



Inspiring and empowering active citizens
He waka eke noa – we are all in this together

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Kia ora, Hello, Talofa Lava, Malo e lelei, Ni hao, Ahn nyung, Wei ho ma, Namaste, Hola, Kee haal hai, Vannakkam, Jomreep sua, Sawat dee, Privet, Kumusta, Nabad

A very warm welcome to you all and especially our new whānau and students who are joining us for the first time! We also wish all the tamariki in C1 and C2 a very happy start to their schooling at Eastern Hutt! A special welcome to our new students who have come from other schools, other parts of the country and from overseas! We know they will be welcomed into their new classes and will quickly make new friends!

Many of you have taken the opportunity today to bring your child to visit their new teacher so they are all ready for their first day on Thursday, 1 February.

At this time of the year, I know the tamariki are keen to get back to school, to see their friends and new teachers. We are looking forward to seeing them again and the staff have been busy in the last week preparing for the start of term. We have had Teacher Only Days this week with a focus on our direction for the year.

Our EHS Vision is: Inspired Empowered Active Citizens! We look forward to providing programmes this year that are inspiring and empowering all our tamariki to put their new knowledge and skills into action and make a positive difference within the class, school or community.

Welcome to New Staff

A warm welcome to our new Kaiako, Caelin Patterson teaching Year 3 in E3 and Brianna Pratt teaching Year 6 in G2.

Waitangi Day Tuesday 6th February

Waitangi Day is the day the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840, in Waitangi, Northland, by representatives of the British Crown and over 500 Māori Chiefs. It is the foundation document of Aotearoa, New Zealand and each signing was followed by a handshake and greeting, 'He iwi tahi tatou' – we are now one people.

Wellington City Council are running a free, whānau-friendly event to commemorate the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi (The Treaty of Waitangi) and Aotearoa's national day.

Enjoy the many multi-cultural performances, stalls, and kai at the Wellington Waterfront.

EHS Values – Respect – Responsibility – Resilience

Whanaungatanga – Manaakitanga – Wairua

These values will be promoted across the school for all people, ensuring all actions are based on the foundation of positive respectful relationships. We are also working to help our tamariki understand what resilience means and how to demonstrate this when there are setbacks or difficulties.

Remember, if you have any concerns at any time about your child's learning throughout the year, your teacher is available either through making an appointment, email or an informal chat before school if appropriate. Sensitive issues are best discussed in a meeting and so please make an appointment that suits, as teachers are often in staff and team meetings after school. Remember we are a partnership in educating your child and together we are trying to achieve the best learning outcomes for them, therefore the more information that is shared to support your child's learning, the better the outcome.

Powhiri – Friday 9th February at 10am.

On Friday the 9th February we invite our new whānau and tamariki to Eastern Hutt with a Mihi Whakatau.

We are looking forward to seeing bright cheery tamariki on Thursday who are ready for a great year of learning!

Ngā manaakitanga

Julie Henderson