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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou katoa Ellerslie whānau

Ngā mihi o Matariki, te tau hou Māori'. Happy Matariki to everyone! It is fantastic that we can now celebrate this important event with friends and whānau. I hope you all enjoy the day on Friday and please remember the school is also closed on Monday.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Information Evening - Year 7 and 8

Thank you to the parents and caregivers who attended the Year 7/8 information evening last week. After a quick presentation in Te Manawa the guests then had an opportunity to walk through the Year 7/8 classes and chat to student leaders who had prepared information. This was an excellent way to find out more about the Year 7/8 programme. The students had also put together a fantastic video. If parents and caregivers want to find out more about what happens in the senior school (Yr 7/8) please do not hesitate to contact the school for more information. I encourage parents and caregivers to contact me or a member of the Senior Leadership Team if they would like to meet and discuss the Senior School programme if they are looking at their child's schooling options.



One Tree Hill College - Year 8 Visit

The school was very grateful to the team at OTHC who recently hosted a special event for the Ellerslie Year 8 students. This involved an amazing race organised by the College prefects, a presentation by the school and lunch - also provided by the school. Ellerslie values its strong relationship with OTHC and appreciates the enormous effort that goes into making the transition process into the college a smooth one.

CHECKING IN WITH YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

Term 2 has been a busy term of teaching, learning and assessment. At the end of this term and the beginning of Term 3 parents and caregivers will be given an update of their child's learning progress through two processes - an online Mid Year Learning Summary and Parent / Teachers / Student learning discussions.

Mid Year Learning Summaries

On Monday 04 July from 3pm, your child's Mid Year Learning summary will be available through our online parent portal. This summary has been pulled together by the guardian teacher with the support of other teachers in the pod. This year the summary will include:

- Reading / Writing / Mathematics curriculum progress graphs indicating what curriculum level and sublevel your child is currently working within.

- A general comment from the Guardian Teacher
- Current and next learning steps in Reading / Writing / Mathematics
- A 5Cs Language of Learning rubric based on Terms 1 and 2
- Effort grades in Reading / Writing / Mathematics

Information within the summary should not be a surprise to parents and caregivers as we have a 'no surprise policy' at Ellerslie. It's really important that parents and caregivers share the information in the summary with their child(ren) and discuss the successes and growth areas. This provides the opportunity for children to set some learning goals as they head into the second part of the year.

Teacher / Parents & Caregivers / Student Learning Discussions

On Wednesday 03 August parents and caregivers will have an opportunity to come into school for a learning discussion with their child's guardian teacher. Like last year we are asking that students in Years 5-8 attend these discussions with their parents / caregivers. While the Mid Year Learning Summary will form the basis of these discussions there will be some time to discuss other things related to your child's learning and experience at school.

TEACHING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - UPDATE

The school engages in a robust professional development programme throughout the year to help grow teachers to be the best they can be. Teacher professional development happens in a variety of ways. As well as using the expertise within the school we also connect with a number of external education providers. Teachers also have opportunities throughout the year to attend relevant courses offsite. Recently the school has had professional development in the form of:

- Mitey: Mental Wellbeing Programme - introducing the new programme
- Bex Galloway: Learner Agency - working across all levels of the school
- Kahui Ako Workshops- run by teachers across the 6 schools
- Tools for Teachers- working with Senior School Teachers on improving Reading and Writing
- Te Reo - fortnightly sessions with all the teachers using the Maori Made Easy resource

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The winter flu season is now biting and combined with ongoing challenges of Covid-19 we are continuing to see around 10% of students away each day. Thank you for keeping your children away if they are sick, this is essential. However, if they are well please send them to school, this is also essential. At this time of the year I also recommend that your child comes to school with their school fleece on and a raincoat in their bag, particularly when considering the fickleness of Auckland weather. Thank you also to the parents and caregivers who continue to wear face masks when they are onsite at school. While we strongly encourage the wearing of face masks outside, while onsite we would like to remind everyone that face masks must be worn when inside the school buildings.

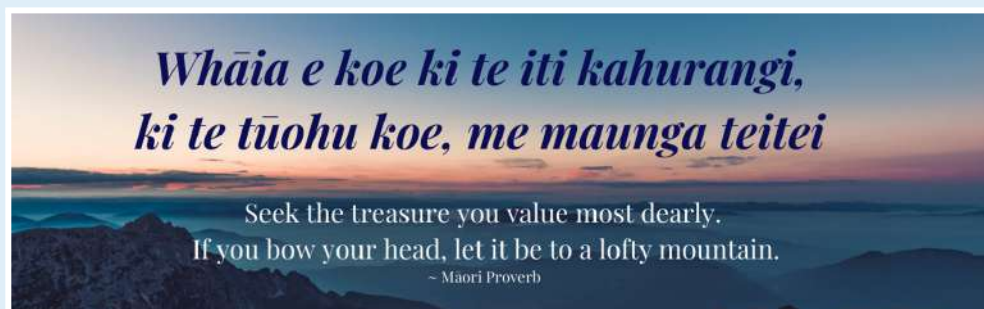
ELLERSLIE CARES

The Ellerslie Cares support team is up and running and supporting members of our community. The purpose of this group is to continue to develop strong connections and engagement with the school community to ensure all whānau and families receive the support they need to help their children have the best chance of succeeding at school. While the school already supports a number of families in a variety of ways we are aware that there might be other families in our community who may need support. Please make contact at cares@ellerslie.school.nz if you need support or know of people who may need some help. All information is treated as highly confidential.

OUR LEARNING CELEBRATION

Please join us on Thursday 30 June from 1:30pm to help celebrate all the amazing learning that has been going on this term. Students and staff have been working hard to pull together their creations for Celebrating the Arts. There are performances to watch, artwork to appreciate and shows to admire so we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible walking through our learning environments.

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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, must 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

	Rimu / Miro / Pōhutukawa Teams 1, 2 and 4 / Years 1, 2, 5, 6	Mataī / Kauri Teams 3 and 5 / Years 3, 7, 8
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
Morning Tea Break	10:00am - 10:20am	10:30am - 10:50am
Session 2	10:20am - 11:45am	10:50am - 12:30pm
Break	11:45am - 12:30pm	12:30pm - 1:15pm
Session 3	12:30pm - 1:35pm	1:15pm-2:45pm
Afternoon Break	1:35pm - 1:45pm	
Session 4	1:45pm - 2:45pm	

THIS WEEK AT ELLERSLIE SCHOOL

SCHOOL FOCUS

School Focus for Week 8: Be Curious - I can be inquisitive and ask questions.

School Focus for Weeks 9 and 10: Teacher's Choice

REMINDER - STAFF ONLY DAY - MONDAY 27 JUNE

A reminder that it is a **Staff Only Day on Monday 27 June**. On this day the school will be closed. 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.

TERM DATES FOR 2023

Please note that the following dates for the 2023 school year have been finalised as follows:

- **Term One - Wednesday 01 February to Thursday 06 April** (Holiday - Waitangi Day 06 February, Good Friday 07 April)
- **Term Two - Monday 24 April to Friday 30 June** (Holiday - Anzac Day 25 April, Queen's Birthday 05 June)
- **Term Three - Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September**
- **Term Four - Monday 09 October to Friday 15 December** (Holiday - Labour Day 23 October)

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 Pōhutukawa Pod. All Year 8 students must be enrolled in a secondary school before the end of the year. This evening will discuss secondary school options, explain the enrolment process, and inform you of important dates and deadlines. You may also be able to get specific support in completing the various online enrolment forms. There will be a representative from Auckland City Education Services, who specialises in secondary enrolment, to answer any questions you may have.

YEARS 0-6 LEARNING CELEBRATION TERM 2 2022

Parents/caregivers of Years 0 to 6 are invited to come and visit us on Thursday 30 June from 1:30pm to see our celebration of learning. Take a walk through the pods, join in and see what the students are doing and what they have been working on. We look forward to seeing you there. As the Y7/8 students are working on their production, we look forward to seeing that in week 10.. Look out for notification of ticket sales.

PIZZA AND MUFTI DAY

Pizza and Mufti day will be held on Wednesday 06 July. 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 04 July - 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 sarahn@ellerslie.school.nz.



PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS - SAVE THE DATE

This year's school interviews will be held on Wednesday 03 August. More information and booking details will be sent out soon.

MATARIKI

Ngā mihi o Matariki, te tau hou Māori. Matariki (Maori New Year) is here! From 19 June - 11 July, the Pleiades star cluster will become visible in the night sky and festivities will be happening around Aotearoa (New Zealand). It's a time to āhuareka (celebrate) new life, to remember those who've passed and to plan for the future. It's a time to spend with whānau and friends – to enjoy kai (food), waiata (song) and tākaro (games). There are lots of ways you can celebrate Matariki with your whānau and in doing so, start your own family traditions. Some ideas to get you started could include:

1. A Family Feast - Make Matariki a time when the whole family gets together to feast and give thanks. It may be a nice opportunity to explore traditional Māori food like hangi and rewena, or Māori bread.
2. A New Harvest - Use Matariki as a time to prepare your vegetable garden for the new planting. It could become a family tradition to do the gardening altogether – at least for one day of the year.



3. Tree Planting - Contact DoC to find out if there are any regeneration projects happening in your area. Organise to plant a tree on Matariki or better still, get together with a group of friends and plant several.
4. Sleep Under the Stars - Spend a night sleeping under the stars (or under a tent!) and tell your own family stories. You may want to talk about family memories or create goals for the coming lunar year.
5. New Year's Resolutions - Most of us create New Year's resolutions in January but by the time June rolls around they are long forgotten. Why not use Matariki as a time to renew your resolutions.
6. Attend a Matariki Event in Auckland - <https://ourauckland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/tags/?id=27890>

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.

TEAM UPDATES

<p>RIMU / MIRO (Year 1)</p>	<p>Kia Ora Team 1 whānau. We would like to welcome the new families who have begun their awesome Ellerslie School adventure.</p> <p>We are looking forward to celebrating Matariki with our children. In the Rimu Pod we are preparing for our Matariki Feast. The children are very excited to be sharing Matariki with some members of our staff.</p>	
<p>RATA (Year 2)</p>	<p>Kia Ora Team 2 whānau. Rata One and Two had a fantastic time at the Te Uru Art Gallery last week. We observed artist Robert Rapson's work on ships and then had a go at creating our own ship out of clay. It was a lovely opportunity to explore this medium under the guidance of Te Uru staff and our wonderful parent helpers. A huge tino pai to all our generous (and patient!) whanau who joined us on the day.</p>	
<p>MATAI (Years 3 and 4)</p>	<p>Kia ora Matai whānau. This week we celebrate! Matariki ahunga nui. Matariki-provider of plentiful food.</p> <p>It is so special to know that our tamariki are the first children to acknowledge Matariki with a public holiday. History makers. Across our team we have used many opportunities to understand and celebrate this wonderful event and hope that your whānau have time to connect and enjoy time together this weekend. We have so many things to show you next week and we look forward to seeing you for our celebration of Term 2 learning on Thursday 30th June.</p>	
<p>PŌHUTUKAWA (Years 5 and 6)</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">    </div> <p>Te Kapa o Pōhutukawa 'The Artist Within Me' dress rehearsals have begun! Our lines are memorised, the props are made, our puppets have been sewn, our stop motion stories have been recorded, and we're looking good, dressed up in our various costumes. We have a range of Art Forms: Visual Art, Sound Art (Music) and Drama (including plays, puppetry and mime) for you to experience and enjoy, at our Learning Celebration next Thursday from 1.30 - 2.30pm. See you there!</p>	
<p>KAURI (Years 7 and 8)</p>	<p>Ngā mihi o Matariki, te tau hou Māori. The end of term is proving to be very hectic in Kauri Team! Our students have been rehearsing their lines, preparing props and working on stage directions. We are quietly nervous about our dress rehearsal next Friday! Our Y8 ākonga (students) had a successful visit to OTHC and even managed to avoid the thunder and hail on their walk there and back! A group of senior boys supported Team 1 with their hangi preparation this week and our senior students are enjoying the opportunity to play with their friends from Matai team during our break times. We have an upcoming netball tournament at OTHC where our teams will be playing against other local schools within our CoL, and hope to do the same with our Rugby boys early next term.</p>	



SITUATIONS VACANT - ADMIN SUPPORT ASSISTANT

We are currently looking for an Administration Support Assistant to join the Ellerslie School office team. The Assistant will support the day to day running of the school office, maintaining operation of the school Sick Bay and staffroom. This is a part time role - 20 hours per week over 5 days, during term time. If this position interests you, please complete the school's application form on the Ellerslie School website under "Forms and Info", and send together with a covering letter and CV to applications@ellerslie.school.nz, attention Sheree Myers. The start date is negotiable, but ideally 25 July 2022. Applications close 12:00pm, 04 July 2022. A job outline is also available by emailing Sheree.

ELLERSLIE SCHOOL TRIVIA AND KARAOKE NIGHT - FRIDAY 05 AUGUST

A reminder that tickets for the Ellerslie School Trivia and Karaoke night on Friday 05 August 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!

VOLUNTEER HUB AT ELLERSLIE SCHOOL

Did you know it's National Volunteer week? How can you help us at Ellerslie School? If you can help for an hour, a lunchtime, a shift at an event...it all counts in supporting the great range of activities and events that we have planned until the end of the year for our students and whanau to have some fun! Here's a few ways that you can help:

Travel Trivia and Karaoke Night - 05 August

We are seeking volunteers for the following:

- Set-up tables, chairs, decorations, selfie stands, bar - from 2:00pm
- Greet at door and tick names off list - 7:00pm - 7:30pm
- Selling drinks and snacks, refilling chilly bins - hour shifts from 7:00pm - 11:30pm
- Selling raffle tickets - 7:00pm - 7:30pm then around tables during event
- Marking of trivia answers, putting scores on the board - 7:30pm - 9:30pm
- Cleaning up - 11:30pm - midnight

If you are able to help, please email Sarah Nuttall with your availability - email: sarahn@ellerslieschool.co.nz

Guardian Group Volunteer

We know that life is really busy and sometimes we need that extra reminder about what's coming up at school. Are you an organised person who would be happy to send out a weekly/fortnightly email to other parents in your child's Guardian Group to remind them of activities and events? Become a Guardian Group Rep for Ellerslie School! Please let Sarah know if you are interested, along with your child's GG number. Your email will then be sent to parents in your GG by the office, and it will be up to you to share your email with your class rep to receive school reminders.

Crossing Volunteers needed

Can you spare one morning every fortnight, or even once or twice a term? Help our kids to stay safe on the Kalmia Street crossing. The job entails handing out flags and encouraging children to cross safely. Please contact Sarah Nuttall via email with a morning that suits you from 8:15am to 8:50am.

IMPORTANT DATES

24 JUNE 2022 - PUBLIC HOLIDAY - MATARIKI

27 JUNE 2022 - STAFF ONLY DAY

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

30 JUNE 2022 - LEARNING CELEBRATION - YEARS 0-6 ONLY - 1:30pm-2:30pm

08 JULY 2022 - LAST DAY OF TERM TWO

03 AUGUST 2022 - PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS - More details to be advised

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
- 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.

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](#).

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Ellerslie School Cares Support Network - email: cares@ellerslie.school.nz

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