

# Dear Parents and Caregivers



Kia ora tatou

A special welcome to our new students and their families:

Clark Toatelegese, Kadin Knuckey, Dhevan Fodie, Lavinia Piukala, Talavou Niuulu, Jack Fink, Charlie Fink, Oliver Wong, Alexandra Lunjevich, Maddison Pooley, Surabhi Sutharjenan, Samuel Worth

Our roll is moving into new territory with 550 students plus and more five year olds enrolling. We will starting a 7th Junior class on the 26th of September.

## Newsletter

2nd September 2011

### 2011 Term Dates

☺ **Term 3**

Monday 1st August to  
Friday 7 October

☺ **Term 4**

Tuesday 25th October to  
Thursday 15th December

### ELLERSLIE COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICE

The Ellerslie Community Police Office is open for service. It is located at the War Memorial Community Centre, Main Highway in Ellerslie Township. This office will be staffed by local volunteers and overseen by Constable Sarah Johnston, the newly appointed Ellerslie Community Constable. It will be open mostly from Monday - Thursday 10am-2pm. The volunteers will be able to deal with basic Police complaints such as thefts, lost or found property. If they don't know the answer to issues they will know where to go to find the answer. Please support this office as we see it as a valuable resource for the local community.



Ellerslie Community Constable

(09) 5798316 (Ellerslie office) or 6228707

Selwyn College would like to invite parents of primary and intermediate school children to a special evening at Selwyn College. A group of Selwyn parents whose children are current students, will share their experiences and answer any questions you may have. This is to be held on Tuesday the 6th of September at 7:00pm.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Remuera Zone Cross Country Results

**Mason Leaver (Y5) - 3rd Place**

**Kate Bolland (Y8) - 6th Place**

**Annabelle Pakieto (Y8) - 7th Place**



### FLOWER SHOW

There is a separate sheet attached relating to the Ellerslie School Flower Show from September 19th to 30th. Please come along and see the children's work.

### Literacy Information Meeting

If you are interested in finding out more about the English curriculum, you can come along to a parent information meeting on the 8th of September from 3:30pm to 5:00pm,

## PEER MEDIATION

Peer Mediation is an important concept at Ellerslie School and a serious role for a mediator. Only a selection of the pupils are made Peer Mediators. Mediation improves the school climate and provides:

- Leadership potential
- Respect of peers, or the ability to gain this respect
- Initiative
- Compassion and ability to solve problems.

Once trained in techniques of mediation, school mediators go on a roster whereby each is available for certain periods of the school.

All pupils and staff are made aware of the mediation programme.



# Calendar

6th September	Fundraising Group Meeting 7:30pm
6th September	Girls Basketball (Years 7 and 8)
8th September	Boys Basketball (Years 7 and 8)
8th September	Parents Literacy Session 3:30pm (see notice)
13th September	Team 4—Winter Sports Day
13th September	PTA Coffee Afternoon 2:00pm
14th September	Speech Competition (Years 7 and 8)
19th September	Year 5 and 6 Speech Finals
19-30th September	Ellerslie School Flower Show (two weeks) - see notice
20th September	Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30pm
23rd September	Baseball Training begins (Teams 4 and 5)
3-7th October	Rugby World Cup Week
3rd October	Trends in Maths and Science Assessment (Year 5)
4th October	Musical Extravaganza
5-6th October	Eastern Zone Boys and Girls Volleyball (Years 7 and 8)
5th October	Rugby World Cup Parade 2:00pm
6th October	Mufti Day and Disco
7th October	End of Term 3—School Finishes at 2:45pm as usual



## Guidelines on when to keep children home from school—how sick is too sick??

**Will the child be at risk or likely to get worse if they go to school?** If the answer to this question is yes, keep them home. For example, if they have a cold and it is a bitterly cold winter's day and the child has to walk through wind and rain to school, then they may well be better off at home.

**Is my child really sick?** Or is my child telling me they don't want to go to school? If it is the latter, send your child to school but follow up with a chat with the teacher to try to find out what is upsetting your child.

**Can I keep them home because they don't want to go to school?** No.

**Can I keep them home to mind their baby brothers and sisters?** No.

**Can I keep them home because I'm going to be doing something interesting at home that I think will be more educational?** Technically no but Principals are reasonable; why not phone the school and let them know what you have in mind.

**Can I take them out of school in order to start my holiday earlier?** Essentially no, as all children after the age of six must attend school. You will need to discuss the situation with the Principal. School work will not be provided in these cases.



"Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterwards"

Vernon Sanders Law



**Take Care!**  
**Chris Magner—Principal**

## ENROLMENT ZONE

The Board of Trustees have confirmed at the August meeting that **NO** out of zone enrolments will be accepted for another year.

