



Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power*



1st June 2017

Term 2 Week 5



Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

Queens Birthday Weekend

A reminder that there is **no school on Monday** as it is Queen's birthday weekend. School resumes again on Tuesday 6th June. We wish all of our families a safe and happy long weekend.

Whole school learning – Local Maori history including Parihaka

Currently our whole school is learning about some of our local Maori history. All of our classes will be travelling to Puke Ariki to look at artifacts and to learn more about the Land Wars, life in Taranaki around the late 1800's – mid 1900's and gather information about some of the significant Maori leaders during those times. The senior syndicate is learning a lot about Parihaka and the different way that they 'fought' the government and the English settlers who tried to take land off them. (Through 'passive resistance') We are so fortunate to have Parihaka as a part of our local history.

The timing of this learning couldn't be better. Next Friday our senior syndicate and a number of our teachers and support staff will be attending the Parihaka reconciliation ceremony which sees the Crown returning significant funds back to our local iwi. We feel very honoured to have been invited to this significant event and we are also very grateful we can take our children along to learn about the history and witness first hand a formal recognition from our government of the wrongs inflicted historically, and the process of rectifying historical grievances. There will be more information for those attending this ceremony in next week's newsletter.

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important information.**

Whanaungatanga

Honesty

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

Room 1 – **Zeb Stantiall** – For an awesome attitude to learning and school.

Room 2 – **Reggae Ngatai** – For taking a major role in our class visit to Kohanga, she did the karakia and she took this very seriously.

Room 3 – **Lucas Tonga**– For an improving attitude towards doing as you are asked the first time. Keep it up!

Room 5 – **Ben Minhinnick** – For an improved attitude towards school and greater participation in class.

Room 6 – **Jacob Bolstad** – For a fantastic attitude in all areas of the curriculum.

Room 7 – **Cjay McMinn**– For being super confident with his writing intentions.

Room 8 – **Reginald Hetaraka – Sokolich** – For trying hard in all curriculum areas and being a very helpful member of Room 8. Tu meke!

News from Room 6...

Room 6 experienced the wacky and somewhat weird world of Len Lye when we visited his art centre in New Plymouth. There were different pieces of art all around the gallery. My favourite piece was the fountain, it made the sound of clanging metal but it glimmered brightly in the light and I could see the moving shadows as they moved along the walls. **William Murray**

We went to the Art Gallery in New Plymouth. We did exciting things like Maori art, it was amazing. My favourite part was when we saw the metal grass piece of art, it was swaying from side to side and the light was reflecting off it. It looked stunning! **Jacob Bolstad**

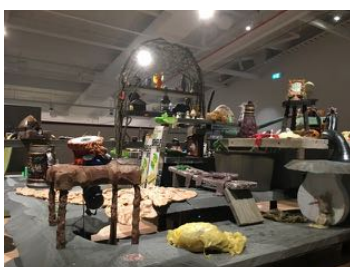
This week our whole class went to the Len Lye Art Gallery in New Plymouth. My favourite part was going up some stairs to where they had some really cool art that looked like a magical forest. The whole thing looked gorgeous. We also got to do some of our own art too. **Billie Cresswell**

Room 6 found themselves at Puke Ariki. We walked to the research centre where we looked at some photos and newspapers from years that had passed. It was exciting to see stuff from over 100 years ago. **Te Rauna Cassidy**

Puke Ariki was quite interesting. They showed us how to work a search catalogue and how you could search a topic, for instance, Parihaka and it would show you where in the library to look for that book/information. My favourite bit was the computers; they had machines that you could put a canister in that would show you some of the old Taranaki newspapers. **Jamalia Brown**



A big thank you to Mandy, Nathan, Debs and Grandma (aka Jenny) for helping to supervise our trip today. We couldn't do these wonderful things without you.



Happy birthday to the following people...

Rebekah Hodge – Room 5 – 13yrs

Congratulations to our Cool Choices winners...

Ngaia Bolstald – Caring for younger students

Kohyn Dormer – Being a very helpful boy in Room 2.

Jahye-dei Rupapera – Making the 'teachers table' a learning table, and cleaning up after everyone.

Nivana-Lee Reid – Helping to keep Eltham School very tidy.

Marley Eaves – Thanking the helpers at the visit to Kohanga.

Reggae Ngatai – Taking a major part in our visit to Kohanga – By saying a karakia and thanking the hosts.

Maaka Robinson – Taking a major role in our visit to Kohanga – Doing his mihi.



Community Award

This weeks community award goes to Miss Le Bas and her wonderful Jump Jam dancers, for leading the school every day for Jump Jam. It's a great way to start our day, getting us to move and breathe in lots of fresh air to oxygenate our brains, and get ready for our learning!



Whanaungatanga

Cool Choice Awards

At Eltham School we have given out 'cool choice' awards for a number of years. Traditionally children had a chance of receiving a book prize if their name was drawn in assembly.

This year we have introduced something new. All children who receive 'cool choice' awards are given one point per 'cool choice'. These points are collated so that children can now receive bronze, silver and gold level certification.

When they receive 10 cool choice awards they will attain a bronze level certificate, 20 will receive silver and 30 will receive gold.

It is a 'big deal' for a child to reach any 'leveled certification', most especially gold. We want to encourage our children to display good behaviour at all times. In the same way our children receive recognition for reaching learning milestones, we want them to receive recognition for demonstrating exemplary behavior. These records are beneficial for children to attain from Eltham School, and will certainly assist as evidence for entry into college and other extra curricular activities/academies you want your child/ren to be involved in.

It is not easy to receive even one 'cool choice' as these awards are not given out lightly. The following behaviours are an example of how children can receive cool choices.

- Helping to keep our school looking tidy by picking up rubbish and returning lost property to the rightful owners.
- Showing empathy and compassion in the playground when children get hurt.
- Assisting children to respond appropriately when they are challenged with confronting behaviour from others.
- Using their initiative to help teachers with a wide range of tasks in the classroom.

Please encourage your children to make 'cool choices' so we can work together to teach our students good behaviour skills that will assist them to practice values that respect others and will help them to lead positive and functional lifestyles.

Board of Trustees Information

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

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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.

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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)

- Where would you find the Hillary Step?
 - Antartica
 - Mt Everest
 - Mt Taranaki
 - Queen Street
- Why was Scott Dixon in the news last week?
 - He Married Emma Stone
 - He was involved in a crash which will keep him out of the competition for the rest of the year
 - He was robbed at gunpoint while at a fast food drive-through.
- Which of the following has just been voted NZ's most trusted brand?
 - Whittaker's chocolate
 - Resene Paint
 - C) Pak 'n' Save

Junior Quiz (Rooms 1-3)

Draw and name the animal on the outside wall of our school hall.

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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Last week's Quiz Winners

Junior Quiz:

Senior Quiz:

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