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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Tena koutou katoa Ellerslie whānau



#### Senior Athletics

I would like to congratulate all the students who get involved on a regular basis with all the experiences and activities the school offers. We saw this last Thursday at the Year 5-8 Senior Athletics at Mt Smart Stadium. Under challenging conditions everyone was there giving it their best whether this involved running on the track or taking part in a field event. Students got to participate in the 60m, 100m, 200m track races as well as the High Jump, Long Jump, Ball Throw, Discus and Shot Put. It was great to see everyone involved and we wish the students going through to the Zone finals all the very best. Thank you to all the staff who helped run the day.

#### Mathex

Another successful activity we saw last week was the annual Year 5&6 Mathex competition held at St Kentigern School. This is an event not to be missed and always enjoyed by both participants and spectators. 16 Ellerslie students battled it out against a number of local schools in the Remuera cluster answering complex mathematical problems. It was impressive to see two of the teams get over 90 points. Well done to all students and staff who assisted with preparing the teams and during the evening of the competition

#### Professional Development - Staff Only Day Recap

The staff enjoyed a very successful staff only day on back at the end of week 4. The main focus was to look at the way the new Mathematics curriculum will be delivered from the beginning of 2025. The core theme for Mathematics next year is to ensure we deliver a "Balanced Maths Diet". Some of these elements consist of:

- Explicit teaching

- Rich, deep thinking tasks
- Students working collaboratively and individually
- Problem solving
- Building procedure fluency and visible thinking


The Science of Mathematics underpins much of the above and to ensure students achieve proficiency, teachers need to:

- Develop conceptual understanding and procedural fluency (concurrently)
- Develop problem solving skills
- Use multiple approaches (e.g. explicit for routine core instruction)
- Use formative assessment on an ongoing basis to monitor learning

Next year the Ministry of Education has set aside 2 professional learning days for staff to continue to upskill and unpack the new curriculum.


### Helpful Hints from Netsafe

# 5 tips to keep safe online




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**3. Keep it to yourself**

Everything you do online leaves what's known as a digital footprint – a record of what you do and say. Think very carefully before you say or post anything as you won't be able to stop other people sharing it – even those you don't know.



**4. Keep it real.**

Sometimes, people pretend to be someone else online. Check anyone who makes friends with you online is who they say they are. If you aren't sure, ask someone you know to help you find out



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I would like to extend a shout out to all the teachers who are currently working very hard on Term 4 teaching and learning, assessments and organising school events. Thank you for your mahi!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming end of year events!

Ngā mihi nui  
 Nick Butler - Principal  
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## THIS WEEK AT ELLERSLIE SCHOOL

### SCHOOL FOCUS

School Focus for Week 7: Be Curious - I take initiative to develop a deeper understanding.  
School Focus for Week 8: Teacher's Choice related to the 5Cs

### SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING CEREMONIES - SAVE THE DATES

This year's Ellerslie School prize-giving events will be held as follows:

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| Rimu and Rata Teams<br>Years 0, 1, 2           | Monday 16 December at Ellerslie School<br>Rata Team (Year 2) - 1:00pm-1:45pm<br>Rimu Team (Years 0,1) - 2:00pm-2:45pm |
| Matai Team<br>Years 3 and 4                    | Tuesday 17 December at One Tree Hill College Auditorium<br>9:30am-10:15am   |
| Pohutukawa and Kauri Teams<br>Years 5, 6, 7, 8 | Thursday 17 December at One Tree Hill College Auditorium<br>11:00am-12:30pm   |



### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR TERM FOUR, 2024

Please note that the last day of Term Four is Wednesday 18 December - school finishes at the earlier time of **1:00pm** that day. There is no afternoon school bus on the day so please ensure that alternative arrangements are made for your child/ren.

### LAST NEWSLETTER FOR THE YEAR

Our last newsletter for 2024 will be Week 8, Term Four - Thursday 05 December.

### NON RETURNING STUDENTS 2025

To assist us with planning, we would greatly appreciate knowing of any students who will not be returning to Ellerslie School in 2025. Maybe you are moving out of the area or your child is going to attend a different school. We ask as the number of students on our roll and at each level, directly affects staffing and pod composition. If your child/ren is/are not returning, and you have not already advised us, please email [shereem@ellerslie.school.nz](mailto:shereem@ellerslie.school.nz) as soon as possible.

### JUNIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS EVENT (YEARS 0-2) - TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER

The 2024 Junior Athletics day will be held at Ellerslie School on Tuesday 26 November. This will be a station style event with the children rotating around and participating in a variety of athletic activities. The events schedule has been advised by parent/guardian email. Parents, caregivers and whanau are welcome and encouraged to attend this exciting day.

### MUSIC/CULTURAL PERFORMANCE - THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER

On Thursday 28 November, Ellerslie School will host a music and cultural celebration, featuring the various groups who have been practising items all year. This will be held in our courtyard from 5:00pm-7:00pm, involving the following groups: Marimba, Ukulele, Rockbands, Pasifika and selected private music lesson students. We would love to see as many parents and extended families as possible come out to support these amazing and talented students. We will also have a Sausage Sizzle and Ice Blocks available on the night for purchase.

### PIZZA AND MUFTI (NON UNIFORM) DAY - WEDNESDAY 04 DECEMBER

Pizza and Mufti (Non Uniform) day will be held on Wednesday 04 December. Pizza is \$2.00 per slice (from Pizza Hut) and can be ordered on Kindo under Other Activities. Please place orders before 3:00 pm on Monday 02 December - 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. Community helpers are needed to distribute our pizza orders on the day - if you can assist, please email [sarahn@ellerslie.school.nz](mailto:sarahn@ellerslie.school.nz).



### MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

If your child currently has any medication stored at school, we will be sending this home with your child at the end of the school year. Please email [office@ellerslie.school.nz](mailto:office@ellerslie.school.nz) if you have any questions.

### LIBRARY BOOKS / SCHOOL READERS AMNESTY

We ask all families to help us locate any school library books or school readers that you may have at home. Please return these to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.


### ELLERSLIE SCHOOL YEARBOOK 2024

The new Ellerslie School Yearbook is here! We've produced another modern colourful Yearbook full of photos, highlights and memories of our amazing school year. Each Guardian Group has a page in this yearbook, and we've covered all of the school's special events of the year. There are limited copies available, and these are on pre-sale on Kindo under "Other Activities" until 01 December for only \$20.00 each [LINK](#). We also still have copies of the 2023 version available for only \$10.00 if you are interested.

### SCHOOL GARDEN

Parent helpers are needed for the school "help yourself" garden. We are aiming to get a roster going of parents who are keen to come in and water the garden on the weeknight or weekend. This meeting will take place on Wednesday next week (Week 7) at 2:45pm and then repeated again on Friday morning at 8:30am at the steps of Pohutukawa 1. In addition to this we would like to harvest veggies each Friday for parents to take after school assembly.

### TEAM UPDATES

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| <p><i>RIMU</i><br/>(Years 0 and 1)</p>  | <p>Kia ora Rimu whanau. Welcome to all our new families. We look forward to being a part of your Ellerslie School journey. We are continuing with our learning into Living Things with a real focus on the categories of animals and their habitats. We are in the full swing of our Athletics programme and we are really looking forward to our Athletics day. We hope to all see you there on Tuesday 26th November to cheer on your children.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">    </div>   |
| <p><i>RATA</i><br/>(Year 2)</p>         | <p>Kia ora Rata Whanau<br/>We have been busy practising songs for our prize giving celebration and creating some fun decorations for our Afternoon Tea in the Acorn Patch later this term. Things are sounding sweet and looking colourful!<br/>Our trip is coming up this Friday and the weather is looking much better than last week. The whole pod will be travelling together. We are looking forward to learning more about habitats and exploring a range of gardens. We have a cool booklet of activities to support our learning while on our trip! Thank you to the parents who are joining us, we couldn't do it without you!</p>  |
| <p><i>MATAI</i><br/>(Years 3 and 4)</p> | <p>Kia ora Matai whanau. What a wonderful team athletics event we had on Thursday. Thank you to all the whanau who came along to support! We were so lucky with the weather and all the tamariki had a great time, "being the best they can be" and supporting one another. The cheers of encouragement during the relay event was a highlight. As it is warming up, please ensure your tamariki have a full water bottle and school hat for school. We have sunscreen in our pods if your children require a top up during the day.<br/>We hope to see some of you at the Cultural evening next week on Thursday afternoon.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">    </div> |



Ellerslie School Year 5 Mathex Teams



Ellerslie School Year 6 Mathex Teams

Congratulations to Nathan, Gabe, Madara, Zayn, Jack, Noreen, Usandi, Michael, Atticus, Jane, Elaina, Indie, Lucia, Gerard and Devon. The dedication of our four Year 5 & 6 Mathex teams has been **off the charts** over the past two terms! Their hard work really **added up** at the annual Mathex competition on Wednesday 13 November, held at Saint Kentigern Boys' School. Working together in a team of four, the students needed to keep their thoughts in **array** and **divide** the workload to solve 20 challenging questions in just 30 minutes. Our students measured up to the competition, without shout-outs to the Year 5 team who totalled 90 points and the Year 6 team who scored 95 points on the night!



Year 5 Girls 100m Final



Year 5 Boys 100m Final



Year 6 Boys 100m Final

### 2024 Ellerslie School Year 5 & 6 Athletics Results

|                    |                  | Year 5 Girls | Year 5 Boys | Year 6 Girls | Year 5 Boys |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>100m Finals</b> | <b>1st place</b> | Veronika C   | AJ G        | Harlow H     | James O     |
|                    | <b>2nd place</b> | Mia S        | Jack H      | Husna K      | Nate B      |
|                    | <b>3rd place</b> | Lavishka R   | Enzo P      | Freya T      | Archie R    |
| <b>60m</b>         | <b>1st place</b> | Aarju R      | AJ G        | Ella H       | Spencer M   |
|                    | <b>2nd place</b> | Yasmine B    | Jack H      | Freya T      | James O     |
|                    | <b>3rd place</b> | Mia S        | Remington V | Harlow H     | Hamdan U    |
| <b>High Jump</b>   | <b>1st place</b> | Ana G        | Luca D      | Zena M       | Hunter M    |
|                    | <b>2nd place</b> | Mia S        | AJ G        | Freya T      | Chase F     |
|                    | <b>3rd place</b> | Amber C      | Remington V | Mia P        | Hamdan U    |

|                   |                  |            |           |          |            |
|-------------------|------------------|------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| <b>Long Jump</b>  | <b>1st place</b> | Veronika C | AJ G      | Zena M   | Hunter M   |
|                   | <b>2nd place</b> | Anna G     | Oliver T  | Harlow H | Yusuf Y    |
|                   | <b>3rd place</b> | Ruby S     | Enzo P    | Ella H   | Archie R   |
| <b>Ball Throw</b> | <b>1st place</b> | Veronika C | Sathvik C | Zena M   | Anderson L |
|                   | <b>2nd place</b> | Emily P    | AJ G      | Myshka P | Mitchell I |
|                   | <b>3rd place</b> | Ma'ata T   | Sahash H  | Ella H   | James O    |

Our year 5, 6 athletes shone (in the rain) at our Senior Athletics event last week. This prepares our students for our Remuera Zone Athletics on Monday 2 December at Mt Smart Stadium. Parents and Caregivers of these athletes will be notified by email tomorrow: Friday 22 November 2024.

*KAURI  
(Years 7 and 8)*

Despite some questionable weather handed down to us, Kauri Team had a fantastic time competing in Athletics Day at Mt Smart Stadium last week. Our students competed with mana and sportsmanship and achieved some admirable results with a number of students qualifying for the Eastern Zone Athletics competition.

This week and next our learners are participating in the ASB Getwise financial literacy programme, teaching our young people to be clever with their cash. Parents are able to support their tamariki with this, using the handy digital programme on the ASB website.



Year 7/8 students competing at our school Athletics Day.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**22 NOVEMBER 2024 - RATA TEAM BOTANIC GARDENS TRIP**

**26 NOVEMBER 2024 - JUNIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS - YEARS 0-2 at Ellerslie School**

**28 NOVEMBER 2024 - ELLERSLIE SCHOOL CULTURAL AND MUSIC EVENING - 5:00pm-7:00pm**

**11 DECEMBER 2024 - RIMU TEAM PICNIC UNDER THE STARS**

**13 DECEMBER 2024 - FINAL FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - 9:00am**

**16 DECEMBER 2024 - YEAR 0-2 JUNIOR SCHOOL PRIZEGIVINGS - at Ellerslie School from 1:30pm**

**17 DECEMBER 2024 - YEAR 3-4 MIDDLE SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING - at One Tree Hill College from 9:30am**

**17 DECEMBER 2024 - YEAR 5-8 SENIOR SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING - at One Tree Hill College from 11:00am**

**18 DECEMBER 2024 - LAST DAY OF TERM 4 - school finishes at 1:00pm**

*(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 Four - Monday 14 October to Wednesday 18 December** (Holiday - Labour Day 28 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.

## 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](#).

## 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.

## 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.



The poster features the Ellerslie School crest on the left, which includes the motto 'SELF CONTROL', 'ELLERSLIE SCHOOL', and 'SEE & KNOWLEDGE'. The main title is 'Ellerslie School's Entry Dates 2025'. Below the title, it states 'We will have 8 entry dates for 5 year olds throughout the year.' The central part of the poster is a blue-tinted photograph of children playing on a playground structure. Overlaid on this image is a table with two columns: 'Start of Term Date' and 'Mid Term Date'. The dates listed are: 03 February 2025, 28 April 2025, 14 July 2025, 06 October 2025, 10 March 2025, 26 May 2025, 18 August 2025, and 10 November 2025. At the bottom, it says 'For more information and online enrolment, visit our website: www.ellerslie.school.nz'.

| Start of Term Date | Mid Term Date      |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| • 03 February 2025 | • 10 March 2025    |
| • 28 April 2025    | • 26 May 2025      |
| • 14 July 2025     | • 18 August 2025   |
| • 06 October 2025  | • 10 November 2025 |

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