

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Nau mai, haere mai

Principal's Message

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Did you know that the word **inspire** or **inspiration** has an incredible heritage? It's origins can be found in the latin term "spirare" which means "to breathe", and this term is responsible for a host of words including: respiration, perspiration, aspiration, conspiracy, expiration and last but by no means least, spirit.

The Romans considered breathing fundamental to not only our literal living but all manner of things, intangible, that gave life to us.

Inspiration specifically means "to breathe in" or to be infused with and connected to a concept, idea, knowledge or belief that figuratively gives you life and energy.

This notion of having such a profound entanglement with and motivation from whatever it may be that **inspired** you is unironically **inspirational** in and of itself.

Next term, we will turn our attention toward exploring what it means to be an inspired learner and consider what responsibility we may have in intentionally and continually placing ourselves in situations and environments that naturally lead to inspiration. We cannot wait!

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EZ LUNCH - Subway Fridays

We are excited to announce that starting in Term 2, you can order delicious subway lunches for your child/ren.

The subway lunches will be delivered to our school every Friday, ready for your child to enjoy a fresh, customised sub at lunch eating time.

Orders are made online through your myKindo account - one account for the whole family! Get started now and be ready... Go to www.mykindo.co.nz to create an account and start ordering!



For Apple and Android users download the mykindo app.

Orders need to be placed by 5.00pm each Thursday, and can be cancelled by 9.00am on Friday morning if your child is going to be away. Pre orders for the term can also be placed ahead of time.

Help? Visit support.mykindo.co.nz or tel. 09 475 5287 (0800 395 8624) weekdays 8am-4pm. www.mykindo.co.nz www.ezlunch.co.nz

Also see this [link](#) for more information.

A Message to Our Sponsors

In our last newsletter, we mentioned that our library and akomanga (classrooms) would welcome any retired board games you may have had laying around. If you are in a position to donate these, we'd happily find them a home in one of these spaces.

In response to this request for support, our leadership team have connected with a few parents from our community who have indicated an interest in supporting the school in other avenues. This was music to our ears, as one of our foundational goals is to proactively engage our community and establish partnerships that serve the school.

If this resonates with you, then our leadership team would love to hear from you and chat about ways we can work together to better the learning experiences and extracurricular opportunities available to our ākonga. Please tap us on the shoulder during drop-off or pick up. Alternatively, you can send an email (slt@elimhenderson.school.nz).

A hearty thank you in advance!



Teacher Only Day

Over the past few years, the New Zealand Curriculum has been undergoing a refresh, with some areas still to be finalised.

Given the magnitude of this process and the efforts required to implement this nation wide, the Sector Advisory Group (SAG) set out teacher-only days (TOD's) to support kaiako through the significant changes in curriculum and assessment.

To minimise clashes for kura, the SAG have set a timeframe in which these TOD's can be held. We have tentatively allocated 31st May for this, which sits on the Friday ahead of King's Birthday the following Monday (3rd June).

We're currently awaiting further clarification and confirmation of these TOD's approval from the Ministry of Education. Once we have a concrete decision, we will communicate this to you.



Term Two Changes

As we dive into the chillier months, we've got a few cozy tweaks up our sleeves for our morning routine to make sure our awesome ākonga have a toasty welcome.

Starting from the first day of Term two (Monday, April 29th), classrooms will be open from 8:15 AM. This gives your young learner a chance to mingle with peers, connect with teachers, catch up on tasks, or sneak in a quiet moment to prepare for the day ahead. We'll still have a watchful teacher on duty so kids can enjoy our playground and outdoor spaces when the weather plays nice.

Additionally, to combat the cold, we wanted to highlight a few options available for Term 2 and 3. Check out our [website](#) for all the details, but in summary: ākonga can wear our black track pants, long-sleeve polos, and for our girls, black tights. No pressure to wear these, they're just there to keep our ākonga more comfortable, if that is desirable.

If you have any questions still, give our office a quick call or email and we'll assist you as best we can.



A Holiday Message

A term break always allows the chance for families to take a few extra moments together and create memories, whether that be from the comfort of your home or out and about in the wonderful West Auckland and beyond.

While our kaimahi take some well deserved rest to recharge for the term ahead, we will also take advantage of the time to prepare some incredible learning experiences for our ākonga. This time will happen on different schedules for different people so if we take a little longer than usual to respond to emails or address your queries, we will connect in due course. We appreciate your understanding and support on this matter.

Lastly, we wanted to extend a heartfelt “hooray” to everyone for the resounding success of Term 1. The proverbial village that it takes to raise this young learners has begun to build and operate off of firm foundations. This bodes well for our years ahead together!

We pray a special blessing over your whānau and households in the coming weeks. See you on Monday 29th April!