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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Tena koutou katoa Ellerslie whānau

Nau mai haere mai and welcome to Term 3, 2024! It was fantastic to see all the students returning last week after the winter break, full of holiday stories and experiences with family and friends. We hope you enjoyed the time with your whānau.

### Welcome to new Staff and Families

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new students and families who have joined the school in the last few weeks. The school roll is now currently sitting at just under 800 students. This is around 30 more students than at the same time last year. Out of the 40 students who have recently enrolled, around 22 have started in Year 0 and 18 have started across the school in Years 2-7. We would also like to welcome new staff to the school and share some other changes:



- Jasmine Kim - GG5 Teacher: Years 3 and 4 in Mataī 2
- Lily Robinson - GG23 Teacher: Years 5 and 6 in Pohutukawa 2
- Caitlin Sye - GG10 Teacher: Year 5 and 6 in Pohutukawa 3
- Roshan Gul - Wednesday Music Teacher
- Leanne Breen - Nest Teacher
- Hayley Baxter - joins the part time release team
- Elisabeth Price - joins Year 1 in Rimu 2 on Fridays

### Curriculum Overview for Term 3

On top of 1 hour each a day of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, the school will also engage in a Science focus this term which will cover a number of different concepts across the school. This includes:

Theme: Innovation - Curriculum Main Focus Area: Science, The Physical World

- Rimu Years 0/1: When things get hot or cold they can change / Heating and cooling/ Floating and sinking
- Rata Year 2: Light and sound - innovations with light and sound / Magnets/ Push/pull
- Matai Years 3/4: Electricity - how it works/ Building circuits / Recording and timing the Olympics accurately
- Pohutukawa Years 5/6: Air resistance-planes and other transport/Water resistance/Friction/Force of gravity/ Electricity
- Kauri Years 7/8:Global innovation/ Renewable resources, Solar, Wind, Hydro, Electric vehicles

### Attendance

The positive news is that compared to Term 2, 2023 we have improved our attendance rates for Term 2, 2024 by 6%. Last term, 70% of Ellerslie students attended school for over 90% of the term. This is a pleasing result however we are still 10% short of

the national target (80%) and 20% off the school target of **'90% of students attending school 90% of the time'**. If you require support with school attendance please contact our Learning Support Coordinator - Bailey Harrison [baileyh@ellerslie.school.nz](mailto:baileyh@ellerslie.school.nz).

### Thank you - Dance A thon

We would like to extend our huge appreciation to all those who helped raise money for our Dance A thon back in Term 2. We raised just over \$18,000 which is going towards Stage 1 of the new school and community bike track. As a reminder, Stage 1 involves the installation of a 1.8m new concrete pathway which will link up the back gate with the school's main boulevard. The new pathway will run along the Trends building and down past the portacom classrooms. It will be used by both pedestrians and cyclists meaning people do not have to walk across the wet field after rain. We are currently finalising quotes and will hopefully get the job started before October.

### Learning Discussions

The Term 3 Learning Discussions are an important date in the school calendar. It is the time when teachers and parents and students (Yr5-8) connect to discuss how learning is progressing at school. These are happening on Wednesday 7th August from 2.00pm onwards. Please note that in Years 5-8 these discussions are known as Three Way Learning Discussions which involve teachers, parents and students. **With this in mind students in Years 5-8 must attend these Three Way Learning Discussions.** Years 0-4 students are not required to attend the Teacher, Parent learning discussions. For more information about Three-way learning Discussions please see the booking link in the "This week at Ellerslie School" section. **Please ensure you have taken the opportunity to read and discuss your child's Mid Year Learning Summary before the learning discussions.**

### Cohort Entry UPDATE

The consultation around a proposed move to cohort entry continues. As a reminder, 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.

### Measles – what you need to know - from the Ministry of Health

Not enough New Zealanders are immunised against measles, which means there is a very high risk of an outbreak.

- The best protection against measles is two doses of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine – free for all young people aged 18 and under in New Zealand and all adults over the age of 18 who are eligible for free New Zealand healthcare.
- The first symptoms of measles are fever, cough, runny nose and sore red eyes, followed by a red or dark pink rash typically starting on the face or behind the ears three days after the first symptoms before moving down the body. If you observe these symptoms, encourage parents and/or caregivers to contact their healthcare provider or Healthline on 0800 611 116 immediately.

### Talking to your Children about School and Learning

Taking the time to listen and discuss how school is going with your child(ren) is really important, but not always easy. While many times it seems that children are not interested in talking about their day, often it is about asking the right questions, at the right time, removing the distractions and activity listening. For adults this also may mean disconnecting from our own 'busyness' and from our own technology. **One thing to realise is that children have different ways of listening. They don't need to be looking at you and could even seem distracted but rest assured they are most likely listening and able to respond.**

Here are some useful questions that might help to get conversation happening:

1. *Can you tell me about the best part of your day?*
2. *What was the hardest thing you had to do?*
3. *Who did you play with at break times?*
4. *Did anyone do anything funny?*
5. *What did you talk about or learn today?*
6. *What was the most interesting thing your teacher said today?*

Asking positive questions is always a more successful way to get children to talk, however, like adults, sometimes children just don't feel like talking at that particular time. It is important to know when to stop asking questions and leave it for another time. Time and place can also be important for children. Some are happy to chat at the dinner table, others find it easier in the car, while out for a walk or just before they go to sleep. Children are also interested to hear what you have been doing so don't be afraid to get them asking you questions. For more ways to support your children please refer to the Ministry of Education [website](#).

Ngā mihi nui

Nick Butler - Principal

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## THIS WEEK AT ELLERSLIE SCHOOL

### SCHOOL FOCUS

School Focus for Week 2: Be Respectful - I listen to others.

School Focus for Week 3: Be Kind - I share.

School Focus for Week 4: Teacher's choice related to the 5Bs.

### PARENT/TEACHER LEARNING DISCUSSIONS - WEDNESDAY 07 AUGUST

The next round of this year's Parent/Teacher Learning Discussions for all Guardian Groups (except GG15) will be held on Wednesday 07 August from 2:00pm. School will close **at the earlier time of 1:45pm on Wednesday 07 August** so please arrange early collection of your child/ren. Information and booking details were emailed to parents/caregivers last week - these can be booked using the QR code (right) which links to the [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) website. Separate information about GG15's sessions were emailed to caregivers last week also.



### WRAP GROUP GARDEN WORKING BEE - THURSDAY 15 AUGUST

We need your help! Our Wrap Group will be holding a working bee to transform the Ellerslie School garden. This will be held on Thursday 15 August from 3:45pm-4:30pm. We will be clearing the garden bed, planting seedlings and enjoying a treat from the rhubarb we grow. Everyone is welcome to come and join in - all ages and abilities - meet on the steps of Pohutukawa Pod 1. Bring your gardening gloves and enthusiasm - we want to teach you!

### NEW PARENT INFORMATION SESSION - WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST

Here at Ellerslie School, we understand the significance of the milestone of your child beginning school at 5. As a parent, you may have many questions ranging from what happens during your child's day, to how you can support them at home. If you would like to learn more about school as a 5 year old, please come along to our information session for New Entrant parent/guardians on Wednesday 21 August from 9:00am - 10:00am in our school staffroom with our Deputy Principal, Jillian Mitchell.

### DROP, KISS AND GO

Thanks to all the fabulous families who are using the drop, kiss and go in the mornings. This is available for any students at Ellerslie School - our Travelwise monitors can walk your tamariki up to class if they are not confident to walk by themselves.

### 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 [HERE](#).

### ENROLMENTS



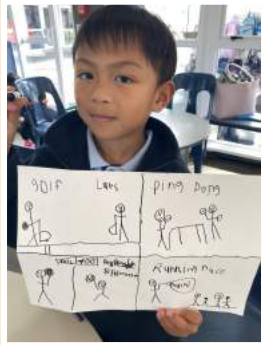







Do you have, or know of any 4 year olds turning 5 this year, who are in the Ellerslie School zone and are planning to be enrolled at Ellerslie in 2023 or 2024? The number of students we can confirm as coming to Ellerslie has a direct effect on staffing so the more we know the better it is for all. We would also appreciate knowing of any other families moving to the area with students at other year levels who will be joining us in 2023. Enrolment packs are available online to complete or: email [shereem@ellerslie.school.nz](mailto:shereem@ellerslie.school.nz) with the child's name, date of birth and 2023/2024 year level, if currently enrolled at another school.

### ELLERSLIE SCHOOL WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Our Walking School Bus is great on so many levels including that you don't have to find a carpark space near school in the morning, and you and your child get to meet new families at school. Running three times a week from Ellerslie Fountain and every day from Abbots Way, we'd love you to join. We just ask that a family member walks with the group at least once a term as the Walking School Bus is run by parent volunteers with a Lead Volunteer already in place for each day. You can walk every time if you wish. If you would like to join as a Lead Volunteer on Tuesdays or Thursdays, please let Sarah know. It is an easy, fun and very valuable way to be involved at school. All students receive a bus ticket that is clipped every time they walk, are given keyring rewards, and a yellow rain poncho. Please contact [sarahn@ellerslie.school.nz](mailto:sarahn@ellerslie.school.nz) if you have any questions and if your child would like to join.



**TEAM UPDATES**

<p><i>RIMU</i> (Years 0 and 1)</p>	<p>Kia ora Rimu Whanau</p> <p>Welcome to Term 3 and especially to all our new families that have joined our school. We look forward to being a part of your child's Ellerslie school journey. We are straight into our learning around the Olympics. We are all sure that we will be future Olympians here in the Rimu team!</p> <p>Moving forward for the term our main focus is Science and we will be learning about the different states of matter and what floats and sinks. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Learning discussions next week.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">    </div>
<p><i>RATA</i> (Year 2)</p>	<p>Kia ora Rata Whanau</p> <p>Our Rata children had a fantastic day celebrating 100 years at school! We wrote about what we would be like when we are 100 years old and brought in 100 items such as a paper chain made up of 100 pieces, 100 wine labels ( hick), 100 grams of one hundred thousands! We even have a batch of biscuits with 100 chocolate chips inside!! We had fun counting these in different ways. Check out the pictures below. Thanks for supporting us Rata families especially considering it was the first week back :)</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">     </div>
<p><i>MATAI</i> (Years 3 and 4)</p>	<p>Kia ora Matai Whanau and welcome to Term 3.</p> <p>We are all excited to see everyone back and ready for some more awesome learning. We are enjoying discussions in pods about the Olympic Games that are currently on and doing some learning around this. Our main inquiry focus this term is in Science, more specifically the Science around physical phenomena such as Electricity. We are also working hard on our Fitness this term in training for our upcoming Cross Country.</p> <p>As it is still the season for sniffs and sniffles, can we ask that (if you haven't already) donate a box of tissues to your child's pod. We really value having conversations with family about their child's learning so we are currently preparing for our Learning Conversations next week. We look forward to another productive and great term of learning.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">    </div>

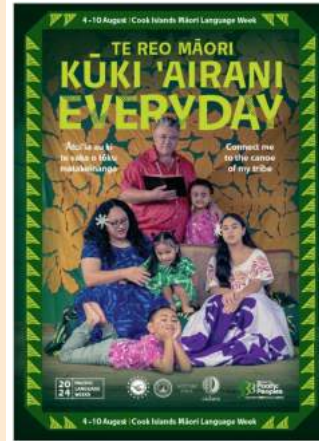
**PŌHUTUKAWA**  
(Years 5 and 6)



Nau mai, Haere mai ki te Wahanga Tuatoru i te tau 2024! We launched into Term 3 with a special visit from NZ Olympian and Commonwealth Games gold medalist, Richie Patterson! Our Year 5, 6 ākonga were a captivated audience as he shared with us his weightlifting journey. Richie is a walking example of the Olympic values of excellence, respect and friendship. However what impressed us the most was his GRIT! His challenge to us all was to select a sports person in an opposing team, select a skill or talent they have that you admire and at the end of a game, let them know what you admired in them. Congratulations to Sophie and Indie who received Olympic pins from Richie and to AJ for getting his autograph. We were all star struck! A BIG shout out goes to Ms Waterreus for organising this for us.

Our budding scientists have been learning about the scientific process and are set to investigate different physical world experiments. We have a range of visual art getting started, based around the Olympics, using mediums such as clay, tin foil, scratch art and paper mache. If you have any spare newspaper at home, please send it to Pōhutukawa Pod 2. We will put it to great use this term. Our Year 6 Positive Puberty session this week was a great success. Be sure to ask your child/dren all about it. They have lots of learning to share. Remuera Zone Winter Sport teams have been announced and training is well underway. An email for parents/caregivers of our athletes is on its way to you soon.

See you on Wednesday for our whanau conferences. Please ensure your Year 5, 6 child/ren attend with you. We look forward to celebrating Cook Island language and culture next week too.



**KAURI**  
(Years 7 and 8)

Kia ora koutou Kauri whānau.  
We hit the ground running for Term 3 with our first Zone Day last Friday. We took a Y7 Girls and Y8 Girls team to the E.Z. Netball Tournament and were very fortunate to get a day of lovely sunshine after a week of mostly rainy days! Both teams really worked hard and displayed amazing sportsmanship. Our Year 8 girls played six games, only losing their last game of the day which was the playoff for 1st and 2nd in their grade. Our Y7 Girls won five of their six games and had one draw. They were unfortunate to miss out on first place due to their points differential against the team they drew to. This week, we have taken part in our biennial Pubertal Change sessions with NEST. There was a lot of giggling but also a lot of good questioning and positive interactions. We are underway with our Cross Country training and will be running Mathex training sessions from next week in preparation for the Mathex Competition in Week 5.



**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](#).

Community volunteers are needed to help at this event - please register here: [volunteersignup.org/PCM7D](http://volunteersignup.org/PCM7D)  
 Please contact Sarah anytime with questions: 0212953189 or [sarah@ellerslie.school.nz](mailto:sarah@ellerslie.school.nz)

**We need your help please!**

**Bring in one of your favourite snacks, and we will use it to make fundraising hampers!**

**When: Friday 9 August from 8:15am-8:50am in front of the school office.**

**Raffle tickets will be sold soon!**  
**Be in to win these hampers and other great prizes as well!**

**Money raised will be used to buy STEAM resources.**

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Our 'Buy Everything In Our House' on-line auction starts on 12 August! We currently have generous businesses donating fantastic products and vouchers every week, many including from school parents who own or work for a business [LINK](#).

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**07 AUGUST 2024 - PARENT/TEACHER LEARNING DISCUSSIONS - school finishes at 1:45pm**

**13 AUGUST 2024 - YEAR 7-8 GIRLS BASKETBALL**

**15 AUGUST 2024 - YEAR 7-8 BOYS BASKETBALL**

**19 AUGUST 2024 - KAURI TEAM WATER SAFETY SESSION 1**

**20 AUGUST 2024 - SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**

**22 AUGUST 2024 - YEAR 7-8 MATHEX**

**23 AUGUST 2024 - KAURI TEAM WATER SAFETY SESSION 2**

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

**24 SEPTEMBER 2024 - YEAR 6 CAMP AT CHOSEN VALLEY**

*(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)

### 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.

### SCHOOL TIMETABLE REMINDER

8.30am Bell	Learning areas are open for all students.
Block 1	8:50am - 10:00am
<b>Fruit Break</b>	<b>10:00am-10:10am</b>
Block 2	10:10am - 11:20am
<b>Morning Tea Break</b>	<b>11:20am - 11:40am</b>
Block 3	11:40am - 12:50pm
<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>12:50pm - 1:35pm</b>
Block 4	1:35pm - 2:45pm

### 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](#).

### MESSAGES

Sometimes it is not always possible to pass messages to your child/ren during the school day as they are in class immersed in learning. Please try and make after school arrangements prior to your child/ren arriving at school.

### IMPORTANT - UPDATING YOUR DETAILS

Do we have your correct contact details? Have you changed your phone number, address, email or emergency contacts over the holidays? Are we able to contact you or an alternative person in an emergency? Are you receiving our school newsletters to your correct email address? If you need to update any of these, please email [office@ellerslie.school.nz](mailto:office@ellerslie.school.nz) with your child/ren's name and updated information.

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