



SENIORS 2023

Term 3 Pānui

Kia ora koutou e te whānau

Firstly, we would like to sincerely thank you all for the support you have demonstrated during Terms 1 and 2 and we look forward to that continuing throughout the year. It was great to see so many whānau members in the last two weeks of the term for interviews. If you missed these please reach out to arrange a time.

This term we have agreed to 'no shoes inside'. Our carpets have been beautifully cleaned over the holidays and we would like to try our best to preserve them. Your tamaiti (child) is welcome to bring named slippers or an extra inside pair of shoes to school.

Term 3 has arrived and what a term the Seniors have in store! Year 5 and 6 have many new learning opportunities to look forward to, so check out what is coming up...

Key Dates

Thursday 20 July	Koha Can Day In support of Lower Hutt Food Bank, please send a can into school to help our community
Thursday 27 July	Hutt City Council & Enviroschools World of Waste Trip Note: This involves Year 5 EnviroWarriors plus a few other tamariki from each class. You will have received a permission slip via email if your tamaiti is attending.
Thursday 27 July	Otago University Maths Problem Solving Challenge #4 for participating students
Thursday 27 July	Monarch Show Year 5 and 6
Thursday 3 August	Hutt City Council & Enviroschools World of Waste Trip Note: This involves Year 6 EnviroWarriors plus a few other tamariki from each class. You will have received a permission slip via email if your tamaiti is attending.
Monday 14 August	Space Place Trips - G4, A7
Tuesday 15 August	Space Place Trips - G3, A8
Thursday 24 August	Otago University Maths Problem Solving Challenge #5 for participating students
Friday 25 August	Daffodil Day - Yellow Day in support of Cancer Society
Friday 1 September	EHS Disco

11-15 September	Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week)
Monday 11 September	Space Place Trip - G2
Tuesday 12 September	Artsplash Choir Performance at Michael Fowler Centre for participating students
Wednesday 13 September	Dance Splash Performance at Michael Fowler Centre for participating students
Thursday 14 September	Space Place Trip - A9
Friday 15 September	Space Place Trip - G1
Thursday 21 September	Year 5 and 6 Little Theatre Performance - Aladdin
Friday 22 September	Last Day of Term 3

EOTC - Education Outside the Classroom

Year 5 EOTC is scheduled for Tuesday 10 - Friday 20 October, Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 4.

EOTC DONATIONS

The cost of Year 5 EOTC Week will be approximately \$80.

Thank you to those who have already made their EOTC donation or set up regular online payments. These EOTC programmes can only go ahead with EOTC donations being made as this is not funded by the Ministry of Education. You can make these donations anytime if you have not already done so. You can do this at the office or online and can also set up regular donations to spread this cost.

EOTC Activity Related Donations

Direct credit to our bank account number:

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Please use your child's name and room number as a reference

Term 3 Curriculum in the Ākomanga (*classroom*)

Inquiry - Our term has started with a Matariki inquiry learning about why and how people celebrate the Māori New Year. This follows on to our next inquiry Planet Earth and Beyond. Students will investigate some big ideas about how the Earth's system is a small part of a solar system within the vast system of the universe, the way the Moon's gravity pulls on the spinning earth causing the environmental patterns of tides and how the Earth, Sun and Moon are connected and what this means for us.

Hauora - Tamariki will continue their learning in sexuality education where they will learn about themselves and develop knowledge and skills about acting in positive and respectful ways with others. Sexuality education is part of the Health and Physical Education area of the NZ Curriculum. Our focus this term will be on *growing* and *changing*. Young people can sometimes feel unsure about the changes they will encounter during puberty. It's important to address these feelings and reassure them. Our sessions will prepare them with the knowledge and capabilities they need to manage these changes, so they understand puberty is a natural stage in their journey toward adulthood.

Digital Technology - The tamariki will continue their learning using our robotics equipment. They will be busy coding and constructing which can take a great deal of resilience! A shout out to all of our wonderful Digi-Kid leaders who run technology sessions in our classrooms - they do an amazing job!

Physical Education - This term we will focus on invasion games and gymnastics skills. We are hoping Term 3 will deliver long stretches of dry weather so we can also get the tamariki out to enjoy some team winter sports. Our kaiako will be diving into different skill-sets to play sports such as hockey, ripper rugby, football and netball. A change of clothes in the school bag might be a good idea in case they get wet or muddy!

Literacy - It has been fantastic to see some of the amazing writing coming out of the Senior classes over the last term. We are doing everything we can to instil a love of literacy in the tamariki. In the classroom, there will be a general focus on writing to inform, this includes opportunities to write; reports, explanations, procedures and letters / emails. We will be drilling down on *proofreading* which will include students editing their work for punctuation and ensuring it makes sense. In reading, tamariki will be *summarising* - a strategy which helps students identify main ideas and retell information in their own words. This strategy relies on six crucial questions: who, what, when, where, why, and how.

Numeracy - In the first half of the term we will be covering Statistical Investigations & Interpreting Statistical and Chance situations. Students will undertake mini statistical investigations within their own classrooms. The second half of the term will focus on Algebra where students will create patterns, find rules and graph relationships. Basic facts and number knowledge programmes will continue to run alongside key numeracy learning.

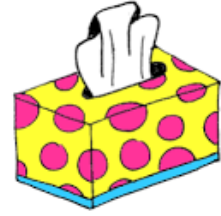
Te ao Māori - This term, students will continue to learn their pepeha so they can introduce themselves confidently in te reo. They will also continue to expand their ever-growing list of everyday words and phrases. We begin the term with a Matariki focus. Students will gain an understanding of why and how Matariki is celebrated. Our main pūrākau this term is Tawhirimatea and Ruaumoko which ties in nicely to our Planet Earth and Beyond Inquiry. We will continue learning to look after our health and wellbeing through a Te Whare Tapa Wha lens. The four (wha) pillars to support our wellbeing are; taha hinengaro – mental health and emotions; taha wairua – spiritual health, taha tinana – physical health, and taha whānau – whānau (includes class, school and community) as the epicentre of one's well being.

Enviro - This term our focus is to embed sustainability systems at EHS. Tamariki will continue to use our systems of composting and recycling (sorting plastics 1, 2 & 5 as per Hutt City Council expectations). Year 5 tamariki will continue to show their leadership clearing compost bins school-wide and emptying the yellow recycling bins. Kaiako will also continue to educate on being 'kaitiaki' (being a guardian) of the school by being responsible with their rubbish and protecting our natural resources. Tamariki are encouraged to use other methods to reduce the use of plastic and rubbish consumption at our kura.

Arts-Music-Drama-Dance-Singing-Visual - We are pumped for Miharo Mahi Toi, the Arts rotation happening on Wednesday afternoons of this term. Tamariki have chosen to take part in areas they are most interested in.

General

- If your child is unwell, it is essential that you keep them at home.
- A change of clothes will be good for students who play sports on the field during break times.
- Tamariki to please stay outside the classrooms until **8.30am**. If the weather is unkind they can shelter on the decks.
- If possible, please provide a box of tissues to be shared in the classroom, a must for the winter terms.
- Stay connected with your child's learning via Seesaw.



We are all looking forward to a wonderful term!

Ngā mihi nui

EHS Senior Kaiako