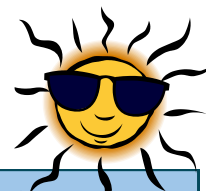


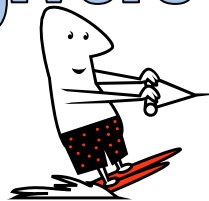
Dear Parents and Caregivers



Kia ora tatou

A special welcome to our new students and their families:

Jaya Stanley, William Coles, Cole Kake, Yashas Kulkarni, Tejas Kulkarni, Summer Huston and Harris Cameron



Newsletter

29 November 2011

ELLERSLIE SANTA PARADE



This year we are making Santa's Little Workshop and we need children to walk behind the truck at the Santa Parade dressed as elves.

A green paper tunic will be provided, but children will need to wear a green, white or red t-shirt and black shorts, trousers, leggings or a skirt. They also need to wear a Santa hat (these are available at most \$2 shops)



Good footwear and plenty of sunscreen is a must!

Children who want to participate in the event are asked to arrive at the Ellerslie School Float by 10:15am on Sunday 4th December (Cawley Street, Ellerslie)

We also require small to medium boxes to wrap up as presents—if you have any can you please drop them at the old dental clinic on Wednesday or Friday this week.

2011 Term Dates

Term 4

Ends Thursday 15th
December at 1:00pm

2012 Term Dates

Term 1

Wednesday 1st February
to Thursday 5th April

If you have any school library books or school readers, could they please be returned to the library ASAP

SAUSAGE SIZZLES

Every Friday at school, a group of parents and the PTA have been providing a sausage sizzle for the children. It has been running for over ten years and the funds raised have contributed towards valuable extra resources for our school.

If you can spare just over an hour on a Friday (11:15am to 12:30pm) once a term, your help would be greatly appreciated.

It is a great way to meet other parents and teachers and learn more about the school. It is okay to bring preschoolers and there is plenty of room in the staff room for buggies, toys etc.

Contact Mandy Thorogood at carlandmandy@xtra.co.nz or call 634 7383 or 021 855 042 if you can help as the roster for Term 1 is about to be completed.

REMINDER: FRIDAY 2nd Dec will be the LAST SAUSAGE SIZZLE for 2011



PRIZEGIVING

A reminder that prizegiving this year will be



held on Thursday the 15th of December 2011 (the last day of Term 4) at 10:00am at the ASB Stadium at Selwyn College.

Students will return to Ellerslie School by buses provided at approximately midday and will be dismissed from class at the usual end of year time of 1:00pm.

More fundraising for the school!

SPF30 sunblock is for sale outside Room 2 on Monday mornings from 8:30-9:00 and on Fridays between 8:30am and 9:00am and again from 2:30 to 3:00pm.



Two sizes are available, including a roll on which is handy to pop into school bags.

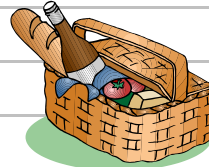
MITRE 10 MEGA

Don't forget, Mega Mitre 10, Lunn Ave, Mt Wellington have started a loyalty programme for schools. If you mention Ellerslie School when making a purchase, they will allocate a percentage of your purchase price for the school to spend on any future projects.

CALENDAR



29th November	APPA Choir Festival —Auckland Town Hall
29th November	Eastern Zone Athletics—Years 7 and 8
1st December	Tabloid Sports—Teams 1, 2 and 3
4th December	Ellerslie Santa Parade
5th December	Board of Trustees Meeting—6:00pm
7th December	Picnic Under The Stars—6:00pm
8th December	Mufti Day
12th December	Reports go home
13th December	Prizegiving Practice
15th December	Prizegiving—10:00am—School Closes at 1:00pm (End of School Year)



Life Education

For the next three weeks we welcome Claire Adams and Harold in the Life Education Mobile Classroom. The programme comes to us every two years...Harold's visits are always eagerly awaited by the children at all levels and provide an integral part in delivering a variety of aspects within the Health Curriculum.



Team 1 – Harold's Picnic – Children explore the importance of eating a variety of food each day to maintain the body and provide it with energy.

Team 2 – Food 4 Energy - The focus is the body's need for a balanced diet

Team 3 – Happy and Healthy – Explores coping with change. One of the key understandings is that people feel differently in different situations, and the need to accept and acknowledge that our feelings are OK.

Team 4 – Brainy Bunch - The brainy bunch - the brain, lungs, heart, muscles, stomach and intestines. Children see how these organs are affected by varying activities throughout a day. Behaviours are explored –in particular appropriate ways to deal with stress and/or peer pressure.

Team 5 – From the Shadows - This module focuses on drug use and the impact of various drugs on individuals, friends and families. Throughout the programme links are made to the development of young adults physically, mentally and emotionally, puberty is explored as well as the development of the human brain and the effects of drugs.

IMPORTANT DATES—2012

The Uniform Shop will be open on Thursday the 26th of January 2012 from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

The uniform shop will also be open on Tuesday the 31st of January 2012 (the day before school starts) between 8:30am and 12:00pm and the office will also be open this day for new enrolments.

*Take Care.
Chris Magner, Principal*

**IF YOU WAIT FOR THE WAVES TO SUBSIDE
YOU MAY NEVER HAVE A SWIM IN THE SEA.**

GEOFFREY MOSS

