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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou katoa Ellerslie whānau Progress and Achievement

Recently, the senior leadership team presented the end of 2024 progress and achievement results in Reading, Writing and Mathematics to the school Board. This information shows how our students are achieving and progressing in relation to their correct curriculum level. When considering the amount of change currently happening within the sector, particularly around implementing new English and Mathematics curricula, these results continue to demonstrate the high quality of teaching and learning that is evident at our school and the willingness for students to learn and improve.

Achievement

Reading 83%

Students in Years 1-8 are achieving within or beyond their expected curriculum level

Writing 83%

Students in Years 1-8 are achieving within or beyond their expected curriculum level

Mathematics 90%

Students in Years 1-8 are achieving within or beyond their expected curriculum level

Progress

Reading 94%

Students in Years 1-8 displayed sufficient or accelerated progress between Term 4 2022-Term 4 2023

Writing 92%

Students in Years 1-8 displayed sufficient or accelerated progress between Term 4 2022-Term 4 2023

Mathematics

94%

Students in Years 1-8 displayed sufficient or accelerated progress between Term 4 2022-Term 4 2023

Teacher Parent Learning Discussions

Wednesday 2 April will provide an excellent opportunity for parents and caregivers to connect with their child's teacher to get an update on how their school year is going so far. This is one of the most important occasions in the school calendar as teachers will share how your child(ren) is settling into school, what is going well and what needs to be a focus for the

following term. Please remember on Wednesday 2nd April the school day finishes at 1.45pm. Students who are not able to go home at this time will be supervised by the school until 2.45pm. Students are not required to attend the learning discussions. Please see below for the online booking system.

Term 1 Attendance Update

Regular Attendance	Irregular absence	Moderately absent	Chronically absent
Attending school at least 90% of the time	Attending school between 80% -90% of the time	Attending school between 70% -80% of the time	Attending school 70% or less.
83%	11%	3%	3%

Congratulations to our Sport Champions

Congratulations to the Year 5-8 students who have recently competed in the Eastern and Remuera Zones Swimming competitions. You all represented the school with a great deal of pride. Special congratulations to Harper Williams who gained 2nd place in the Year 5 Girls 25m Freestyle and a 3rd place in the Year 5 Girls 25m Breaststroke.

Huge congratulations to Jackson Ropati in Year 5 who recently won every race and took home the NZ1 BMX title for the third consecutive year. Jackson now holds every title in Australasia. He is the South Island, North Island, New Zealand and Oceania Champion! Further congratulations also goes to the other Ellerslie School students who competed at this event. Well done to the Year 7 Boys softball team who played in the Auckland Championships on Wednesday.



Safety at the Front Gate

As you may be aware the school is currently having new safety fences and gates installed to ensure that the safety of all our students during the school day remains a priority. The main new fence at the front of the school will have 3 gates attached. The two pedestrian gates will remain unlocked and opened after school and on the weekends. This will ensure the school outdoor facilities remain accessible to the community after hours. This project which also includes a new wooden fence at the back of the school as well as new gate securing the back of the school has been funded by the Ministry of Education.



School Expectations

This document sets out a number of important reminders and expectations for the students at school. These expectations not only

help keep the students safe while attending school but also sets them up for success so they can be the best they can be. The expectations cover areas such as mobile phone and device use, out of bounds areas, property and uniform just to name a few. Students are aware of these expectations. Ellerslie School Expectations - here

Dilworth Senior Open Day - Sunday 30 March 2:00pm-4:00pm

The Dilworth School Open Day provides a great opportunity for potential students and their whānau to meet some of the staff and students and explore their campuses. The wonderful teaching staff, senior management, and admissions teams will be present to answer any and all questions regarding boarding, the curriculum, the opportunities available at Dilworth School, and the application process. This is for students who may be interested in applying for Dilworth at Year 9. Click here to register.

Weetbix Tryathlon

Good luck to all the Ellerslie School students competing in the Weetbix Tryathlon this Sunday at Point England Reserve. Thank you to Sam Small for coordinating our team this year. Registrations are still open, and if you haven't signed up yet, you can still register here and pick up a race pack at the event.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ELLERSLIE SCHOOL

SCHOOL FOCUS

School Focus for Week 8: Teacher's Choice related to the 5Bs.

School Focus for Week 9: Be A Good Friend - by including everyone..

School Focus for Week 10: Blue Principal's Certificate.

REMINDER - STAFF ONLY DAYS 2025

Please note that Staff Only Days will be held on <u>Monday 28 April and Tuesday 29 April, 2025</u>, Ellerslie School will be <u>CLOSED</u> for instruction on these days. Kelly Club will be open to those who require child care services - <u>ellerslie@kellyclub.co.nz</u>.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - MONDAY 31 MARCH AND TUESDAY 01 APRIL - CANCELLED

Please be advised that the school photo days planned for next Monday 31 March and Tuesday 01 April have just been cancelled. This is due to a last minute unforeseen supplier issue. New dates will be booked for later in the year and advised accordingly. We apologise for any inconvenience.



PARENT/TEACHER LEARNING DISCUSSIONS - WEDNESDAY 02 APRIL

The first round of this year's Parent/Teacher Learning Discussions for all Guardian Groups (except GG1) will be held on Wednesday 02 April from 2:00pm. School will close at the earlier time of 1:45pm on Wednesday 02 April 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 (left) which links to the www.schoolinterviews.co.nz website. Separate booking instructions for GG13 have also been emailed.

PIZZA AND MUFTI (NO UNIFORM) DAY - THURSDAY 10 APRIL

Pizza and Mufti (No Uniform) day will be held on Thursday 10 April. 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 07 April - 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.



ELLERSLIE SCHOOL FOOTBALL MUSTER SESSION - THURSDAY 10 APRIL

The football muster session will be held on Thursday 10 April at 3:00pm outside the school library. It's a great chance to meet your teammates, collect your gear bag, and ask any questions you may have. After the team announcements, there will be an opportunity for the players to have a fun kick-about on the turf, with some older players available to show off some skills and teach a few tricks. Teams are still being finalised, but they will be emailed to all players ahead of the muster.

ELLERSLIE SCHOOL NETBALL

This Sunday (30 March) is your last opportunity to sign up for this year's school netball. Please register your child/ren under Ellerslie School on the SPORTY <u>link</u>. We still need some intermediate aged players for this season. If you are able to help coach or manage a team please register yourself or email <u>netball@ellerslie.school.nz</u>

WHANAU HOUSE PARADE - FRIDAY 11 APRIL

We will be having an end of term Whanau House Parade on Friday 11 April. Students are encouraged to dress up in their Whanau House colours. We will eat lunch in our whanau groups and at **1:45pm** come out for our Whanau House Parade (involving house chants, banners, and team mascots). Parents/whanau and caregivers are more than welcome (and encouraged!) to participate in our parade. Whanau House T-Shirts can be ordered on Kindo and at the school office.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

We're excited to share that each week's school assembly items will now be featured in the community calendar, with a link to watch it online. You can also find the words to our National Anthem, Karakia and Waiata, ensuring that everyone can participate and enjoy. All whānau are welcome to join assembly each week either in person or online.

TEAM UPDATES

RIMU (Years 0 and 1) Kia ora Rimu Whānau. We had an awesome time during our Water Day. We had so much fun splashing around in the pools, having a sprinkler disco party, shooting each other with the water guns and 'slip n slidin' on the water slide. This was a great introduction to our swimming lessons. Our focus is on

independence and being able to get changed and re-dressed ourselves and to pack our own swimming bags. Please remember to name all clothing, including underwear, togs and towels.









RATA (Year 2)













Kia ora Rata Whānau

Here we are having the time of our lives, having fun with our swim buddies and building our aquatic skills! It was great to see so many of us having a go at all that was on offer and showing resilience when faced with challenges. A HUGE thank you to all parents who have helped us out so far at the pools and a big thank you for naming all clothes too! Our lost property pile is practically non-existent!

We are looking forward to catching up with you all next Wednesday for Parent Discussions. A reminder that we will NOT be swimming on Wednesday the 2nd due to interviews. Our swimming days next week will be Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday.

MATAĪ
(Years 3 and 4)







'Kia ora Mataī Whānau.

As we near the end of Term One, we are still working hard. We are focused on making good learning choices, using our initiative, rising to challenges and listening carefully to feedback. Thank you to those parents who have booked their discussions for next week. We look forward to sharing some successes and strategies for continued progress. Our Teacher Aides provide so much support for our students and teachers. They work with individual students to supplement current learning, small groups to encourage collaboration and they help us to create and maintain our exciting learning environments.

PŌHUTUKAWA (Years 5 and 6)

Our first Remuera Zone inter-school sporting event is done and dusted. Ka mau te wehi to our Year 5, 6 swimmers: Harper W, Lucia, Zoe B, Harper S, Alex, Harry, Cedric, Cooper, Ana G, Ruby S, Yasmine, Scarlett D, Arlo, Orson and AJ who represented us at our Remuera Zone Swimming Sports on Tuesday 25 March 2025. Congratulations to Harper W who came second in the Year 5 Girls 25m Freestyle and third Year 5 Girls 25m Breaststroke Finals. A special SHOUT OUT to Mrs Williams, Mr Ly and Mrs Pooley for transporting and looking after our students on the day. Mrs Williams said "it was a very well run day, the students were AMAZING. They all swam with great enthusiasm and gave it their best".



We look forward to seeing you all next Wednesday 2 April, from 2-7pm, for our Parent/Teacher Learning Discussions. Well done to our whānau who have booked! It's not too late, slots are still available. If this day and time doesn't suit you, please schedule an alternate day and time with your child's teacher.

We are off to ASB POLYFEST 2025 next Friday 4 April 2025. Polyfest is an annual Auckland-based cultural festival celebrating New Zealand's diverse Māori and Polynesian cultures through the performing arts. This is an all day event. Please ensure your child is at school no later than 8.30am, wearing their full Ellerslie School uniform, with their bag full of morning tea, lunch, water bottle, sunscreen, school jumper and raincoat. We aim to board our buses at 8.50am so we can leave promptly at 9am. All parent helpers are encouraged to travel with us in our buses.



Our Remuera Zone Summer Field Day competition is coming up on Tuesday 8 April 2025 (Week 10) at the following venues:

- Touch Rugby College Rifles, 33 Haast St, Remuera.
- Cricket Ellerslie Cricket Club, Michaels Ave, Ellerslie.
- T-ball Shore Rd Reserve, Remuera.

We have had an abundance of parent helpers readily available to help us out on the day at our various locations. We appreciate the support. We couldn't do it without you!

KAURI (Years 7 and 8)

Kia ora Kauri Whānau,

The end of our first term is nearing the end but we have been as busy as ever in the Senior School!!

- Following our successful Y5-8 Swimming Sports, we had a small group of students take part in the E.Z. Swimming Competition on Monday this week.

- We have been whittling down the huge number of keen students ready for the E.Z. Orienteering event on Monday of Week 9.
- On Wednesday this week, our Year 7 Boys Softball team were excited about travelling to Albany to take part in the Auckland Champs Boys Softball Tournament. It was a scorcher of a day, and the boys really gave it their all against some intense competition.
- Mrs Wilson has been working hard training our Kids Literature Quiz Team, who will be competing in Week 10.

Finally, we look forward to seeing most of our whanau at the

Learning Conversations this coming Wednesday. If you are unable to find a suitable time on this date (2nd April), please contact your child's GG teacher to arrange an alternative day and time.





Thank you to our community who came together for the relaunch of our Walking School Bus on Monday. New students and parents signed up which we are thrilled about. It's a great way to leave your children in safe hands at 8.15am so you can get to work or take other children to where they need to go, meet new friends, and get some exercise and fresh air! Thank you to our amazing volunteers Jelena, Cathy and Katie for their passion in keeping this going. Please contact Sarah if you have any questions or would like to join - sarahn@ellerslie.school.nz







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KELLY CLUB Ellerslie UPDATE

What's been happening...

In week 7 of Term 1 at Kelly Club we got busy making Fire Breathing Dragons, Beanstalks and played fantasy relays to name a few of favorite activities! Check out our timetable for next week, week 8 below and book in online at Kelly Club Ellerslie today!





What's happening next week!

CLUB		THEME: Kids Choice Term 1 Week 8, 24th March 2025			Weekly Activities Plan Kelly Club Ellerslie
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 mm	Beods & Structured free Time	Animat Marks & Structured Free Time	Paper Dolls & Structured Free Tiese	Lega Competition & Structured Free Time	Fairting & Structured Free Time
8:15 + 8:30 am	Gume Grandman Keys	Garren Silent Ball	Bane Hargous	Garac 4 Carisms	Game: Musical Statutes
3:00 - 3:10 pm	Sign In & Free Time	Sign in & Free Time	Sign in & Free Time	Sign in & Free Time	Sign in & Free Time
3:10 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afformion Tea Crockers, cheese and Veggie	intro & Afternoon Tea Fairy Bread and foult	learo & Afternoon Teo. Posto ored Fruit	Prince & Afternoon Text Proposes and Fruit	Intro & Alternoon Sea Pikelen and Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Gerne: Kirls Cheine	Geme: Kids Cheise	Gemer Kiels Cheice	Ontro: Kids Choice	Gerner Kiels Choice
SENIORS 3:45 - 4:30 pm	GAMI Silly Sardines	Discovery	SPORT Bowling	CRAFT Puppets	Rice Bubble Snacks
JUNIORS 3:45 - 4:30 pm	SPORT Bowling	CRAFT Puppets	SIIIy Sardines	Discovery	Rice Bubble Snacks
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 + 4:50 pm	Playground	Floyground	Playground	Hoyground	Playground
4:50 + 5:15 pm	Hotsework & Quiet Time	Honework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
5:15 - 6:00 pm	Snock Time Vege chips	Souck Time Robbin	Snack Time Papare	Snock Time Oreos	Snock Time Museli Sorra



BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz

IMPORTANT DATES

30 MARCH 2025 - WEETBIX TRYATHLON

31 MARCH 2025 - YEAR 7 AND 8 EASTERN ZONES ORIENTEERING

01 APRIL 2025 - PARENT/TEACHER LEARNING DISCUSSIONS FOR GG13 - 3:00pm-6:30pm

02 APRIL 2025 - PARENT/TEACHER LEARNING DISCUSSIONS FOR WHOLE SCHOOL (EXCEPT GG1) - 2:00pm-7:00pm

04 APRIL 2025 - POHUTUKAWA TEAM TRIP TO POLYFEST

08 APRIL 2025 - REMUERA ZONE SUMMER FIELD DAY

09 APRIL 2025 - KAURI TEAM MAUNGA CHALLENGE

10 APRIL 2025 - PIZZA/MUFTI (NO UNIFORM) DAY

10 APRIL 2025 - ELLERSLIE SCHOOL FOOTBALL MUSTER SESSION - 3:00pm

11 APRIL 2025 - WHANAU HOUSE PARADE - from 1:45pm

28 APRIL 2025 - STAFF ONLY DAY - school closed for instruction

29 APRIL 2025 - STAFF ONLY DAY - school closed for instruction

(Dates can also be found under "Calendar" on the Ellerslie School App, and can be downloaded to your own diary.)

REMINDERS

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 <u>office@ellerslie.school.nz</u>
- 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.

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.











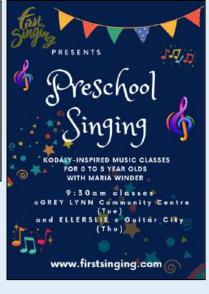


















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