

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Welcome back for the 2024 School Year. I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break, and you have had the chance to recharge and refresh after what was a very challenging 2023. We are so looking forward to the year ahead and it was awesome seeing all the children coming in the gate with smiles on their faces this morning. We welcomed our new students and families with a Mihi Whakatau and I know they will find our school and community a great place to be!

High Expectations: The start of a new year is the perfect time to re-set our high expectations for our students including their academic, social, and personal development. We want every child to experience success. This can look different for each child, but our focus is on every child aiming high and giving everything their best shot. This is expected both inside and outside the classroom and is often reflected in how they interact and speak with their peers and teachers. We make no apology for calling out and dealing with behaviour that does not meet our high expectations as a school.

As a team we aim to build positive relationships with all our students and recognise that we do this by knowing them well. A key ingredient to the success of this relationship is the connection you have with the school and teacher. You know your child best and if there is something you think the teacher should know please pass it on. If there is something you are unsure of with your child and their learning, please ask. Don't let a small problem become a bigger one by letting things drag on.



Swimming and Water Safety: The school pool is open, and the students will be swimming this term. All classes have at least three swimming sessions each week. Please send your child to school with togs and a towel everyday as sometimes they can squeeze in an extra swim. Developing their water confidence and skills is an essential life-saving skill that is so important in a country like ours. It is also a part of our NZ School Curriculum. Given the importance of this and the fact we don't want any child to miss out we have developed a variety of dry water skill knowledge activities for children to complete who forget their togs.

Reading: There is a very strong correlation between the children who spend 20 minutes a night reading with their parents/caregivers and those that experience success in reading. This can be reading with or reading to your child. It makes a significant difference, so if you can do one thing with your child, please read. They are worth it!

Eskdale School Teaching Team and Support Staff: The 2024 teaching team are looking forward to the year ahead. If you need to touch base with the teacher the most effective way of getting in touch during the school day is generally via email. If you have a concern or worry the teacher should always be the first port of call and if this doesn't resolve the issue, please reach out to Mike Moriarty who is the Deputy Principal for the Junior School or Tineke Hill who is Deputy Principal for the Senior School.

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Deputy Principal – Mike Moriarty	mikem@eskdale.school.nz
Deputy Principal – Tineke Allan	tinekea@eskdale.school.nz

New Entrant – Year 2 Syndicate:

Weka – Sue Stilwell	sues@eskdale.school.nz
Kotare – Nicole Bason	nicoleb@eskdale.school.nz
Korimako – Debbie Bramwell	debbieb@eskdale.school.nz
Tui – Jo Drager	jodr@eskdale.school.nz

Year 3/4 Syndicate:

Kea – Bryony Lovatt	bryonyl@eskdale.school.nz
Ruru – Isaac James	isaacj@eskdale.school.nz
Kokako – Angela Roydhouse	angelar@eskdale.school.nz

Year 5/6 Syndicate:

Hihi – Catherine Lee	catherinel@eskdale.school.nz
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Year 7/8 Syndicate:

Kakao – Alex Jones	alexj@eskdale.school.nz
Kakao – Justin Bicknell	justinb@eskdale.school.nz
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CRT – Catherine Jurgens	catherinej@eskdale.school.nz
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Office Administrator - Mary Doohan	admin@eskdale.school.nz
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Caretaker - Jos van Dijk	caretaker@eskdale.school.nz
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Term 1 Reporting:

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

Meet the Teacher night: Our annual Meet the teacher night will be on Tuesday, 13 February 2024.

The Junior School classes will meet at 5:30pm - New Entrant and Year 1/2 classes will meet in Weka, Year 3/4 classes will meet in Kea Class.

The Senior School Classes will meet at 6.15pm - Year 5/6 classes will meet in Hihi, Year 7/8 classes will meet in Kakao Class.

Cyclone Anniversary: Next Wednesday we will mark this day by wearing black and white for Hawkes Bay, having a school assembly in the afternoon followed by an Air Force Helicopter dropping onto the school field. I know this will be an emotional day for many of our families and we acknowledge that and stand with you. After taking a moment to remember at school we will be focussing on and highlighting the resilience and strength shown by our community over cyclone and months following.

We will be taking a small group of our leaders to take part in the short ceremony at the Eskdale Church during the morning.

Hats: Students are required to wear a hat this term. Please remind your child to bring their hat and to apply sunscreen before leaving home.

Sandpit Top up: Thank you to the PTA for organising a new load of sand to be delivered, the students love using our sandpit. Thank you also to Matt B, Shaun T, Kara G, Michaela T, Brett and Michelle B for moving the sand in to place during the holiday break.

New Build: The construction team have continued working on the new block over the summer and it was great to return to school and see the progress. The roof is due on soon.



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.

Today has been a great start to 2024. Thank you for your support with this. I look forward to working together with you to make this year a real positive one for our children and wider community.

Tristan

SKOOL LOOP APP FOR ABSENTEES

Submitting Absentees with THE SKOOL LOOP APP

Download **The Skool Loop App**. A simple 100% free download: In Google Play & App Store search '**Skool Loop**' & choose our school once installed.

1
Tap the Absentee button
START

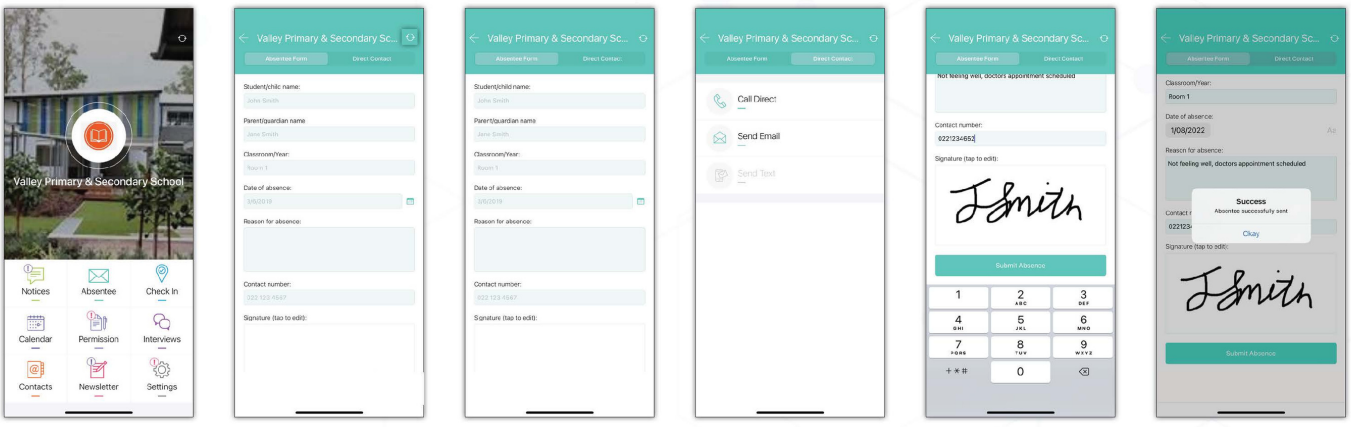
2
If you have multiple schools selected tap on the **Switch School** icon to select the correct school

3
Choose **Absentee Form** to fill out your details on the app

4
or **Direct Contact** to Call, Email or Text the school directly

5
Complete form

6
You receive a **Success** message and the school will be notified
DONE



The screenshots illustrate the following steps: 1. The app's main menu with the 'Absentee' button highlighted. 2. The 'Switch School' screen where 'Valley Primary & Secondary School' is selected. 3. The 'Absentee Form' with fields for student name, parent name, classroom/year, date of absence, and reason for absence. 4. The 'Direct Contact' screen with options for 'Call Direct', 'Send Email', and 'Send Text'. 5. The 'Complete form' screen showing a signature field with 'J Smith' and a numeric keypad. 6. The 'Success' screen displaying 'Absentee successfully sent' and a 'Submit Absentee' button.

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: 021 114 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.

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



Wednesday 7 February
Tuesday, 13 February
Wednesday, 14 February
Friday, 16 February
Friday, 8 March
Friday, 15 March
Monday, 25 March
Tuesday, 26 March
Friday, 29 March
Monday, 1 April
Tuesday, 2 April
Mon 8 April to Wed 10 April
Friday, 12 April

First Day of 2024.
Meet the Teacher night
Weetbix Tryathlon
Art Deco Day Dress up and Gumboot throwing comp
5 & 6 Year olds Swimming Sports @ School
7 Year olds and over Swimming Sports @ Onekawa Pools
Parent/Teacher Learning conferences (school will finish at 12.30pm)
Parent / Teacher Learning conferences (school will finish at normal time)
Good Friday - School Closed
Easter Monday- School Closed
Easter Tuesday – School Closed
Year 5/6 Syndicate Camp- Camp Ranui
Last Day of Term- Friday 12 April



Eskdale School Lunches

LUNCHES WILL REOPEN FOR 2024 on Monday, 12 February 2024

Tuesday - Subway
Thursday – Pita Pita

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 successful' 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.