

Term 1 Newsletter

EHS Seniors 2022

Kia ora koutou e te whānau

Ngā mihi o te Tau Hou! Nau mai, haere mai ki te tau 2022 i te EHS. Happy New Year and welcome to 2022 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 to EHS, as well as our rawe (awesome) new kaiako (teachers)!

The Senior team this year is:

Year 5 Team	Year 6 Team
Sue Fennell - A8 Abby Bullard - A9 Kayleigh Fraser - A7 Michaela Evans - G2 (Team Leader)	James Martin - G1 Mike Schultz - G3 Hayley Walshe - G4 (Term 2 - 4 Kaiako/Team Leader) Sheryl Hudson - G4 (Term 1)
Kaiāwhina - Support Staff Greta Purcell - Release, Christine Trummer - Release, Erin Gardiner - Teacher Aide, Marie Mahaere - Teacher Aide, Tai Fa'aloga - Teacher Aide	

Key Dates

Please note that many of the below events are dependent on the Traffic Light system

Monday 7 Feb	Waitangi Day - School Closed
Tuesday 8 - Thursday 10 Feb	Water Safety sessions at Huia Pool (see separate notice)
Thursday 10 and 17 Feb	Whānau/ kaiako hui - Meet the Teacher (details to be confirmed shortly)
Monday 14 - Friday 18 Feb	Cultural Celebration Week
Tuesday 1 - Friday 4 March	POSTPONED: Year 6 EOTC Week/ Camp (new date to be advised)
Tuesday 8 - Friday 11 March	POSTPONED: Year 5 EOTC Week (new dates to be advised)
Thursday 14 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 - Turangawaewae - Our Place. We will begin by valuing where we come from and who we are as a school (Ko Wai Au?). In Week 3 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 a 'Living World' approach as we look into our local environment (Te Awakairangi).

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 personal connections with their culture and turangawaewae through emotive writing and pepeha. We will be drilling down on punctuation and sentence structure which are key elements of the writing process. In reading, tamariki will explore connections with the texts they read and begin to summarise.

Numeracy - We will start the term with basic facts and place value to re-establish the students' mathematical foundations for the year. This will then transition into additive and multiplicative thinking. 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 - We are very lucky to have Greta Purcell returning to EHS to begin a new 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 'Digital Safety' modules of the Navigating the Journey (Family Planning programmes). Water-safety sessions will take place at Huia Pool as well as 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.

Masks -Tips and Tricks

1. Please provide your child with a clean mask each day at school (as per the Ministry of Education protocols).
2. If you can, also provide your child with a snaplock bag to store their mask in during playtime outside.
3. Please have your child name their mask to avoid confusion if lost.



Juicy Fridays Are Back!

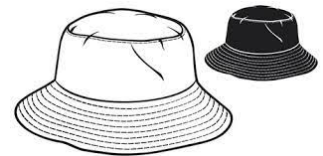
Juicies on sale every Friday until stocks run out for \$2 starting Week 2.



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 Wednesday 9 February
- Provide a box of tissues to be shared in the classroom.
- Sign up for Seesaw, so your child's learning and class reminders can be shared with you.

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.