

# Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge  
is Power*



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Term 2 Week 7



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

#### **Parihaka Reconciliation Ceremony**

Last Friday our whole school group was very well looked after at the Parihaka ceremony. We were greeted and welcomed onto the marae by Mrs Cassidy (Te Rauna and Mytalia's Nana). Even though the speeches during the ceremony were long, and mostly in Te Reo, our children were very well behaved and learnt a lot from the various phases throughout the day. There were moving parts to the ceremony, which included 'remembering those that had recently passed' and the grieving of past injustices particularly to the women left behind during the battles, when the Crown and British soldiers took away the men of Parihaka including their chiefs, and their land. We were not allowed to take any photos throughout the proceedings due to the sensitive nature of the 'reconciliation processes'.

One of the highlights was the involvement of our students Mytalia Cassidy, Te Rauna Cassidy, Te Awe Turahui and Alex Peihopa (who represented Eltham School with pride) when they were involved in presenting the members of Parliament and other dignitaries with gifts from the Parihaka trust, as a way of 'moving forward' and leaving the hurts from the past behind. This week our teachers have been going over the ceremony proceedings with our children to assist them to gain a better understanding of what occurred on the day at the ceremony. I know I speak on behalf of all the adults that attended, when I say how immensely honoured we all felt by being invited to attend this ceremony and witness such an act of forgiveness on behalf of the ancestors of Parihaka, and to take part in such a significant event in NZ history.

**Kathryn Pick  
Principal**

**Whanaungatanga**

**Honesty**

**Empathy**

**Respect**

Stories from Room 1... (unedited and in their words!)

Me and Mrs Wilson and Emma and Quesha and Khloe singed wheels on the bus. We singed and singed. **By Myana Singh - Awhitu**

Dad and Max, do you want to pick feijoas with me? **By Max Helms – Smith**

Me and Mum and my brother are going to walk to the park. **By Khloe Squire**

We went to the pet shop and I got a cheetah. **By Maaka Robinson**

I am going to the zoo with my family and friends. **By Quesha King**

In the palace lived a king and his six daughters as well as their grandmother who took care of them. The six princesses were the prettiest of them all. **By Emma McCallum**



My friend was a zebra and his name was Zippy. **By Vienna Brown – Martin**



I went to the playground with mum and dad and my little brother Parker. **By Mia Lindsay**

I like going to Quesha's house and Emma's. **By Nisa Nazri**

I love fighting a shark, and it died. I will get a sharks tooth. **By Zeb Stantiall**

I like going by the clouds. **By Ataahua Kelly – Pulham**

I am fighting a real crocodile. **By Celestial Harrison Maraki**

My bear is my friend. **By Sophia Perenise**

I noticed that my pet can fly. **By Luke Ropiha**



Happy birthday to the following people...

Kura Wood – Room 8 – 9yrs

Zachary Renshaw – Room 8 – 9yrs

Shamika Hoeta – Room 6 – 12yrs

Mandy Hodge – Room 6 – 21yrs

#### Support Staff Day

Yesterday was “Support staff day.” We acknowledged our wonderful teacher aides, office administrator, caretaker and cleaner by providing a morning tea. We are so fortunate to have such an amazing group of women working alongside us to help our student’s learn and to help all of our teaching staff be able to do their jobs more effectively. A huge thanks to Maria – our office administrator, our fantastic teacher aides – Shona, Mary, Jessica, Nicole, Jenny, Mandy and Hanlie, Sheree our awesome cleaner, and Lorraine our fabulous caretaker. You are all simply amazing, and we would not be able to function without you.

Before you speak: **THINK**

Is it **True**

Is it **Helpful**

Is it **Inspiring**

Is it **Necessary**

Is it **Kind**

Some words are better left unsaid!



**Whanaungatanga**

## Community of Learning – Stratford Cluster

Last year I attended a significant number of meetings to help establish the Central Taranaki community of learning. There is a lot of work required to set these up under MOE guidelines and we are now beginning to undertake work and processes that will ultimately bring more coercion between local schools with the trickle down effect of providing better learning opportunities and support for our students.

Currently our cluster has been looking at transitioning of students from early childhood into primary school, from primary school to primary school (when families move locations or schools for various reasons) and from primary school to high school. We have been working with other schools in our area to try and structure a way that transitions can be better managed so schools get the information they need to assist students with optimal learning opportunities.

As a cluster we are also currently focusing on the various forms of assessment that schools use to track student progress. We are creating an assessment and student data schedule that will enable our primary schools to give our high schools relevant student information, to assist with cumulative record keeping. This will provide effective continuous learning opportunities and cumulative student profiles to enhance individual learning.

## Reminder about quiz night – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Please get a team together to support our quiz night tomorrow night. \$10 per person or \$60 for a team. We are raising funds to subsidise the camp fees from our senior room camp that was held at the beginning of the year. We would also like to raise additional funds to purchase some more sports uniforms. Could the parents from Room 5 please bring a plate of food tomorrow to school so we can provide our guests with supper.

### Board of Trustees Information

- Our next Board meeting is on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July @ 5.30pm.

**Honesty**

**Empathy**

**Respect**



**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 - 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.

**Staff Car Park and Staff Entrance**

A reminder to parents to please make sure you park your cars on the road when you collect or drop off your children by car. Lately some parents have been using the staff entrance to come into school to drop their children off, or pick them up. The staff entrance has 'blind spots' where children cannot be seen, and we do not want any children being hit by cars using the driveway. Some of our parents of children with special needs have been given special permission to enter school using the staff driveway. It is only our staff and these parents that we want using it so we can keep our children safe. Thanks for your assistance with this important matter.

**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)**

- 1 What year was the Treaty of Waitangi signed?
- 2 What is the name of the largest city in NZ?
- 3 What is the name of NZ's longest river?
- 4 What is the name of NZ's highest mountain?

**Junior Quiz (Rooms 1-3)**

Draw and name the building at school that has lots of books inside it.

**Remember to put your name on your entry!**



**Calendar of Events**

**June**

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

**July**

3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> – Life Education

4<sup>th</sup> – BOT meeting at school @ 5.30pm

7<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term 2

24<sup>th</sup> – First day of term 3

**August**

1<sup>st</sup> – Kiwi Rugby League sessions begin with Alan Jackson



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**Last week's Quiz Winners**

**Junior Quiz:**

**Senior Quiz:** Oceana Brown - Martin