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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou katoa Ellerslie whānau

It was brilliant to see the whole school come together for the Dance-a-thon on Monday. The combination of every team doing their dance first and then being joined by everyone else was fantastic to see and demonstrated the excellent culture and spirit that exists in our school. Thank you to all the students who successfully learnt their dance and the other dances. Thank you to the staff and parents who helped the students prepare for this event. Finally a huge thank you to those parents, caregivers, friends and community members who have donated money to the Dance-a-thon so we are able to get on and complete stage 1 of the new bike track. There is still time to donate.

Farewell - Mr Tim Christensen

Last Friday was a sad day as we farewelled Tim Christensen after 6 years of teaching at Ellerslie. Tim and his wife Erica are relocating to Taranaki where they will begin a new and exciting journey. Tim has been well known to many in our school community and has made a huge difference to the large number of children he has taught in the senior part of the school (Years 5-8). During his time at Ellerslie he has been fully involved in the life of the school. He has done it all - organised camps, being involved with sports teams, coordinated exciting school events and most importantly been an outstanding teacher. To acknowledge his time with us and the 47 years he has dedicated to the teaching profession the Year 7 and 8 boys performed the new school haka in front of Tim for the very first time. We wish Tim, Erica and their family all the best as they begin their next chapter.



Many thanks to Dilworth School and Whaea Krystal

Nga mihi ki nga taura me nga kaiako o te kura o Dilworth mo o mahi me to whakapau kaha. A huge thank you to the Year 13 students from Dilworth School and teacher Matua Jacob De Berry who have completed 5 Kapa Haka tutoring sessions during the term with our Year 7 and 8 boys. The outcome of all this is that we now have our own Ellerslie School haka - with words and actions written and composed by the group. Thank you to Matua Tim Carson who has arranged the Dilworth visits. Ngā mihi also to the fantastic Whaea Krystal who has been working on teaching the girls poi during this time. All this has been part of the preparation for the upcoming Kauri Team production to be performed in Week 9.



Cohort Entry Announcement - PLEASE READ

At the May board meeting, the Ellerslie School Board agreed to consult the community on the proposed adoption of a Cohort Entry Policy at Ellerslie School. 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.

Timelines

- Terms 2 and 3: Consultation period with staff, parents of current and prospective parents, early learning services to consider whether new the policy is generally acceptable.
- Term 3, Week 8: announce the outcome of consultation and release draft new policy
- Term 4, Week 1: Finalise changes - *if accepted*
- 2025, Term 1, Week 1: Adopt new cohort entry policy - *if accepted*

MID YEAR LEARNING SUMMARIES

On Monday 1 July (Week 10) your child's Mid Year Learning Summary will be available through our online parent portal, from 3.30pm. This summary of your child's progress and achievement over the last two terms has been collated by the guardian teacher with the support and collaboration of other teachers in the pod. This mid year learning summary will include:

- Reading / Writing / Mathematics curriculum progress graphs, indicating what curriculum level and sublevel your child is currently working within.
- A general comment from the Guardian Teacher
- Current and next learning steps in Reading / Writing / Mathematics
- A 5Cs Language of Learning rubric based on Terms 1 and 2
- Effort grades in Reading / Writing / Mathematics

Information within the summary should not be a surprise to parents and caregivers as we have a 'no surprises policy' at Ellerslie. It's really important that parents and caregivers share the information in the summary with their child(ren) and discuss the successes and growth areas. This provides the opportunity for children to identify what they are doing well and what areas they might need to improve in as they head into the second part of the year.

CELEBRATION of LEARNING - The ARTS - TERM 2

Please join us on Thursday 27 June from 1:40pm - 2:45pm to help celebrate all the amazing learning that has been going on this term. Parents / caregivers and whānau are invited into the learning environments to look at all the inquiry their child(ren) have been doing around Celebrating the Arts. This is a great opportunity to engage with your child(ren) and ask questions about what they have been learning.

A Couple of Quick Mentions

- The school successfully completed our 6 monthly fire evacuation drill last week. The students and staff followed the process very well and were out of all buildings within 4 minutes.
- The school's 2023 annual report has been completed and approved. This will be available on the website from next week.
- We are still working with the MoE and JASMAX on the designs for the new classroom block.

PLEASE REMEMBER- FRIDAY 28 JUNE IS A MATARIKI PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED

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

SCHOOL FOCUS

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

School Focus for Week 9: Teacher's Choice related to the 5C's.

School Focus for Week 10: Blue Certificate Assembly - for excellence and achievement in Term 2.

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)

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photolife Shoot Keys were sent home last week with children who had their school photos taken earlier in the term. These can be ordered online at www.photolife.co.nz. Orders placed online before midnight on Sunday 07 July, will include free delivery to Ellerslie School. If you need assistance, Photolife can be contacted by phone 0800-501-040.

TEAM UPDATES

<p><i>RIMU</i> (Years 0 and 1)</p>	<p>Kia ora Rimu Whanau. Welcome to all the new families that have joined our team. We look forward to being a part of your child's Ellerslie School journey. We have had a busy couple of weeks preparing for our Dance-a-thon and Matariki celebration. We have enjoyed learning new dances and waiata to share with our whanau. Thank you for all the support with our Dance-a-thon. The children loved being a part of this whole school activity.</p>   
<p><i>RATA</i> (Year 2)</p>	   <p>Kia ora Whanau and caregivers. Our tamariki have been sharing some great experiences with us during news sessions over the past few weeks. These have included doing some epic walks and making mechanical hands! It is wonderful for the children to come in and share these activities with us. A great opportunity for our tamariki to ask questions and make comments! A big thank you for your support with our Dance-a-thon this week. The children loved performing this. Tino pai Rata, for showing our 5C's of confidence and creativity!</p>
<p><i>MATAI</i> (Years 3 and 4)</p>	<p>Kia ora Matai whanau. What a busy and exciting time as we head to the end of Term 2. Thank you for attending our Dance-a-thon on Monday. It was a wonderful way to start the week as a whole school, in the sun! We've got the moves. Next week we are excited to attend a special performance by our senior students in their Matariki production. We also look forward to seeing you at our Learning</p>

Celebration on Thursday from 1.40pm. Here are some snapshots of some of the Visual art that has been taking place across the team. You can see them up close next week.



PŌHUTUKAWA
(Years 5 and 6)



INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS

In the past two weeks, we have had three different sports teams represent Ellerslie School when playing St Kentigern Girls School and St Michaels Ave in Football, Netball and Hockey. Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 Football team: Stella, Zena, Harlow, Freya, Ella, Charlotte S, Indie, Scarlett, Mia S, Emma M, Amelie and Ania on their wins last week! A special SHOUT OUT goes to Catriona Montalvo, our stellar parent helper who worked her coaching magic with the girls. What a fun and friendly way to get to know our neighbouring schools in our Remuera Zone cluster. It also gets us ready for our Term 3 Inter-school Winter Sports competition too!

MATARIKI

We look forward to our school-wide Matariki celebration - The Māori New Year, coming up in the last two weeks of this term. We have a special connection as our team name is one of the Matariki stars. Pōhutukawa is the eldest child of Matariki. When Matariki rises in the new year, Māori honour the memories of all the people who have passed. Pōhutukawa encourages us to reflect on the past and to be thankful for those who have contributed to our lives.



Pōhutukawa star designs by Siyona GG12, Charlize GG19 and Malaika GG22

SAVE THE DATES

Miss Campbell and parent helpers are off to a Trees for Survival planting day with a large group of learners on Tuesday 25 June 2024 (Week 9, Term 2). Our Year 6 students will have their Positive Puberty sessions on Wednesday 24 July 2024 (Week 1, Term 3). Parents/caregivers are invited to

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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With just over eight weeks to go before our 'Buy Everything In Our House' on-line auction starts on 12 August, generous businesses are donating fantastic products and vouchers every week, many including from school parents who own or work for a business.

Literally anything a business would like to donate, we can link to a room or the garage, shed or garden of our virtual house, and in return, they will receive a very wide range of promotion to thousands of potential customers. Please go to the homepage of our website and click on the blue tabs to see who has donated already, and how businesses can come on board: <https://www.ellerslie.school.nz/>

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IMPORTANT DATES

21 JUNE 2024 - KAURI TEAM ATTENDING JOSEPH PRODUCTION

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](#).

SCHOOL TIMETABLE

A reminder of the whole school timetable:

8.30am Bell	Learning areas are open for all students.
Block 1	8:50am - 10:00am
Brain 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
2:45pm	School finishes for all students.

CAR PARK AND TRAFFIC SAFETY

Please be mindful of our school community by keeping safe in the car park and roads around school.

- The school carpark is for staff only.
- Parents/whanau are reminded to use the Kalmia Street crossing safely, at all times.
- Please do not park in the bus stop outside the school.
- Be respectful of the businesses in our community whose car parks are for their staff, customers and visitors only. This particularly applies to The Heart Foundation.
- When using the drop-off/pick-up zone outside the school, please note that this is a 2 minute area, and passengers should alight safely on the passenger’s side of your vehicle.



MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If your child requires the school to hold any medical equipment such as asthma inhalers or epi pens, please deliver these to the school office with a completed medical form, which can be found on the Ellerslie School website under “Forms and Info”.

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