

2011 TERM DATES (Holiday changes due to Rugby World Cup)

Term 1	Wednesday 2 Feb to Friday 15 April
Term 2	Monday 2 May to Friday 15 July
Term 3	Monday 1 August to Friday 7 October
Term 4	Tuesday 25 October to Thursday 15 December

CALENDAR

7 March -	Fundraising Group Meeting 7.30pm
8 March -	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
15 March -	New parents Coffee Afternoon 2.00pm
22 March -	Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm
24 March -	Class/Individual photos
14 April -	Mufti Day
15 April -	Term 1 ends 2.45pm
2 May -	Term 2 begins 8.30am



Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia ora tatou

A special welcome to our new students and their families. There have been 40 new students started at our school since the beginning of the term.

March 1 Roll Numbers	2011	499
	2010	490
	2009	486
	2008	485

Our student numbers continue to rise despite the strict adherence to the enrolment zone policy from the Ministry of Education. The Board of Trustees are involved with the process and are having a special meeting with Ministry of Education to keep up with the legalities of our enrolment zone policy. We currently have 52 out of zone students (who enrolled when the zone was open) and our numbers of in zone enrolments and students are continuing to rise.

The Government simply want Ellerslie School for Ellerslie community members only.

Ellerslie School Website stats:

	<u>Hits</u>	<u>Daily Avg</u>	<u>Pge views</u>
February 2010	971	34	4683
February 2011	1567	55	6298

Christchurch Earthquake Mufti Day

This **Friday 4th March** we will have a **red and black mufti day** to raise money for the school students of Christchurch.

We will join all other schools in Auckland and the money raised will go to the Canterbury Primary Principals' Association for them to distribute appropriately.

Please donate the amount you think you can.

We have been told by the Ministry of Education to enroll children from Christchurch if they wish to attend school, they must be “staying/holidaying” within the enrolment zone.

We have had two enquiries already and I know that Ellerslie students will welcome our friends from Canterbury.

Looking Ahead

Terms 2 and 3 2011 promise exciting times for all Ellerslie School students. Years 1 & 2 students will have the Cinderella Ball towards the end of term 2 and the Ellerslie School Flower Show will happen in weeks 8 & 9 of term 3.

The fundraising fact-a-thon in term 2 will be based on NZ facts in preparation for large numbers of tourists heading for NZ.

Intertwined in the last 5-6 weeks of term 3 will be our whole school involvement in the Rugby World Cup, with a range of activities.

The fundraising group's Quiz Evening on the 26th August will “kick off” our last 6 weeks of term 3. The annual school disco will finish off the term on Thursday 6th October.

Our website has a calendar with the dates for 2011 events.

Photos (Class and Individual) – March 24th Thursday

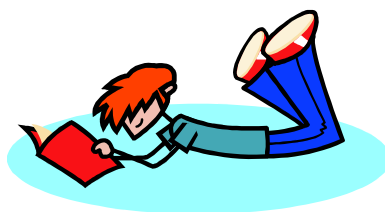
Everybody should have received a personalised photolife envelope for ordering and paying for your child's photos. (If you didn't receive an envelope, we have some spares in the school office) Please send the order back to school before Thursday 24th March. If you would like siblings photographed together please collect a sibling envelope from the school office.

ices made fresh each Tuesday – choice of chicken, salmon and avocado. The sushi will be delivered to the child's classroom at lunchtime.

Dental Clinic

The dental clinic at our school has now been permanently closed. This is part of the upgrading of dental services throughout NZ. A new “state of the art” community dental clinic is now in operation at Stonefields School. Dental services will be provided for our students in a mobile van which is visiting our school on Tuesday 22nd March to Thursday 24th. For dental needs before then please call the Stonefields Clinic Ph: 570 8915

Enjoy the summer!
Take care



Chris Magner
Principal