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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou katoa Ellerslie whānau

For those of you who were lucky enough to join our online assembly last week, you would have seen our fantastic Pasifika club sing the Samoan national anthem to celebrate and acknowledge Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa / Samoa Language Week. This was a fantastic performance by the group which was enjoyed by all those watching. If you missed this please click [here](#) to watch. *The national anthem starts at the 5.30m mark.* Thank you to Miss Walter for preparing these students.

Celebration of Learning - Thursday 27 June 1:35pm-2:45pm

Please join us at school to celebrate the learning that has happened in Term 2. The focus this term has been on Celebrating the Arts. On this day we warmly invite parents, caregivers and whanau to come into our learning spaces to see and hear what the students have been learning.



The 2024 Budget - What it means for Education

The annual budget dominated the media last week with the coalition Government announcing a boost in education spending by \$2.93 billion over the next four years to improve student outcomes. Some of the key figures of additional funding that may benefit the school include:

- \$1.48 billion for education property
- \$199 million over four years including a 3 percent increase for Schools Equity and Isolation Index based components and a 2.5 percent increase for the remaining components of school operating grants
- \$163 million over four years to support Digital Services in schools, including cyber security and equipment replacement
- \$67 million over four years for the implementation of structured literacy in all state primary schools
- \$53 million over four years for teacher supply, retention, and attraction initiatives
- \$45 million over four years in funding for schools to support the rapid increase of ESOL students (English for Speakers of Other Languages)
- \$15 million over four years to increase funding for the School High Health Needs Fund

It is pleasing to see the continued funding of structured literacy initiatives. The school has already accessed some of this funding which is going towards upskilling the staff. While we are hoping the extra investment in school property will help to secure the construction of our new classroom building and future hall, we know this will be consumed quickly across the country as there are several building projects which are currently on hold. I can reassure the community, that the school will

continue to work constructively with the Ministry of Education to ensure our projects remain front and centre so we can get vital infrastructure planned and completed.

Volunteer Hub Staff Morning Tea

Enormous thanks to the large number of parents and caregivers who provided delicious plates of food for the staff morning tea last Thursday. This has become an Ellerslie tradition which is greatly appreciated by all the staff. We understand that preparing this food takes time out of managing busy lives so again many thanks!

Matai Team Movie Night

The second ever Matai Movie Night was held at the end of Week 4. Once again there was a large turnout of Year 3 and 4 students who spent the evening together in Rimu 1 in a variety of evening wear enjoying the movie, Leo. Thank you to Sarah Nuttall and our admin team for organising the event once again and our volunteer helpers for their support on the night. This event provided another opportunity for students and whanau to connect outside school hours.



Health Statement

Health education at Ellerslie School supports our objectives to ensure students are able to achieve their highest possible standard in educational achievement, and to ensure the school is a safe and inclusive place for all students and staff. We comply with legislative requirements for the development and delivery of health education, including:

- adopting a health curriculum delivery statement in consultation with the school community at least once every two years
- providing supervision if release from specific parts of health education is required.

Please refer [here](#) for a copy of the most recent health delivery statement. This explains the main objectives of the health programme and what the school does to meet these objectives. If you have any feedback in regards to the health delivery statement please send to feedback@ellerslie.school.nz

Dance-a-thon

Thank you to the 170 families who have signed up to support the Dance-a-thon. There is 1 week to go before the big Dance-a-thon day so there is still time to sign up. (see below)

Ngā mihi nui

Nick Butler - Principal

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THIS WEEK AT ELLERSLIE SCHOOL

SCHOOL FOCUS

School Focus for Week 6: Teacher's Choice related to the 5Cs.

School Focus for Week 7: Be Compassionate - I support other learners in my class.

School Focus for Week 8: Be Curious - I challenge ideas and thinking.

ELLERSLIE SCHOOL'S DANCE-A-THON

Reminder - please sign up for our online sponsored fundraiser – Ellerslie School's Dance-a-thon!

<https://ellerslieschooldanceathon.raiseit.co.nz/>



The big Dance-a-thon day is **Friday 14 June, 2024**. The funds raised will be put towards stage 1 of the new school bike track, which we have planned and will soon start building for students, whanau and community to use. Ask your whanau and friends for sponsorship - we appreciate all the continued efforts to fundraise for our school.

NEW ENTRANT PARENT INFORMATION SESSION - WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE





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 12 June from 9:00am - 10:00am in our school staffroom with our Deputy Principal, Jillian Mitchell. Please contact our office to book a place at this session - email office@ellerslie.school.nz.

PIZZA AND MUFTI (NON UNIFORM) DAY - WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE

Pizza and Mufti (Non Uniform) day will be held on Wednesday 19 June - please note this is the usual end of term lunch, which is being held slightly earlier this term. Pizza is \$2.00 per slice (from Pizza Hut) and can be ordered on Kindo under Other Activities. Please place orders before 3:00pm on Monday 17 June - no cash orders or late orders are able to be accepted. Flavours available 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.



TEAM UPDATES

<p><i>RIMU</i> (Years 0 and 1)</p>	<p>Kia ora Rimu whānau. Welcome to all our new families. We look forward to being a part of your child's Ellerslie School journey. Our team is wrapping up our Arts rotation where the children have been experiencing a variety of different elements of the Arts curriculum. We are practising our dance 'Keep on moving' for the Dance-a thon on Friday 14th June and we are getting pretty good. For the rest of the term we are looking forward to learning about Matariki and being a part of the celebration.</p> 
<p><i>MATAI</i> (Years 3 and 4)</p>	<p>Kia ora Matai whanau. Term 2 continues to provide challenge, fun and new experiences for our tamariki. We are looking forward to sharing many learning experiences and evidence of our learning on Thursday 24th of June. The Arts has given us so many opportunities to express ourselves and to gain confidence in our skills, as well as creating new interests. We are now well established in our learning spaces. Does your child express curiosity by asking questions? We encourage this fully as it is a way for our students to broaden their knowledge of the world around them. Those chats in the car and around the dinner table are a crucial part of their daily life. Don't forget about our Dance-a-thon on Friday 14th June! You still have time to sign up for sponsors.</p>   
<p><i>PŌHUTUKAWA</i> (Years 5 and 6)</p>	<p>Tēnā koutou katoa, Our Pōhutukawa pods are hives of learning activity as we get ready to share with you our dance, drama, music and visual art learning on Thursday 27 June 2024 (Week 9, Term 2). Our Year 5, 6 students have been grooving to 'Jai Ho, Pate, Pate, Bills' and other popular Jump Jam dances in preparation for our school Dance-a-thon on Friday 14 June 2024 (Week 7, Term 2). We are grateful to those who are able to sponsor this fundraising event for a Ellerslie School Bike Track.</p>



Waiata Whakatau workshop in Pōhutukawa Pod 2 | **Jump Jam Leaders:** Stella, Luca, Mia D, Emily, LeBron and Caralilanie

AQUABOTS COMPETITION 2024

Mr Mac has selected two teams of four Year 5, 6 students to participate in the 2024 Aquabots Competition. Congratulations to Team 1 - Luca, Baxter, Madara and Sophia (front row in photo below) and Team 2 - Jack, Zayn, Remy and Nate (back row in photo below). Feel free to see these robotic masters live in action, in our STEAM room on Thursday 27 June too!

What is NZ Aquabots you ask? (Don't panic Mr Mac is here to tell you)

NZ Aquabots is the first underwater robotics programme for school-aged children in New Zealand. In this innovative program, children form teams of four and build an underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle then compete in NZ-themed challenges. Students learn engineering, problem-solving, teamwork, scientific communication and technical applications. Building an aquabot teaches basic skills in design and encourages students to explore naval architecture and marine/ocean engineering principles. It also teaches science, electrical concepts, tool safety and technical procedures. Each year the programme is changed to reflect what is happening in Aotearoa and/or the world. This is the first year that Ellerslie School has taken part, we are very excited to give this the best effort that we can. More updates to follow soon.

From Mr Mac



2024 Aquabot Teams



Ellerslie School Netball Team

We were happy to host St Michael's Catholic School for our first Remuera Zone Netball fixture earlier this week on Tuesday 4 June 2024. Siyona, Emily, Finau, Tiuke, Jane, Siyona, Kayla, Grace, Kulansa (see photo above) and Eloise represented Pōhutukawa team with pride. Congratulations to St Michaels on their win. Year 5, 6 Football, Netball, Hockey and Rippa Rugby team trials are happening now in preparation for our Remuera Zone Winter Field Day on Tuesday 27 August (Week 6, Term 3). Further details about this event will be sent out to parents/caregivers early in Term 3.

We are off to the National Youth Theatre Production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' on Thursday 20 June 2024 (Week 8, Term 2). We are so excited to cheer on our Ellerslie School actors: Malaika, Rosa and Savvy S who are starring in the show! Keep an eye out for the school email communication about this, coming to you soon.

Nga mihi nui to our whanau who have gifted us with tissues. We really appreciate them!

(Years 7 and 8)

Term 2 continues to be super busy for us! Our akonga have now successfully competed in the E.Z. Football Tournaments for the Girls, Y7 Boys and Y8 Boys. Our two Hockey teams are also training hard in preparation for their Zone Day in Week 9. Thank you to Mr Govind and Miss Cowan for giving up their time to help with coaching.

Our rehearsals are well underway for our production with all of our students now working on polishing their haka or poi routines while also working on a second element that may include acting, singing, dancing or playing an instrument.

TISSUE DONATIONS

We would appreciate any donations of boxes of facial tissues to get our Guardian Groups through the current and upcoming seasons. If you are able to help, please bring these to the school office at any time. Ngā mihi nui.



TUMMY BUGS/COLDS

We have had a number of children unwell over the last couple of weeks with tummy bugs and colds. We ask that children who are unwell are kept at home - please consider other children and staff. Children should stay home for 24-48 hours after their last episode of vomiting and/or diarrhoea. Please see a medical professional if you are concerned about your child's health.

ELLERSLIE SCHOOL'S TRIVIA AND KARAOKE FUNDRAISER NIGHT

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

Please contact Sarah anytime with questions: 0212953189 or sarah@ellerslie.school.nz

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IMPORTANT DATES

14 JUNE 2024 - DANCE A THON DAY
19 JUNE 2024 - PIZZA AND MUFTI (NO UNIFORM) DAY
24 JUNE 2024 - YEAR 7 AND 8 EASTERN ZONES HOCKEY
25 JUNE 2024 - TREES FOR SURVIVAL PLANTING DAY
26 JUNE 2024 - KAURI TEAM'S MATARIKI PRODUCTION
27 JUNE 2024 - LEARNING CELEBRATION - 1:35pm-2:45pm
28 JUNE 2024 - PUBLIC HOLIDAY - MATARIKI
05 JULY 2024 - LAST DAY OF TERM TWO
22 JULY 2024 - FIRST DAY OF TERM THREE

(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)

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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