

Eskdale School

May
2025



Upcoming Events

Ripper Rugby Tournament - 13 May

(Tareha Park, Taradale)

Athletics Day - 20 May

(Marewa Park)

Board of Trustees Meeting - 21 May

(held in the School Office block)

Athletics Day - 22 May

(postponement date)

Coastal Cluster Rugby

(11.15 - 2.45pm)

Barefoot 7's Tournament - 29 May

(Akina Park, Hastings)

Teacher Only Day - 30 May

(School Closed)

Kings Birthday - 2 June

(School Closed)

Coastal Cluster Netball - 18 June

Matariki Day - 20 June

(School Closed)

Tough Kids - 26 June

(held at Clifton Station)

Last Day Term 2 - 27 June



Welcome to the May Newsletter

Term 2 has started positively with a Mihi Whakatau for all our new students and families on Monday. All the students have returned well from their break and I know they are looking forward to getting into their learning and their winter sport commitments. The end of last term was a busy one for everyone and in this newsletter, I have tried to capture some of the many activities that were undertaken from a student's perspective.

ANZAC Day Commemoration: Recently, the Year 8 students were invited to go to a special gathering to celebrate the brave soldiers who fought in the first world war over 110 years ago. We and all the other schools such as Taradale Intermediate and few more, had to take part in the ceremony.

This ceremony started out with listening, as multiple children stepped up to tell the story of their ancestors. After that, a few older teenagers used a game of sorts to show what percentage of the ANZAC soldiers lived, died, and were injured in the war. Then there were the songs in Maori, singing about the loyalty and courage that all the soldiers carried. After that, each school took up a wreath of flowers to lay down next to the Clock tower.

Finally, one by one, the schools stood up and headed towards the Clock Tower to pay our last respects before leaving. This commemoration ceremony served as a reminder to us all that we should be proud of our ancestors and the sacrifices that were made. Let's not forget.

Written by Erin- Toroa Class

Term 2 Reporting: The Seesaw reporting areas for Term 2 for each of the different Learning Levels are outlined below:

Year Level / Phase	Week 3	Week 5	Week 7	Week 9
Phase 1- NE- Y3	Writing	Algebra	Reading	Addition & Subtraction
Phase 2- Y4- Y6	Oral Language & Reading	Basic Facts	Writing	Measurement
Phase 3- Y7/8	Reading	Rational Numbers	Writing	Financial Math

Girls Football Tournament: The girls only football was hosted at Park Island and the players and supporters were encouraged to wear pink accessories for the good vibes theme. We played four games against other schools and did some simple drills in between games. At the end we had prize giving for the best team player, best dressed and best attitude. Although we didn't win all of our games, we all really enjoyed the tournament!

By Esme – Hihi Class



Parent/Teacher Learning conferences: The Parent/Teacher Learning Conferences at the end of last term had an excellent turnout. Over 98% of students had conferences attended by their parents. It is great to be part of a school where parents are engaged in their child/ren's education.

Attendance: As shared in the Monday Reminders our Attendance rates last term was the best since Term 1 2020. We know that attendance is closely linked to achievement, so this was a positive way to start 2025. A child is deemed to be attending school regularly if they are at school 90% of the time or over. Last term 78% of our learners were at school for 90% of the time or greater. The target by the government is to have 80% of students attending schools regularly (90% of the time) by 2030 so we are well on track to meet this target. Please keep up the great work in getting your child/ren to school this term and let's see whether we can beat the 78% we hit last term.

Hawkes Bay Literacy Quiz: On 4 April, eight of our Eskdale Year 7/8's went to Taradale Intermediate to compete in the annual Lit Quiz Competition. We entered two teams to this event, and in total there were about 34 teams participating.

The event went for three hours, and there were 10 categories with 10 questions in each category. Some of the categories were 'Beards,' 'Greed,' and 'Drinks.' You don't know the categories prior to arriving at the competition.

One of our teams won the 'Greed' category, correctly answering 9/10 questions which saw them win a prize of \$5 each. A big thank you to everyone who helped out to make this event happen, especially Miss Rodda (who went with us on the night and helped us train for this night). Finally, well done to everyone who put in the hours to practise and attended the competition - Charlotte, Niamh, Phoebe, Katelyn, Zoe, Erin, Olivia and Karlien.

Think you have what it takes? These are some of the questions from the quiz:

1. Who in the Harry Potter series has the biggest and bushiest beard?
2. Not having what drink made the Wonky Donkey cranky?
3. Black Gold was what type of shellfish in a NZ book by Julia Owen?
4. Who found out that greed could be a curse when even his food turned to gold?
5. What insects did Burt in Ratburger, by David Walliams, use to make his ketchup for the burgers?

Written by Zoe and Niamh – Karoro Class

Switch Gala Day: On Friday, 4 April the Switch Gala Day took place. The Switch Day is when boys have a go at playing netball and girls have a go at playing touch rugby and rugby. At this event, Eskdale school sent two Year 7/8 netball teams, along with three Year 5/6 year netball teams and three Year 5/6 touch rugby teams.

There were many intermediate and primary schools participating in this event from all over Hawkes Bay. The competition was tough, it rained loads, and we all got soaked but goals and tries were scored and we all had a great day. This year McCains sponsored Switch Day, so throughout the event there were prizes you could win through a corn hole toss and there were endless amounts of free pizza, hash browns, and chips. Thank you to all the parents who helped on the day.

By Luka and Alex - Karoro Class



Field of Remembrance: Last term Lily-Ann and Azareah set up our Field of Remembrance on the upper grassed area at school. These 30 small crosses are in remembrance of people from our region who died in the conflict of WW1. Feel free to pop up and pay your respects next time you're in the school.



School Fees/Donations: We have been able to keep our school fees/donations the same again for the fourth year running.

Our 2025 school fees/donations are set at \$40.00 per student 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 and purchased additional learning resources.

2025 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 with this.

Tristan

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



YOGA CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

Learn techniques to improve concentration, focus and reduce anxiety, whilst enhancing flexibility, strength, coordination, and body awareness. Packaged in a fun and friendly session with games, partner and group work. Suitable for all children aged 5 - 13.

Classes recommencing Term 2, Monday 5th May. 3 - 3.45pm at Eskdale School.
\$70 for 7 weeks.

Please phone me to register or for further details.

Sandra Rolls 027 419 6988.

(Radiant Child Yoga Practitioner)



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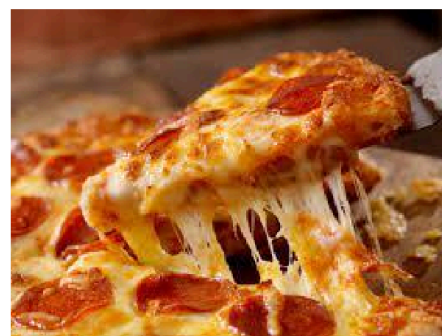
Term 2 School lunch deliveries

TUESDAY – SUSHI orders close 8:30am

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FRIDAY – PIZZA orders close 9am

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