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# **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

## Tena koutou katoa Ellerslie whānau

Almost 2 weeks of Term 2 have flown by and already much has been achieved. Thank you for supporting the staff on their 2 staff only days at the beginning of the term. It provided an excellent opportunity to have a deep dive into the new mathematics curriculum led by the experts appointed by the MoE as well as our own team from the Learner First who we have been engaged with for nearly 3 years.

By the end of this week nearly all teachers at Ellerslie would have been trained in the structured literacy approach to teaching Reading, Writing and Spelling. This has been another MoE funded initiative. The school will now look at how this is implemented to support the new English curriculum.



### Kalmia Street Parking / Heart Foundation

Thank you to everyone who parks in the correct and legal places around the school. We appreciate the efforts many of you make to ensure our tamariki arrive and leave safely. However, this week we met with the Heart Foundation across the road from the school who have expressed grave concerns for the safety of Ellerslie students due to parents and caregivers regularly parking in the Heart Foundation car park and across their driveways.

We are reaching out today with an important reminder regarding whānau drop-off and pick-up practices around our kura.

- 1. Please do not use the Heart Foundation car park during drop-off and pick-up
- 2. Please do not park on across the Heart Foundation driveways or on the grass at anytime
- 3. Please remain in your car when using the drop off zone in the morning and in the afternoon
- 4. Please do not block the bus stop outside the school
- 5. Please use the pedestrian crossing at all times
- 6. Please do not stop in the middle of Kalmia Street to pick children up
- 7. Please respect all our neighbouring businesses when parking around the school

We have asked our local constable to help support the school to ensure all our children arrive and go home safely every day.

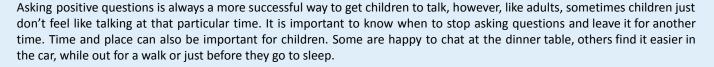
### What a Legend!

A massive ka pai to one of our awesome ākonga, Huzaifa, who took part in the Halberg Games during the holidays! We're so proud of the determination and awesome spirit he brought to the games. Ka mau te wehi – what an achievement!

### Keep Engaging in your Child's Education - It is so important.

Parents and caregivers often ask about the best way to engage with children at home in regards to finding out more about their learning at school. Here are those helpful questions to get the conversation started.

- 1. Can you tell me about the best part of your day?
- 2. What was the hardest thing you had to do?
- 3. Who did you play with at break times?
- 4. Did anyone do anything funny?
- 5. What did you talk about or learn today?
- 6. What was the most interesting thing your teacher said today?



Ngā mihi nui Nick Butler - Principal 'To be the best we can be'

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ELLERSLIE SCHOOL

### SCHOOL FOCUS

School Focus for Week 2: Teacher's Choice.

School Focus for Week 3: Be Collaborative - by including others.

School Focus for Week 4: Be Compassionate - by being aware of the thoughts and feelings of others.



### **ELLERSLIE SCHOOL MATHS-A-THON**

We're excited to launch this year's school wide fundraiser – the **Ellerslie School Maths-a-thon!** With a new Mathematics Curriculum now in place it is a perfect time to make the wonderful subject of Mathematics a focus for everyone. All students will have the opportunity to get as many Maths questions correct and raise money for our school. Sponsors can give money per question, or a lump sum donation for getting all the questions right.

By Monday of week 2 all students will receive a sheet of Maths questions and problems to learn over the next four weeks. The big Maths-a-thon day is on <u>Friday 30 May</u> when everyone will be tested. Every student will be told by their teacher which colour coded questions they will work on.

The funds raised will be put towards. enhancing current spaces and creating new dynamic outdoor areas where students can learn, play, and explore in our inspiring environment. This includes installing new equipment and resources around the school. The goal is to develop spaces that cater to a range of needs and learning styles—all designed to spark curiosity and encourage active learning.

To help with the smooth-running of our Maths-a-thon, we have partnered with New Zealand based, online fundraising company, Raise It. Raise It specialise in working with New Zealand schools to maximise their fundraising efforts. Collecting



sponsorship online makes it super easy for everyone - no more door knocking and students can collect more donations from further afield (friends and family living overseas, work colleagues, etc) and no need to worry about handling all that cash and bringing it into school! Each student will be able to set up their very own fundraising page on the website and we have lots of great spot prizes.

As part of creating their fundraising page they will choose their whanau house as their fundraising team. The website includes a leaderboard allowing us to create a little bit of healthy competition between whanau houses, with the winning whanau house receiving ice blocks and being allowed to wear non uniform clothes on a specific day. You can view the leaderboards and links to information about fundraising prizes on our hub page: https://ellerslieschoolmathsathon.raiseit.co.nz/. If you have any questions, please contact the school office via email: office@ellerslie.school.nz.



Pink Shirt Week is coming up in Week 3 of this Term, and here at Ellerslie School, we're excited to share a week full of activities that promote kindness, inclusion, and respect. At our kura, we aim to uphold the values of korero mai, korero atu, mauri tū, mauri ora — speak up, stand together, stop bullying — not just during Pink Shirt Week, but every day. There will be fun and inclusive lunchtime activities all week long that your tamariki can get involved in. Then - to wrap up the week, we invite everyone to wear a pink shirt with their school uniform and pink accessories on Friday 16 May to show your support and celebrate the power of kindness. Let's continue working collaboratively to build a safe, welcoming, and respectful environment for all.

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER - YEAR 8 FUNDRAISING WEDNESDAY 21 MAY AND WEDNESDAY 04 JUNE

Our Year 8 students will be fundraising for Leavers' Hoodies over the next two terms. The first activity will be Sausage Sizzles, to be held on Wednesday 21 May (for Years 0-4) and Wednesday 04 June (for Years 5-8). Sausage and Cookie combos are \$5.50 with gluten free and vegetarian options also available. These can be purchased on Kindo - please ensure you select the correct day for your child's year group.

Fundraising will also continue on Friday afternoons (starting in Week 3), where our students will sell a range of assorted snacks for everyone to enjoy. All items will be priced at \$2.00 each.

The Year 8 students appreciate your support with their fundraising efforts.

## **NEW PARENT INFORMATION SESSION - THURSDAY 22 MAY**

Here at Ellerslie School, we understand the significance of the milestone of your child beginning school at 5. As a parent, you may have many questions ranging from what happens during your child's day, to how you can support them at home. If you would like to learn more about school as a 5 year old, please come along to our information session for New Entrant parent/guardians on Thursday 22 May from 9:00am - 10:00am in our school staffroom with our Deputy Principal, Jillian Mitchell.

# MATAI TEAM PJ MOVIE NIGHT - FRIDAY 23 MAY

- Wednesday 21 May - Years 0-4 (Rimu/Rata/Matai) - Wednesday 04 June - Years 5-8 (Põhutukawa/Kauri)

- Kindo orders only in advance, by 3:00pm on the Monday before each sale.
- NO cash or late orders.
- Gluten Free and Vegetarian options available.
- Choice of Tomato Sauce and Mustard available.

Parents and Caregivers of Matai Team students have been sent an invitation for their Matai child to attend an exciting PJ Movie night on Friday 23 May showing the movie "Moana 2". Tickets can be purchased on Kindo for this event. We are in need of Matai Team parent/caregiver volunteers for this event - if you are able to help, please sign up at this LINK.

# SCHOOL PHOTOS - MONDAY 09 JUNE AND TUESDAY 10 JUNE

Re-scheduled dates: Photolife will now be here at Ellerslie School to take students' individual and class photos on Monday 09 June and Tuesday 10 June. Please ensure that the correct school uniform is worn by all students on those days, including correct socks/tights and black school shoes. The Ellerslie School uniform guidelines are available on the Ellerslie School website.



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Year 8 Fundraiser

Sausage and Cookie Combo





If your child/ren require sibling photos, Photolife requires specific parent/guardian permission to do these. Siblings must be students of Ellerslie School. Please complete this <u>Sibling form</u> by Friday 30 May - those who already completed this form for the original school photo dates do not need to do this again. If there is no permission given, sibling photos will not be taken.

### **TEAM UPDATES**

RIMU (Years 0 and 1)	Kia ora Rimu whanau. Welcome to all our new families. We look forward to being a part of your child's Ellerslie school journey. Our topic this term is on Safety and learning about who can help us if we need it. Our focus will be on crossing the road safely and being safe around roads and also 
RATA (Year 2)	Kia ora Rata WhanauThis week our little people attended their very first STEAM session. We explored making some 2D and 3D shapes using some materials. Two of us even helped the Kauri kids test one of their inventions! STEAM will run on Tuesdays for the remainder of this term. We also had a lot of fun practising our 5Cs of being curious and collaborative when we learned some new maths games which had a problem 
MATAĪ (Years 3 and 4)	Kia ora koutou Matai whanau. Welcome to Term 2. We started the term by acknowledging ANZAC day. The children all created some wonderful artwork in response to their learning.Image: Started the children all created some wonderful artwork in response to their learning.Image: Started the children all created some wonderful artwork in response to their learning.Image: Started the children all created some wonderful artwork in response to their learning.Image: Started the children all created some wonderful artwork in response to their learning.Image: Started the children all created some wonderful artwork in response to their learning.Image: Started the children all created some wonderful artwork in response to their learning.Image: Started the children all created some wonderful artwork in response to their learning.Image: Started the children all created some wonderful artwork in response to their learning.Image: Started the children all created some wonderful artwork in response to their learning.Image: Started the children all created some wonderful artwork in response to their learning.Image: Started the children all created some wonderful artwork in response to their learning.Image: Started the children all created some wonderful artwork in response to the children all created some wonderful artwork in response to the context and the context artwork in response to t

PŌHUTUKAWA (Years 5 and 6)



Nau mai, haere mai ki te Wahanga Tuarua i te tau 2025!

In Term Two we are exploring health and safety guidelines for keeping everyone safe. Those working with Miss Ettles, Ms Waterreus and Mrs Chou are coming up with a plan to minimise the risk of injury of an area at Ellerslie School. Our largest Year 5, 6 students group are designing something that shows students what can be unsafe when they're online; facilitated by Mrs Robinson, Miss Walter, Miss Sye, Mr Ly and Mrs R. Lastly we have a keen group of learners, working with Miss Patterson, Mr Leong, Mr McLean and Mrs Dove, deciding on whether the social media age limit should be lifted, lowered or kept the same. We look forward to sharing our learning with you on Wednesday 15 June 2025 (Week 9).

Our fortnightly Pohutukawa music lessons with Mr Symonds, will continue reinforcing the concepts of note duration and rhythm patterns learned in Term One. We will then explore how to identify notes on the stave and discover how adding pitch to rhythm patterns allows us to create melody.

The Physical World is the focus of fortnightly sessions with Mr Mitchell this term. Through practical investigations, students will develop and improve their understanding of the natural process and physical phenomena associated with simple machines (levers, pulleys and inclined planes).



Remuera Zone Cricket Teams 2025

Remuera Zone T-Ball Teams 2025

Congratulations to our Cricket, Touch Rugby and T-Ball teams selected to represent Ellerslie School at our Remuera Zone Summer Field Day competition on Tuesday 8 April 2025. The cricket tournament was cancelled due to the weather. However our Touch Rugby and T-Ball teams got to compete, demonstrating perseverance, determination and sportsmanship on a rainy competition day. A special SHOUT OUT goes out to Miss Walter and Mr Ly, our Touch Rugby coaches and Ms Watterreus and Mr McLean who mentored our T-Ball teams. Lastly, nga mihi nui, to our fabulous parent helpers: Melanie, Sarah-Jane, Julia, Shaukat, Maurice, Matt, Samantha, Michelle and Romi.



# PASSION CLUBS - TERM 2

We encourage our students to get involved in the range of exciting Passion Clubs on offer this term! If your child is interested in trying one of these fantastic lunchtime activities, ask your child to speak to their Guardian Group teacher.

- Enviro
- Origami
- Chill and Construction
- Hauora & Mindfulness

- Knitting

- Draw & Read
- Junior Kapa Haka
  Pasifika
- Karaoke
- Lego
- Latin Dance

If you are interested in donating resources for Passion Clubs or can offer your skills to teach a Passion Club this term, please email <u>hannae@ellerslie.school.nz</u>.

## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

We're excited to share that each week's school assembly items will now be featured in the community calendar, with a link to watch it online. You can also find the words to our National Anthem, Karakia and Waiata, ensuring that everyone can participate and enjoy. All whānau are welcome to join assembly each week either in person or online.

## **TISSUE DONATIONS**

We would appreciate <u>any donations</u> of boxes of facial tissues and/or baby wipes to get our Guardian Groups through the current and upcoming seasons. If you are able to help, please bring these to the school office at any time. Ngā mihi nui.

## **TUMMY BUGS**

We have had a large number of children unwell over the last couple of weeks with tummy bugs - vomiting and/or diarrhoea. This seems to be being passed on from child to child. We ask that children who are unwell are kept at home - please consider other children and staff. These 'bugs' are very contagious based on the high number of children we are seeing. 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.

# SITUATIONS VACANT - TEACHER AIDE - FIXED TERM

Do you have...

- A love of children?
- A desire to be part of a collaborative team?
- A sense of fun and humour?
- An interest in developing new skills and passions?

Ellerslie School is seeking a passionate and enthusiastic Teacher Aide to join its amazing school. This job involves working with children with special needs, includes toileting support and supporting in class. Please send your CV, cover letter and completed application form to Sheree Myers at <u>applications@ellerslie.school.nz</u>. An application form can be found on the Ellerslie School website under Forms and Docs/Current vacancies. Applications close 12pm, Monday 14 May 2025.



# **IMPORTANT DATES**

12-16 MAY 2025 - PINK SHIRT WEEK 13 MAY 2025 - YEAR 7 BOYS EASTERN ZONES FOOTBALL 15 MAY 2025 - YEAR 8 BOYS EASTERN ZONES FOOTBALL 16 MAY 2025 - PINK SHIRT DAY - DRESS UP 23 MAY 2025 - MATAI MOVIE NIGHT 30 MAY 2025 - MATHS-A-THON DAY 02 JUNE 2025 - KINGS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - school closed for instruction 09 JUNE 2025 - PHOTOLIFE SCHOOL PHOTOS - DAY ONE 10 JUNE 2025 - PHOTOLIFE SCHOOL PHOTOS - DAY TWO 20 JUNE 2025 - MATARIKI PUBLIC HOLIDAY - school closed for instruction 23 JUNE 2025 - MID YEAR LEARNING SUMMARIES AVAILABLE TO FAMILIES

(Dates can also be found under "Calendar" on the Ellerslie School App, and can be downloaded to your own diary.)

# REMINDERS

### **TERM DATES FOR 2025**

Please note that the following dates for the 2025 school year are as follows:

- Term Two Monday 28 April to Friday 27 June (Holidays King's Birthday 02 June, Matariki 20 June)
- Term Three Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September
- Term Four Monday 06 October to Wednesday 17 December (Holiday Labour Day 27 October)

### ABSENCES

If your child/ren is/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 <u>office@ellerslie.school.nz</u>
- 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.

### ATTENDANCE

If your child is away for 5 continuous days or more, please note that you are required to either:

- Before Travel complete an "Application for Student Extended Leave Form" link
- Illness which is not Covid-19 related provide a Medical Certificate.

### SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Please note that stocks of second hand uniforms are now available for sale at the Mercy Hospice Shop, 188 Ladies Mile, Ellerslie. All proceeds are to Mercy Hospice. The Ellerslie School Uniform guidelines can be found <u>HERE</u>.

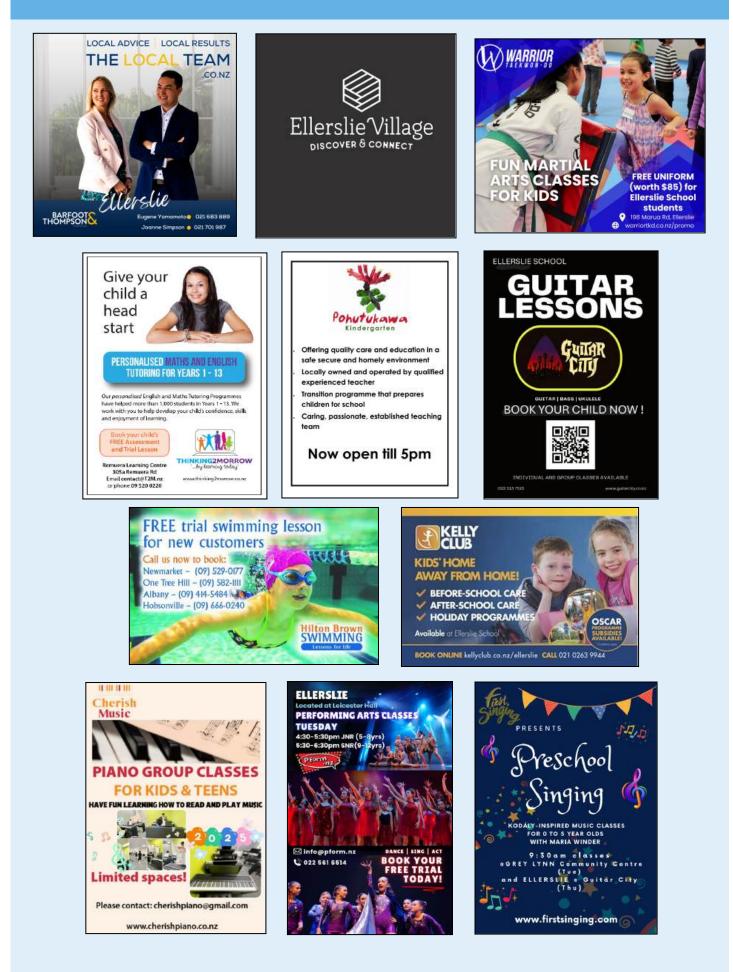
## **IMPORTANT - UPDATING YOUR DETAILS**

Do we have your correct contact details? Have you changed your phone number, address, email or emergency contacts over the holidays? Are we able to contact you or an alternative person in an emergency? Are you receiving our school newsletters to your correct email address? If you need to update any of these, please email <u>office@ellerslie.school.nz</u> with your child/ren's name and updated information.

### **CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION**

We always encourage feedback both positive and anything you think we need to work on to keep making our school a great place for our learners. The Concerns and Complaints procedure encourages concerns to be resolved informally through discussions with the person concerned. If this is appropriate, please contact the relevant person directly. If this is not appropriate, the procedure provides for other avenues to resolve issues. Copies of our procedures can be found on the school website.

# **KEY SPONSORS**





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# KELLY CLUB ELLERSLIE UPDATE

### What's been happening...

We enjoyed seeing everyone back at school again for term 21 We've been hearing about the awesome holidays everyone had. It's been a great week 1 as we are getting ready for the family Fiesta that is going down next week! We will be designing family crests, family tree mobiles and knocking it out the park with sports tournaments.



### What's happening next week!



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