



Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power*

25th May 2017

Term 2 Week 4

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

New appointments

We recently appointed two new teacher aides. Jessica began working with James in Room 1 earlier this week. Nicole will work with a newly enrolled student who begins school next Monday 29th May. We welcome both Nicole and Jessica to our team, and look forward to working with them.



New Board Member

We had one nomination for our recent BOT by-election. We would like to welcome **Colin Ogle** onto our board of Trustees. Given we only had one BOT nomination we do not need to hold a bi-election, and Colin has been duly elected. We look forward to working with Colin and know that he will add value and help us progress Eltham School as the school of choice. Our other BOT vacancy can be filled by selection. We will keep you informed as we work through this process.



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important information.**

Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

Respect



Absent from photo: Cruz Hardy – Room 2.

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

Room 1 – **Ataahua Kelly-Pulham** – For an awesome effort in writing and learning the sounds that letters make.

Room 2 – **Cruz Hardy** – For becoming a motivated writer and reader. I’m very excited about him making progress in these areas.

Room 3 – **Jovie Potter-Newton**– For always being the first one to help in the classroom and for great progress in writing and editing.

Room 5 – **Alex Peihopa** – For stepping up and showing leadership and maturity in our showcase.

Room 6 – **James McFaul** – For a great attitude and awesome progress in reading.

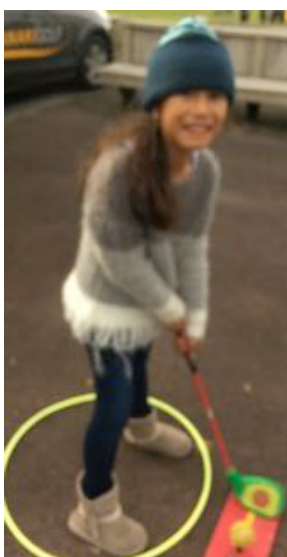
Room 7 – **Grant Ngatai - Turahui**– For showing maturity and respect for the classroom environment.

Room 8 – **Jahye-dei Rupapera**– For making good progress in his writing. Stay focused and keep it up!

Golf with Murray Martin...

Over the last two weeks on Mondays and Tuesdays our students have been learning some golf skills with an external provider – Murray Martin. Murray has been teaching our students the correct stance, swing and drive for hitting the ball (we use tennis balls) in the right direction and a good distance. All of our students are involved in these lessons. They have been fun and educational. We have two more weeks of lessons. Yesterday I joined our year 8’s (Room 5) for their lesson. At the end we had a ‘partner play off’ to see who could drive their ball the furthest distance. I was up against Ben Minhinnick. I went first and was thrilled that my ball lobbed high, bounced a few times and rolled its way to the concrete wall in the middle of the tennis court. Ben hit the ball so hard it flew across the wall in the middle of the tennis court. How humiliating for me! I knew I would get beaten, but did Ben have to make the win that convincing! This is what some of our students had to say about golf...

We had to hit the ball, not the concrete, and we learnt how to stand correctly before swinging. **Rebekah Hodge**



Puck the ball, don’t whack it. **Carlyn Jones**

I learnt how to accurately aim the ball in the right direction. **Hone Williams**

It was fun learning golf. I was able to hit the tennis ball the furthest. **Tinesha Brewerton.**

I played golf with the whole class. It was fun because it is my favourite game to play at school. **Rhys Dravitski**

I love golf because it’s sports. **Kura Wood**

I like golf because you can get lots of exercise. **Sharmaine Manaena**



Happy birthday to the following people...

Hailie Shute – Room 5 – 13yrs

Jessee Baikie – Room 8 – 10yrs

Phoenix-Joy Brown – Room 8 – 8yrs

Matthew Kerrigan – Room 6 – 11yrs

Congratulations to our Cool Choices winners...

Hone Williams – Picking up glass off the footpath and securing a gate.

Jaydan Barrow – Picking up glass off the footpath and securing a gate.

Dakoda Thomas – Picking up glass off the road and securing a gate.

Trinity Wood – Trying to calm an agitated child in the playground.

Justin Salisbury – Trying to assist with a problem in the playground.

**Community Award**

This week our community award goes to Room 8 for their fantastic presentation in sign language at last week's assembly. Room 8 presented two songs, one called Beautiful Soldier and the other one was called Paradise. They sang and signed both of these songs to us, in what was a very moving performance. Ka pai Room 8.

**Stories from Room 5...**

Room 5 wrote about a special place in their community. Here are some samples....

A special place is the Toy Wall because it has been there for a generation and it has heaps of toys. That's where the Toy Wall got its name, I think. Everyone used to put some of their toys on the toy wall. Then the Toy Wall got bigger and bigger until it got a little full. Actually it got really full. The Toy Wall is special because it has heaps of different toys. There is also a church and a castle next to the Toy Wall. The church is made of stone and stained glass. **Tamar Leatherby.**

My family is special to me and I love them. Eltham is where all my family lives like Aunties and Uncles and cousins too. And what's really special about this place is we all love each other. We will stick together all the way and love each other all the way. Our family's words are we love you, no one can break those words. We might fight, cry and get angry but we still love each other and Eltham is a peaceful place. We don't want violence. School is where all my friends go to school, and all my family used to go to school. We learn every day. **Carlyn Jones**

Eltham is special to me because Eltham is where I grew up. I don't know about you but if Eltham is special to you I don't blame you. Eltham is a little great town. There aren't many places to go in Eltham but the community tries making Eltham an awesome place to be around. In Eltham they have an awesome school called Eltham Primary, and an awesome park called Soldiers Park. Well there are actually three parks in Eltham – Taylor Park, Taumata Park, and Soldiers Park. There is also an awesome wall called the Toy Wall. In the summer Eltham opens the pools and it's free. **Renee Wanakore.**

Board of Trustees Information

- Our next Board meeting is on Tuesday 6th June @ 5.30pm.
- We welcome Colin Ogle onto our Board.

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.



Kids Quiz

Put your answers in the box on the office bench (next to the chaplain's box). All entries have a chance of being drawn out at assembly for a prize.

Senior Quiz (Rooms 5-8)

Record 3 facts about Parihaka. One of your facts MUST include information about one of the Maori leaders during that time.

Junior Quiz (Rooms 1-3)

Draw a picture of the season that we are in now. What is this season called?

Remember to put your name on your entry!

Calendar of Events

June

5th – Queen's birthday – No School

6th – BOT meeting @ 5.30pm.

12th – Board Training – Governance Essentials.

16th – Quiz Night – Camp Fundraiser

July

3rd – 7th – Life Education

7th – Last day of term 2

24th – First day of term 3



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