We have had a Christmas Cake kindly donated by the Mitchell family and we have been preparing raffle tickets to sell for that.



With the cancellation of the market, we are pleased to have sold almost all of our sunflowers to staff. We will be selling our seed hearts at the gate in the last week of school.

Christmas Cake Raffle tickets are now available in the school office/staffroom for only \$2.00 ticket. Thank you for your support!

Our EFS (Education for Sustainability) sessions on Fridays have been productive! We have managed to revisit the Native Tree Plantings on the lower school boundary and continue to maintain and monitor this. Many thanks also to the parents who have helped with these sessions. You have worked on planting our Kai gardens and our Bee/Butterfly gardens. At one stage a couple of weeks ago we counted 58 chrysalis in this area! The orchard has also been an area which we continue to maintain. The children are enjoying the fruits of their labour now, with strawberries and mandarins or oranges to share most weeks.



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We need some keen people to help with watering our Kai Gardens and small nursery area during the holidays. It's a very easy job and you can bring your children to play in the playground while you water! Hopefully we can organise a weekly roster for this.

Please let Bryony know if you are able to help. Many thanks.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and safe and enjoyable holidays.





Year 8 Camp



On Week 7 of Term 4, 36 Year 8's, three teachers and six awesome parents went on the camp to Rotorua. After setting off in monsoon like conditions, they arrived in Taupo to overcast, but dry conditions and then Rotorua in sun. Over the next four days, they took part in lugeing, lawn bowls, an amazing race, trampolining, 3-D art gallery, a Waimangu Thermal Walk and Lake Rotomahana Cruise and a My Kitchen Rules cook off. Some highlights included Gabriella Brownlee, beating everyone on the luge including a visibly upset Mr Cheer, Phoenix Rangihuna making it down the luge in one piece despite his best efforts, Evan and Kaes displaying some surprisingly excellent lawn bowls skills, and Glenn Bond being taught the art of the selfie. Overall, we were blessed with excellent weather, excellent activities, and an excellent group of young students finishing off their time at Eskdale in style. A huge mihi to our camp sponsors for making this happen and to our parents for giving up four days and a healthy dose of sleep to give our tamariki such a memorable experience.





A massive thank you to our sponsors who made our trip possible:



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

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Phone: 06 836 6845 (option 1)

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Eskdale School Sports

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For all interschool sports please contact Kim at:

kimw@eskdale.school.nz

For all outside of school sports please contact Maree at:
sport@eskdale.school.nz

DATES TO REMEMBER



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1 February	School office opens for 2024
7 February	First Day of School for 2024



ESKDALE SCHOOL

YEAR 5/6 BAKE SALE & XMAS DRESS UP DAY

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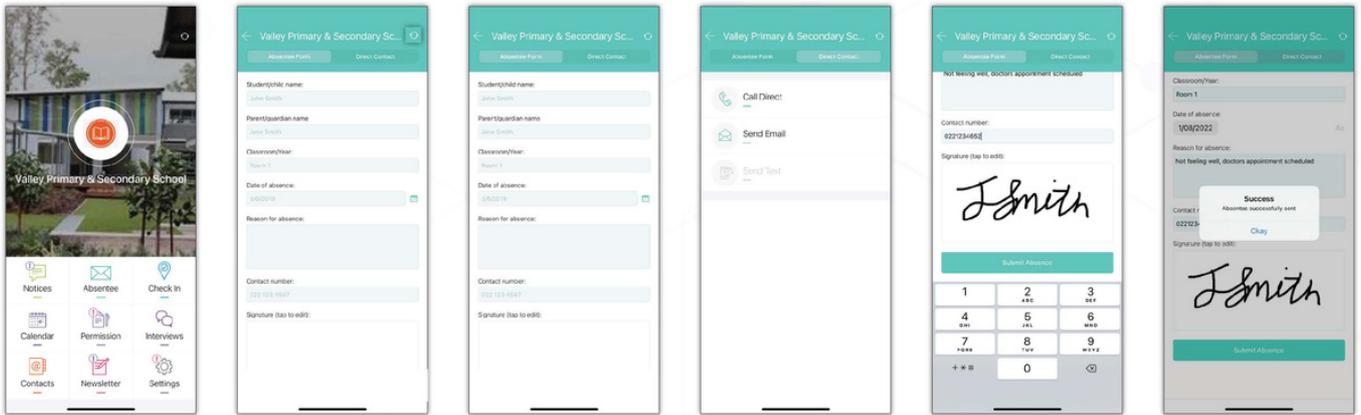


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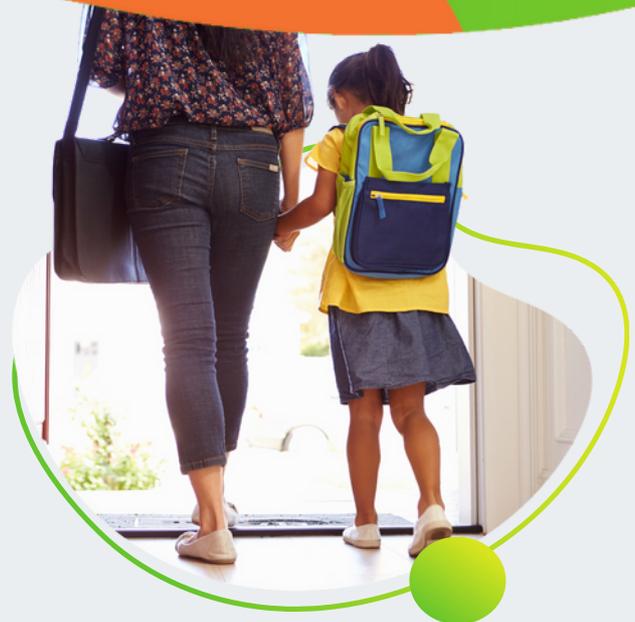
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