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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou katoa Ellerslie whānau



Volunteer Hub morning tea - thank you

The staff would like to extend its appreciation and thanks to the parents and caregivers who provided the team with delicious morning tea last Friday. This termly occasion is never missed by members of staff and demonstrates the excellent and supportive relationship that exists between the community and Ellerslie staff.

School Events

Cross Country thank you

Each week at Ellerslie there is something unique and special going on at our fantastic school. Last week it was our annual whole school cross country event. It is great to be able to run this activity at school once again providing the opportunity for our youngest and oldest students to compete. Well done to everyone who competed and to the staff who supervised on the day and during cross country training. Congratulations to the Year 5-8 students who qualified for the zone competitions. Thank you finally to the large number of parents / caregivers and whānau who supported their children on the day.

Mathex Year 7/8

This outstanding and unique event lived up to its reputation once again as being one of the most exciting evenings of the school calendar. 16 Ellerslie School students competed - 2 teams in both Year 7 and Year 8, in the annual Auckland wide Mathex competition. Both teams represented the school extremely well and achieved very admiral results. Thank you to Mr Carson for training the students beforehand and accompanying them on the night.



Remuera Zones Winter Field Day

Well done to all the students in Pōhutukawa team - Years 5 and 6, who competed in the Winter Field Day on Tuesday. A large number of students competed in Football, Hockey and Netball across various venues around Auckland. Multiple games were played involving a number of schools. Once again the Ellerslie students were impressive both on and off the field. Thank you to the staff who helped prepare the students and supervised and coached on the day. Also we were very grateful to the parents who assisted and transported the players to and from the venues.

Congrats to the WRAP group for being nominated in the 2024 Tamaki Makaurau Zero Waste awards

For over the last 2 years the Ellerslie School Tāmaki WRAP enviro crew, under the expertise and guidance of Ms Campbell has been making such a difference that they have been nominated for a special award. The award has been nominated by Sarah Lightfoot from Tāmaki WRAP, who kindly stated:

'The Ellerslie School WRAP group has been relentlessly determined in their pursuit of revamping the entire school's waste diversion systems into a gold standard system that any school could be proud of. Bear in mind that these students started in year 5 (now year 6) - this level of commitment is very impressive at their age. These students have had amazing ideas, been willing to learn from others and adapt ideas, and have had joyful enthusiasm for and commitment to their project the entire way.'

We wish the Ellerslie School Tāmaki WRAP team all the best with this fantastic nomination.

Cohort Entry Consultation - FINAL CALL

The consultation around a proposed move to cohort entry is in its final stages. 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.

New Draft Curriculums

The Ministry of Education is moving quickly to ensure the new English and Mathematics curriculums are up and running by the beginning of 2025. We are currently going through a consultation period before these documents will be finalised at the end of October. For those community members who are interested in looking at the new draft curriculums or who want to provide any feedback please click on the links below.

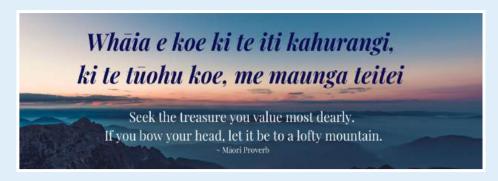
Draft English Curriculum - <u>here</u> Draft Mathematics Curriculum - <u>here</u>

To help the teachers prepare for the new requirements please be aware that there will be a **Staff Only Day happening on Friday 8 November**. This means the school will be closed for student learning. Kelly Club will be open.

Playground Safety and Supervision - PLEASE READ

It is important to remember that the school is not responsible for the supervision of any students 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 other commitments. Students are required to leave the school site after the 2.45pm bell unless they are with caregivers, attending Kelly Club or engaged in a supervised activity such as sport training.

Ngā mihi nui Nick Butler - Principal 'To be the best we can be'



THIS WEEK AT ELLERSLIE SCHOOL

SCHOOL FOCUS

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

School Focus for Week 7: Teacher's Choice

School Focus for Week 8: Be Responsible - I complete all learning to the best of my ability

MILO MORNINGS - YEAR 8 FUNDRAISING - STARTING 03 SEPTEMBER

Our Year 8 students will be fundraising for Leavers' Hoodies over the next few weeks. The first activity will be Milo Mornings, to be held on Tuesdays 03 and 17 September, and Thursdays 05 and 19 September. Students can bring their own cups, pay \$2.00 cash and enjoy a warm Milo before school. Sausages Sizzle lunches will also be held on 11 September (Years 5-8) and 25 September (Years 0-4), and can be purchased on Kindo. The Year 8 students would appreciate your support with their fundraising efforts.



Fundraising for Year 8 Leavers Hoodies Sausage and Cookie Combo \$5.00

- Wednesday 11 September Years 5-8 (Põhutukawa/Kauri)
- Wednesday 25 September Years 0-4 (Rimu, Rata, Mataī)
- Kindo orders only in advance, by 3:00pm on the Tuesday
- Gluten Free, Halal and Vegetarian options available.
- Choice of Tomato Sauce and Mustard available.

YEAR 6 CAMP PARENT INFORMATION EVENING - WEDNESDAY 04 SEPTEMBER

Parents and caregivers of Year 6 students who are attending camp are invited to attend at 7:00pm in Pohutukawa Pod 2. This is an adults only event. However a space will be provided for parents/caregivers who need to bring their child/ren with them. All parents and adults helping at camp are required to attend. Our Year 6 camp will be held at Chosen Valley, Ararimu on Tuesday 24 - Thursday 26 September (Week 10). The camp gear list has been shared digitally and/or in hard copy. We have school sleeping bags that are available on loan for your child to use at camp. We look forward to seeing you!

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.

NETBALL PRIZEGIVING - THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

The Year 2, 3 and 4 prizegiving will run from 5:00pm to 5:45pm. The Year 5-8 prizegiving will run from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in Te Manawa. Please return kit bags and netball uniforms (washed) on the night.

PIZZA AND MUFTI (NON UNIFORM) DAY - THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

Pizza and Mufti (Non Uniform) day will be held on Thursday 19 September. Pizza is \$2.50 per slice (from Pizza Hut) and can be ordered on Kindo under Other Activities. Please place orders before 3:00pm on Monday 16 September - no cash orders or late orders are able to be accepted. Flavours 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. There is also an option of "donating a slice" to another child.



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.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

Next year's Weetbix Tryathlon will be held on Sunday 30 March at Point England Reserve, registrations open 10 September with an early bird discount. Their Splash and Dash event is open for children age 6 and the Tryathlon options are open for students age 7 to 15. Ellerslie School is registered so you have the option to have your child's pack delivered to school. Click on this LINK for more information and to register your child/ren. Contact Samantha Small if you have any questions sams@ellerslie.school.nz.

WRAP - ELLERSLIE SCHOOL COMMUNITY GARDEN

Our W.R.A.P. (waste reduction action program) working bee in the Ellerslie School community garden was a huge success last week, marked by a super turnout of students and parents. We cleared the garden and were able to plant 40 seed potatoes so that we will have a bumper crop in December. The students were able to see the rich soil we topped up the garden beds with which was the result of composting all of our school food scraps. Our next get together will be planting out our seedlings of lettuce, cabbage and spring onions. Next up, we will start another tray of seedlings of tomatoes for those summer salads! A huge thanks to Ms Campbell for co-ordinating this project. If you are keen to connect with us please email laurac@ellerslie.school.nz. We would appreciate any donations of seedlings, or useful garden items towards our community garden.



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.

TEAM UPDATES

RIMU
(Years 0 and 1)

Kia ora Rimu whanau. Welcome to all our new families that have joined us this term. We look forward to being a part of your child's Ellerslie School journey. We had enormous fun running our Cross Country. Our focus was to keep running and to have a steady pace. Our teachers were so proud of us! Big congratulations to Benji and Ella for coming first place in their races. We are full steam into our Science unit with the focus around the states of matter and using experiments to learn and predict what might happen.









RATA (Year 2) Kia ora Rata Whanau

We had a fantastic time participating in cross country last week. It was great to see the resilience and perseverance from all who ran. A huge paki paki to students for all those weeks of running practice, it paid off! Our tamariki have been having fun in our STEAM sessions growing a variety of seedlings to plant in our school garden. They have been measuring the plants to compare heights. There has also been time to learn some coding skills. A great opportunity for those future computer programmers out there!











MATAĪ (Years 3 and 4) Kia ora Matai Whanau,

We are all so proud of our amazing tamariki for their HUGE effort running the annual School Cross Country last week putting in loads of effort to be the best they could be out there on the course. It was lovely to see so many family members and fellow students out there cheering them on as well. Our students have been busy having fun in the STEAM room this term, working on creating simple robots and also some fun coding using the Scratch programme, this encourages not only logical thinking but also creativity as well. As part of our learning in Science this term, the team have begun their explorations into the physical phenomena of Electricity! The excitement and wonder is at an all time high with students already taking part in experiments and activities.















PŌHUTUKAWA (Years 5 and 6)

We are so proud of our Year 5, 6 ākonga who competed in our Ellerslie School Cross Country last week. Our teachers saw students giving it their best, stretching themselves and persevering to finish three laps of the course. A **special congratulations** goes out to our top three runners of each race:

2024 Cross Country	Year 5 Boys	Year 5 Girls	Year 6 Boys	Year 6 Girls
1st place	Luca D	Eloise S	Nate B	Mia P
2nd place	Ershad S	Yasmine B	Jacob B	Lucia N
3rd place	Jack H	Veronika C	James O	Husna K

Our top eight students of each race qualified to represent our school at the Remuera Zone Cross Country on Thursday 19 September 2024 at Saint Kentigern College, Pakuranga. Staff and students will be travelling to and from this event by bus. Parents/caregivers will be notified via email soon.





Ellerslie School Non-Competitive Hockey Team | Ellerslie School Non-Competitive Hockey Winners!

Regardless of the rainy start to the day, we had a blast at our Remuera Zone Winter Sport events on Tuesday. Our four football, two hockey and four netball teams represented Ellerslie School with pride, demonstrating good sportsmanship, fair play and teamwork in their respective codes. It was great to have our whanau visit us throughout the day to cheer us on while we played. Congratulations to our winning hockey and undefeated non-competitive football teams. Well done to our finalists boys competitive football and Year 6A netball team for 2nd place in their pool.





Ellerslie School Girls and Boys Competitive Football Teams





Ellerslie School Year 6A Netball Team

Ellerslie School Non-Competitive Football Teams

Year 6 camp preparations are well under way. Our Year 6 Camp at Chosen Valley, Ararimu on Tuesday 24 - Thursday 26 September (Week 10) is only weeks away now. We invite parents/caregivers of those attending to join us next Wednesday 4 September at 7:00pm in Pōhutukawa Pod 2.

CALLING ALL YUMMY STICKERS!

Please send all collected Yummy stickers to the school office by <u>Monday 23 September</u> 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 <u>HERE</u>.



DISNEY WORLD OF WONDERS COLLECTORS CARDS

We are requesting that students keep these cards at home. They often cause disagreements and stress in the playground. Thanks for your support with this.

BOOK AMNESTY

We are running an amnesty for any Ellerslie School library books and our school readers. If you could have a look under the beds, in the book cases and school bags and return them to school this would be greatly appreciated. Please hand them in at the office.

HEAD LICE - OUTWIT THOSE NITS

There has recently been cases 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'S TRIVIA AND KARAOKE FUNDRAISER NIGHT - FRIDAY 30 AUGUST

We are looking forward to seeing everyone tomorrow night at the Ellerslie School Trivia and Karaoke Night fundraiser. There are still a few tickets left - come along and join in the fun! Click here to book your tickets: EVENTBRITE LINK.

Community volunteers are needed to help at this event - please register here: volunteersignup.org/PCM7D

ELLERSLIE FAIRY FESTIVAL AND PIRATE PARTY

This annual event is being held on Sunday 8 September from 9:30am - 1:00pm. Ellerslie School will be holding fairy floss stands to fundraise, and we urgently need a number of community volunteers to help - please register here: https://volunteersignup.org/F4YY3

BUY EVERYTHING IN OUR HOUSE AUCTION



IMPORTANT DATES

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30 AUGUST 2024 - ELLERSLIE SCHOOL'S TRIVIA AND KARAOKE FUNDRAISER NIGHT
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- 03 SEPTEMBER 2024 MILO MORNING 8:15am-8:45am outside Rimu Pod
- 04 SEPTEMBER 2024 YEAR 6 CAMP PARENT INFORMATION EVENING 7:00pm in Pohutukawa Pod 2
- 05 SEPTEMBER 2024 MILO MORNING 8:15am-8:45am outside Rimu Pod
- 08 SEPTEMBER 2024 ELLERSLIE VILLAGE FAIRY FESTIVAL 9:30am-1:00pm
- 11 SEPTEMBER 2024 SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH FOR YEARS 5-8
- 11 SEPTEMBER 2024 INTERMEDIATE INFORMATION EVENING 6:30pm in Te Manawa
- 17 SEPTEMBER 2024 MILO MORNING 8:15am-8:45am outside Rimu Pod
- 19 SEPTEMBER 2024 MILO MORNING 8:15am-8:45am outside Rimu Pod
- 19 SEPTEMBER 2024 PIZZA AND MUFTI DAY
- 19 SEPTEMBER 2024 NETBALL PRIZEGIVING FOR YEARS 2-4 5:00-5:45pm
- 19 SEPTEMBER 2024 NETBALL PRIZEGIVING FOR YEARS 5-8 6:00pm-7:00pm
- 24-26 SEPTEMBER 2024 YEAR 6 CAMP AT CHOSEN VALLEY
- 25 SEPTEMBER 2024 SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH FOR YEARS 0-4

(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
- 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.

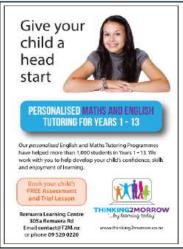
SECOND HAND UNIFORM

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.

























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KELLY CLUB Ellerslie UPDATE

What's been happening...

We enjoyed coming together to celebrate the fathers this week. We have been making fathers day cards, magnets, golf donuts and playing games inspired by the fathers!





What's happening next week!

KELLY THEME: We are Stars! CLUB Term 3 Week 7, 2nd September 2024					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Mash-Up	Create your own Hybrid Animal	Foot Baseball	Popsicle Stick Duck/Zebra Truck	Caticam Cupcakes	
Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	
Sign In & Free Time	Sign in & Free Time	Sign in & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign in & Free Time	
Intro	Intro	Intro	Intro	Intro	
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