



Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
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Term 2 Week 3



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Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

Mrs Lewis

Schools are complex places with a range of needs, responsibilities and expectations that occur on a daily basis. There are enjoyable and rewarding aspects to our jobs, but often there are challenges and disappointments. This week we have all been saddened by the news of the resignation of one of our very dedicated, loyal, reliable and diligent support workers. Mrs Lewis who has been part of our school for nearly 10 years has unwillingly had to give up her position due to a longstanding 'bad back' that is sadly not improving. We are very sorry to lose Mrs Lewis and really hope that she is able to recover enough to have a happy and fulfilling retirement. Even though all of our students and staff will miss Mrs Lewis immensely we look forward to seeing her 'pop in' to see us when she is feeling more mobile. Kia ora rawa atu. Noho ora mai Mrs Lewis.

EPRO8

Tonight both of our year 7 and 8 EPRO8 finalist teams (Made up of Rebekah Hodge, Aidan Renshaw, Ryan Bain and Keegan Lozell plus Kurt McFaull, Jamalia Brown, Te Rauna Cassidy and William Murray) are competing against other finalist teams at Stratford Primary. These students showed initiative, great problem solving skills and excellent time management at the last competition. We wish them well in this competition, and will report on their results in next week's newsletter. Please also keep your eye on our Facebook page.

Last day for Board of Trustees nominations

Tomorrow (Friday 19th May) is the final day for Board nominations. We need people who are committed and keen to help us take our school forward with the goals we are currently trying to implement. Please get nominations in by tomorrow.

**Kathryn Pick
Principal**

Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

Respect



National Young Leaders Day – Palmerston North

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

Room 1 – **Nisa Nazri** – For producing quality work and being a valuable class member.

Room 2 – **Nivana-Lee Reid** – For having a great attitude towards everything at school. She’s become a very keen writer and reader too.

Room 3 – **Kupa Robinson**– For always trying your best in class and being the first one to help your peers.

Room 5 – **Taylor Ross** – For always being such a focused and enthusiastic learner.

Room 6 – **Gabrael Stevens** – For an impressive effort and good progress in mathematics.

Room 7 – **Daytona Marshall**– For putting great effort into his reading comprehension.

Room 8 – **Jesee Baikie** – For showing maturity in the classroom and trying hard in all curriculum areas.

On Monday, Mrs Vind and Mrs Renshaw took our year 8 leaders to Palmerston North to attend the National Young Leaders Day Conference. E Kore au e ngaro he kakano I ruia mai I rangiatea. I am a seed born of greatness.

As always the Conference had inspirational speakers with key messages to motivate and encourage our children. This is what our leaders had to say about the experience...

We met Trina Tamati – She is the CEO of the NRL Auckland Nines. She was also the winner of the Woman of the Year Sports Award in 2017. She told us that she loved sport but she was not the best at it. When she grew up she wanted to work for a sport. She told us to never give up on your dreams. **Rebekah Hodge**

Matt Brown is a hair artist, barber and educator. He is passionate about creating violent free communities. Matt was bought up in a poor family...they often had no food in his home. One day he cut his friend’s hair so decided when he grew up he wanted to be a barber. He started making patterns in people’s hair and now he goes all around NZ cutting people’s hair and creating ‘hair art’. He told us to be true to ourselves and hold onto our dreams. **Aidan Renshaw.**

Matt Brown was an inspiration. When he was young he got teased a lot for being poor. He bought some hair clippers for \$6 to do hair art. Then someone discovered his talent and now he has clippers worth \$400 and he is famous for the pictures he can shave into people’s hair – One of his favourites is of Tupak. He told us to try hard and do your best and you will succeed. **Ryan Bain.**

Aaron Jackson is an actor. He was the bad guy in Shortland Street, and he’s also been in the movie Pete’s dragon. He’s done lots of jobs in his time including building, firefighting and acting. He was told by an ‘old lady’ he had a nice face and she asked him to come down to the studio once with her. The first time he said no, but then he did go and started his acting career. He told us to believe in yourself and you can achieve anything. **Tinesha Brewerton.**

Trina Tamati was an inspiration. She was told by all the rugby players that she couldn’t be the CEO of any rugby team, but she didn’t listen to them and proved them wrong. **Te Awe Turahui**

There was a band that played at the National Young Leaders Day called Nomad. They became a band at high school. I really enjoyed their music. They told us to try hard to reach your goals and you will achieve. **Hailie Shute.**

Aaron Jackson, the actor still gets accused of being a bad guy when he goes out. He has to remind people he’s an actor and not bad! He told us to be yourself, don’t try to be someone else to fit in. **Oceana Brown Martin.**

Happy birthday to the following people...

Carlyn Jones – Room 5 – 13yrs

Congratulations to our Cool Choices winners...

Keegan Lozell –
For helping Room 2 with their showcase.



Hannah Hodge –
Caring about the security of our school.

Jamalia Brown – For helping the “Fireflies” netball team to train.

Alexis Dravitski – Helping clean up the deck by sorting out all the lost property and getting rid of the rubbish.

Siliva Fakavamoeanga – For putting lots of effort and time into making his mum a beautiful ‘mothers day’ card.



Community Award

Our community award this week went to our fabulous release teachers – Mrs B and Mrs Hooper. We are so lucky to have such highly experienced, caring, knowledgeable and reliable teachers we can call on whenever we need their support and assistance. Mrs B and Mrs Hooper got the loudest applause I’ve heard in any assembly for the community award presentation which only proves how much our children and staff value and appreciate them. Thanks Mrs B and Mrs Hooper.



News from Room 8....

Room 8 performed two songs in sign language for their showcase on Friday. They reflected on their performance.

On Friday we were on the stage doing Paradise and Beautiful Soldier in sign language. We showed the school how we can do it in front of them. I felt excited to show the whole school.

Kura

Performance day!!

When it was performance day I felt nervous and shy but a little bit excited too. We did sign language. When I did my moves I felt a little bit confident. We did Beautiful Soldier and I felt sad. When we did Paradise I felt happy.

Darwish

We did our showcase on Friday. One of the songs we did was Beautiful Soldier, it was about the ANZAC’s. I was nervous, frightened and scared but felt really good. There were two people beside me and they did really well. I think I could improve in my sign language.

Zach

On Friday we did an amazing showcase. I thought I did a good job because I knew all of the actions. I think the whole class did an amazing job learning the sign language and doing it on stage.

Jesee

I loved my performance on Friday. I was terrified because I was on stage and haven’t been on stage for a long time. Hannah’s performance was beautiful because she knew the actions well.

Max

Four days ago we were on stage. I felt nervous when I was up there. We did Paradise and Beautiful Soldier. Everyone liked Beautiful Soldier the best. I liked Paradise the best out of both of them. We performed in sign language. I think I did well.

Jahye-dei

I was shy and nervous when we were doing Beautiful Soldier and I was scared on stage. I thought I was doing a good job when we did Paradise. I liked doing sign language to Paradise.

Tony

Board of Trustees Information

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

Parent Notices

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 - 16th 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 26th 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

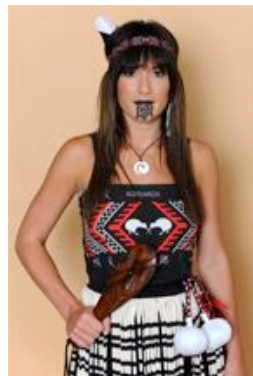


Theme: Maori Warriors/Wahine

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

18th – EPRO8 Finals – Selected students @ Stratford Primary School – 5pm

19th – Board Nominations Close

June

2nd – Voting day for Board By-Election

12th – Board Training

16th – Quiz Night – Camp Fundraiser



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