

EHS Seniors 2023

Term 2 Pānui

Kia ora koutou e te whānau

We hope you have all had some happy whānau time over the Easter weekend and holiday break. We are all excited for the new term ahead! There are some rawe (excellent) learning opportunities coming up this term. Check out the dates below...

Maramataka - Calendar

Tuesday 9 May	Year 4-6 South Western Zone Cross Country (for those who finished top 10 in our school event on Thursday 27 April)
Friday 12 May	Sausage Sizzle
Mon 15 - Fri 26 May	Senior Basketball sessions
Friday 19 May	Pink Shirt Day (Anti-bullying campaign)
Monday 5 June	King's Birthday (Public Holiday - School Closed)
Tuesday 6 June	Book Week (more information to follow) A8 & G3 Dowse Trips (more information for these trips to follow)
Wednesday 7 June	G2 & A9 Dowse Trips
Monday 12 June	G4 & G1 Dowse Trip
Tuesday 13 June	A7 Dowse Trip Inter-zone Cross Country
Wednesday 21 June	Parent Teacher Mid-Year Interviews (School closes at 2pm) NB: More information to come later in the term.
Friday 23 June	Sausage Sizzle (TBC)
Thursday 29 June	Parent Teacher Mid-Year Interviews (School closes at 2pm)
Friday 30 June	Last Day of Term

Seesaw Communication

We are keen to ensure that communication and sharing of learning via Seesaw is being received by all whānau. If you are not connected to your child's class via Seesaw please get in touch so that we can keep you up to date with the fabulous things happening for the tamariki!

Term 2 Curriculum in the ākomanga (*classroom*)

Inquiry & Digital Technology - The Senior Team are continuing our learning focus of Aotearoa New Zealand History from Term 1, exploring the stories that have shaped the culture and identity of people who came to live in early Aotearoa New Zealand. This will have a particular focus on Chinese migration and will culminate with trips to The Dowse Art Museum for each class.

We will then move to a Science - Living World context to investigate the lives of the bee and the weta.

Our Digi-kids are up and running this term to work alongside each class on Robotic Coding and Research Skills.

Literacy - Through our class guided reading programmes and Inquiry topics, the tamariki will be focusing on the reading skills of 'inferring' and 'visualising' to use their knowledge and skills to read between the lines and pick up clues from the author. Our writing focus 'to entertain' will see us working to generate ideas and hook our reader.

Numeracy - We are beginning the term with Patterns and Relationships, before moving into Multiplicative, and then Geometric Thinking. Classes will also continue to work Number Knowledge, Basic Facts and Place Value into their weekly programmes.

Te ao Māori - We will continue to develop our knowledge of Te Whare Tapa Whā (the dimensions of wellbeing) with a particular focus this term on Te Taha Tinana (physical wellbeing). Classes will continue to build a Te ao Māori culture with daily karakia, mihi mihi (greetings) and waiata.

Physical Education and Hauora - Classes will be working through the 'Relationships' module of Navigating the Journey. Tamariki will explore the components of healthy relationships as this is central to their wellbeing and happiness. They will look at how they are influenced by other people, when they are being pressured and how they can respond. Key learning will be that they are responsible for their own decisions and their consequences. The learning will be a good foundation for us to build 'Growing and Changing' on in Term 3.

PE lessons will incorporate winter sports skills, and we look forward to our specialist Basketball programme early this term.

The Arts - Our visual art, dance and drama will be incorporated into our Inquiry learning this term, as well as a focus on Matariki art and waiata towards the end of the term. Music sessions continue with Mrs Thom for each class.

Enviro - We have an exciting FutureGreen rotation planned for later this term. Our tamariki will have the opportunity to select workshops on various environmental aspects and work across the team.

H.A.C.K

The Homework Achievement Challenge is a great way to share the learning and development happening outside of the classroom. We look forward to having more HACK tasks being shared by tamariki. Check in with your kaiako if you need another copy.

General

- As the colder mornings creep up on us it is important to name all clothing so that when layers are removed during the day they do not become lost property!
- If your child is unwell, it is essential that you keep them at home so we can limit the spread of winter coughs and colds
- Classrooms are open from **8.30am**. If the weather is unkind, tamariki can shelter on the decks.
- If possible, please provide a box of tissues to be shared in the classroom, ready for the winter terms!
- Stay connected with your child's learning via Seesaw. This will help to understand, support and celebrate the learner.

Ngā mihi nui

EHS Senior Kaiako