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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou katoa Ellerslie whanau!

A term with no lockdowns - what a success story! This has meant the school has managed to complete everything we had planned for in Term 2. This includes events such as:

- 2 school camps involving 260 students
- Safety Week
- Community Literacy Evening
- Team 1 Scooter Day
- Whānau Parade and Wheelay Day
- Kāhui Ako Pink Shirt Day
- National Young Leaders Day
- Rugby, Football, Orienteering Tournaments
- Trees for Survival Outing
- APPA choir rehearsals
- After school netball and football



This, on top of a busy term of learning, has meant that much has been achieved and learnt over the past 10 weeks. Currently the Team Leaders are working on the Term 3 Overviews which will inform parents and caregivers of what is happening in the learning environments next term. These will be available at the end of Week 1.

Health and Safety Week

Last Friday's fantastic safety parade finished off an excellent and engaging Safety Week. Throughout the week students continued to learn all about the various people and processes that exist in our community which help us all keep safe. We were also extremely lucky to have a number of expert people who came in to talk to the students. This included: Senior Constable Tineke Laing - our School Community Officer, Community Constable Don Allen with Piper his community dog, Senior Sergeant Pete Pederson and the Police Dog team who opened the week with an amazing display.

We were also lucky to have school parent Dr. Rachel Webb - Paediatric Infectious Disease consultant - as well as Dr. Melodie Barr, Clinical Psychologist (wife of Mr Macnaughtan) to speak to the senior school about the brain, viruses and vaccinations. School parent Rubal Kaur also spoke to



Team 1 about her job as a nurse. This, on top of visits from St John's Ambulance to learn about First Aid, and the Warriors Community Foundation speaking about hydration, nutrition and sleep. Thank you to all these people and organisations for giving up their time to share their expertise with everyone during our Safety Week. Thank you to the many parents and caregivers who attended our Learning Celebration afternoon last Wednesday. It was a great opportunity for the students to share the learning. I really enjoyed walking around listening to the students explaining to their whānau members what they had been learning during the term.

Warm welcome and farewell

At the end of this term we farewell Crystal Shif who heads back to the United States. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen family circumstances Crystal needs to return home. We are grateful for all the work and effort Crystal has put into GG17 and wish her all the very best for her future endeavours. We warmly welcome Amber Lewis who will be starting her teaching journey in GG17 at the beginning of the term. We are lucky that Amber will be with us for the last few days of Term 2 to ensure a smooth transition. We also welcome Leena Bhikharidas who has joined the office team as our new administration support person. We also welcome Brent West who starts in Term 3. Brent will be taking class music lessons and orchestra group training each Wednesday.

Online Safety Resource

As we head into the holidays it is a perfect time to share a resource from the Ministry of Education. Te Tari Taiwhenua / Department of Internal Affairs has launched a free interactive e-book, [The Inter-Yeti](#). The e-book takes children through how to keep themselves safe online, and how to recognise and avoid bullying, trolls, scary content, and 'friends' who may not be who they say they are. The Inter-Yeti is aimed at 5-12 year-olds and can be read with whānau. The story is narrated by Stan Walker. The Inter-Yeti is part of the hugely successful [Keep it Real Online](#) campaign for parents and caregivers, and [The Eggplant](#) mini-series, aimed at older children.

One Tree Hill College - Thank you

Our sincere thanks to Nick Coughlan and the team at OTHC for their continued support of Ellerslie School. Recently the College hosted our Year 8 students for the day as part of the transition programme. This experience was enjoyed by all as the students learnt about life at a big college. We would also like to thank the College for continuing to allow us to the facilities on a regular basis.

...and to our Awesome Staff

Finally as we reach the halfway point of 2021, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our 70 outstanding staff members. They continue to dedicate hours of effort and expertise to ensure the students at Ellerslie are getting the best teaching and learning possible. I also want to thank them for all the extra activities and experiences they organise for the students on a weekly basis. Most importantly thank you for the care you consistently demonstrate towards all the students at Ellerslie.

Enjoy the upcoming holiday with friends and whānau. See you back at school on Monday 26th July.

Nga mihi nui

Nick Butler - Principal

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THIS WEEK AT ELLERSLIE SCHOOL

SCHOOL FOCUS

School Focus for Week 10: Teacher's Choice

LAST DAY OF TERM TWO

Tomorrow (Friday 09 July) is the last day of Term Two. School finishes at the normal times of 2:45pm (Years 0-6) and 2:55pm (Years 7-8).

HOLIDAY SAFETY MESSAGE

The holiday breaks can be a busy time for vandals. Should you notice any suspicious behaviour around our school during the break, please contact the police immediately on 111. Also, please keep safe at all times! Be careful near roads and keep an eye out for any little ones. We all want to see our students next term, all safe and sound.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photolife Shoot Keys have been sent home 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 01 August, will include free delivery to Ellerslie School. If you need assistance, Photolife can be contacted by phone 0800-501-040.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS - WEDNESDAY 04 AUGUST

This next round of this year's school interviews will be held on Wednesday 04 August from 2:00pm. (They will no longer be held on Thursday 05 August as advertised in the previous school newsletter.) Information and booking details have been emailed to parents/caregivers earlier today. School will close at the earlier time of 1:45pm on Wednesday 04 March so please arrange early collection of your child/ren. Please secure your space promptly by booking these using the www.schoolinterviews.co.nz website. Interview codes are as follows:

TEAM	GUARDIAN GROUPS	TIMES	BOOKING CODE
Team One (Rimu and Miro Pods)	25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30	Wednesday 04 August - 2:00pm-7:00pm	5ahzk
Team Two (Rata Pod)	13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18	Wednesday 04 August - 2:00pm-7:00pm	ed32x
Team Three (Matai Pod)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	Wednesday 04 August - 2:00pm-7:00pm	5bya3
Team Four (Pohutukawa Pod)	10, 11, 12, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23	Wednesday 04 August - 2:00pm-7:00pm	nxjyv
Team Five (Kauri Pod)	35, 36, 37, 38, 39	Wednesday 04 August - 2:00pm-7:00pm	5f7f7

YEAR 8 BAKE SALES

In Term 3, our Year 8 students will be fundraising for 2021 Leavers' Hoodies. They will be holding two lunchtime bake sales on Thursday 12 August for Year 0-4 students and Thursday 19 August for Year 5-8 students. More information will be sent out closer to the time.

KAITIAKI PEST CONTROL

Kaitiaki is a Māori term used for the concept of guardianship, for the sky, the sea, and the land. A kaitiaki is a guardian, and the process and practices of protecting and looking after the environment are referred to as kaitiakitanga. On Wed 25 June a very enthusiastic group of Year 5 students and Miss Lane headed to Maungakiekie as part of Kaitiaki Pest Education. They spent the morning with Chris Judd, seeing pest control in action and learning about NZ Biodiversity with a focus on native trees. They then returned to school to discuss further what we can do at school and in our local community to help our birds and plants survive and thrive. We look forward to them sharing their ideas and plans with the school community.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - ONLINE

A reminder that our school assemblies have moved back to our online system for the rest of this term and term 3 due to the absence of a suitable wet weather facility. This is an exciting initiative and we are looking forward to connecting with a wider range of families in order to celebrate the success of our students. If your child is receiving a certificate on Friday you will be sent an email from your child's GG teacher with a link that you can click on and watch remotely. The assemblies will start at 9:10am and we hope to conclude them by 9:45am.

TRIVIA NIGHT - THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our school community who supported the Ellerslie School Trivia Night. The ACES team are delighted to advise that we raised over \$2,000 for our school.

ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION PRESENTATION

The team at One Tree Hill College are hosting a presentation on Monday 02 August at 7:00pm. For more information, please contact the college directly.

TUMMY BUGS

We have had a number of children unwell over the last couple of weeks with tummy bugs and colds. We ask that children who are unwell are kept at home - please consider other children and staff. Children should stay home for 24-48 hours after their last episode of vomiting and/or diarrhoea. Please see a medical professional if you are concerned about your child's health.



One Tree Hill College presents

An Online Safety Information Presentation

With Rob & Zareen Cope - Parents & Filmmakers

MONDAY 2ND AUGUST 2021 | 7PM - 8.30PM
421-451 GREAT SOUTH ROAD, PENROSE

- Understand the harms our kids are facing online in relation to pornography, predators & social media access.
- Learn practical solutions to keep your children safer online.
- Get advice on healthy ways to approach these tricky topics.
- Learn what to do when your child has been exposed to something harmful.
- This talk also includes an online safety plan tailored to suit your family's needs.

To find out more about Rob & Zareen's work visit www.ourkidsonline.info

STAFF CHANGES

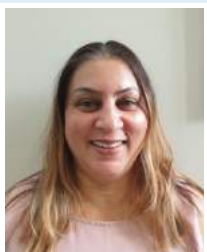


GOODBYE CRYSTAL SHIF - TEAM 2

It's bittersweet to be leaving Ellerslie School. It has been a privilege to teach here, and I will always remember the school, my wonderful colleagues, fantastic parents and the amazing and talented students I taught. I am looking forward to being reunited with my family and enjoying the California sunshine. Thank you to everyone for your warm welcome and ongoing support!

WELCOME AMBER LEWIS - TEAM 2

I have recently graduated from the University of Auckland and I am extremely excited to begin my first year of teaching at Ellerslie School. I am very familiar with the area, having grown up in St. Johns Park, and I am currently living in Stonefields. During my spare time, I enjoy playing the guitar and piano, taking my dog for a walk, spending time with family and friends, or relaxing with a nice movie. I am looking forward to getting to know the school community!



WELCOME LEENA BHIKHARIDAS - ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT

For the last 25 years I have worked in the travel industry. Then Covid hit and I decided it was time for a change. I have two daughters. My eldest has just started at University of Auckland and my youngest is in Year 8 and will be going to high school next year. I have a cat named Mr Bubbles and a dog called Willow, who is a golden cavoodle. As a family we have done lots of overseas travel as well as within New Zealand. My favourite destination is Peru. I enjoy baking, walking, reading, eating out and catching up with family and friends.

REMINDERS

2021 SCHOOL DATES

- Term Three - Monday 26 July to Friday 01 October
- Term Four - Monday 18 October to Friday 17 December - (Holiday - Labour Day 25 October)

ABSENCES

If your child/ren 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.

LATE TO SCHOOL

If your child is late to school, please ensure that they report to the office immediately on arrival to sign in and collect a late slip to give to their teacher. These are issued at the **back** of the office, entry through the door between Miro/Rimu Pods.

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JULY 2021 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

ELLERSLIE SCHOOL

WEEK	Mon 12 July	Tues 13 July	Wed 14 July	Thurs 15 July	Fri 16 July
WEEK 1	PAPER, SCISSORS, ROCK Choose games rule and walk like playing some today. Get creative with paper and scissors and make out the week. You'll manage to make up your own version of paper, scissors, rock.	GLITTER VS GOO Get ready for today of sensory exploration! We're making colour changing gooey stuff and doing the 'rain' ice challenge. Please bring a change of clothes.	WHO'S GOT THE RING Calling all whar! Help us search the land for the best ring, create your own set of all stars, make a dragon egg and take some delicious 'break' bread to share!	GO FOR GOLD Find out what it means to be a Kelly Club Champion. Compete in the Kelly Club activities, indoor volleyball tournament and make Olympic ring candles.	KELLY CLUB SURVIVOR Quest! Climb, Climb! Climb on team beams and slides before completing the challenges. Will your team be the last one standing? You'll be crowned Kelly Club Survivor Champion!
	PREHISTORIC PALS Prehistoric pals have never been more delicious. Today we're making fossil biscuits and dinosaur bone pizza! We'll also create and design dinosaurs and play of a tag.	RIGHT AS RAIN Rainy days don't have to be boring, especially at Kelly Club! Embrace the wet weather by making your own book or board game and cozy up with some hot chocolate!	"M" IS FOR... Today everything starts with the letter 'M'. We can play memory, make tag, make memory, make tag, make tag and MAMA! (tag). Make some magic, make magic and magical play art.	INFLATABLE DAY Write off to Inflatables Road School for an open day of inflatable fun. We've got balloon castles, to make sure it's fun, sports items, games and tag of use! Additional \$20 for the day.	CREEPY CRAWLING Have fun with things that creep and crawl. Make a crawling spider, create your own maze and complete the anti-gravity challenge. Don't forget to try the sunny dot pudding!
	FULL WEEK: \$255 7:30am - 5:30pm	FULL DAY: \$51 7:30am - 5:30pm	SCHOOL DAY: \$41 8:30am - 10:00pm	HALF DAY: \$33 7:30am - 12:30pm or 12:30pm - 5:30pm	EVENT DAY: Additional costs may apply

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IMPORTANT DATES


- 09 JULY 2021 - LAST DAY OF TERM TWO
- 26 JULY 2021 - FIRST DAY OF TERM THREE
- 04 AUGUST 2021 - PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS - 2:00pm-7:00pm
- 12 AUGUST 2021 - YEAR 8 BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER 1 - Years 0-4
- 19 AUGUST 2021 - YEAR 8 BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER 2 - Years 5-8

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