



Newsletter

June 2024

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to the June School newsletter. I hope you all managed to make the most of the warm weather enjoyed over the long weekend. Winter did feel like it arrived on Tuesday with our return to school and the cooler weather. I know many of you will be starting to look forward to the Matariki long weekend later this month. We will be having our annual House Waiata Celebration on Thursday 27 June just before the long weekend and you are all welcome to join us on the day.

PAT Test Results: Many of you will remember the old, standardised PAT tests from when you were at school. Believe it or not we still use these tests although the pen and paper have gone, it is now completed as an online test. These tests are one of the only nationally normed tools that we can use to track and compare how our school and students are progressing.

The results below highlight just how well our students are doing in Math and Reading. The percentages in the brackets are the national norm result and the other numbers are our own. Overall, we have far fewer students in the below average category than the national norm and significantly more students in the above average category in the national norm. When you consider the tests are designed to have the spread of students as shown in the brackets, we are proud of our students' results. Our focus at Eskdale on the core areas of learning is getting positive results.

Math:

Year Level	Below Average	Average	Above Average
4	3% (23%)	55% (54%)	42% (23%)
5	5% (23%)	67% (54%)	28% (23%)
6	6% (23%)	55% (54%)	39% (23%)
7	13% (23%)	42% (54%)	45% (23%)
8	7% (23%)	46.5% (54%)	46.5% (23%)

Reading Comprehension:

Year Level	Below Average	Average	Above Average
4	22% (23%)	52% (54%)	26% (23%)
5	5% (23%)	72% (54%)	23% (23%)
6	6% (23%)	59% (54%)	35% (23%)
7	10% (23%)	63% (54%)	27% (23%)
8	8% (23%)	54% (54%)	38% (23%)

Winter Sports: It is great to have so many of our students playing a winter sport this term. At school we have five Netball teams, five Basketball teams, two Hockey teams and a Water polo team. We know there is also a large group of students playing club Rugby and Football. Thank you to all our coach and manager volunteers who give up their time to create these opportunities for our students. It's so good for students to participate in a team sport!

Tough Guy n Gal Challenge: Last Thursday we had a contingent of students head across to the Tough Guy n Gal Challenge held at Clifton Station. Whilst the mud was a little hard to find they all got stuck in and gave it their best shot. It was great to see some dressing up and all of them supporting the school mates to compete and complete the course.



Term Two Reporting: Below is an outline of the Curriculum areas we are covering in the second half of the term with our reporting. A reminder that the second round of parent teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday 30 July and Wednesday 31 July (beginning of Term 3).

Weeks	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6	Year 7/8
Six -Math	Fractions	Fractions	Fractions	Fractions
Eight -English	Writing	Writing- Poetry/Language Features	Writing-Processes & Strategies	Writing- Narratives
Ten -Math	Statistics	Statistics	Statistical literacy & investigations	Statistics

Attendance: We continue to monitor attendance closely as we know it has a significant impact on achievement. During Term 1 we had 77% of our students meeting the regular attendance requirement (being at school 90% of the time). That is our best result of any term since Term 1 2019 and is considerably higher than the National rate of just over 50%. We will aim to keep improving on these numbers and ask that you support your child by getting them to school as often as possible.

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.

Thank you for your support, this ensures we can continue to make Eskdale School a wonderful place to teach and learn.

Tristan

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES

Hihi

Iyla

Wonderful independent work during English Task time. Your bookwork is excellent Iyla. Miharo!

Layla

Excellent completion of English tasks. You are working hard to ensure all activities are done so to a high standard. Kau mau te wehi!

Ric

Fantastic attitude and effort when practicing letter formations. You have been working really hard on your independent tasks. Tau kē!!

Asha

Completing your mahi to with confidence. You always try your best and ask questions if you are unsure about something. Ka mau te wehi!

Karearea

Sophie

Showing tumanakotanga (aspiration) when learning with fractions. Tau kē e Sophie! Awesome!

Cooper

Working hard on using te reo Māori consistently and correctly. He tino pai tō mahi ~ Your work is very good!

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES ctd ...

Kakao

Addison

An awesome piece of mahi toi based on your understanding of Keith Haring, and how features of art can convey meaning. Ka rawe!

Kerryn

A great piece of artwork, that has used your understanding of how visual features can be used to give a message. Kia pai to mahi toi!

Lochlan

An awesome piece of mahi toi based on your understanding of Keith Haring, and how features of art can convey meaning. Ka rawe!

Charlotte

Using your understanding of how visual features in artwork can spread your message. You created a great piece of mahi toi, inspired by Romero Britto. Ka rawe.

Evie

Always putting in the mahi and leading from the front. You have a wonderful work ethic Evie, and are a fantastic leader for Kowhai. He whetu ki a koe/ You're a star!!

Jackson

Its been awesome to see the effort you are putting into your writing JB. You are working hard in 'Alphabetical Code' time and are using some rich descriptions in your quick writes. Ka pai e hoa.

Karoro

Roman

having a wicked sense of humour and work ethic to match! Thanks for always trying your hardest and keeping me on my toes! Kapai e hoa:)

Charlotte

Kia kaha for your amazing effort in all areas. Your confidence has grown and you are willing to get stuck which is awesome!

Kea

Ivan

Outstanding focus and effort in everything he does!

Freya

Magnificent Phonics work Freya. You are hearing all the sounds and remembering the new rules.

Max

Thank you for your sensible suggestions and ideas during our class discussions Max!

Mia

You are becoming more independent with your learning Mia! Keep following those instructions one at a time - tino pai!

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES ctd ...

Kea ctd...

Lucas

I have seen a big improvement in your focus Lucas- well done!

Rosie

I love seeing how keen you are to take on the extension maths Rosie!

Daniel

What great ideas you have Daniel - thank you for sharing them so sensibly with the class

Greer

What a great job you are doing of adding effective punctuation to your writing Greer!

Clyde

Love the great strategies and number knowledge you are sharing with your group during maths time Clyde!

Kereru

Corban

A fantastic start to Term 2 - way to go Corban!

Macy

A fantastic start to Term 2 - way to go Macy!

Jeremy

You are a fantastic Kereru role model - thank you Jeremy!

Ashley

always giving 100% effort and never giving up. Ka pai Ashley!

Ruby

making fantastic progress with her knowledge of The Code and spelling patterns. Way to go Ruby!

Grace

terrific progress in all school areas - your effort has been noticed Grace - well done!

Quinn

fantastic creativity and musical skills using the bucket drums.

Lily-Ann

making always giving 100% effort and making great progress with her Maths and English

Indira

fantastic creativity and musical skills using the bucket drums

Devin

being such a reliable and responsible member of our class. Thank you Devin

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES ctd ...

Kōkako

Willa

you have been working so hard with your phonics! Tino Pai!

Seb

you are making great progress with your reading and phonics work! Ka pai tō pānui!

Nari

for sharing your understanding of cubism with others and demonstrating this in your artwork!

Evie

for writing detailed answers when learning about Picasso. Tino pai tō tuhituhi!

Zion

Wow! You showed great courage reciting your poem to the class Zion. He whetū koe!

Finn

What an entertaining and expressive poet! Well done reciting your "Blue Poem" to the class. Tino pai!

Alison

You always give 100% to your learning Alison. Ka rawe!

Sebastian

It is great to see you working hard and doing so well with your phonics! Tino pai!

Weka

Korbin

making a great start to school! I love how you are being so brave, making new friends and trying new things! Ka Pai Korbin!

Blake

your superb dramatic skills! You gave 100% when demonstrating actions during different scenarios! Ka mau te wehi Blake!

Harper

making a fabulous start to school! I love the way you show enthusiasm with everything you do at school! Ka mau te wehi Harper!

Obi

making a fantastic start to school! I love the way you arrive at school, get your morning jobs done independently, and get stuck into the school day! Tino pai Obi!

Korimako

Marcus

working hard at reading time and making terrific progress with blending letter sounds together to read and write words.

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES ctd ...

Korimako ctd...

Harper

giving all learning 100% focus and effort. You are always aiming to do your best work.
Ka mau te wehi Harper!

Kanoa

Thinking of new ideas during our Drama activities and showing creativity by bringing your ideas to life through your actions and expressions.

Hadley

being brave and explaining your thinking clearly during maths. You are a fractions whizz.

Spencer

Always giving 100% to your learning. You also show amazing manners and super listening power.

Chloe

Always giving 100% to your learning. You also show amazing manners and super listening power.

Cheyenne

Staying focused and working hard to learn new letter sounds. You are using your new knowledge to read words and to write words. Tino Pai

Isabella

Sharing your mathematical thinking clearly. You are a fractions expert.

Kotare

Rubi

Working so hard at our phonics time and making terrific progress with being able to confidently blend sounds together. Ka tino miharo ahau!

Jared

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)

Charlie

terrific number manipulation and understanding. You are a number whizz. Tino pai!

Forest

showing me what you are capable of at our Maths hour. You are a number whizz. Kua pai te mahi

Isla

doing your best at using Kelso's frogs when you have a problem that needs sorting. Well done Isla you are becoming a terrific problem solver.

Charlie

making me go WOW at maths hour. Your knowledge of numbers is growing daily. You should be so proud of you.

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES ctd ...

Kotare ctd...

Harper

giving all learning 100% focus and effort. You are always aiming to do your best work.
Ka mau te wehi Harper!

George

trying so hard at our learning meetings and making some wonderful gains with your learning.
Tino pai!

Arley

showing me how clever you are at Structured Literacy time and being able to write so many cvc words
on your own.

Ruru

Mack

Great leadership in your maths group Mack and I can see you growing in confidence with your
understanding of fractions.

Kayla

You have started the term extremely well Kayla. You are setting a positive example for all in Ruru and I
am loving your engagement with your fractions learning.

Angus

loving your engagement in our fractions lessons and showing confidence when answering questions.
Keep it up Angus!

Kane

Great understanding of adding fractions with a different denominator and converting the improper
fraction into a mixed number.

Lucy

Amazing onomatopoeia weather poem Lucy. Great descriptive words and you presented it so well
with animated voice and actions. Tino pai e hoa.

Leia

A well written onomatopoeia weather poem Leia. I loved your phrase "guishy guoshy".Keep it up!

Amor

A well written weather poem Amor. You had a great use of rhyme in it, and you are able to paint a
meaningful picture with your words. Tino pai e hoa!

Leah

You are a positive role model to your peers Leah. You have a great work ethic, you show initiative when
needed, and you are always willing to help out. Awesome work!

Luke

Nice focus on your handwriting this week Luke. You are persisting well and making sure your letters
are formed correctly with seven to nine words per line. Keep it up Luke!

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES ctd ...

Ruru ctd...

Tayla

You are an extremely diligent person Tayla. You show initiative in class and are setting a positive role model for your peers. Keep up the awesome work!

Cooper

You could get a certificate every week Cooper. You have a focused work ethic, you show initiative (especially with cleaning up) in class, and you are always willing to help others when needed.

Toroa

Hayley

You give each learning task 110% and we love the way you are always willing to share your ideas. Thank you Hayley.

Ruby

You are a fantastic visualiser and are outstanding at using your sketch-noting to help you remember what you have read. Well done Ruby!

Yoshi

You are an outstanding role model for all Toroa students from modelling the school values, showing great sporting skills and sportsmanship as well as pushing yourself in your learning.

Ruby

You are a fantastic learner. You are always committed to improving your learning. Even when you master something, you look for ways to be better. Thank you Ruby!

Adam

Adam your deeper level thinking shone through during our visual arts sessions. It was wonderful to see you show what an intelligent young man you are. Keep pushing and you will continue to make great gains. Tino pai.

Kobe

You have an outstanding ability to read the game play of netball and communicate with your team. Keep it up!

Kaia

Kaia you have put in a fantastic effort with your writing this week. You have worked hard to get your amazing ideas down and show that you have a wonderful imagination. I appreciate how you are always willing to share back and offer others constructive feedback and feed -forward. Ka Rawe!

Olivia

Olivia your attitude towards your writing is appreciated by the whole class. It is fantastic to see what a developing and creative writer you. You always offer great feedback and feed-forward to the class that is always positive. Keep it up. Mā te kimi ka kite, Mā te kite ka mōhio, Mā te mōhio ka mārama. Seek and discover. Discover and know. Know and become enlightened.

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES ctd ...

Toroa ctd...

Monique

Monique your positive attitude towards your learning is infectious . You have a kind and caring nature that is an absolute delight to have in Toroa. He maurea kai whiria! Ignore small matters and direct effort toward important projects.

Tui

Dariush

showing such great progress in your phonics, thinking, sounding and saying. Tino pai!

Zakiel

a terrific start to term 2, you are focused , ready for learning and aspire for excellence in all your learning, Ka Pai

Elizabeth

being our responsible "go to girl". you are always helping others or offering to show them what to do. TinoPai!!

Evelyn

working oh so hard to write your letters and words quickly Tino Pai!

Tamati

trying hard to work on new letter sounds quickly and using them to write new words Tino pai!

Stevie

being a great thinker, noticing when things need doing and spending time presenting your work what a learner! Tino Pai!

Leo

working quickly to learn new phonic sounds and their presentation. Using them in your reading so quickly now. Tino pai!

Amber

working to use your new phonic sounds in your reading and writing. We like how you are thinking and sounding out new words slowly and carefully. Tino Pai!

Asher

being our go to helper who always considers others, what a guy!!

Emerson

using your phoneme sounding to create a fabulous long story. Ka Pai!

Lilly

using your word knowledge and phoneme fingers to create a long, detailed story. Ka Pai!

Tough Guy and Gal Challenge 2024

This was on Thursday, 30 May at Clifton Station. We had over 30 Eskdale kids taking part in this event. Some people dressed up which added to the fun atmosphere.

At the very start of the track we ran over a road then on to a sort of muddy area. When we came to a river with cold water, the flow was strong but not too strong. Every little part of the river had a flow that everyone had to try to run through which meant everyone's shoes were soaked in water and then got covered in mud.

We then came to a hill, it was really muddy because of all the wet feet running on it. The mud was so extreme! People had smiles on their faces and it was a lot of fun. We can highly recommend this event and think that people should definitely enter it next year!

By Corban, Quinn and Carter



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.

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



20 June	Kapa Haka Festival (location Nelson Park School)
26 June	Coastal Cluster Netball
27 June	Waiata Competition
28 June	Matariki Day (school closed)
3 July	Year 5/6 Planetarium Visit
5 July	Last Day of Term 2
22 July	First Day Term 3
30 July	Learning Conferences (school will finish at 12.30pm)
31 July	Learning Conferences (normal finish time)
5 August	Year 5/6 Science Roadshow Trip
7 August	Coastal Cluster Soccer
24 August	PTA Quiz Night at Bay View Hotel
3 September	Class & Individual Photos
4 September	Sports Team Photos
27 September	PTA Colour Fun Run (to be held at school)
27 September	Last Day Term 3



Eskdale School Lunches

Tuesday, Thursdays & Friday

Tuesday – Subway

Thursday – Pita Pit

Friday - Dominos Pizza

Orders cut off 8am on the day of delivery



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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.