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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou katoa Ellerslie whānau

The recent Paris Olympics proved again how successful New Zealanders can be on the world stage. Not only have we witnessed a number of outstanding performances, across a range of sports, we have also been impressed at the athletes' reflections and messages. It was impressive to hear them acknowledge and show their enormous gratitude towards all those people who have assisted them over the years. It was a great reminder that it often takes a village of support, effort and sacrifice for individuals to be given the chance to excel at the very top. For our young people who were watching and learning it demonstrated that people can achieve incredible results while also remaining well grounded, humble and grateful. Bring on LA2028!

Events and Experiences

Thank you to all our fantastic musicians who entertained the school back in Week 2 with their outdoor performance. We all enjoyed watching and hearing the ukulele group, the marimba players and both development and main rock bands. Thank you Mr Symonds for pulling this together. Recently our Year 7 and 8 students visited the Heart Foundation across the road and also took part in the Eastern Zones Basketball competition. Last week it was fantastic to see teams from St Kentigerns Girls and St Michael's School at Ellerslie taking part in netball and football games. Of course I have to mention the Rimu Team Olympic Games opening ceremony event and the Rata Team 100 days at school celebration - all engaging and authentic learning experiences for the students.

Exciting Fundraising

The 'Buy Everything in Our House' online auction fundraiser is up and running! This new and exciting initiative is all the work of Sarah Nuttall who has spent many hours getting sponsors onboard and pulling everything together. There are over 200 items for sale online - all at fantastic prices and there really is something for everyone. The school is aiming to raise over \$70k, money that will go towards essential resources and playground enhancements to ensure everyone enjoys what the school can offer. Thank you to all our generous sponsors who have come onboard and donated a number items towards the auction. The auction is only live until 13 September. Please see the details below.



Learning Discussions - Thank you

Thank you to all the parents / caregivers and students who attended the learning discussions last week. We hope the opportunity provided you with a worthwhile chance to connect with one of your child's Guardian Group teachers in order to discuss their current progress and achievement as well as how they are going at school in relation to the 5Cs and 5Bs. Educating our young people is a team effort and parents often want to know what they can do to help their children progress and achieve. Some of this would have been discussed with your child's teacher at your meeting. Also the Ministry of Education has a number of resources that whānau can access. Please click [here](#). Thank you to all the teachers who have spent many hours preparing for the learning discussions. Please contact your child's GG teacher if you have any questions following your recent learning discussions.

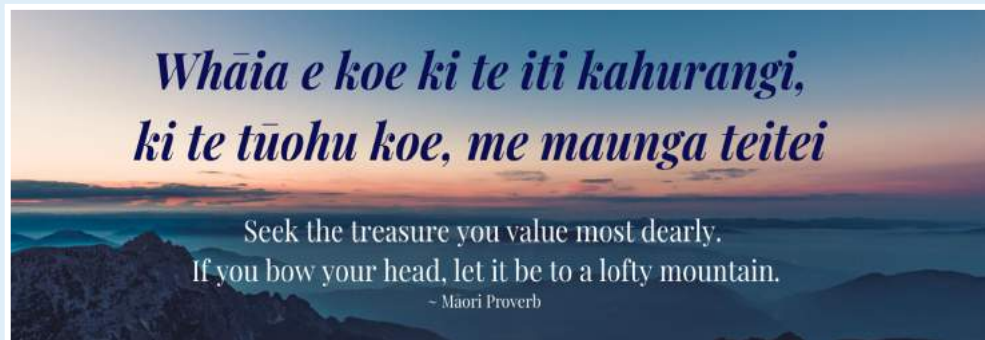
Playground Safety and Supervision - A Reminder

Ellerslie School is a community school with excellent playgrounds and outdoor facilities that are able to be accessed after school hours. Community members are welcomed and encouraged to use the playgrounds and outdoor facilities during these times. All three school playgrounds receive a thorough health and safety audit each year and are well maintained. **Please remember that the school is not responsible for the supervision of any children using the playgrounds or outdoor facilities between 2.45pm-8.30am or during the weekends.** Please be aware that no Ellerslie School staff will be supervising students after 2.45pm each weekday. This is due to staff being involved with professional development meetings and with other commitments. The school asks that young children are supervised on the school playgrounds and when using the facilities, outside school hours. Thank you for your cooperation.

Ngā mihi nui

Nick Butler - Principal

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THIS WEEK AT ELLERSLIE SCHOOL

SCHOOL FOCUS

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

School Focus for Week 5: Be Helpful - I look after my environment

School Focus for Week 6: Be A Good Friend - I am a positive influence on others.

ELLERSLIE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY - TUESDAY 20 AUGUST

Our school Cross Country event will take place on Tuesday 20 August at Ellerslie School. All students from Years 0-8 will take part in a race. Here is the general timetable for the day:

- Mataī Team (Years 3/4) - Block 1: 8:50am to 10:00am
- Pōhutukawa Team (Years 5/6) - Block 2: 10:10am to 11:20am
- Kauri Team (Years 7/8) - Block 3: 11:40am to 12:50pm
- Rimu and Rata Teams (Years 0-2) - Block 4: 1:35pm - 2:45pm

Students should wear their whānau house colour T-shirt or school PE kit and appropriate running shoes on the day. House shirts are available for sale on [Kindo](#). All whānau are welcome to attend this event and support our tamariki. Any weather related changes to the event will be posted to the Ellerslie School Facebook page on the day. If you have any questions regarding this activity, please contact your child's Guardian Group teacher.



WRAP GROUP GARDEN WORKING BEE - *DATE CHANGE* - TUESDAY 20 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 Tuesday 20 August from 2:45pm-3:30pm. 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.

SECONDARY ENROLMENT INFORMATION ZOOM SESSION - MONDAY 26 AUGUST

Do you have a child in Year 8? Would you like information on enrolling your child in secondary school? If so, please join our zoom session on Monday 26 August at 6:00pm. More information regarding this session will be emailed to all parents of Year 8 students.

INTERMEDIATE INFORMATION EVENING - WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

Parents and caregivers of students in Years 5 and 6 are invited to attend an information evening to learn about Ellerslie School's Intermediate (Year 7 and 8) programme. This will take place on Wednesday 11 September at 6:30pm in Te Manawa. Come and listen to the Year 7/8 teachers and our School Leaders tell you all about what our intermediate programme can offer your child.

TEAM UPDATES

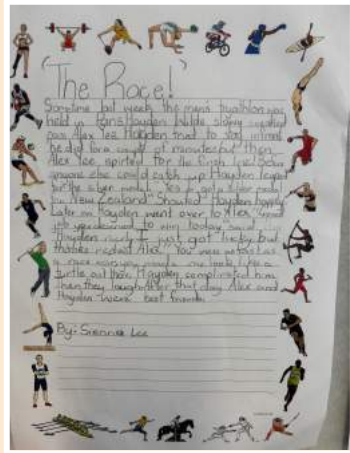
<p><i>RIMU</i> (Years 0 and 1)</p>	<p>Kia ora Rimu whanau. Welcome to all our new families that have joined our school. We look forward to being a part of your Ellerslie School journey. We have had a busy first few weeks getting back into our routines and into some great learning. Our focus on the Olympics culminated with our own Rimu Olympics which started with our opening ceremony and then our Olympics. Unfortunately this was rained off but massive amounts of fun were had in the lead up. Just a reminder that there is a lot of sickness around. If your child is unwell, please keep them home until they are better.</p> <div data-bbox="443 1153 831 1420"></div> <div data-bbox="868 1153 1203 1420"></div>
<p><i>RATA</i> (Year 2)</p>	<p>Kiaora Whanau Rata had a fantastic time celebrating the Olympics last week. We participated in our own version of the games such as balloon volleyball, paper plate discus, flying paper planes and bean bag toss. We finished with a marathon and a medal ceremony! Then we did some outdoor games - hurdles, rugby sevens and standing long jump too. Now we are ready for a rest, just like the Olympians!</p> <div data-bbox="386 1653 683 1848"></div> <div data-bbox="386 1868 683 2092"></div> <div data-bbox="727 1653 1059 2092"></div> <div data-bbox="1104 1653 1433 1823"></div> <div data-bbox="1104 1845 1433 2092"></div>

MATAI
(Years 3 and 4)

Kia ora Matai Whanau,
WOW! We are already in Week 4 and all of our learning programmes are in full swing and the children are working so well.

In our Bounce Back programme this term we have been talking about Bucket Filling. This is when we show kindness to others in order to 'fill their bucket' or make them feel included and valued. See some of our Conversation Hearts we have made to help show kindness to others and help people feel included.

The Olympics have created some great learning and motivation for Writing and Visual Arts. Below are some amazing examples from some of the pods. Our new Physical Education rotation is underway now too and the children are enjoying the variety. We are doing a mixture of outdoor running games and some fun Māori culture games including Rakau Games (stick games) and Poi skills, both of which require LOTS of hand/eye coordination!



PŌHUTUKAWA
(Years 5 and 6)



The first 3 weeks of Term 3 have flown by! Week 4 marks the start of our team wide Science experiment rotation. What a great opportunity for our 234 Pōhutukawa students to experience the human resources of all 14 amazing adults in our team. Our heat, sound and light experiments have been a big hit with GG10, GG11 and GG12 today. We look forward to sharing more with you in the coming weeks.

We look forward to seeing you at our school cross country next Tuesday 20 August 2024 (Week 5). Pōhutukawa team races kick off at 10.10am with our Year 5 girls starting first, followed by the Year 5 Boys, Year 6 girls and finishing with the Year 6 boys. Our students will be running three laps of the course. Students are required to wear their P.E uniform and/or their whanau shirt with suitable running shoes on the day. If wet, you will be notified of the change in day. Fingers crossed for good weather!

Our Remuera Zone Winter Field Day is coming up on Tuesday 27 August 2024 (Week 6). We have four netball teams, two competitive football teams, two non-competitive football teams and two non-competitive hockey teams participating on the day. **Please ensure your child/ren are at school on Tuesday 27 August 2024 at 8.15am ready to depart at 8.30am.** Students will be travelling to and from our Netball, Football and Non-Competitive Hockey venues by bus. Our Non-competitive Hockey

team will be travelling in the school van and/or private car. We appreciate the parent helpers who will be assisting us on the day. You are welcome to come out on the day to cheer on your child and their team. The venues for each sporting code are listed below:

- Netball - **Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre (Lloyd Elsmore Park)** - 451 Pakuranga Road, Highland Park;
- Competitive Football: **Ngahue Reserve** 62-80 College Road, St Johns;
- Non-Competitive Football: **Ellerslie Football Club**, 45 Michaels Avenue, Ellerslie;
- Non-Competitive Hockey: **Auckland Grammar School**, 55 Mountain Road, Epsom

Our Year 6 camp (Tuesday 24 - Thursday 26 September 2024) preparations are well underway. Camp gear lists have been shared and forms have been sent out for parents to fill in on behalf of their child/ren. A HUGE shout out to our parent helpers who will be joining us for this EOTC experience. We will be holding a Year 6 Camp Whanau Information Evening on Wednesday 4 September 2024 (Week 7) at 7pm in Pōhutukawa Pod 2. If you have any queries/questions please email: elisap@ellerslie.school.nz.



KAURI
(Years 7 and 8)

Kia ora koutou Kauri whānau.

Congratulations to our two E.Z. Basketball Teams who have competed at their respective Zone Days this week. A big thank you goes out to Mr Symonds for coaching these teams.

Last week, our Y7/8 students had some sessions across the road from school at the Heart Foundation. They learnt about the heart, finding and taking their pulse and as part of their learning about the four food groups, they made some healthy wraps!

We are looking forward to the first of our Water Safety sessions at the Mount Albert Wave Pool next week.



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 [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 2024 or 2025? 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 2024/2025. Enrolment packs are available online to complete or: email shereem@ellerslie.school.nz with the child's name, date of birth and 2024/2025 year level, if currently enrolled at another school.

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](#).

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We need volunteers for two fundraising events!

Trivia and Karaoke Night

Friday 30th August

One Tree Hill College Hall
7.30pm - midnight

To work on bar, clear tables,
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IMPORTANT DATES

- 19 AUGUST 2024 - KAURI TEAM WATER SAFETY SESSION 1
- 20 AUGUST 2024 - SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
- 20 AUGUST 2024 - WRAP GROUP GARDEN WORKING BEE - 2:45pm-3:30pm
- 20 AUGUST 2024 - LEARNING DISCUSSIONS FOR GG15 - DAY 1
- 21 AUGUST 2024 - LEARNING DISCUSSIONS FOR GG15 - DAY 2
- 22 AUGUST 2024 - YEAR 7-8 MATH EX
- 23 AUGUST 2024 - KAURI TEAM WATER SAFETY SESSION 2
- 26 AUGUST 2024 - SECONDARY ENROLMENT INFORMATION ZOOM SESSION
- 27 AUGUST 2024 - REMUERA ZONES WINTER FIELD DAY
- 29 AUGUST 2024 - Y7/8 E.Z. CROSS COUNTRY
- 30 AUGUST 2024 - ELLERSLIE SCHOOL'S TRIVIA AND KARAOKE FUNDRAISER NIGHT
- 11 SEPTEMBER 2024 - INTERMEDIATE INFORMATION EVENING - 6:30pm in Te Manawa
- 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
- 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
Fruit Break	10:00am-10:10am
Block 2	10:10am - 11:20am
Morning Tea Break	11:20am - 11:40am
Block 3	11:40am - 12:50pm
Lunch Break	12:50pm - 1:35pm
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](#).

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](#).

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.

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