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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Tena koutou katoa Ellerslie whanau

Support for Tonga -Mālō 'aupito!

The wave of support for Tonga was strong in the community last week. Thank you for the 3000 items you donated and for the over \$1500.00 you generously gave to the Aotearoa Tonga Relief Committee. These items and money will be delivered to the committee by the senior students who helped organise the fundraiser. The students looked amazing as well, due to their colourful dress up clothes on display. We also managed to fit in 3 school discos over 3 lunch breaks - the first for 2022!

Maths-a-thon

The Maths-a-thon is up and running! There have already been a large number of children who have signed up ready to learn their Maths questions. Thank you to the Maths-a-thon Committee for all the work that has gone into getting this exciting event up and running. We are once again using an online fundraising platform to help coordinate this event however we have opted only for whānau house incentives. Parents who want to make a Maths-a-thon donation directly to the school can do this via their school Kindo account.

Property update

Much is happening in the area of school property over the next 12 months:

New 2 Storey 11 Classroom / 1 STEAM Room: The construction of this building, located on the south boundary next to the

Library, is due to start in October. At the completion of this new modern learning environment, the portacom classrooms on the field will be removed. This is a Ministry of Education funded project and before the end of the term there will be an information evening so the community can see the design.

Hall Demolition: The long awaited Hall demolition is due to start in June.

Hard Courts: The new masterplan completed last year indicated the installation of 4 new netball courts.

24 Classroom Block Enhancements: During the recent summer holiday enhancements were made inside the large 24 classroom block. This included the installation of some new breakout spaces and folding doors.

School Protocol Updates - PLEASE READ

We have all done a fantastic job adhering to the various protocols the government and the school have implemented over the last months to help manage the pandemic. This has gone a long way to ensuring we have maintained excellent staff and student numbers at school... so far. **Today 90% of our students are at school, learning and 93% of all staff are at school, teaching.** These are brilliant statistics, however we know this could change quickly. While we do want to continue to keep vigilant we also want to change a couple of protocols to get back to some normality.

From Monday 28 March

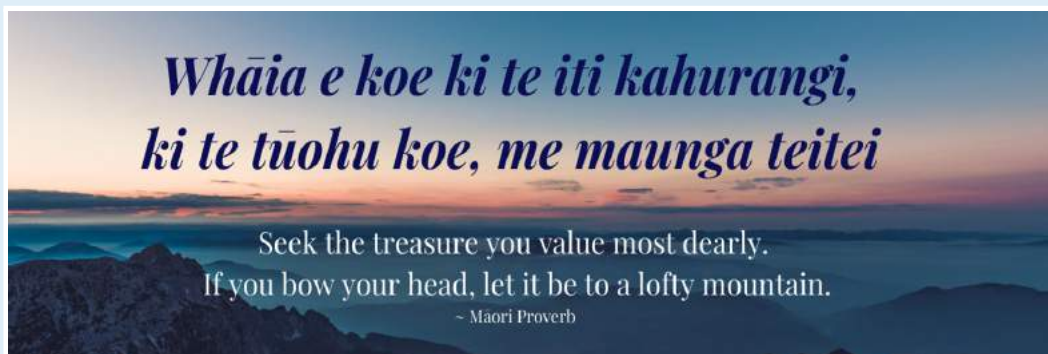
- You will no longer need to sign in using the Covid-19 tracer app.
- School will finish for everyone at 2:45pm - there will no longer be staggered departure times.
- All parents/caregivers are allowed into the school courtyard to pick up their children.
- Masks are to be still worn and we ask that no parents/caregivers go into any learning spaces.
- The school site still needs to be cleared by 3:00pm.
- Team 5 students without siblings will continue to use the back gate.
- Teams 1-4 students can now use the front entrance and back gate.
- Morning drop off procedures will remain the same.
- School Assembly will resume outside from Friday - week 9 - weather permitting - parents allowed.

As we come off the Omicron wave we hope to change further protocols as long as it means we maintain high attendance at school from both students and staff.

Nga mihi nui

Nick Butler - Principal

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HEALTH AND SAFETY - COVID-19 RED SETTING

REMINDER HEALTH AND SAFETY - Red 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.
- Adhere to the mask rules.
- 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.
- No entry into pods and class spaces by parents / caregivers.

- 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.
- All staff are fully vaccinated and receiving boosters.

REMINDER - SCHOOL TIMETABLE - RED SETTING

	Rimu / Miro / Kauri Teams 1 & 5 / Years 1, 7, 8	Rata / Pohutukawa Teams 2 & 4 / Years 2, 5, 6	Matai Team 3 / Years 3, 4
8.30am Bell	Learning areas are open for all students.	Learning areas are open for all students.	Learning areas are open for all students.
Session 1	8:50am-10:00am	8:50am-10:25am	8:50am-10:50am
Break	10:00am	10:25am	10:50am
Session 2	10:20am-12:00pm	10:45am-12:35pm	11:10am-1:10pm
Break	12:00pm	12:35pm	1:10pm
Session 3	12:30pm-2:40pm	1:05pm-2:40pm	1:40pm-2:40pm
End of the Day	2:45pm	2:45pm	2:45pm

THIS WEEK AT ELLERSLIE SCHOOL

SCHOOL FOCUS

School Focus for Week 9: Be Respectful - I can show respect by speaking politely and using my manners.

School Focus for Week 10: Be The Best You Can Be - I can consistently demonstrate all of the 5Bs.



ELLERSLIE SCHOOL MATHS-A-THON

We're excited to launch our online sponsored fundraiser – the Ellerslie School Maths-a-thon! Sheets will be sent home over the next week with students so our amazing problem solvers throughout the school can practice for the big day on Friday 6 May. Every student will be told by their teacher which colour coded questions they will be tested on.

The funds raised will be put towards enhancing our outdoor environment which will be thoroughly used and enjoyed by our current and future students.



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 leader boards allowing us to create a little bit of healthy competition between whanau houses, with the winning whanau house prize being ice blocks. You can view the leader boards and links to information about fundraising prizes on our Fundraising hub page: <https://ellersliemathsathon.raiseit.nz/hub>. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Nuttall at sarahn@ellerslie.school.nz.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS - TUESDAY 12 APRIL

This next round of this year's school interviews will be held on Tuesday 12 April from 2:00pm. Information and booking details will be emailed to parents/caregivers sometime next week. School will close at the earlier time of 1:45pm on Tuesday 12 April so please arrange early collection of your child/ren. Please secure your space promptly by booking these using the www.schoolinterviews.co.nz website.

TEAM UPDATES

<p>TEAM 1 (Year 1 - Rimu/Miro)</p>	<p>Kia ora Ellerslie Whānau. It has been a busy couple of weeks with the start of our P.E. rotation focussing on fitness and movement skills and learning about groups we belong to.</p> <p>We were also very lucky this week to have our walking trip into Ellerslie to learn about things that make Ellerslie special. This included hunting for the firestation, buses, trains, signs and Ellerslie's many mosaic pictures and artworks. Ellerslie sure has many, many things that make it special to us.</p> 
<p>TEAM 2 (Year 2 - Rata)</p>	 <p>Kia ora Families/Whānau. Team 2 has had a busy week, beginning with a delightful afternoon in the acorn patch, inspecting the beehive and locating facts about bees!</p> <p>We had an awesome time on Water Day, rotating around a range of activities. The best part was shooting Miss Hodder and Miss Lawrence with the water guns! Continue to check out our Seesaw pages for photos of our experiences!</p>
<p>TEAM 3 (Year 3 and 4 - Matai)</p>	<p>Kia ora Matai whānau. We have been so excited to learn about bees with the instalment of our hives. Kay and Alan Parker spent time with each pod explaining about the important ways in which we can all take care of these busy friends and our students love to visit them when they are in the acorn patch for play times.</p> <p>The launch of our school Maths-a-thon has been a topic of discussion with our students and we can tell that there is great excitement to get involved. Watch out for the questions that will be coming home... they can practise and have the best chance of success! We will also make opportunities within our learning programmes for practise as well. Thanks for your support with our Seesaw posts. It is lovely to see our parents commenting and giving such positive feedback.</p>
<p>TEAM 4 (Year 5 and 6 - Pohutukawa)</p>	<p>Kia ora koutou, in Team 4 we are working on forming and asking different types of questions and how to conduct effective interviews. We are specifically asking about people who have moved to NZ from overseas and celebrations from their own cultures - your child may even use you as a guinea pig when they practise!</p> <p>We continue with the summer sports of cricket, t-ball and touch and are really impressed with the skills gained in a few short weeks, as well as the sportsmanship being demonstrated when games are played. We are super excited to get started with the Maths-a-thon and can't wait to achieve our fundraising goals. Ka pai Team 4.</p>
<p>TEAM 5 (Year 7 and 8 - Kauri)</p>	<p>Kia ora Team 5 Whānau. Our students have had a busy week, working on biography related tasks and conducting interviews. We have mostly completed our P.A.T. testing and next week will be writing up our biography interviews.</p> <p>Next week, we will be assigning Maths-a-thon questions and will begin practising our basic facts in readiness for the Quiz day in early Term 2.</p> <p>The most exciting event on our radar is our upcoming Masterchef competition in Week 10!</p>

FREE ONLINE ANXIETY WORKSHOP

Thank you to the members of our community who attended the free online anxiety workshop with Dr Mary Miller on Wednesday night. We hope to hold more online workshops for our school community in the future.

PIZZA AND MUFTI DAY

Pizza and Mufti day will be held on Wednesday 13 April. Pizza is \$2.00 per slice (from Pizza Hut) and can be ordered on Kindo under Other Activities. Please place orders before 2:00pm on Monday 11 April - no cash orders or late orders are able to be accepted. Flavours available are Ham and Cheese, and Cheese and Tomato, with gluten free options available also. Mufti day is \$2.00 per child - also payable on Kindo. Community helpers are needed to distribute pizza on the day - if you can assist, please email sarah@ellerslie.school.nz.



SCHOLASTIC ORDER

Your child will have brought home a Scholastic Lucky Book catalogue last week. Please order via the Scholastic LOOP [website](#) within the specified time frame (last day to order is Friday 25 March) and these will be sent to your child's class once they arrive at school. Please note that we are currently unable to accept cash or eftpos payments for these orders. If you are ordering as a gift you can mark this as such on the website and we will contact you directly when it arrives at school. If you have any questions, please email our Librarian Mrs Wilson, on sharonw@ellerslie.school.nz.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

There will be a pop-up second hand uniform sale on Monday 11 April between 2:15pm and 2:45pm (weather permitting). This will be held outside the school office. Eftpos will be available. There are limited stocks of fleece jumpers, junior and senior uniform in varying sizes and condition available.



BMX

Congratulations to some of our Ellerslie School students who competed at the BMX NZ National champs in Hamilton recently.

- Jackson R. (Year 2) won all of his races
- Coulter J. (Year 5) - ranked 4th in NZ
- Bryson J. (Year 8) ranked 5th in NZ
- Callum L. (Year 6) ranked 17th in NZ.

Well done to these students on an outstanding effort.



SCHOOL DONATIONS

A friendly reminder to please pay your school donation and contributions. Donations paid now can be claimed after 1 April for a 33% tax rebate. When paying through mykindo, you will also see an invitation to "amplify your donation". If you don't normally claim your rebates, we would appreciate you choosing YES to support our school.

HEAD LICE - OUTWIT THOSE NITS

There has recently been a case of head lice identified within the school and we wanted to make sure you were kept informed. While lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread too far. It is not possible to completely prevent head lice because they're very common and breed prolifically, however we appreciate your support in trying to keep the outbreak to a minimum. As there is evidence of an outbreak we suggest that you:

- **CHECK** your child's head thoroughly.
- **TREAT** if you find evidence of eggs or lice.
- **RE-CHECK** after treatment to ensure it has worked.

IMPORTANT DATES

11 APRIL 2022 - SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE - 2:15pm-2:45pm outside of the school office

12 APRIL 2022 - PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS - school finishes at 1:45pm

13 APRIL 2022 - PIZZA AND MUFTI DAY

14 APRIL 2022 - LAST DAY OF TERM ONE

02 MAY 2022 - FIRST DAY OF TERM TWO

(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 One - Thursday 03 February to Thursday 14 April** (Holiday - Waitangi Day 07 February, Good Friday 15 April)
- **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
- 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.

SUNSHADE, HATS AND SUNSCREEN

We are committed to keeping our children safe in the sun and have developed Sun Safe Procedures accordingly. Children are required to wear school uniform hats when playing in the sun in Terms 1 and 4. It is essential that children have hats at school every day. We strongly encourage the wearing of hats to and from school and also suggest the use of sunscreen. Hats can be purchased through the Argyle Online website, via Kindo or at the school office.

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 with your child/ren's name and updated information. You can also check your details on the @atschool Parent Portal.

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.

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