



Eskdale School

July 2025



Upcoming Events

Parent Teacher Interviews - 23 Jul

(School finishes at 2.45pm)

Parent Teacher Interviews - 24 Jul

(School Finishes at 12.30pm buses run at this earlier time)

Coastal Cluster Soccer - 29 Jul

(held at Petane Domain)

Sports Team Photos - 30 Jul

(please send children to school with their sports uniforms)

Class, Individual & Sibling Photos -

8 Aug

Cross Country - 12 Aug

(held at Petane Domain)

Cross Country - 14 Aug

(postponement date if 12 August is wet)

Production Dress Rehearsal - 27 Aug

Production - 28 August

(Napier Municipal Theatre - tickets on sale soon)

AIMS Games - 30 Aug - 5 Sept

Napier Cross Country - 9 Sept

HB Cross Country - 16 Sept

Mathletics Year 7/8 - 17 Sept

LAST DAY OF TERM 3 - 19 Sept

As many of you have seen in our Monday Morning Reminders, Tristan is on sabbatical leave for Term 3. We hope he enjoys the opportunity to learn, reflect, and come back feeling refreshed.

Things at school will continue as usual, with our normal routines in place. I will be Acting Principal while Tristan is away, and Mike Moriarty, our other Deputy Principal, will also be around to support our staff, students and community. Please come in and see us if you have any queries or concerns.

We have a busy and exciting term ahead!

PRODUCTION - CINDERS IN THE 60s

Term 3 brings the excitement of presenting our first whole school show since 2017! The performance date is Thursday, 28 August. We will be performing a dress rehearsal during the day at 11.00am, followed by our evening performance at 7.00pm so **SAVE THE DATE!!!** Both performances take place at the Napier Municipal Theatre and tickets will be available to purchase through Ticketek, we will let you know when these go on sale.

Last term we shared a costume notice detailing what is needed for your child to give whānau plenty of time to source items. If you haven't received this via email please contact Maree for a copy.

The leads have been working hard since the beginning of Term 2, setting scenes and learning their lines - even giving up two days of their holidays to have intensive rehearsals. Classes are now in full swing learning their numbers and we are looking forward to putting all of our hard work together to bring you an amazing production - what a fabulous experience for our tamariki!



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our teachers are looking forward to catching up with you all next week. Each interview time is 15 minutes and focused on your child's learning. To help things run smoothly for everyone, we kindly ask that you keep to your booked time. If you'd like to talk more or discuss something else, feel free to arrange another time with the classroom teacher.

Parent Interviews are now open for you to make your bookings. Please use this link to book online: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/rwnu4> If it prompts for a code please enter: rwnu4

SEESAW REPORTING FOR TERM 3

This term, we have another round of reporting. Please be sure to hop onto Seesaw to have a look at your child's learning.

Week 4: English

Phase 1: Oral Language

Phase 2: Reading - Inferencing

Phase 3: Reading - Interpreting Metaphor, Analogy, Connotation

Week 6: Maths

Phase 1: Operations - Multiplication and Division

Phase 2: Number - Rational Numbers

Phase 3: Measurement

Week 8: English

Phase 1: Writing - Composition

Phase 2: Handwriting tbc

Phase 3: Using Language Features for meaning.

Week 10: Maths

Phase 1: Statistics

Phase 2: Geometry

Phase 3: Pathways

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Our attendance continues to be really positive, and we want to thank you for your efforts. We know that regular attendance is closely linked to student achievement. The government has set a target for 80% of students to be attending school regularly (at least 90% of the time) by 2030 — and we're well on track to meet that goal.

Please keep up the great work in getting your child/ren to school this term!

Last term, Weka Class had the highest attendance rate in the school. To celebrate, they were treated to a McDonald's lunch and a fun play at the park.

They travelled in style in the school van with Mr Cheer at the wheel!

Pictures from their awesome outing are on the next page.



GARDENS TAKING SHAPE

With our new gardens starting to take shape, our amazing Year 7/8 students rolled up their sleeves and got stuck in with spades and wheelbarrows. They made us incredibly proud. Every student involved worked hard to help create a beautiful space for themselves and for future students to enjoy.



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.

Tineke

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

A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable school break and managed to stay warm through the winter weather. Term Three is already shaping up to be an exciting one, and I'm particularly looking forward to the return – after a eight-year hiatus – of the Eskdale School production. It's such a special event for our school community, and I know our tamariki are already buzzing with excitement.

This term we also have our Board of Trustee elections – a great opportunity for parents and caregivers to help shape the direction of our school. Three positions are up for election, with one current Board member re-standing, and we're now looking for others to step forward.

I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge and sincerely thank two of our current Board members who will not be standing for re-election: Glenn Fan-Robertson, who has led our finance portfolio with dedication for the past nine years, and Lee Turner, who has contributed significantly across policy and more over the last three years. I'm incredibly grateful for the time, care, and expertise they have each brought to the Board. Ngā mihi nui, Glenn and Lee.

I encourage you to consider getting involved – whether by putting yourself forward as a candidate or by voting in the upcoming elections. It's a meaningful way to contribute to the future of our school.

Nominations open on 18 July and close at 12 noon on 6 August. The election process will be managed electronically through Schooled Election Pilot, the company running the elections on our behalf. If you have an email address registered with the school you will receive all the information electronically, otherwise it will be posted.

If you'd like to know more about what's involved in being a Board member or have any questions about the election process, please feel free to reach out – I'd be happy to have a chat.

Jaclyn Hankin
Board Chairperson
chairperson@eskdale.school.nz
021 213 5955

PARENT & STAFF ELECTION TIMETABLE

CLOSE MAIN ROLL	Wednesday 16 July
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS	Friday 18 July
CLOSE SUPPLEMENTARY ROLL	Monday 4 August
NOMINATIONS CLOSE	12 noon Wednesday 6 August
VOTING PAPERS ISSUED	Wednesday 13 August
ELECTION DAY	Wednesday 10 September
CLOSE POLL	4pm on Wednesday 10 September
COUNT VOTES & DECLARE RESULTS	Tuesday 16 September
BOARD TAKES OFFICE	Wednesday 17 September

Principal's Kitchen Crew:

Soup's On for Karearea and Kea!

Something wonderfully warm and delicious has been simmering in our new kitchen spaces over the past term, thanks to a fantastic initiative led by our very own principal - Mr Cheer! Students from Karearea and Kea classes have been taking turns each week joining Mr Cheer to learn the art of soup making from scratch.



It's been a truly hands-on experience, with the principal guiding the students through the essential steps of peeling, chopping, and preparing a colourful array of vegetables. The excitement in the air (and the delicious aromas!) was palpable as the children learned valuable kitchen skills.

Of course, the best part was enjoying the fruits of their labour! Each session culminated in the classes sharing and savouring the freshly made soup. While all the soups were a hit, the clear favourites among the students were the comforting chicken noodle soup and the creamy leek and potato soup.



Beyond the cooking and eating, our students also demonstrated excellent teamwork and responsibility by helping with the cleanup, ensuring our fantastic new kitchen facilities were left sparkling.



This initiative has been a brilliant way to make good use of our new kitchen spaces, fostering practical life skills, teamwork, and a love for healthy eating among our students. A huge thank you to Mr Cheer for leading these engaging and tasty sessions!



YEAR 5/6 COASTAL CLUSTER NETBALL

What a fantastic day it was for our 32 netball stars from Years 5 and 6 at the Coastal Cluster Netball Tournament on June 18th! Held at the Onekawa Netball Courts, the sun shone brightly, setting the scene for an exciting day of netball.

We were incredibly proud to have four teams representing our school, each playing a whopping six back-to-back games. Our students showed amazing energy, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the day, truly giving their all on the court.

A massive thank you goes out to our incredible team managers: Frances Mitchell, Sone Moriarty, Hayley Greig, and Esther Greer. Your dedication, organisation, and encouragement made the day run smoothly for our students, and we truly appreciate your time and effort.

The tournament brought together eight local schools, including Te Awa, Clive, Port Ahuriri, Haumoana, Westshore, Twyford, and Nelson Park. It was a great opportunity for our students to compete against their peers, develop their skills, and enjoy the spirit of the game.

Well done to all our netballers for a brilliant day! You represented our school with pride, and we can't wait to see your continued progress on the netball court.

SPORTS NEWS

In June the Napier Aquahawks had their prize giving. There are a lot of Eskdale kids who swim for this club. The Aquahawks prize giving is a result of the Club Champs Competition. Club champs is a club competition where all the Aquahawks come together to compete against people from other clubs in age categories. Our school did absolutely amazing, cleaning up the prizes.

By Rylee T.



AGM Sunday 3rd August at the King George Hall @3pm
(light afternoon tea will be provided)

Come along and hear about the projects that the Trust has completed in the past 12 months, ongoing and future projects that are taking place within our community. There will also be a chance to understand how our funding process works and the funds that are still available for the community

If you are keen to become a Trust member we are always on the lookout for fresh ideas and new personnel to join the current robust members.

ESKDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 2 School lunch deliveries

TUESDAY – SUSHI orders close 8:30am

THURSDAY – PITA PIT orders close 9am

FRIDAY – PIZZA orders close 9am

Order through lunchonline
www.lunchonline.co.nz



To open a Lunchonline account - 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. A pop up will confirm 'your order has been successful' or check 'upcoming orders'
6. A confirmation email will be sent to you (if you haven't unchecked the email box)
7. Any queries please call us on 0800 LOL LOL (0800565565)