

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to the first newsletter of Term 3. It has been great seeing so many of you get out and visit your child's teacher over the last two days. Having parents who are engaged and supportive of their child's learning makes all the difference for each student's achievement! It also makes our job as teachers more enjoyable and rewarding. As a learning community we are in this together and I love being in a community where education is valued.

Mid-Year Data: I have just had the privilege of reviewing our student mid-year achievement data in English and Math and our students are making excellent progress. In all areas the students are ahead of where we were as a school at the mid-year point last year.

In Math 57% of our students have already met or exceeded the end of year curriculum expectation, a further 36% of students are on track to get there by the end of the year.

In English 51% of our students have already met or exceeded the end of year curriculum expectation, a further 40% are on track to get there by the end of the year.

We continue to focus our teaching on making sure all students achieve their very best and we have put in a variety of additional supports for those students who need them.

Term Three 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.



Weeks	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6	Year 7/8
Four - English	Viewing and Presenting	Structure and Language (Text Types)	Oral Language	Reading-Poetry
Six - Math	Multiplication and Division	Multiplication and Division	Percentages, Decimals, and Ratios	Percentages, Decimals, and Ratios
Eight - English	Speaking	Reading- Visual language Features	Viewing and Presenting	Transactional Writing
Ten - Math	Space and Shape	Geometry	Space and Shape	Geometry

Cross Country: All classes are now into the full swing of Cross-Country training. As with all aspects of learning and school activities, some students will find this more challenging than others. For all our students this is an opportunity to practice their resilience, and to demonstrate their can-do attitude in their training and their running on the day.

Waipatiki Beach Kōkopu Habitat Restoration Planting Day: We can be super proud of the effort put in by our team of students at the Planting Day. The way they all pulled up their sleeves and worked together to get the plants in the ground was superb - despite the somewhat muddy conditions. Thank you also to the army of parents who came out to help. Please read on in the enviro section to see some of the photos of the students in action.

Ross Shield: The annual Ross Shield tournament is fast approaching and the Napier Squad has just been announced. Congratulations to Akio Crofskey, Baxtar MacInnes and Samson Sherriff who have been named in the 2024 Napier Ross Shield Team.

Attendance: We are continuing to monitor attendance closely as we know the positive impact excellent attendance has on student achievement. If there is anything creating a barrier from your child attending school please let the classroom teacher know as soon as possible so that we can support you with their attendance.



Please remember to contact the office if your child is going to be away from school. This can be done the following ways:

- Ring and inform the office if your child is to be absent.
- Use the Skool Loop App by downloading the Skool Loop App for Android and Apple devices.
- email: absence@eskdale.school.nz
- Text a message: 021 114 5845
- Leave a message on the school absence phone: 836 6845
- A note with a brother or sister would also suffice.

We would appreciate being informed every day the child is away from school.

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

PRINCIPAL'S CERTIFICATES

Kotare

Charlie

Working so hard in all areas of your learning and having a can do attitude. So proud of you Charlie.

Rubi

Loving the learning journey and showing me how clever you really are. Tino pai Rubi.

Kokako

Martha

For showing kindness towards others and being a supportive friend. We can always count on you!

Ella

Working hard to proof-read your work and using your phonics knowledge to help you correct spelling errors..

Ruru

Max

Great use of descriptive words with your holiday recount Max. Loved hearing about the crazy whip you did on your motorbike. Tino pai Max!

Lucy

Keep doing what you are doing Lucy. You are consistently focused on the task at hand, setting great standards, and are an amazing role model to your peers. Tino pai e hoa!

Kane

Really nice piece of writing about your holiday. I enjoyed your use of descriptive words and how you varied your sentence structure. Ka mau te wehi!

Karoro

Izac

You have had an awesome start to the term Izac, it is clear how much pride you take in your mahi. What a fantastic role model you are to those around you.

El-lae

It is great to see you giving things a go and taking risks with you mahi - ka pai e hoa!

Tui

Zakeil

Becoming so speedy when writing your tricky words. Go you!!

Quinn

Working hard with your number equations and times tables, you are quick to share your working out and answers now Tino Pai!!

Kereru

Phoebe

Making fantastic progress in all school areas - tino pai Phoebe!

Principal Appreciation Day

Yesterday it was Tumeke Tumuaki, which is a chance to celebrate and recognise the unwavering contribution of our school principal, Tristan Cheer.

This day celebrates principals, highlighting and recognising the unique contribution and strengths they bring to our collective mahi and acknowledging the critical work he does every day.

Eskdale School would not be what it is today without Mr. Cheer's dedication and enthusiasm. Every morning, he warmly greets the tamariki at the gate with a smile, offers encouragement and support in all aspects of the children's education, and we can't forget to mention his steadfast commitment to the Warriors (and they did get a win last weekend!).

Culture Corner

Twinkling in the winter sky just before dawn, Matariki (the Pleiades) signals the Māori New Year. For Māori, the appearance of Matariki heralds a time of remembrance, joy and peace. It is a time for communities to come together and celebrate.

Around our kura there were lots of activities that our tamariki did in their classes.

Unfortunately, due to the rain we were unable to have our Waiata Celebration however it is coming up next week. We hope to see you there!



MATARIKI POEM by Evie Lennan

Matariki

Matariki is the mother of them all,
Hiwa-i-te-rangi looks very small.
Pōhutukawa is the oldest child,
Tupuānuku looks after the wild.
Waitī's rivers and lakes gently flow,
Waitā's seven seas calmly glow.
Ururangi is God of wind and breezes,
While, Waipuna-a-rangi's rain eases.

SCHOOL FUNRUN®



PTA Colour Fun Run

The PTA are excited to be organising a School Colour Fun Run with @nzschoolfunrun this year. Our Colour Fun Run date will be Friday, 27 September.

Make sure to keep your eyes peeled for a booklet to come home with instructions on how to create your child a profile to get fundraising.

This fundraising will go towards building an educational / sensory area where the old bus bay was for the new class block to use.

Any questions please email the PTA at: eskdalepta@gmail.com.

Thanks



**ESKDALE SCHOOL
PTA FUNDRAISER**

QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday
24th August
at Bay View Pub
06:00pm**

Teams of 4-8 people

\$50pp

**Ticket price
includes
dinner and
dessert**



**For ticket sales
call or txt Carla**

0279733755

Enviro News

The EnviroSchools kaupapa is about creating a healthy, peaceful, sustainable world through learning and taking action together. This Kaupapa guides all that we do and is embodied in five guiding principles that underpin the whole EnviroSchools journey:

- Empowered Learners
- Learning for Sustainability
- Te Ao Māori
- Respect for Diversity
- Sustainable Communities

The Enviro Squad have been continuing to focus on improving the school environment. We have been researching our Native Butterflies and looking at ways we can create habitats for them at school.

Waste reduction is also always a focus. We have a large worm farm here at school with some of our pupils eagerly feeding the worms with our lunchtime food scraps. The team are making their own small worm farms to take home and Nari and Angus were the first to try this out.



Towards the end of last term we welcomed Matariki and created the 9 whetū (stars) of Matariki using recycled resources. This was challenging but the students persevered...



Enviro News etc...

Waipatiki Planting Day

Last week the whole school was involved in our annual planting day. This year we partnered with Pan Pac, Te Huka Waiohinga (Esk) River Care Group and HB Regional Council to improve the biodiversity along the stream at Waipatiki. This is the breeding ground for a number of Native fish, including the rare whitebait species, the banded Kokopu.

It was a hugely successful day, with approximately 3200 plants going into the ground! Many thanks to the parents and Whānau who helped us. Our pupils will remember this day for many years to come and it was a wonderful opportunity to contribute to our wider community.

Thank you also to PanPac for sponsoring our buses and providing a sausage sizzle for our team.



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:

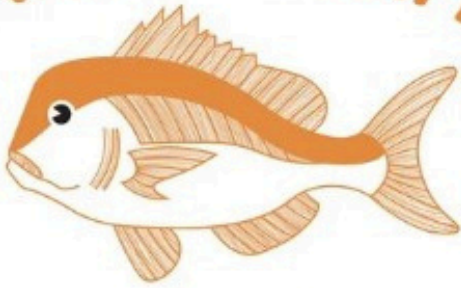
sport@eskdale.school.nz

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1/2 August Year 5-8 Forensics Visit
- 7 August Year 5/6 Coastal Cluster Soccer
- 8 August School wide Matariki Celebration
- 22 August Year 5/6 Netball Tournament
- 24 August PTA Quiz Night @ Bay View Hotel
- 27 August School Cross Country @ Petane Domain
- 28 August Year 7/8 Netball Tournament
- 30 August School Cross Country Postponement Day
- 3 September Class & Individual Photos
- 4 September Sports Team Photos
- 10 September Napier Cross Country
- 24 September HB Cross Country
- 25 September Athletics
- 27 September PTA Colour Fun Run @ School
- Last Day of Term 3



SNAPPER CAFE



BAYVIEW

The perfect setting for coffee, breakfast, brunch or lunch!

We have a fully fenced courtyard that is both child and dog friendly as well as seating inside for those cooler days!

Open Wednesday - Sunday
8.30am - 2.30pm

Show this advert and receive a HALF PRICE muffin with any coffee purchased

Located at Napier Beach TOP 10
10 Gill Road, Bay View

Childcare / Baby Sitting Available

My name is Josie and I am available for all your child care/baby sitting requirements during the evenings or on the weekends. Many years of experience. \$25.00 per hour.

Please contact me on 027 686 8602



ESK VIEW COMMUNITY playgroup

COME AND JOIN US!!.....

Tuesday mornings (school term) 9am -
12pm

Onehunga Road, Petane Domain, Bay View

For under 5's

Free of charge

Check us out on Facebook for more details



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

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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.