

Term 1 Panui

EHS Seniors 2023

Kia ora koutou e te whānau

Ngā mihi o te Tau Hou! Nau mai, haere mai ki te tau 2023 i te EHS. Happy New Year and welcome to 2023 at EHS!

Welcome to our Year 5 tamariki who are entering the Seniors. These are the years to flourish as young Kaiārahi, leaders and guiders of our Kura! Nau mai, hoki mai to our Year 6 tamariki who are returning to the Seniors ready to THRIVE in their final year at EHS.

Welcome to our new tamariki and whānau, as well as our rawe (awesome) new kaiako (teachers)!

The Senior team this year is:

Year 5 Team	Year 6 Team
Mike Schultz A9 Abby Bullard - A8 Tamara Hrstich- A7 (Team Leader) Sue Fennell G3 Year 5/6	James Martin - G1 Kayleigh Fraser - G2 Sue Fennell G3 Year 5/6 Lisa Cross- G4 (Team Leader)
Kaiāwhina - Support Staff Louise Boyle, Gen Atlas, Jo Mortimer, Sheryl Hudson, Greta Purcell - release teachers	

Key Dates

Monday 6 February	Waitangi Day - School Closed
Tues 7 - Thurs 9 February	Water Safety sessions at Huia Pool (see notice below)
Thurs 9 and Thurs 16 February	Whānau/ Kaiako Hui - Meet the Teacher (details to be confirmed shortly)
Mon 20 - Fri 24 February	EHS Cultural Celebration Week
Tues 28 February - 3 March	Year 6 EOTC Camp
Wednesday 15 March	EHS Whānau Spirit Day
Thursday 16 March	Athletics Day (postponement 23 March)
Monday 3 & Tuesday 4 April	School Photos
Thursday 6 April	Last Day of Term

Term 1 Curriculum

The first weeks of term will focus on settling the students into their classes, establishing routines and preparing for the year to come.

Inquiry & Digital Technology - Ko Wai Au? - Who am I and where do I come from? We will begin by valuing where we come from and who we are as a school, exploring Te Tiriti o Waitangi and developing our own class treaty. In Week 4 we will have a school-wide celebration of 'Culture' to identify the diversity within our classrooms and school, and to expand our understanding of one another.

The second half of the term will then take an Aotearoa New Zealand History lens, exploring the stories that have shaped the culture and identity of people who came to live in early Aotearoa New Zealand.

Literacy - We aim to give the tamariki many opportunities to make their own literacy choices, which helps to motivate and empower them. Students will make connections with their culture and identity within a range of reading and writing contexts and activities. We will focus on creating written text that will impact the audience, and build our revising and editing skills.

Numeracy - We will start the term with basic facts, place value, estimation and number sense to re-establish the students' mathematical foundations for the year. This will then transition into additive thinking and patterns and relationships. There will be many opportunities for our students to problem solve and to think creatively and flexibly about numbers - all within meaningful contexts.

Māori - Te ao and te reo Māori will be actively promoted in our classrooms. The tamariki will revisit their Pepeha to form a deeper understanding of their Tūrangawaewae and identity. Karakia will be re-established in classroom routines as well as basic greetings and conversation.

Physical Education and Hauora - Greta Purcell will continue the well-being programme which will take place in each class throughout the term. Classrooms will unpack Te Whare Tapa Whā (a holistic hauora model) as well as learning Yoga basics. Classes will also be working through 'Ko wai au?' modules of the Navigating the Journey (Family Planning programmes). Water-safety sessions will take place at Huia Pool, and we will have athletics rotations later in the term.

Arts - Our specialist music programme will begin with Suzanne Thom again this term, where she will weave Orff music practice through our Inquiry focus. Tying in with our inquiry focus, classrooms will also be exploring a range of fine arts to express their identity and culture.

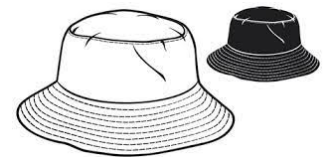
Juicy Fridays Are Back!

Juicies on sale every Friday until stocks run out for \$2 starting Week 2.



Sun Hats

Sunhats are compulsory this term for outside play and activities. Please ensure your child has one to keep in their desk at school.
No hat, no play!



General

- Tamariki to please stay outside the classrooms until **8.30am**. If the weather is unkind they can shelter on the decks.
- Return 'Getting to know your tamaiti (child)' form by Friday 10 February
- Please provide a box of tissues and a tennis ball (for PE use only) to be shared in the classroom. These are much appreciated.
- Sign up for Seesaw, so your child's learning and class reminders can be shared with you.
- Sunscreen - Please apply this at home at the beginning of the day. We also have it available in classrooms. Please supply your own if your child has sensitive skin.

The Senior kaiako are excited to get to know you and your tamariki this year. Please do not hesitate to get in contact with your child's kaiako via email or Seesaw, no problem is too big to tackle together - He Waka eke Noa.

Ngā mihi nui
EHS Senior Kaiako

Senior Water Safety 2023



Kia ora koutou e te whānau

As part of our EOTC programme, Senior tamariki will be having water safety sessions at Huia Pool in Week 2. The tamariki will be taking part in a kayaking lesson, learning how to use life jackets correctly, snorkelling and generally building up their confidence in and around the water.

We will walk to the pool each time, so if it looks as though it might rain please ensure that your child has packed a jacket or umbrella. Each class will be going on TWO of the three days, so please note the timetable below.

Swimming Dates and Times:

Tuesday 7 February	Wednesday 8 February	Thursday 9 February
A9 10:00am-11:00am	G3 and G4 10:00am-11:00am	A9 10:00am-10:30am
A8 and G2 11:00am-12:00pm	G1 and A7 11:00am-12:00pm	A8 and G2 10:30am-11:00am
		G3 and G4 11:00am-11:30am
		G1 and A7 11:30am-12:00pm

The Activity-related donation covers the cost of the lessons. You will receive a statement outlining these costs. The swimming programme is **\$5** per student. We would appreciate payment of these donations so the programmes can continue.

SUPPORT NEEDED: We are in need of whānau support for the kayaking lessons (x2 adults per lesson). You just need to be comfortable in the pool to support tamariki, as a classroom teacher will be running the session.

Please let us know ASAP if you are able to help us out by completing this [Google Form](#).

We appreciate your support and will be in touch to confirm offers.

Ngā mihi nui
Senior Teaching Team