



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora tatou

A special welcome to our new students and their families:

Ryan Frechtling, Sofie Simon, Nathan Lau, Sienna Batra, Mia Taua, Matthew Chen, Joseph Downer, Rhiannon Glover,



Newsletter

4th November 2011

Ellerslie Train Station

You may have noticed that the NZ Transport Agency has begun the upgrade of Ellerslie Train Station for better access and improved overall design.

I am assured that this will not disrupt pedestrian access from Kalmia Street to the Ellerslie Town Centre at times when the school is open. The raising of the motorway bridges will be carried out in weekends and holidays. Use the underpass as an alternative in the weekends.

The finished product looks good and will be an asset for all concerned.



2011 Term Dates

☺ Term 4

Tuesday 25th October to Thursday 15th December (at 1.00pm)

2012 Term Dates

☺ Term 1

Wednesday 1st February to Thursday 5th April

Congratulations to Ari Boughen (Room 9) who won our Year 5/6 Speech Competition and represented Ellerslie School with pride and distinction at the Zone Finals.

Recently, Jake and Sacha Earnest competed at Gisborne in the North Island BMX Titles 2011 with over 570 entries. Jake finished in 3rd place in the finals and Sacha in 6th place.

Congratulations on your achievements!



IMPORTANT



Another reminder that all visitors and parents **MUST** come to the office upon arrival to the school. This includes collecting children early for appointments and dropping off items to your child.

No parents should walk up to the classrooms without first checking in with the office.

No children are to leave the school for any reason without being signed out at the office.

In the case of an emergency situation, time could be wasted looking for your child when they have actually left the school grounds.

Enrolments

Our numbers are certainly increasing and we predict to begin the 2012 school year with 527 students.

Roll as at:	31 October 2007	492
	2008	539
	2009	544
	2010	538
	2011	567



To help us with our planning, if you have a child turning five next year (2012) please make application for enrolment at the school office now.

PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT TESTS (PAT's)

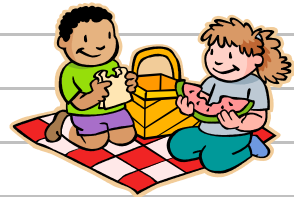
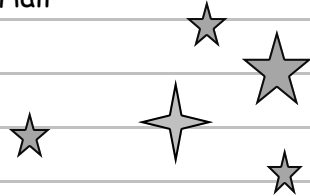
As you are aware, our Year 4—8 students have been completing these tests during October. These tests are Nationally ranked and are sat in most New Zealand schools. There is no doubt that Maths and Reading are strengths at Ellerslie School with these results of all year 4 and 8 students.

	<u>Well Below (%)</u>	<u>Below Average (%)</u>	<u>Average (%)</u>	<u>Above Average (%)</u>	<u>High (%)</u>
Reading Comprehension		5.49	45.79	35.9	12.82
Maths		8.58	45.52	33.21	12.69
Listening	1.15	9.96	51.72	28.35	8.81
Reading Vocabulary	.37	9.63	55.56	27.78	6.67

CALENDAR



10th November	PTA School Volunteer/Helpers Thank You Evening
17th November	New Entrants Meeting—7:00pm
22nd November	Board of Trustees Meeting—6:30pm
22nd—25th November	Year 7 and 8 School Camp
29th November	APPA Choir Festival —Auckland Town Hall
30th November	Tabloid Sports—Teams 4 and 5
1st December	Tabloid Sports—Teams 1 to 3
4th December	Ellerslie Santa Parade
6th December	Board of Trustees Meeting—6:30pm
7th December	Picnic Under The Stars—6:00pm
8th December	Mufti Day
12th December	Reports go home
13th December	Prizegiving Practice
15th December	Prizegiving—Early School Finish (End of Term) at 1:00pm



Any young actresses or actors keen to take part in a nativity play this Christmas? Christ Church in Ladies Mile are looking for some children to be part of the nativity production in December. If you would like to find out more, please contact Elwyn on 027 266 0496 or (09) 579 5279.

Shooting Stars Daycare is Ellerslie's new boutique centre, with only 17 children. They currently have limited spaces available. Register now and get your first month FREE. Handy to Motorway, Train Station, & Ellerslie Village. Call now 525 5711 or visit www.shootingstarsdaycare.co.nz

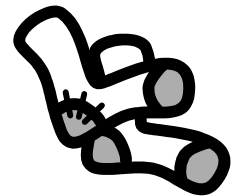
UNIFORMS

Please note the uniform changes for 2012 and beyond. The main emphasis is having an appropriate uniform for our Year 7 and 8 students. We have resurrected our logo with pride and it features more in the new uniforms.

We are looking at making it easier to purchase next year, eg: online, two days per week etc. so watch this space next year!

The new uniform will be compulsory for the 2012 Year 7 students— Year 8 may continue to wear the existing uniform or purchase the new set.

Year 1—6 have changes to the footwear requirements, as per the attached notice.



REMINDER

Take Care!

From Monday 7th November, wearing hats is compulsory for play.

Students without hats will be restricted to shaded areas.

Hats are available from the uniform shop on a Monday morning (at the rear of the hall)



Chris Magner
Principal