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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou katoa Ellerslie whānau

### MID TERM 2 - A BUSY SCHOOL

It is fantastic walking around the school during the day seeing all the activities that are going on both inside and outside our learning environment. Right from early morning to late afternoon Ellerslie is a busy place. This includes the over 50 children participating in Kapa Haka, some of our 17 netball teams training at school and many of the football teams practising after school. This, as well as the variety of musical groups playing during the week helps create an engaging and exciting atmosphere at school. Passion clubs are also up and running once again. These take place during break times and are run by staff and students, are open to anyone and are free to join. The passion clubs currently on offer include: *Sing Club, Boxing Club, Robotics and Coding, Drawing, Engineering Club, Pasifika, Jenga and Cup stacking, Lego Club, Crochet Club, Football, Board Games, Writing Club.*

I encourage all students to get involved with the activities on offer as it is a great way to get the most out of their time at school and interact with other students and staff. I want to also thank the staff, parents and caregivers, as well as students who are helping to organise and run all these experiences.

### SUPPORT STAFF WEEK

One of the most important weeks at Ellerslie is when we celebrate our wonderful support staff every year. Our support staff team is made up of: **Teacher Aides:** Donna Cantlon, Margot Harper, Mariya Litvinova, Lai Leatua, Dimuthu Sumathipala, Dean Wood, Sarita Bhan, Robyn Dove, Luckeesha De Silva, Karyn Bennetts-Dye, Jo Galbraith, Bibiana Villalobos, Sharyn Torrens, Treena Tetava, Sam Higham, Tylo Smith, Melissa Avery-Jacobs and Kathryn Sullivan. **Office Staff:** Karen Clouston, Sheree Myers, Kirsty Knowles, Leena Bhikharidas. Sharon Wilson (Librarian), Tony Renata (Caretaker) and Sarah Nuttall (School Engagement Coordinator). This talented and committed team contributes a huge amount to making a difference every day. They play an important role supporting not only the students but also their colleagues and the community.



### CAR PARK AND TRAFFIC SAFETY

Please be mindful of our school community by keeping safe in the car park and roads around school.

- Parents/whānau and students are reminded to use the Kalmia Street crossing safely, at all times.
- Please do not use the staff car park as a thoroughfare as there is moving traffic - please use the footpaths provided.
- Please do not park in the bus stop outside the school.
- Be respectful of the businesses in our community whose car parks are for their staff, customers and visitors only. This

particularly applies to The Heart Foundation.

- When using the drop-off/pick-up zone outside the school, please note that this is a 2 minute area, and passengers should alight safely on the passenger's side of your vehicle.

### KEEPING HEALTHY DURING THE WINTER

Throughout many schools in Auckland at the moment there are a number of staff and students currently away due to winter illnesses (not just Covid-19). Auckland Public Health continues to release useful information about how these bugs and viruses can be managed to ensure a speedy recovery so people can return to work and school.. The week's information was about the norovirus which are a group of viruses that infect the stomach or gut and lead to vomiting and diarrhea (gastroenteritis). The virus can survive for long periods outside the body, so hard surfaces like toys, plates, cutlery and other objects can become contaminated. *Beat the Bug the Winter* is an excellent publication that has useful information about norovirus. Please click [here](#) to learn more.

Ngā mihi nui

Nick Butler - Principal

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## HEALTH AND SAFETY - COVID-19 - ORANGE SETTING

### REMINDER HEALTH AND SAFETY - Orange Setting - Covid-19

We are asking everyone to continue to follow a number of safety measures:

- If anyone in your household tests positive for Covid-19, please report any information about your child to the school via this [LINK](#).
- Stay home if you are sick. If this is the case – stay home and get tested. If you have cold, flu or Covid-19 symptoms, stay home. Call your doctor or Healthline on 0800 3585453 for advice about getting tested.
- Face masks are ***strongly encouraged*** to be worn by staff and students at school, when indoors.
- All visitors including parents and whānau, are to wear a face mask when indoors onsite.
- Face masks are to be worn in the office foyer.
- Face masks are mandatory on school transport for students aged 12 and older.
- Keep a physical distance away from other people where possible.
- Inform the school if you need to pick up your children outside pickup and drop off times and only come to the office.
- Parents / caregivers may enter any learning environments before school however a face mask needs to be worn.
- Parents / caregivers can enter the school courtyard (face masks are strongly encouraged).
- Keep the school informed of any important Covid-19 related information.
- Reinforce the importance of good hand washing and drying.
- Reinforce good cough and sneeze etiquette.
- Ensure all indoor spaces are well ventilated by opening windows, doors, and any vents.

### REMINDER - SCHOOL TERM 2 TIMETABLE

	<b>Rimu / Miro / Pōhutukawa Teams 1, 2 and 4 / Years 1, 2, 5, 6</b>	<b>Mataī / Kauri Teams 3 and 5 / Years 3, 7, 8</b>
8.30am Bell	Learning areas are open for all students.	Learning areas are open for all students.
Session 1	8:50am - 10:00am	8:50am - 10:30am
<b>Morning Tea Break</b>	<b>10:00am - 10:20am</b>	<b>10:30am - 10:50am</b>
Session 2	10:20am - 11:45am	10:50am - 12:30pm
<b>Break</b>	<b>11:45am - 12:30pm</b>	<b>12:30pm - 1:15pm</b>
Session 3	12:30pm - 1:35pm	1:15pm-2:45pm
<b>Afternoon Break</b>	<b>1:35pm - 1:45pm</b>	
Session 4	1:45pm - 2:45pm	

## THIS WEEK AT ELLERSLIE SCHOOL

### SCHOOL FOCUS

School Focus for Week 6: Be Confident - I can give everything a go.

School Focus for Week 7: Be Creative - I can listen to and encourage others.

### STAFF ONLY DAY - MONDAY 27 JUNE

We would like to inform the community of an upcoming **Staff Only Day on Monday 27 June**. On this day the school will be closed. This has been timed around the Matariki Public Holiday on Friday 24 June. This day will allow staff to catch up some of their classroom release time which they have lost during Terms 1 and 2 due to having to cover teachers who have been away with Covid-19. Thank you for your support and understanding.

### INTERMEDIATE INFORMATION EVENING - WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE

Parents and caregivers of students in Years 5 and 6 are invited to attend an information evening to learn about Ellerslie School's Intermediate (Year 7 and 8) programme. This will take place on Wednesday 15 June at 7.00pm in Te Manawa. Come and listen to the Year 7/8 teachers and our School Leaders tell you all about what our intermediate programme can offer your child.



### NEW PARENT INFORMATION SESSION - THURSDAY 16 JUNE

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 16 June from 9:00am - 10:00am in our school staffroom with our Deputy Principal, Jillian Mitchell. Please contact our office to book a place at this session as limited numbers apply - email [office@ellerslie.school.nz](mailto:office@ellerslie.school.nz). (If you have previously attended one of these sessions, there is no need to come along again.)

### YEAR 8 BAKE SALES

Our Year 8 students are fundraising for 2022 Leavers' Hoodies. They will be holding three lunchtime bake sales on:

- Thursday 16 June - for Year 3-4 students (Matai Pod)
- Friday 17 June - for Year 0-2 students (Rimu, Miro and Rata Pods)
- Thursday 23 June - for Year 5-8 students (Pohutukawa and Kauri Pods)

This year we have a combo of an American hot dog and cookies available for lunch, for only \$5.50. Sales are available now on Kindo only - under "Other Activities", and orders need to be received by 3:00pm on the Tuesdays prior to each bake sale. There are Gluten free/vegetarian options also available.




### SECONDARY ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING - WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE

Parents and caregivers of students in Year 8 are invited to attend an information evening on secondary enrolment. This will take place on Wednesday 29 June at 7.00pm in Pohutukawa Pod. All Year 8 students must be enrolled in a secondary school this year. This evening will explain the enrolment process, inform you of important dates and deadlines, and provide you with the opportunity to complete the enrolment forms for your colleges of choice. There will also be a representative from Auckland City Education Services, who specialises in secondary enrolment, to answer any questions you may have.

### TEAM UPDATES

RIMU / MIRO (Year 1)	Kia ora Team 1 whānau. We would like to welcome all the new families beginning their school journey with us. It was awesome to see some of you at our 'Team 1 Meet and Greet' night. It is always special to meet other parents on this new adventure. Team 1 have been busy practising our different dances and look forward to sharing our 'moves' with our families and friends. Just another reminder that if your wee ones are unwell to please keep them home until they are strong and feeling better.
RATA (Year 2)	Kia ora Team 2 whanau! We have been busy creating some lovely ( top secret!) artwork in preparation for our celebration in Week 9. We have also been discussing artists and their artworks . This leads nicely into our trip next week where the children will be creating objects using clay and touring the gallery.
MATAĪ (Years 3 and 4)	Kia ora Mataī whānau. Welcome to Week 6. Our learners are enjoying making, experiencing and learning about music and we look forward to sharing some of our learning with you in Week 9. We would still like to encourage the wearing of masks inside our pods as the 'other' winter germs begin to arise. We are also still using our sanitising stations and would love you to support this by reminding your child how important it is to also wash their hands with soap and water. A big congratulations to Miss Campbell and members of GG 3 who planted over 400 native trees last week! Ka pai to our environmental warriors.



<p>PŌHUTUKAWA (Years 5 and 6)</p>	<p>Tēnā koutou katoa, Nau mai, Haere mai ki Wiki Tūaono!</p> <p>Our Year 5 and 6 authors have been developing their agency in Writing this term. We have been working on eight writing skills: Purpose and Audience, Ideas, Organisation, Structure and Language Features, Vocabulary, Sentences and Punctuation, Phonics and Spelling and Proofreading. As authors we know how important it is to know who we are writing for and why we are writing - to inform, persuade or entertain our audience. Our favourite part is sharing our writing in a variety of ways. Examples of this include writing an email, creating a brochure or writing a script.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">    </div> <p>We have our Puberty Whānau Information Evening in Week 8 on Tuesday 21st June, 7:00pm in Pōhutukawa Pod 2. See you there! Puberty sessions for Year 6 students will be held on Wednesday 22nd June 2022.</p>
<p>KAURI (Years 7 and 8)</p>	<p>Kia ora Kauri whānau! Wow, half way through Term Two already! We have successfully competed in two Football Zone Days and look forward to our rugby boys competing this week! We continue to be involved with a One Tree Hill College initiative where they bring some specialist coaches in to work with our students. Our football training sessions will continue through to the end of the term, as will the rugby coaching. Our rehearsals for our little production are underway and we're looking forward to presenting this in Week 10.</p> <p>Our School Leaders are currently planning for a Parent Information Evening that we're hosting for our Year 5 and 6 parents about the Intermediate Programme at Ellerslie School and our Year 8s are revisiting their service requirements as part of the Leadership Programme.</p>



#### TREES FOR SURVIVAL

June 1 was the first day of winter but GG3 was covered in sunshine. Sixteen intrepid learners went out to the Gallagher's farm in Patumahoe for our annual tree planting event. The students were learning about biodiversity. They now know that trees and native shrubs provide food and habitat for many living things on the farm. The planting site was selected to help with erosion and filtering of surface run off. These amazing, hard working Ellerslie students planted 410 seedlings on the farm! Superb effort.

#### ELLERSLIE SCHOOL TRIVIA AND KARAOKE NIGHT - FRIDAY 05 AUGUST

Tickets for the Ellerslie School Trivia and Karaoke night on Friday 05 August are selling fast! These are only \$10.00 each and are available on Eventbrite via this [LINK](#). This year's theme is a Travel Trivia Quiz. Make up a table with seven friends (max eight per table) or meet new people by emailing Sarah Nuttall and be seated with other parents/whanau from school. After you've completed the Trivia round, belt out some karaoke songs solo or with your table!

#### ELLERSLIE SCHOOL SUPPORTERS (ESS)

This week we launched ESS, a new way to promote the fantastic local businesses who support school through giving their time, vouchers and goods for raffles and auctions, or sponsorship. You can find out all about them on ESS's Facebook and Instagram pages: <https://www.facebook.com/ellerslieschoolsupporters>  
<https://www.instagram.com/ellerslieschoolsupporters>

If you know of a business who would like to be involved, please contact Sarah at [sarah@ellerslie.school.nz](mailto:sarah@ellerslie.school.nz). We would also love to know about ways we can help local businesses with their projects - e.g. community clear-up, packing boxes for charity.

ELLERSLIE SCHOOL  
TRIVIA NIGHT 2022



FRIDAY 05 AUGUST  
ARRIVE 7:00PM FOR A 7:30PM START  
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421-451 GREAT SOUTH ROAD, PENROSE

COST - \$10.00 PER PERSON  
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BAR, AUCTIONS, KARAOKE 9:30PM-MIDNIGHT

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SARAH@ELLERSLIE.SCHOOL.NZ



## RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

How can you help us to recycle? Ellerslie School is a collection point for the following items:

### CHIP PACKET PROJECT NZ

Ellerslie School has recently started supporting the Chip Packet Project NZ, who make thermal blankets from foil chip and biscuit packets for organisations who support those in need. Save those wrappers and start sending them into the office!

### BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

Ellerslie School is a collection point for the Bread Tags for Wheelchairs organisation in New Zealand. You can deposit any bread tags at the Ellerslie School office for local recycling, with funds raised being sent to South Africa to buy wheelchairs for children.

### COLGATE ORAL WASTE

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### KIDNEY KIDS NZ

We are also a collection point for soda can tabs and aluminium wine bottle lids on behalf of local Lions Clubs. The proceeds from recycling the metal from these, goes directly to the Kidney Kids NZ organisation.



## IMPORTANT DATES

**15 JUNE 2022 - INTERMEDIATE INFORMATION EVENING - 7:00pm in Te Manawa**

**16 JUNE 2022 - BAKE SALE 1 FOR MATAI POD STUDENTS (YEARS 3,4)**

**17 JUNE 2022 - BAKE SALE 2 FOR RIMU, MIRO AND RATA POD STUDENTS (YEARS 0,1,2)**

**23 JUNE 2022 - BAKE SALE 3 FOR POHUTUKAWA AND KAURI STUDENTS (YEARS 5, 6, 7, 8)**

**24 JUNE 2022 - PUBLIC HOLIDAY - MATARIKI**

**27 JUNE 2022 - STAFF ONLY DAY**

**29 JUNE 2022 - SECONDARY ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING - 7:00pm in Pohutukawa Pod**

**08 JULY 2022 - LAST DAY OF TERM TWO**

**05 AUGUST 2022 - ELLERSLIE SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT**

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

## REMINDERS

### 2022 SCHOOL DATES

- **Term Two - Monday 02 May to Friday 08 July** (Holiday - Queen's Birthday 06 June, Matariki 24 June)
- **Term Three - Monday 25 July to Friday 30 September**
- **Term Four - Monday 17 October to Friday 16 December** (Holiday - Labour Day 24 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 [office@ellerslie.school.nz](mailto: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.

### 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.

### 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.

### STUDENT LEAVE

A reminder for those parents/whānau wishing to take their child out of school for any non-school related reason for more than three days must apply in writing to the Principal. Please ensure that a [Student Extended Leave form](#) is completed and submitted to the school office for approval.

### 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 [office@ellerslie.school.nz](mailto:office@ellerslie.school.nz) 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](#).

### MEDICINES AT SCHOOL

If your child has asthma or a related medical condition where they require administration of medicines at school, please note that we require parental permission to do this. The consent [form](#) is found on our website. Also, if we are holding your child's inhaler or other medication at school, please communicate with us regularly to ensure that we have the correct medication and that it is replaced before expiry. Email is [office@ellerslie.school.nz](mailto:office@ellerslie.school.nz).

### LOST PROPERTY

A reminder that all lost property is located in front of the blue wall, on the left of the school office. Only un-named items will be stored, with named items being returned to the child where possible. Please ensure that you clearly name all items of uniform.



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