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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou katoa Ellerslie whānau

Fortnightly Special Greeting

Each newsletter we will recognize a special greeting from one of the culture groups in our school. This week it is the word 'ayubowan' (ආයුබෝවන්) a Sinhalese word from Sri Lanka meaning 'may you live long!'

Celebrating Achievement and Progress

At the beginning of this week, the Senior Leadership Team gave feedback to the Board on the school's 2023 end of achievement and progress data in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. This information shows where our students are achieving in relation to their curriculum level. While there is still work to do to ensure 85% of all students achieve within or beyond their expected curriculum, we are pleased at the overall progress students are making over 1 year. These results demonstrate the high quality of teaching and learning that is evident at our school as well as the implementation of a number of effective initiatives that are starting to deliver positive results. There is much more to do nowhere we are on the right path.

Achievement		
Reading 85% Students in Years 1-8 are achieving within or beyond their expected curriculum level	Writing 74% Students in Years 1-8 are achieving within or beyond their expected curriculum level	Mathematics 84% Students in Years 1-8 are achieving within or beyond their expected curriculum level

Progress		
Reading 97% Students in Years 1-8 displayed sufficient or accelerated progress between Term 4 2022-Term 4 2023	Writing 91% Students in Years 1-8 displayed sufficient or accelerated progress between Term 4 2022-Term 4 2023	Mathematics 93% Students in Years 1-8 displayed sufficient or accelerated progress between Term 4 2022-Term 4 2023

Culture Celebration Day

One of the school's new strategic goals is to **Empower and celebrate our different ethnicities by** continuing to create culturally inclusive environments and opportunities as well as incorporate culturally responsive practices. Our cultural celebration day on Friday 5th April will provide a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our large number of cultural groups represented at Ellerslie. On this day students and staff are encouraged to proudly wear items of clothing that relate to their own culture and heritage. This could include special and significant pieces of clothing to simple but important items that mean something to those people wearing them. The day will involve a parade and engaging activities.



School Activities

The last two weeks have seen a number of tamariki get involved with many school activities. Congratulations to the Year 1 and 2 students who have nearly completed their swimming programme at the YMCA Panmure Pools. The Year 7&8 students recently attended the Eastern Zones Swimming and Softball competitions as well as enjoyed excursions to Maungakiekie (Yr7) and Rotoroa Island (Yr8). Thank you to everyone who attended our Big School Picnic - what a hugely successful community event. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who assisted during the evening and of course a big shout out to Sarah Nuttall for organising everything.



Health Watch

1. *Staying Safe Online*

As our tamariki spend more time online, it's important parents and whānau help them stay safe. Now is a great time to talk to them about how we use the internet and digital technology. Netsafe has created an Online Safety Parent Toolkit so parents, families and whānau have all the information they need to talk about online safety. If you or anyone in your whānau needs support, you can contact Netsafe on the details below.

Link: <https://netsafe.org.nz/parenttoolkit/>

2. *Online Safety: Gaming*

Eighty percent of tamariki in New Zealand aged 8-17 have played games online. Games can have many benefits: entertainment, social opportunities, coordination development, problem-solving and multitasking skills. But, most of all, gaming is popular because it's fun. But games can be tough for parents and whānau to navigate. How much gaming is too much? How do I make sure my tamariki aren't seeing inappropriate content or chatting in-game with strangers? Today we're sharing Netsafe's Online Gaming Whānau Toolkit so you have all the resources you need to keep your kids safe.

Links: <https://netsafe.org.nz/online-gaming-whānautoolkit-accessible/>

Link: https://youtu.be/rPN_ev1RSDQ

Ministry of Education changes

The school is confident we are adhering to recent MoE changes. Cellphones are put away for the day - they are handed in when students arrive at school. We are also ensuring our teaching and learning involves five hours each of Reading, Writing and Mathematics per week. This is made up in several different ways throughout the week depending on what is happening in our learning spaces. A good example of this is when students attend STEAM classes. During this 70 minute session students are often involved doing reading, writing and mathematics all in the same lesson.

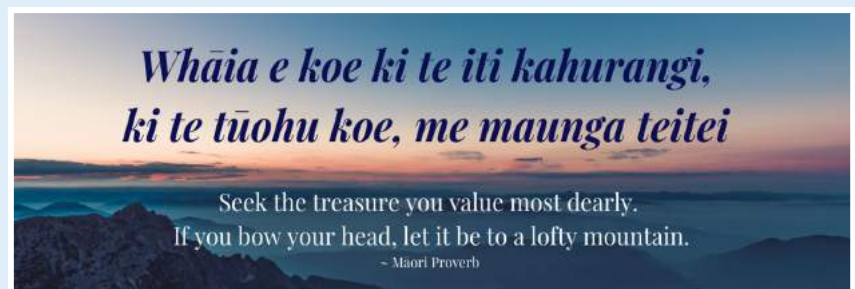
Weetbix Tryathlon

Good luck to all the Ellerslie School students competing in the Weetbix Tryathlon this Sunday at Point England Reserve. Thank you to Sam Small for coordinating our team this year.

Ngā mihi nui

Nick Butler - Principal

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THIS WEEK AT ELLERSLIE SCHOOL

SCHOOL FOCUS

School Focus for Week 8: Teacher's choice related to the 5Bs.

School Focus for Week 9: Be a Good Friend: I apologise and forgive.

School Focus for Week 10: Teacher's choice related to the 5Bs.

LATE TO SCHOOL

School starts at 8:50am sharp for ALL students. If your child is late to school - arriving after the 8:50am bell, 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 desk** of the office, entry through the door between the Rimu Pod classrooms.

ELLERSLIE SCHOOL CULTURAL CELEBRATION DAY - FRIDAY 05 APRIL

To celebrate the over 30 cultures represented at Ellerslie School we will be having a celebration day on Friday 05 April, 2024. On this day to help celebrate and honour all the cultures at Ellerslie, we are inviting and encouraging all students to dress in clothing that represents their culture and heritage. This could range from traditional clothing to items of clothing that students believe relate to who they are. If students have nothing to wear that represents their culture and heritage then they are to wear their school uniform.

Events for the Day

9.15am: Culture Celebration Day parade in the school courtyard (parade in GG)

9.45am: School Assembly Certificates

10.00am: Whanau house morning tea- parents / caregivers welcome

10.20am: Students back to class

12.50pm-1.35pm: Lunchtime activities

2.45pm: End of the school day



PARENT/TEACHER LEARNING DISCUSSIONS - SAVE THE DATE - WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL

The first round of this year's Parent/Teacher Learning Discussions will be held on Wednesday 10 April from 2:00pm. Information and booking details will be emailed to parents/caregivers next week. School will close **at the earlier time of 1:45pm on Wednesday 10 April** so please arrange early collection of your child/ren.

PIZZA AND MUFTI (NON UNIFORM) DAY - WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL

Pizza and Mufti (Non Uniform) day will be held on Wednesday 10 April. Pizza is \$2.00 per slice (from Pizza Hut) and can be ordered on Kindo under Other Activities. Please place orders before 3:00pm on Monday 08 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.



2024 SCHOOL DONATIONS AND TAX REBATES

Thank you to those families who have paid their donation and contributions to date in 2024. Funding from donations makes a significant difference to the amount of support the school can provide the students particularly with the high number of excellent teacher aides the school employs. Remember school donations are tax deductible, so please keep your receipt safe if you wish to claim a tax rebate. If you pay this year's donation by 31 March you can claim your tax rebate from 1 April. School donations can be paid on Kindo and an IRD approved receipt will be emailed automatically to you to use for applying for the tax rebate. You can also resend your IRD approved receipt (if you have misplaced it) straight from Kindo under My Orders.

ELLERSLIE SCHOOL NETBALL 2024








The 2024 netball season is fast approaching. If your child/ren in Years 2 to 8 are keen to play for Ellerslie School this year, please register their details on the Sporty website via this [link](#). Registration must be completed by Sunday 24 March (each player needs to be registered separately). To be able to run a successful netball season we will need assistance with coaching, umpiring and managing a team. We can not run netball without volunteers. Professional development for potential umpires and coaches will be available free of charge from Auckland Netball. If you would like to coach / umpire or manage a team please complete a separate registration for each role. If you have any questions please email netball@ellerslie.school.nz.

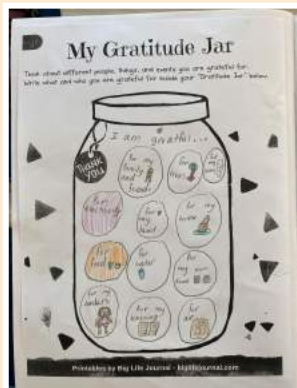


ELLERSLIE SCHOOL FOOTBALL 2024

Registrations are now open for the Ellerslie Tamaki League. If you wish to sign up for a school team (available for age groups Under 6 years - Under 8 years), please register your child as soon as possible, as we are in the midst of putting the teams together ahead of our Muster Day on Tuesday 09 April - Registration [LINK](#). Key information about the season dates, fees, uniform etc. can be found [HERE](#). If you have any questions please contact Sam Small - sams@ellerslie.school.nz.

TEAM UPDATES

<p><i>RIMU</i> (Years 0 and 1)</p>	<p>Kia ora Rimu whanau. Welcome to all our new families. We look forward to being a part of your child's school journey. We have had a busy couple of weeks with our swimming programme. We are building our confidence in the water, learning important swimming lessons and most of all having a whole lot of fun. We are looking forward to the culmination of our swimming with our Water Day here at school on Wednesday 27th March. More information to come. Just a reminder as the days begin to get colder to please name all items of your child's uniform.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>
<p><i>RATA</i> (Year 2)</p>	<p>Did you know that silkworms lay between 100 - 500 eggs at one time! Our kids know because we have 25 of them growing in GG35! All GGs have been in to take a closer look. During this time they have made many observations and predictions too!</p> <p>Rata teachers are all super proud of the effort our tamariki are putting into their swimming this week. We can see some progress already!</p> <div style="display: grid; grid-template-columns: repeat(3, 1fr); gap: 10px;">       </div>
<p><i>MATAI</i> (Years 3 and 4)</p>	<p>Matai Pod loves Bounce Back! We have been learning all about emotions. We have learnt that we all experience different feelings and emotions at various times across the day and it is how we manage these emotions that counts. Have a chat with your tamariki and see what strategies they have learnt.</p> <p>We are finding there are lots of bugs floating around, please encourage hand washing and sneezing into elbows as much as possible. We would also appreciate any donations of tissue boxes! Another quick reminder about wearing the correct uniform to school. Please ensure your child has white ankle socks and no coloured hair ties (only black or navy blue). The school's uniform guide is available on our website. Ngā Mihi!</p>



PŌHUTUKAWA
(Years 5 and 6)



The first 2024 Remuera Zone sporting event is next Tuesday 26 March at St Kentigerns Boys' School, 82 Shore Rd, Remuera. Events begin at 9.45am. Our 20 Year 5, 6 Ellerslie swimmers: AJ, Hunter, Ruby, Zachary, Caralilanie, Daniel, Frankie, James, Maali, Arlo, Charlize, Gerard, Orson, Ana, Husna, Jacob, Yasmine, Malaika, LeBron and Alex are ready to go! A special SHOUT OUT to Ms Waterreus, Victoria Poole, Lindsay Robert and Stu Grant for transporting and looking after our students at this event. Parents are welcome to attend. *Please park on Shore Rd and Victoria Ave. DO NOT park at Palmers Garden World or you will be towed.*

Our Remuera Zone Summer Field Day competition will be held on Tuesday 9 April 2024 (Week 11) at the following venues:

- Touch Rugby - College Rifles, 33 Haast St, Remuera.
- Cricket - Ellerslie Cricket Club, Michaels Ave, Ellerslie.
- T-ball - Shore Rd Reserve, Remuera.

We shared the names of selected students for these respective codes earlier this week. The parents/caregivers of these competitors will be notified by email soon. We are looking for adult helpers who would be able to umpire Touch Rugby, Incrediball (Cricket) and T-ball games on this day. We have Touch Rugby, Cricket and T-ball team practise tomorrow at 10.10am. Please remind your child to wear their normal school uniform to school. They can change into their P.E uniform after assembly. We appreciate your help and support with this.

KAURI
(Years 7 and 8)

Kia ora koutou Kauri whānau.
What a busy week we had in Week 7! We had the perfect weather on Monday 11th March for our Y8s trip to Rotoroa Island and our Y7s trek to explore Maungakiekie (One Tree Hill). Our swimmers who represented Ellerslie School at the E.Z. Swimming competition last week were great ambassadors for our school. Over the next few weeks, we will be trialling our Football hopefuls as the beginnings of our preparation towards our Zone Days next term. We have also begun our initial planning for our Kauri Team Production that will take place in Week 10 of next term.





BULB FUNDRAISER

We have a great fundraiser to brighten up your garden! Buy bulbs for your garden, family, friends, or donate some for our school grounds, with all profits helping our student Enviro Group do fantastic work at school and in our community. These are on sale on Kindo now, until Wednesday 27 March. Orders will be delivered to school in the first week of Term 2 to your child's classroom. Thank you for your support!

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CHICKEN POX

It appears that we have a few families who have been affected by chicken pox. Information from the Ministry of Health website is as follows:

“Chickenpox starts with a fever and/or general unwellness for a day or two followed by a rash. The rash starts out as small spots before changing to blisters with a red base. The rash usually starts on the head and face before spreading to the trunk and then the limbs. Chickenpox is spread by coughing and sneezing and also by direct contact with weeping blisters. It is highly infectious, from up to 2 days before the appearance of the rash until blisters have crusted (usually about 5-7 days).”

We therefore recommend that if you suspect your child has chicken pox, that they be kept home from school until they are no longer infectious. If you think your child has chicken pox or are in any way concerned, please see your family doctor.

TUMMY BUGS/COLDS

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.

IMPORTANT DATES

19 MARCH - 22 MARCH 2024 - SWIMMING LESSONS WEEK 2 RIMU AND RATA TEAMS

24 MARCH 2024 - WEETBIX TRYATHLON

25 MARCH 2024 - Y7/8 EASTERN ZONES ORIENTEERING

27 MARCH 2024 - RIMU TEAM WATER DAY

29 MARCH 2024 - PUBLIC HOLIDAY - GOOD FRIDAY - School closed

01 APRIL 2024 - PUBLIC HOLIDAY - EASTER MONDAY - School closed

02 APRIL 2024 - EASTER TUESDAY - School closed

04 APRIL 2024 - Y7/8 EASTERN ZONES TAG

05 APRIL 2024 - ELLERSLIE SCHOOL CULTURAL CELEBRATION DAY

12 APRIL 2024 - LAST DAY OF TERM ONE

29 APRIL 2024 - 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

TERM DATES FOR 2024

Please note that the following dates for the 2024 school year have been finalised as follows:

- **Term One - Thursday 01 February to Friday 12 April** (Holidays - Waitangi Day 06 February, Good Friday 29 March, Easter Monday 01 April, Easter Tuesday 02 April)
- **Term Two - Monday 29 April to Friday 05 July** (Holidays - King's Birthday 03 June, Matariki 28 June)
- **Term Three - Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September**
- **Term Four - Monday 14 October to Wednesday 18 December** (Holiday - Labour Day 23 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](#)
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