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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Tena koutou katoa Ellerslie whānau Cohort Entry

The proposed cohort entry consultation has been completed. Thank you to those who engaged in this process. Since early June the school has consulted with:

- Early childhood providers
- School Staff
- Current school community

The majority of all three groups have indicated that they support the adoption of a cohort entry policy from Term 1, 2025. In fact 78.6% of the community who completed the survey indicated they were in favour of cohort entry.

The Board has now approved the adoption of a cohort entry policy which will start at the beginning of Term 1, 2025. This has been endorsed by the Ministry of Education.

The school is required to give the community at least a term's notice before cohort entry begins. As a reminder, cohort entry only applies to new entrant children who have turned 5. From the beginning of 2025 they will start school in cohort groups. There are 8 cohort entry times throughout the year - 4 at the beginning of each term and 4 at the midway point of each term. Cohort entry does not apply to the enrolment of students coming in to Yrs2-8 and any student coming into Year 0-1 who they have already been enrolled in a school. Cohort entry dates are opposite.

### Year 6 Camp

The annual Year 6 camp held at Chosen Valley has become a 'must attend' highlight of the school year. This year was no exception. The last 3 days at camp have been amazing. The 100 students, 7 staff and 16 parents enjoyed a fantastic time out at Ararimu. The students completed 10 activities over the 3 days, on top of having a go on the new flying fox and crazy camp waterslide, the nighttime Burma trail and enjoying roasted marshmallows around the campfire. All of these events were run and organised by our amazing staff and parent helpers. Congratulations to all the students on their efforts, encouragement



## Ellerslie School's Entry Dates 2025

We will have 8 entry dates for  
5 year olds throughout the year.

### Start of Term Date

- 03 February 2025
- 28 April 2025
- 14 July 2025
- 06 October 2025

### Mid Term Date

- 10 March 2025
- 26 May 2025
- 18 August 2025
- 10 November 2025

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and for giving everything a go. Once again they were outstanding ambassadors of Ellerslie School. Many thanks to all the parent helpers: Brendon, Ange, Deanna, Catriona, Corrina, Darin, Daisy, Dipak, Amanda, Dan, Shaun, Phillip, Darren, Joanni, Pete and Shar - you were fantastic! And of course to our incredible staff - Camp leader Elisa Patterson, supported by Hanna Ettles, Lily Robinsin, Caitlin Sye and camp chefs John Macnaughtan and Sharon Wilson. Your mahi was outstanding!

### **Kapa Haka leaders**

The school ended our Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori in Week 9 with the special presentation of the first 4 of our cultural awards. This went to 4 students who are showing outstanding leadership particularly in the area of kapa haka. Congratulations to Vea Atu, Aryanna Naulago, Devonte Laulaupea'alu, Charlie Vincent. To acknowledge their leadership and mana they were presented with special school korowai. Thank you to those who organised this special ceremony - Whaea Hannah, Matua Tim, Whaea Krystal and Zaeben-Lee from One Tree Hill College. Also, huge thanks to the talented staff member Melissa Avery-Jacobs who created the korowai. These will remain at school and be used for special occasions.



### **APPA Speech Competition - Grand Finals**

This week we have seen Ellerslie students representing the school and Kahui Ako in the Rehui Tai Oral Language Festival grand finals held at Remuera Intermediate. This involved all the Year 5-8 zone finalists from around Auckland. Congratulations to Year 5 and / Yr 7&8 competitors who performed. A massive congratulations to Keegan Leong who won the prepared speech category. This is an outstanding achievement and means Keegan is Auckland's prepared speech champion for 2024. Well done! Thank you to all the people - staff and parents, who have supported the children through the speech competition process this term. It was noted by the organiser how well Ellerslie School has done in this area.



### **Remuera Zones Cross Country - WINNER**

Nate Butler has done it again for the second year in a row - he has won the Year 6 Boys Remuera Zones Cross Country event held at St Kentigern College. This is a fantastic achievement by Nate who ran a well paced race. With stiff competition clipping his heels, he strategically left plenty of fuel in the tank for the last 500 metres. Congratulations RZ Champion Nate!

### **Netball Celebrations 2024**

The annual netball celebration evening was held last week at school in Te Manawa. This provided an opportunity for the 15 netball teams, their whanau and supporters to reflect on an excellent season in the Auckland netball competition. Congratulations to all our Yr 2-8 players for their dedication, effort and improvement, they showed throughout the winter. The school has been well represented at the netball centre in 2024 with all teams playing with pride and spirit. Congratulations to the teams who came second in their competition. Thank you to all those parents, whanau and staff who have volunteered to assist our netball programme whether it has been coaching, managing or umpiring. A special thank you to Fiona Bilsborough who has done another outstanding job coordinating the 2024 netball programme.

### **Farewell**

Sadly at the end of this term staff member and Teacher Aide Dimuthu Sumathipala is finishing her time at Ellerslie and heading to Australia with her family. We sincerely thank Dimuthu for her 4 years of outstanding service and commitment to Ellerslie School. Over her time she has helped a number of students and made a big difference. She has also provided excellent support to the other staff she has worked with. We wish Dimuthu and her whānau all the best as they start their new adventure.

### **Thank you our Amazing Staff**

It's been another successful term that has included a number of important events, celebrations and experiences for the students of Ellerslie School. I would like to sincerely thank all the staff across the organisation that have worked tirelessly to ensure the students are provided every opportunity to be the best they can be. They are a fantastic team of people who work daily to get the most out of our students.

Finally, we wish all families a safe holiday period and we look forward to the challenges and opportunities that the final term will present, along with an opportunity to join together to celebrate the successes of 2024.

Ngā mihi nui

Nick Butler - Principal

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## THIS WEEK AT ELLERSLIE SCHOOL

### SCHOOL FOCUS

School Focus for Week 10: Blue Certificates - Excellence and effort in all curriculum areas.

### LAST DAY OF TERM THREE

Today - Friday 27 September - is the last day of Term Three. School finishes at the **normal time of 2:45pm**. School resumes after the holidays on Monday 14 October.

### 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.

### ATTENDANCE

As we head into Term 4, we want to remind everyone of the ongoing importance of coming to school and having good attendance. Every school day is an important school day and it remains crucial for student learning and engagement. Regular attendance not only supports academic progress but also strengthens connections with peers and the school community. Let's work together to keep attendance up and ensure a successful end to the year!

### OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS 2025

The Ellerslie Board invites out of zone applications from parents who wish to enrol their children at Ellerslie School in 2025. The following places are available for out of zone students:

- Siblings of current Ellerslie School students who will start as a new entrant (Year 0/1) in 2025.

The Board is prepared to receive out of zone applications up until Tuesday 15 October 2024. If a ballot is required it will be held on Tuesday 22 October, 2024. Parents/caregivers will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held. To complete an enrolment, please visit the Ellerslie School website - [www.ellerslie.school.nz](http://www.ellerslie.school.nz) and click on "Enrol Now" on the homepage.

### 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 **\$5.00** 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**                      **5:00pm-6:00pm**

**Session 2: Years 7 and 8**                      **6:30pm-7:45pm**

#### **Thursday 24 October:**

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

**Session 2: Years 5 and 6**                      **6:30pm-7:30pm**

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 drop their child/ren off 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 - [sarahn@ellerslie.school.nz](mailto:sarahn@ellerslie.school.nz) 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.

### 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.

### SUNSHADE, HATS AND SUNSCREEN

We are committed to keeping our children safe in the sun and have developed Sun Safe Procedures accordingly. Children are

required to wear school uniform hats when playing in the sun in Terms 1 and 4. It is essential that children have hats at school every day. We strongly encourage the wearing of hats to and from school, and also suggest the use of sunscreen. Hats can be purchased through the Argyle online website, via Kindo or at the school office.

#### LOOK SHARP DISCOUNT

The QR code pictured right, will enable all friends and family of Ellerslie School to receive a 10% discount off purchases when shopping at Look Sharp stores.

#### 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:

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

#### ELLERSLIE SCHOOL COLOUR RUN - FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER - 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Our Colour Run was a lot of fun last year and a sellout, so we're doing it again! Tickets are staying the same price, and need to be bought for all children taking part including under 5 year olds:

- Everyone will have lots of different colour powder thrown over them while going through, under and over fun obstacles!
- Everyone will receive their own packet of powder to throw at the end in the dance party zone!
- We're adding activities for everyone to take part in between the obstacles!
- This year you don't have to book a time to start. 30 people will start every minute.
- The day before the event, your child will bring home a wristband for every ticket bought. Everyone will need to wear a wristband at the start line to take part.
- We'll have lots of food and drink to buy as part of our fundraising event.

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Everyone gets their own packet of powder to throw at the end in the Dance Zone!

**Book on Kindo NOW!**

It was a sell-out with 600 people taking part last year!

Please email [sarahn@ellerslie.school.nz](mailto:sarahn@ellerslie.school.nz) with questions

## IMPORTANT DATES

**27 SEPTEMBER 2024 - LAST DAY OF TERM 3**

**14 OCTOBER 2024 - FIRST DAY OF TERM 4**

**15 NOVEMBER 2024 - ELLERSLIE SCHOOL COLOUR RUN - 5:00pm-8:00pm**

*(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 **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](mailto: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](#).

### MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If your child requires the school to hold any medical equipment such as asthma inhalers or epi pens, please deliver these to the school office with a completed medical form, which can be found on the Ellerslie School website under "Forms and Docs".

### SECOND HAND UNIFORM

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