

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to the first newsletter of Term 2. The Autumn weather has been awesome, as has the start to the term by our students. They are positive about being at school, reconnecting with their classmates, and generally picking up where they left off two weeks ago.

Term Two reporting: The SeeSaw reports will continue to come out each fortnight this term. Below is an outline of the Curriculum areas we are covering this term. The second round of Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, 30 July and Wednesday, 31 July (beginning of Term 3).



Week	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6	Year 7/8
Two - Arts	Drama	Visual Arts-Developing Ideas in response to a variety of motivations	Music	Visual Arts-Interpreting meaning
Four -English	Oral Language	Oral Language	Reading-Making connections	Reading-Context Clues
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

Term 2 Focus: As a school and teaching team our focus this term remains on embedding a structured literacy approach in our reading and writing, keeping Math and English as front and centre of every class programme and increasing the use of Te Reo in our school. These areas along with continuing to focus on our students developing the learner attributes and values that make them great learners and people will continue to be at the forefront of our planning and teaching this term.

Hats: With the weather still being sunny and warm we will be encouraging children to wear hats outside. Whilst this is not compulsory, we are making this recommendation based on the latest SunSmart advice.

Year 5/6 Camp: During the final week of last term our Year 5/6 Syndicate headed to camp. This is what they had to say about it.

'Our Camp was amazing! First we have a big thank you to the teachers, the parents and mostly Mr Cheer and Russell (Camp Ranui Boss). It was a great experience to be able to go to Camp Ranui because it was like a place where you can have fun and bond with others.



There were three cabins, a barn, and tents. The Year 6 girls and Year 6 boys slept in the cabins. The cabins had eight bunk beds each and the Year 5 girls all slept in the barn and there were two or three people sleeping in each tent.

At daytime after breakfast we would get into our groups which were tahi one / rua two/ toru three / wha four/. Once we were in those groups with our parent leaders we would have set activities such as orienteering, mountain biking, waterslide, flying fox, axe throwing, the dam water activity and during free time there was archery, golf, volleyball and there was also a playground.



For dinner on the first night we had burgers and cupcakes for dessert, the second night we had sausages, vegetables, potatoes with gravy and ice cream for dessert. After dinner each night we had to line up at the sinks and do our dishes and dry them too, and once they were finished we put them back in our cabin, tent or barn.

At night after dinner all of the Year 5/6 team went to the bottom of a hill for Spotlight.

There were about 10 kids and a few adults at the top of the hill spotting people with torches, while the others had to try and make it to the top of the hill and touch the quad without being spotted.

Last day Camp Ranui!!! We had breakfast, did our dishes and packed up our cabins. Once that was done we were all allowed to have free time till 9:00 am, and then two groups went to the farm show and when they returned the other two groups went. At the farm show there was a man called Trev who was Russell's brother. He had two dogs called Star and Meg. Trev taught us all about farms and especially sheep. Did you know that there is a plane that flies over farms and crops dropping an orangey coloured fertilizer which helps your plants grow? We had so much fun!!'

By Elia.G and Phoebe.B

Attendance: We know that one of the most significant factors in student achievement is school attendance. The data and evidence highlight that there is a direct correlation between achievement and attendance. The Ministry of Education count regular attendance as a student attending school 90% of the time or more. As a school we have 71% of our students meeting the regular attendance requirement and sit well above the Regional 55% and National 58% averages. We still aim to do better 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.

Have a great week. Your support ensures we can continue to make Eskdale School a great place to teach and learn.

Tristan



SPONSORSHIP THANKS

We would like to do a big shout out today to the following two business who have kindly sponsored the purchase of new netball singlets and skorts for our Year 5/6 netball teams. We have a whopping 21 children in Year 5/6 and 15 children in Year 7/8 playing netball this term and we didn't have enough uniforms to accommodate this number of children playing.

Thanks to Hayley Greig and Andrew Timms from Hydraulics Hawke's Bay and Mark and Esther Greer from Bizdom Chartered Accountants.

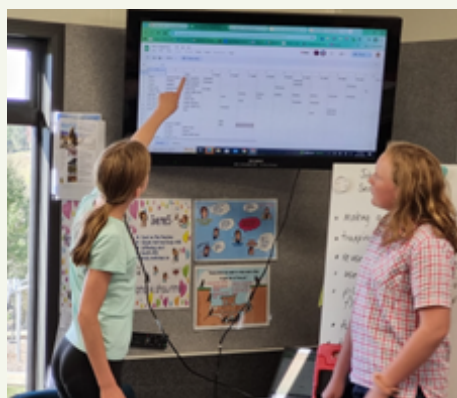


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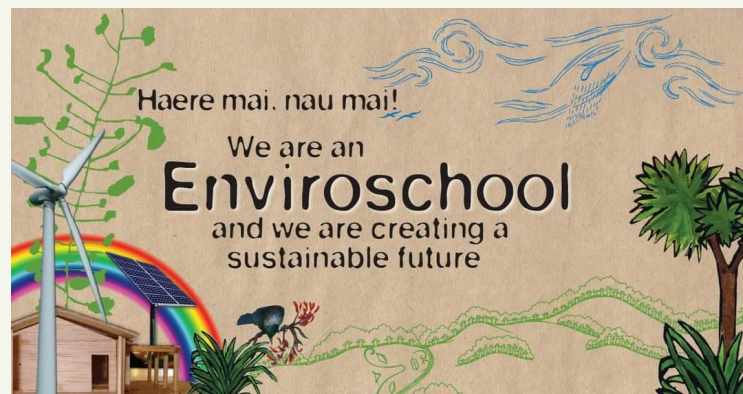
Enviro News

The Squad had a busy first session for Term 2. Our Pest Control Team reported to the group on the progress they were making. They shared the trials they had done with the different traps and baits and showed us a spreadsheet that they were using to record their trap locations, baits and success. They have trapped four rats and 28 mice in the last month. We talked about how the Cyclone and subsequent work clearing silt and vegetation has possibly meant the pests are looking further up the slopes for cover and food sources.

The Squad also learned the history of Earth Day and made some decisions on three things each of them will do to help our Earth's Health.



- We are committing to:
- making a bird feeder
 - trapping pests.
 - reuse more things
 - use less plastic.
 - planting more flowers + trees.
 - turning the lights off
 - turning the taps off.



Education for Sustainability (EFS)

Our Year 5 & 6 pupils are looking forward to continuing their EFS practical sessions on Friday afternoons this term. To get the most out of these sessions we need adult help with supervision...please join us for an hour on Friday afternoons if you can.

Wanted please ... Any old stockings or pantyhose for an activity we have planned. Please drop off to the office.

Our final session of the term involved making bird feeders and going on a nature scavenger hunt. We all had great fun learning together in nature.

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

- 13 May Ripper Rugby Tournament Years 3-6
- 16 May Support Staff Day
- 19 May Pink Shirt Day
- 23 May Barefoot 7's Tournament Years 2-8
- 30 May Tough Guy / Girl Challenge
- 3 June Kings Birthday (school closed)
- 5 June Coastal Cluster Rugby
- 20 June Kapa Haka Festival (location TBC)
- 26 June Coastal Cluster Netball
- 27 June Waiata Competition
- 28 June Matariki Day (school closed)
- 5 July Last Day of Term 2



Eskdale School Lunches

Tuesday, Thursdays & Friday

Tuesday – Subway

Thursday – Pita Pit

Friday - Dominos Pizza (from Term 2)

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.