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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou katoa Ellerslie whānau

Lorraine Florian

The Ellerslie School community would like to acknowledge the sad passing of Lorraine Florian. Lorraine was a long-serving member of the One Tree Hill College staff who, in her role as the school's social worker, supported a number of families and students in our community over many years. This included many Ellerslie School families. She dedicated hours of her life advocating for families and children and will be sorely missed. We extend our condolences to Lorraine's family, friends and the staff at One Tree Hill College

Heading to the End of Term 3

As we race towards the end of term we are all very proud at the high level of progress, achievement and engagement that is being displayed by our students at Ellerslie School. Some of highlights include:

The APPA Rehu Tai Festival/Speech finals

Congratulations to our Year 5&6 students who made a clean sweep, winning all four categories at the Maungakiekie Kahui Ako Oral Language Festival yesterday! Congratulations to our winners: Will T (Speech), LeBron S (Spoken Word), Malaika M (Flash Talk) and Sophia B (Rap.) Each of them have made it into the Auckland Rehu Tai finals. Also to our Year 7&8 students winners. These included Thelishya T who won the Maungakiekie Kahui Ako zone Spoken Word competition and Keegan Leong who won the Remuera Zone final. Well done to all those who took part in this annual event and all the best to those going through to the Auckland finals which are being held in the last week of the term.



Kapa Haka

It is fantastic to have regular Kapa Haka practices up and running again with the support of staff and outside tutors. The Senior Kapa Haka, involving students in Years 4-8 are practising each Wednesday in the 3rd block with the support of Whaea Krystal and Whaea Elisa (girls) and Zaeben-Lee (OTHC senior student) and Tim Carson (boys). The Junior Kapa Haka (Years 0-3) is being taken by Whaea Hannah each Wednesday at lunchtime supported by Suze Tausilia.

Senior School Information Night

Thank you to the senior students who presented at the Year 7&8 information evening on Thursday. They did an excellent job explaining the Year 7&8 teaching and learning programme to the large gathering of mainly Year 5&6 parents and caregivers who were interested in finding out more about the senior school. Thank you to the staff who also attended and contributed

to the evening.

Marimba Festival

Congratulations to all the marimba and rock band players who attended the annual Auckland Marimba Festival last Saturday. It was fantastic to see much of Ellerslie's music talent on display, working together with a number of other schools and creating a magnificent sound. A huge thanks not only to the students but also to Dylan Symonds, our music specialist teacher who has spent many hours teaching the various bands as well as helping to coordinate and play in the festival. Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who encourage their children to take part in these opportunities. They can't do these things without your support.

The Pace of Educational Change

Those of you who keep connected to the media will be aware that a great deal of change is happening, quickly, within the education sector. The coalition government is committed to addressing 6 main priorities:

- **Clearer curriculum:** Establishing a knowledge-rich curriculum grounded in the science of learning.
- Better approach to literacy and numeracy: Implementing evidence-based instruction in early literacy and mathematics.
- Smarter assessment and reporting: Implementing consistent modes of monitoring student progress and achievement.
- Improved teacher training: Developing the workforce of the future, including leadership development pathways.
- Stronger learning support: Targeting effective learning support interventions for students with additional needs.
- Greater use of data: Using data and evidence to drive consistent improvement in achievement.

By the start of 2025, primary schools will be required to start implementing the new English and Mathematics curriculum. Ellerslie School is committed to ensuring these new changes are implemented at an effective pace that supports positive outcomes for both staff and students. The school believes in a balanced approach to these changes so as to ensure we don't stop doing the things that are currently making a positive difference in regards to progress and achievement. We have a great opportunity as a nation to find the educationally sound middle ground where the key teaching and learning methods can happily exist to help and benefit all students.

Buy Everything in Our House Auction - Last Day Friday 13 September

It is the last day for people to get behind this fantastic fundraiser! Our virtual house contains an amazing variety of quality products that you would want to furnish your home with, or use in your home, and vouchers to buy products and services for your home. They have all been generously donated by businesses local to Ellerslie School, and across Auckland and NZ. From indoor and outdoor furniture, homeware, books, food, pet products, the list goes on! Last chance - so click onto the auction https://www.32auctions.com/BEIOH

Trivia and Karaoke Night/ Fairy Festival

We have had 2 very successful events recently that have involved many members of the community. The Trivia and Karaoke evening held in the One Tree Hill College hall was an enjoyable evening attended by many current and former parents and friends of the school. Many thanks to all those who helped pull this together including previous Ellerslie School student Sam Franks who was the Master of Ceremonies. The annual Fairy Festival attracted thousands of people once again. Thank you to those who spent the day making and selling candy floss. Congratulations to Sarah Nuttall who coordinated both of these community occasions.

Year 6 Camp

All the best to the Year 6 students, staff and parents who are heading out to Chosen Valley in Week 10 for our annual Year 6 camp. The team is looking forward to the 3 day camp where they get to complete 10 challenging activities as well as a number of fun freetime activities including the well known camp waterslide!

See you at the Learning Celebration - Friday 20th September from 1:45pm

Ngā mihi nui Nick Butler - Principal 'To be the best we can be'



THIS WEEK AT ELLERSLIE SCHOOL

SCHOOL FOCUS

School Focus for Week 8: Be Responsible - I complete all learning to the best of my ability School Focus for Week 9: Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori School Focus for Week 10: Blue Certificates - Excellence and effort in all curriculum areas.

MILO MORNINGS AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE - YEAR 8 FUNDRAISING - 17/19/25 SEPTEMBER

Our Year 8 students will continue fundraising efforts for Leavers' Hoodies over the next couple of weeks. Milo Mornings will be held on Tuesday 17 September and Thursday 19 September. Students can bring their own cups, pay \$2.00 cash and enjoy a warm Milo before school. The next Sausage Sizzle lunch will be held on 25 September (Years 0-4), and can be purchased on Kindo. The Year 8 students would appreciate your support.

NETBALL PRIZEGIVING - THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

The Year 2, 3 and 4 prizegiving will run from 5:00pm to 5:45pm. The Year 5-8 prizegiving will run from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Both ceremonies will be held in Te Manawa. Please return kit bags and netball uniforms (washed) on the night.

PIZZA AND MUFTI (NO UNIFORM) DAY - THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

Pizza and Mufti (No Uniform) day will be held on Thursday 19 September. Pizza is \$2.50 per slice (from Pizza Hut) and can be ordered on Kindo under Other Activities. Please place orders before 3:00pm on Monday 16 September - <u>no cash orders or late orders are able to be accepted</u>. Flavours are Ham and Cheese, and Cheese and Tomato, with gluten free options available also. Mufti day is \$2.00 per child - also payable on Kindo. There is also an option of "donating a slice" to another child.



CELEBRATION OF LEARNING - FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

Parents/caregivers of students are invited to come and visit us on Friday 20 September from 1:45pm to see our celebration of learning. Take a walk through the pods, join in and see what the students are doing and what they have been working on. We look forward to seeing you there.

ELLERSLIE SCHOOL DISCOS - 17 AND 24 OCTOBER

The Ellerslie School Discos will be held on 17 and 24 October at the Ellerslie War Memorial Hall. Tickets for this fun event are only **<u>\$5.00</u>** each and can be purchased on Kindo.

Theme: At the beach.

Venue: Ellerslie War Memorial Hall, 134/138 Main Highway, Ellerslie.

Thursday 17 October:

Session 1: Years 3 and 4 Session 2: Years 7 and 8

Thursday 24 October:Session 1: Years 0, 1 and 25:00pSession 2: Years 5 and 66:30p

5:00pm-6:00pm 6:30pm-7:30pm

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Small packets of chips will be on sale for \$1.00 a packet. All children are asked to bring along their water bottles which will be kept in GG groups. Parents/caregivers are asked to <u>drop</u> <u>their child/ren off</u> at the door for each session, and then collect them at the end of each session.

HELPERS NEEDED - The fantastic support of our volunteers make every year's events possible. If you are able to assist, the following jobs on the night are: entry, crowd control, selling chips, water. If you are able to help please email Sarah Nuttall -<u>sarahn@ellerslie.school.nz</u> with which session/s and day you can help with and if you have a preferred job. We will do our best to accommodate everyone's wishes.

ELLERSLIE SCHOOL DISCOS 2024

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Thursday 24 October

Session 1 - Years 0, 1 and 2 - 5:00pm-6:00pm Session 2 - Years 5 and 6 - 6:30pm-7:30pm

> Ellerslie War Memorial Hall 134/138 Main Highway, Ellerslie



This year's theme - "At the beach" Tickets only \$5.00 each on Kindo

STAFF ONLY DAY - FRIDAY 08 NOVEMBER

The Ministry of Education has permitted schools to take a Staff Only Day so they can complete important professional development to ensure the new English and Mathematics Curriculum are ready to be implemented by the beginning of Term 1, 2025. Ellerslie School will be closed for instruction for students on Friday 8 November. Kelly Club will be open. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

Next year's Weetbix Tryathlon will be held on Sunday 30 March at Point England Reserve, registrations open 10 September with an early bird discount. Their Splash and Dash event is open for children age 6 and the Tryathlon options are open for students age 7 to 15. Ellerslie School is registered so you have the option to have your child's pack delivered to school. Click on this LINK for more information and to register your child/ren. Contact Samantha Small if you have any questions sams@ellerslie.school.nz.

SITUATIONS VACANT - TEACHER AIDE

Teacher Aide position, fixed term Do you have...

- A love of children?
- A desire to be part of a collaborative team?
- A sense of fun and humour?
- An interest in developing new skills and passions?

Ellerslie School is seeking a passionate and enthusiastic Teacher Aide to join its amazing school. This job involves working with children with special needs, includes toileting support and supporting in class. This fixed contract goes from 14 October 2024 through until December 18 2024, working school hours. Please send your CV, cover letter and completed application form to Sheree Myers at <u>applications@ellerslie.school.nz</u>. An application form can be found on the Ellerslie School website under Forms and Docs/Current Vacancies. Applications close 12pm, Monday 16 September 2024.

TEAM UPDATES

Kia ora Rimu whānau. Welcome to all our new families. We look forward to being a part of your child's Ellerslie School journey. We have continued our exploration into the different states of matter and what changes can happen to them. We are using words like solids, liquids, gases, evaporation and melting. We are looking forward to Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 2024 in Week 9 and seeing you all at our Learning Celebration on Friday.			
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Kia ora Rata Whanau We are all super excited to share our inquiry into magnetism and other learning too. We have plenty to show you. Here are some photos to give you an idea of what we have been working on! We hope to see many of you next Friday for our celebration of learning!			

MATAĪ (Years 3 and 4)

Kia ora Matai Whanau,

We have been enjoying a range of activities and learning in our team Physical Education rotation over the term. This included some outdoor running games as well as experiencing the coordination and rhythm of using traditional Māori rākau stick games and poi dancing, which was really challenging but lots of fun for our students to do. Science investigations continue through the team also, as well as some fun art in Matai 3 - check out their Frankenstein artworks below! Please also keep checking our pod Seesaw Journals for more insight into what your children are working on in their school day.











PŌHUTUKAWA (Years 5 and 6)

Our Year 5, 6 ākonga have been busy writing to inform, persuade and entertain us about 'Unity' this term. Students who were keen to get out of their 'comfort zone' chose to work with Miss Ettles to create, refine and present their message as a rap. Climate change, racism and the Olympics were a few of the spoken word topics presented to Miss Patterson. The vast majority of our students chose to write a prepared speech with Mr Leong, Mr Montalvo, Ms Waterreus, Miss Walter, Miss Campbell and Mrs Chou. Mrs Robinson and Miss Sye enjoyed working with our Flash talk students.



In celebration of their hard work, Te Kapa o Pohutukawa held our speech finals last Thursday. We had three students for each category present to their Year 5, 6 peers. Congratulations to all our finalists!

2024	Speech	Flash Talk	Rap	Spoken Word
1st place	Will T	Malaika M	Sophia B	LeBron S
2nd place	Eloise S	Bella L	Oliver T	Jacob B
3rd place	Lavishka R	Avika A	Harry M	Sophie F



CALLING ALL YUMMY STICKERS!

Please send all collected Yummy stickers to the school office by **Monday 23 September** so that Ellerslie School can apply for our share of sports gear through the nationwide Yummy Sticker scheme. If your sheets are not complete, don't worry as we can fill these for you. For more information - check out the promotion <u>HERE</u>.



ELLERSLIE SCHOOL COLOUR RUN - SAVE THE DATE

This year's Ellerslie School Colour Run will be held on Friday 15 November. More details will be sent out next term - we look forward to this fantastic event!

HEAD LICE - OUTWIT THOSE NITS

There has recently been a case of head lice identified within the school and we wanted to make sure you were kept informed. While lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread too far. It is not possible to completely prevent head lice because they're very common and breed prolifically, however we appreciate your support in trying to keep the outbreak to a minimum. As there is evidence of an outbreak we suggest that you:

- **<u>CHECK</u>** your child's head thoroughly.
- **<u>TREAT</u>** if you find evidence of eggs or lice.
- **<u>RE-CHECK</u>** after treatment to ensure it has worked.

ANXIETY PRESENTATION

The Parenting Place is holding a presentation about 'Supporting your child through anxiety and worry' by parenting coach Kristin Ward. This will be held on Tuesday 24 September at 7:00pm at Diocesan School for Girls Performing Arts Centre, Clyde Street, Epsom. If you would like to attend, please register on this LINK.

IMPORTANT DATES

17 SEPTEMBER 2024 - MILO MORNING - 8:15am-8:45am outside Rimu Pod 18 SEPTEMBER 2024 - KAURI TEAM WATER SAFETY 19 SEPTEMBER 2024 - MILO MORNING - 8:15am-8:45am outside Rimu Pod 19 SEPTEMBER 2024 - PIZZA AND MUFTI DAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2024 - NETBALL PRIZEGIVING FOR YEARS 2-4 - 5:00-5:45pm 19 SEPTEMBER 2024 - NETBALL PRIZEGIVING FOR YEARS 5-8 - 6:00pm-7:00pm 24-26 SEPTEMBER 2024 - YEAR 6 CAMP AT CHOSEN VALLEY 25 SEPTEMBER 2024 - SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH FOR YEARS 0-4 27 SEPTEMBER 2024 - LAST DAY OF TERM 3 14 OCTOBER 2024 - FIRST DAY OF TERM 4

(Dates can also be found under "Calendar" on the Ellerslie School App, and can be downloaded to your own diary.)

REMINDERS

TERM DATES FOR 2024

- Term Three Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September
- Term Four Monday 14 October to Wednesday 18 December (Holiday Labour Day 23 October)

STAFF ONLY DAY - Friday 8th November, 2024

• School is closed on this day for student learning - Kelly Club will be open.

TERM DATES FOR 2025

Please note that the following dates for the 2025 school year have been finalised as follows:

- Term One Monday 03 February to Friday 11 April (Holidays Waitangi Day 06 February)
- Term Two Monday 28 April to Friday 27 June (Holidays King's Birthday 02 June, Matariki 20 June)
- Term Three Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September
- Term Four Monday 06 October to Wednesday 17 December (Holiday Labour Day 27 October)

ABSENCES

If your child/ren is/are going to be away from school, please do one of the following **<u>BEFORE 9:00am</u>** each morning:

- call the school (579-5477), press option 1 and leave a message on the answer phone.
- use the Absence submission template on the Ellerslie School App.
- send an email to <u>office@ellerslie.school.nz</u>
- use the Absence submission form on the school website.

Please clearly state your child/ren's name, Guardian Group and reason why they are absent.

ATTENDANCE

If your child is away for 5 continuous days or more, please note that you are required to either:

- Before Travel complete an "Application for Student Extended Leave Form" link
- Illness which is not Covid-19 related provide a Medical Certificate.

CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION

We always encourage feedback both positive and anything you think we need to work on to keep making our school a great place for our learners. The Concerns and Complaints procedure encourages concerns to be resolved informally through discussions with the person concerned. If this is appropriate, please contact the relevant person directly. If this is not appropriate, the procedure provides for other avenues to resolve issues. Copies of our procedures can be found on the <u>school website</u>.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Please note that stocks of second hand uniforms are now available for sale at the Mercy Hospice Shop, 188 Ladies Mile, Ellerslie. All proceeds are to Mercy Hospice. The Ellerslie School Uniform guidelines can be found <u>HERE</u>.

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