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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou katoa Ellerslie whānau

Since our last newsletter the school has been in full Matariki celebration mode. This special time of the year goes from strength to strength as we integrate all the fantastic learning that is associated with this important cultural time of the year. Thank you to the many parents, caregivers and whānau members who attended last week's learning celebration afternoon. It was fantastic to see you all engaging with the students' learning, watching their performances, appreciating their creativity and celebrating their successes. Sitting alongside all these activities the Trees for Survival team have recently ventured out for their annual planting session as well as Kauri and Pohutukawa teams have attended the National Youth Theatre production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat.



Kauri Team Production

Week 9's, Year 7 and 8 Mānawatia, a Matariki production involving all 130 Year 7 and 8 students, was a huge success and enjoyed by all those who were lucky enough to see the performance. This included most of the students from school (Years 2-6) who came down to the community hall to witness such a great display of talents. The show had it all - acting, dancing, music performances, haka and poi as well as being culturally significant as it led the audience through the meaning and importance of Matariki. Congratulations to all those involved with the show including the large number of staff who assisted along the way. A special mention must go to the two main producers Mr Carson and Mrs Joseph-McGlashan who successfully pulled the show together in a very short timeframe with limited resources. They demonstrated tremendous use of the Ellerslie 5Cs!



Farewell to....

The school and community would like to thank Matai team teacher **Ellie Cowan** who finishes her time at Ellerslie at the end of the term and heads off overseas for new adventures. Ellie has been an outstanding teacher in the middle school for the last 2.5 years. She has contributed a great deal to the life of school and is highly respected by her students and colleagues. We thank Ellie for the dedication and effort she has put into her teaching to ensure better outcomes for the students. We wish her all the best for the journey ahead.



Ellerslie School can't thank **Lee Warburton** enough for staying on for an extra two terms this year. With the current staffing crisis biting hard across Auckland, we were very fortunate that Lee kindly agreed to continue her teaching role with us. Considering Lee's family is based in Tauranga this has been a huge commitment which we are grateful for. We have all greatly appreciated Lee's expertise and experience in the learning environment and thank her for the dedication and effort she has put into her teaching. We wish Lee all the very best as she returns to the Bay of Plenty and takes on a new teaching position at Tauriko School.



Mid Year Learning Summary

On Monday, parents and caregivers received their child(ren)'s mid year learning summary. This gives you an indication of how your child's learning is currently progressing at school. This provides an excellent opportunity for you to discuss your child's learning with them. Please celebrate those aspects that are going well and discuss those areas that they might need further focus and improvement on at school. Remember this is a mid- year check-in and, while important, the end of year learning summary is the one that gives the overall progress and achievement for the whole academic year. Students have until the end of year to be achieving and progressing within their expected curriculum level as indicated on the grey line in the learning summary. Not everyone learns at the same pace, some students may take longer than others to reach their curriculum level. What is essential though is that every student continues to show progress throughout the year. Your child's mid year learning summary will be discussed further at the Learning Discussions held next term in Week 3 on Wednesday 07 August. If you have any concerns or questions please contact your child's guardian teacher.

Cohort Entry Announcement - **PLEASE READ**

As explained in the last newsletter, the Ellerslie School Board has agreed to consult the community on the proposed adoption of a Cohort Entry Policy at Ellerslie School. Cohort entry would mean children, who have turned five and are new to school, would start in cohorts (groups). During the year there will be 2 cohort entry points, per term (8 in total):

- 1 on the first day of each term (4 times a year)
- 1 at a mid-point during a term. (4 times a year)

Cohort entry is becoming very common for a number of schools and has several advantages. For detailed information about cohort entry please click [here](#). To have your say regarding the proposed adoption of a Cohort Entry Policy please complete the community survey [here](#). If agreed and finalised, the new cohort entry policy would start at the beginning of Term 1, 2025.

Timelines

- Terms 2 and 3: Consultation period with staff, parents of current and prospective parents, early learning services to consider whether new the policy is generally acceptable.
- Term 3, Week 8: announce the outcome of consultation and release draft new policy
- Term 4, Week 1: Finalise changes - *if accepted*
- 2025, Term 1, Week 1: Adopt new cohort entry policy - *if accepted*

Online Safety

As we head into the holidays, it is a good opportunity to support parents and caregivers with information about how to keep children safe when online. Here are seven steps to help you from Netsafe. The [Online Safety Parent Toolkit](#) is designed to enhance your digital parenting knowledge and has been developed with parents in mind.



1. **Understand:** Read about the potential online risks, challenges and sometimes illegal behaviour young people face to understand what may happen
2. **Learn:** Ask your child about what they do, how they use devices and who they talk to learn about their activities. Check in regularly to see what has changed
3. **Explore:** Take the time yourself to explore the sites, apps and technologies your child uses to improve your knowledge and understand their experience
4. **Agree:** Create a family code with your child to agree on what they can do online including sites to visit, appropriate behaviours, privacy settings and limits
5. **Teach:** Recognise each child has unique needs, but some online safety concepts are universal. Start by teaching yours the Five tips to help your child thrive
6. **Model:** Be a good example to your child. Make sure you role model the sort of behaviours you want to see your child use online and offline
7. **Plan:** Make a plan so everybody knows what to do if something goes wrong and where you will be able to get advice and support in challenging times

Thank You

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to our 65 hard working and dedicated staff members who have successfully completed the first half of 2024. Every day the staff arrive at school ready and committed to do their very best to ensure we are striving to always provide a safe and supportive place where students can be the best they can be. All staff, right across the organisation play an essential role in helping to ensure everyone can learn and enjoy their time at school.

Enjoy the upcoming winter break with family and friends. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 22 July for the start of Term 3.

Ngā mihi nui

Nick Butler - Principal

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THIS WEEK AT ELLERSLIE SCHOOL

SCHOOL FOCUS

School Focus for Week 10: Term 2 Blue Certificate Assembly - for excellence and achievement in Term 2.

LAST DAY OF TERM TWO

Tomorrow (Friday 05 July) is the last day of Term Two. School finishes at the **normal time of 2:45pm**. School resumes after the holidays on Monday 22 July.

HOLIDAY SAFETY MESSAGE

The holiday breaks can be a busy time for vandals. Should you notice any suspicious behaviour around our school during the break, please contact the police immediately on 111. Also, please keep safe at all times! Be careful near the roads and keep an eye out for any little ones. We all want to see our students next term, all safe and sound.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photolife Shoot Keys were sent home a couple of weeks ago with children who had their school photos taken earlier in the term. These can be ordered online at www.photolife.co.nz. Orders placed online before midnight on Sunday 07 July, will include free delivery to Ellerslie School. If you need assistance, Photolife can be contacted by phone 0800-501-040.

ELLERSLIE SCHOOL'S TRIVIA AND KARAOKE FUNDRAISER NIGHT - FRIDAY 30 AUGUST

Every year our Trivia and Karaoke Night fundraisers are sell-outs with only 240 tickets available! You can book a table for eight people, or let Sarah know if you would like to join a table. The theme this year is 'A Day At The Beach' so come dressed as something beach or under the sea themed. The best dressed team wins a prize! Sam, our MC is always hilarious and you'll have a lot of fun taking part in the trivia quiz, then sing the night away with your best karaoke songs! Tickets are \$25.00 per person and this includes unlimited photostrips to take home. Food will be available to buy and details will be emailed to you after tickets are purchased. Click here to book your tickets: [EVENTBRITE LINK](#).

ELLERSLIE SCHOOL'S
'A DAY AT THE BEACH'
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BUY EVERYTHING IN OUR HOUSE AUCTION

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With just over eight weeks to go before our 'Buy Everything In Our House' on-line auction starts on 12 August, generous businesses are donating fantastic products and vouchers every week, many including from school parents who own or work for a business [LINK](#).

Literally anything a business would like to donate, we can link to a room or the garage, shed or garden of our virtual house, and in return, they will receive a very wide range of promotion to thousands of potential customers. Please go to the homepage of our website and click on the blue tabs to see who has donated already, and how businesses can come on board: <https://www.ellerslie.school.nz/>

Thank you to our Buy Everything In Our House event sponsor 'The Local Team' from Barfoot & Thompson Ellerslie.



IMPORTANT DATES

05 JULY 2024 - LAST DAY OF TERM TWO

22 JULY 2024 - FIRST DAY OF TERM THREE

07 AUGUST 2024 - PARENT/TEACHER LEARNING DISCUSSIONS - Further details to be advised in Term 3

30 AUGUST 2024 - ELLERSLIE SCHOOL'S TRIVIA AND KARAOKE FUNDRAISER NIGHT

(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 Two - Monday 29 April to Friday 05 July** (Holidays - King's Birthday 03 June, Matariki 28 June)
- **Term Three - Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September**
- **Term Four - Monday 14 October to Wednesday 18 December** (Holiday - Labour Day 23 October)

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 **BEFORE 9:00am** 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 office@ellerslie.school.nz
- 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 [school website](#).

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ages 5 - 15

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The advertisement features a purple and orange color scheme. At the top, the text 'HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES' is in large white letters on an orange background, with 'ages 5 - 15' below it. The middle section is purple with white text for 'Disney BEAUTY AND THE BEAST Musical Theatre' and 'Little Rockers Join a Band'. To the right, 'Songwriting & Make a Music Video' is listed. At the bottom, there is a photo of children performing and the Ellette's logo with contact information.



July 2024
HOLIDAY PROGRAMS
Drop-Off 8:30-9:00am | Pick-Up 3-3:30pm

REMUERA
St Michael's School
Monday July 8th
Tuesday July 9th
Wednesday July 10th

Price: \$85 per child | Winter Promo: Two for \$150!

The advertisement has a teal background with white snowflake patterns. At the top, there is a photo of children performing with the text 'July 2024' in a white script font and 'HOLIDAY PROGRAMS' in bold black letters. Below that, the drop-off and pick-up times are listed. The location 'REMUERA' and the school 'St Michael's School' are mentioned, along with the dates of the program. At the bottom, the price and a winter promo are highlighted.