



Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power*



22nd June 2017

Term 2 Week 8



Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

We have begun the 'make-over' to the front entrance of our school. Over the weekend Jason Baikie removed the agapanthas and WOW! – What a difference that has made! It has opened up the whole area and revealed that behind the 'front garden' is a fantastic school!



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important information.**

Plans are in place to build a wall, which will join with the hinuera stone wall by the arches, and meet up at the memorial gates. The gardens will also be finished off, and the current 'dirt pile' landscaped. This work coincides with what the STESA (Save the Eltham School Arches) committee are doing, as they finalise the 'arches project'. It is all starting to come together and will look fabulous when it is completed.

**Kathryn Pick
Principal**

Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

Respect



Room 3 have been learning about Matariki, which is a time to celebrate the past, present and future. There are many ways to celebrate with friends and family. It is a time to share stories, make things, plant crops, and plan for your future.

Room 3 chose to celebrate Matariki by making kites. Their kites are inspired by Maori designs.



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

Room 1 – **Vienna Brown-Martin** – For consistently learning her reading and spelling words and being a wonderful role model in Room 1.

Room 2 – **Dayton-J Nikora**– For showing a positive attitude towards his learning.

Room 3 – **Jorjah- Nevayah Nikora**– For taking pride in your work and having a positive attitude towards learning.

Room 5 – **Hailie Shute** – For taking pride in your work and showing respect to others.

Room 6 – **Daquedin Morton** – For always working hard and treating his peers with kindness and respect.

Room 7 – **Ethan Ogle** – For always working hard and being the first ready for learning.

Room 8 – **Blake Annabell** – For settling into Room 8 and Eltham School very well.

The story of Matariki

The 7 stars represent the New Year. Their Mum and Dad gave them their job in the sky. Matariki means that seafood and plants will grow big and the people will have a good life.

By Lucas Tonga

The Story of Matariki

On the 25th June 2017 it is Matariki. It represents the Maori New Year. There are 7 sisters, they are stars in the sky. Their names are Waiti, Waita, Waipuna-a-rangi, Tupu-a-rangi, Tupu-a-nuku, Ururangi. It is bad luck when you can't see the 7 sisters but it is good luck when you can.

By Johanna Somers

The Story of Matariki

Matariki are the 7 sisters, and they represent the Maori New Year. The 7 sisters were given a job because they were always zipping around all of the other stars. One day the red star said to the sisters, “You girls are so annoying”. The 7 sisters mother and father heard all of the complaints. They told one of their daughters to call all of the others back. Then they gave them their job. The 7 sisters job was to be the sign of the Maori New Year for the Maori people.

By Jorjah-Nevayah Nikora

The story of Matariki

Matariki is the Maori New year. The stars got in the sky because Ranginui and Papatuanuku got separated. Tawhirimatea got mad and his eyes came out of their sockets and went up to the heavens. It is bad luck if you can't see the stars, but good luck if you can see them.

By Danica Somers.

Happy birthday to the following people...

Te Atene Horomona – Room 8 – 10yrs

Congratulations to our Cool Choices winners...

Nivana – Lee Reid

– For helping tidy up the classroom

Reggae Ngatai –

Helping clean up the classroom

Coby McVicar-

Shaw – Cleaning up the senior's deck.

Josef Boyes – Great maths with Mrs Vind

Matthew Kerrigan – Being a fabulous class role model.

Matthew McCallum – Being a positive role model.



Community Award

This week's community award goes to the wonderful students who help the teachers and teacher aides to look after our students with special needs at lunch times and morning tea breaks. Well done for showing empathy, compassion and respect Jamalia Brown, Tinesha Brewerton, Keegan Lozell, Sophie Lozell, Jovie Potter-Newton, Jael Potter-Newton, James McFaul and Keisha Tuki.



Congratulations to the following boys for being selected for **Ross Brown rugby...**

Clay Mita

Tyler Nicholls

Cjay McMinn



Life Education Trust

There are only 2 more weeks of this term left. In the last week of term (July 3rd – July 7th) we have the Life Education facilitator Michelle and Harold the Giraffe visiting us. Having Harold in our school is always exciting for our junior children, and our senior children also benefit from the lessons focused on life skills and making sensible choices.



Decision about School Uniform

Our board have made the decision that we **WILL** be introducing school uniform from next year at Eltham School. We surveyed all school families and the majority of our parents do want a school uniform. However the people that were against it, mostly didn't want it due to cost. Therefore we have come up with some plans to compensate for this.

Firstly uniform will be phased in over 3 years. Starting in 2018 it will only be compulsory for our NE – year 3 children to buy and wear the uniform. In 2019 it will be compulsory for our year 4-6 children to wear uniform. Finally in 2020 our year 7 and 8 children will be expected to wear uniform.

Secondly we have agreed that as long as children are wearing either **black** shorts, skorts or long pants that will be accepted as uniform. Therefore parents can purchase the black pants from wherever they wish. The only cost will be an Eltham Uniform top and an Eltham Uniform Polar fleece.

Thirdly we are applying for funding for the tops and we hope to be able to on-sell these to parents as cheaply as possible.

If you have any concerns or questions about uniform please come and speak to either Kathryn or Sonia in school. Thank you for your input and support with this new initiative.



Board of Trustees Information

- We still have one BOT vacancy, which we hope to fill soon.

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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.

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.

Recent Fundraisers

Money raised from the PTA disco - \$400

Money raised from the Quiz night - \$294

Thank you to our supporters for both of these events.

Community Notices

Eltham and Kaponga libraries are running fun activities for children aged from 5yrs – 12yrs in the July School holidays. You can have fun on Thursday 13th July exploring the amazing world of bugs from 10.30am, and go hunting for the Snark (3D monster) on Thursday 20th July at 10.30am. Children can rock up on these days. No registration necessary.

Also it is Harry, Hermione and Ron's (Harry Potter) anniversary next week – Eltham library is having some fun with it. Get down to the librry to check it out.

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 is half of 34?
- 2 What is 7x8?
- 3 How many sides does a pentagon have?
- 4 How many degrees is a right angle?

Junior Quiz (Rooms 1-3)

Draw and name the teacher in Room 7.

Remember to put your name on your entry!

Calendar of Events

June

30th – Duffy Assembly – Book presentations
– Joyce Laurence and Brenda Stanners from the Eltham Lions Club.

July

3rd – 7th – Life Education
6th – BOT meeting at school @ 9.00am
7th – Last day of term 2
24th – First day of term 3
31st – School photos – Photolife.



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Last week's Quiz Winners

Junior Quiz: Luke Ropiha & Danica Somers

Senior Quiz: Jamalia Brown