

# Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge  
is Power*



11<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Term 2 Week 2



**Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of  
Eltham School**

### **Reminder about Nominations for our Board of Trustees**

Please consider standing to become a Board of Trustees' member. We need 2 more enthusiastic and committed people to help us continue to take the school forward in a positive direction. You need to be available for meetings and to assist with strategic planning when required. It is not an onerous task but it is a very important role.

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### **Football with Troy Savage**

Our students have been enjoying learning some football skills with Troy Savage. Every morning Troy takes a different class for some skills and drills and our students have been gaining more confidence with ball handling (foot control only of course!) and defence and attack movement.



**027 367 8742**

**Check our Facebook Page  
for regular updates and  
important information.**

**Kathryn Pick  
Principal**

**Whanaungatanga**

**Honesty**

**Empathy**

**Respect**



### Congratulations to our “Learners of the week”...

Room 1 – **Mia Lindsay** – For always listening and being a caring member of Room 1.

Room 2 – **Layla Elliott** – For always being a bright and cheerful class member. Layla always puts 100% into everything.

Room 3 – **Jesica Howard**– For settling into Room 3 with confidence. Already you are an active member of our class.

Room 5 – **Keegan Lozell** – For always being helpful and giving 100% effort.

Room 6 – **Jesse Shute** – For stepping outside his comfort zone and trying new things.

Room 7 – **Alexis Dravitski**– For amazing effort in her writing.

### A visit from NZ Teen Fiction Author – Des Hunt

On Tuesday this week our year 7 and 8 students had a wonderful experience with NZ teen author Des Hunt. Des resides in the Coromandel and is well known for writing several successful teen fiction novels of adventures within a NZ context. Des worked as a Science teacher for more than 30 years, which included teaching at Hawera High for 7 years. His fiction writing career didn't begin until he retired from teaching. Des is still a chemistry and physics fanatic, so he had our students mesmerised with a range of science experiments that he performed. He also kept them fully engaged with his great sense of humour. The message Des wanted our students to understand was ‘how’ to write a really good story, that the reader can't put down!



### People Savers – Red Cross

This week Rooms 7 and 8 are spending a full day learning basic first aid with a Red Cross facilitator. This is a great opportunity for our children to participate in, so they become aware of symptoms and signs of people needing assistance with health related issues, and so they know how to respond. All of our senior classes have had a full day learning basic first aid.

**Happy birthday to the following people...**

- Te Awe Turahui – Room 5 – 13yrs
- Sophie Mita – Room 2 – 7yrs
- Celestial Harrison – Room 1 – 6yrs
- Layla Elliott – Room 2 – 7yrs
- Keegan Lozell – Room 5 – 13yrs

**Congratulations to our Cool Choices winners...**

For a range of 'cool choices' including being kind and supportive to others, picking up rubbish to keep our school tidy, and helping our teachers with jobs.



- Daquedin Morton
- Fellin Castle
- Kyra Robinson
- Mia Lindsay
- Alexis Dravitski



**Community Award**

This week our community award goes to Mrs Brown (fondly known by our children as Grandma) Grandma has been helping out in Room 5 for the last 7 weeks at school. We really appreciate your hard work Grandma, and the way in which you help our students with a range of different needs. Ka Pai!



**Room 2** have been talking about being positive and learning to always do their best. Our dance in assembly reflected this. We wore t-shirts with positive messages and we read out some of our positive writing.

I'm good at silent reading. I'm good at reading. I'm good at writing. I'm good at waiting and I'm good at being quiet. I'm good at sleeping. I like what I can do. I don't give up. If I don't know it, I try it instead. I can't believe I can do everything.

**By Eva Smith**

My Dancing

I do my dancing after school in the school hall but I used to do it in the rugby gym. My teachers name is Natalie- Luke's mum. Bumble is doing hip hop too. It's the best! I am in the sevens in dancing. Sometimes it is hard but I just practice at home. I NEVER GIVE UP! And I also try my best.

**Sophie Edwards Brown**



I can play cool. I do stuff like reading and I do maths. I am nice to people. I can play nicely with people and be a good girl.

**By Marley**

Myself

I can help people to be friends to each other and I am a good friend to Te Ngaikiha. I am kind to myself. I help the school so it will be tidy for Room 2 and I help my mum to do the dishes.

**By Khodie Woodhead**



**Board of Trustees Information**

- Our next Board meeting is on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 11.00am.
- Our by-election voting day will be Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Nominations close on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

**Parent Notices**

**Netball Fees** – These MUST be paid before netball starts. Please pay at the school office.

**Old Cellphones:** Please hand unwanted or non-working phones into the School Office. We can send these away and receive rewards for them.

**Senior Room Camp Fundraiser**

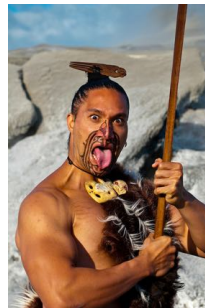
Please keep Friday evening - 16<sup>th</sup> June free as we are planning on holding a quiz night as a camp fundraiser. Our year 8 students attended a camp at the beginning of the year at Vertical Horizons. This camp was heavily subsidised to keep the cost down for our parents. This fundraiser is to help make up the remainder of the funds. Our quiz night will be held in the School Hall and will start at 7pm. Please get a team of 6 together and come along to support this. \$10 per person.

**PTA DISCO**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Held in the School Hall - \$2 per child entry**

For all Eltham School children

Rooms 5, 6, 7, and 8 - 5.15pm – 6.30pm



Rooms 1, 2 and 3 – 4.00 – 5.00pm

Theme: Maori Warriors/Wahine

There will be savouries, lollies, chips, drinks and glow sticks for sale.

Parents are welcome to attend and dress up.



No passes out – Children MUST be picked up by an adult.



**Calendar of Events**

**May**

15<sup>th</sup> – National Young Leaders Day in PN – Room 5 leaders

18<sup>th</sup> – EPRO8 Finals – Selected students @ Stratford Primary School – 5pm

19<sup>th</sup> – Board Nominations Close

**June**

2<sup>nd</sup> – Voting day for Board By-Election

12<sup>th</sup> – Board Training

16<sup>th</sup> – Quiz Night – Camp Fundraiser



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