

Nau mai Haere mai

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 29th March 2018



Happy Easter Everyone

From us to you - we wish a happy and holy
Easter to all our families and whānau.

We look forward to finishing the Term with
you all from Wednesday 4th April to Friday
13th April

Remember the national school holiday of
Easter Tuesday - always a holiday for
schools when Easter falls during the school
term

[Ministry of Education Term Dates](https://www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/school-terms-and-holidays/#cal2018)



Important Dates

School POOL IS CLOSED - No Swimming Over Easter Please

<i>Mar 30th</i>	<i>Good Friday - Easter Holiday Break</i>
<i>Apr 2nd</i>	<i>Easter Monday Holiday</i>
<i>Apr 3rd</i>	<i>Easter Tuesday Holiday</i>
<i>Apr 4th</i>	<i>LIFE EDUCATION BEGINS for Years 3 - 6 students</i>
<i>Apr 13th</i>	<i>END OF TERM ONE</i>

Community Corner

- ➔ Our fantastic Parent Support Group is currently planning another wonderful WAHINE NIGHT - for our mothers, aunties, nanas and daughters. Put aside Friday night May 11th from 6.30pm - 8.30pm There will be refreshments, stalls, massage, crafts for sale, and a lovely feeling of whānau in our school hall - a wonderful opportunity to come and mix and mingle with new friends - see you all there Wahine.
- ➔ A very big “THANK YOU” to Mrs Kim Powell for the wonderful work she does with our Walking School Bus. With the chaos at the gate we have while cars try to drop off and pick up children, the more children who join the Walking School Buses, the better it is for the gate times. Please could parents think about joining the Walking School Buses we have on offer for next term. All children need is a GOOD rain coat and walking is so much better for them than driving in cars every day.
- ➔ The Stanhope School pool is now closed - it is NOT open over Easter The final day for swimming is today - the pool is now closed please.

Updates from School Goals - Week 9

- Building Update - the plans for the Hautūtanga block upgrade have been finalised and we are planning to start in Term 2. Building contractors have been selected and once Ministry of Education have approved the selection, we will begin the project - called BLOCK 1 UPGRADE. This will mean that all Hautūtanga teachers and students will be moving into temporary classrooms - possibly before Queen's Birthday Weekend at this stage (although building timelines have their own complexities!!!) Rooms 21, 22, 23 will be fully refurbished similar (but not exactly the same) as Rooms 17 - 20
 - Our Inquiry for Term 2 is "To Infinity and Beyond" How is life different beyond us ?- with the Mindset of "Think Like An Innovative Leader"- a Science focus - asking questions and exploring what children's thinking is about beyond planet earth. It is not a study of the solar system - it is an exercise in future thinking to bring about more in-depth understandings of how mankind is using digital technologies to progress human understanding beyond earth.
 - Our Puāwaitanga team of teachers visited Ellerslie Primary yesterday for observations of Innovative Learning practice in their beautiful, open-plan modern learning environments. Our teachers are sharing practice and ideas for strengthening learning for all students in ILE's
- Happy Easter everyone -
with thanks, Corinne Hansell (Principal)*



Maungakiekie Kāhui Ako (Community of Learners)

'Rangitāmirotia ngā miro ako tuatinitini.'
Weave together the threads of learning

→ At Stanhope, Within School Coaches (WSC's) are Deborah Perring and Ronda Lough. Our Across School Mentor (ASM) is Melinda Bell who works alongside ASMs from Bailey Rd School; and One Tree Hill College. There are 4 ASM's in our Community of Learners. The main work programme for these roles is to have practice analysis conversations with teachers to gain a deeper impact in classroom pedagogy and practice across our schools.

→ Our most current work has been the Evaluation Strategy where schools have come together to agree on a set of protocols for assessment and tracking student achievement now that National Standards have been disestablished by our new government.

→ Our schools have combined, cross-cluster meetings with our Boards of Trustees and our total staff. Our BOT's meet in Week 7 every term, and our combined staff meetings are held in Week 4 of each term. The current work for us with BOT is strengthening protocols for reporting to parents; and developing a plan for strengthening Iwi Partnerships across our community.

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