

Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power*

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Term 3 Week 3

Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thank you to our parents who attended parent/teacher interviews on Monday. Today after school we have our second schedule for these. If you are unable to attend interviews after school today, but would like to check your child's learning progress, please arrange a suitable time with your child's teacher.

Practical ways you can assist your child with their learning at home...

- Read with them, to them, or listen to them read to you.
- Sing waiata, read poems and make up rhymes together.
- Point out words on signs, shops and labels.
- Discuss current events.
- Get your child to write the shopping list, write emails to family, or make and write in cards for special occasions.
- Play word games like I Spy and Simon says.
- Play card games and word games.
- Count forwards and backwards.
- Bake and cook together so children learn fractions such as half a cup, quarter of a teaspoon.
- When shopping during sales get your children to work out the savings. Eg 20% off these jeans will take them down to ?
- Get children to assess which are the healthiest food options based on the amounts of sugar, salt and preservatives in food items by reading the labels.

There are many great ideas on how you can help your child's learning at home, for each year level, (New entrants to year 8) on the following website...

www.parents.education.govt.nz Under the primary school tab, click ideas to help with reading, writing and math's.

**Kathryn Pick
Principal**

Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

Respect



Absent from photo: Jayley Keenan

The students of Room 8 have been learning about volcanoes and are loving it. Following are some of their explanations as to how volcanoes erupt:

How Volcanoes Erupt

In the world there are many types of volcanoes. First the magma starts to flow because the gas bubble makes pressure to make the magma fill the volcano up. Then the caldera drops and breaks making a new path for the magma to go out. If the magma is thick it is explosive, if it is thin it is easy to go out. Volcanoes can cause a lot of damage to homes and can **destroy!!!**

By **Darwish Ridzuan**

How Volcanoes Explode

When a volcano erupts it lets out poisonous gas and deadly ash. First when the magma reaches the surface it's called lava. Since magma is lighter than the surrounding rock it has gas bubbles in it. When the magma comes out slowly the gas bubbles will fly away. Then if the magma comes out thick it will cause the volcano to erupt explosively creating boulders and ash. Next if the caldera sinks while the magma is rising it may find a new way to the surface. Then it'll blow its top off. Each year the ring of fire erupts.

By **Marama Harrison**

How Volcanoes Erupt

Volcanoes can kill lots of people. If the magma chamber puts too much pressure it will make the magma go through the central vent. The crust is between the outside of the earth. When lava comes out of volcanoes it can reach up to 3.5 metres. Lava dries out quick. By **Max Helms - Smith**

Congratulations to our "Learners of the week" ...

Room 1 – **Luke Ropiha** – For always being ready for learning and helping others.

Room 2 – **Heath Helms-Smith** – For showing an interest in our studies and bringing things to support the class.

Room 3 – **Jayley Keenan** – For always being caring and helpful to others.

Room 5 – **Tinesha Brewerton** – For accepting the challenge to present all her work at a level 4 standard.

Room 6 – **Mason Lewis** – For showing maturity and responsibility in class.

Room 7 – **Mytalia Cassidy** – For showing great maturity and leadership skills during an Art project.

Room 8 – **Kaia – Rihi Ropata** - For trying hard in all curriculum areas.

How Volcanoes erupt

Volcanoes can erupt at any time and kill many people.

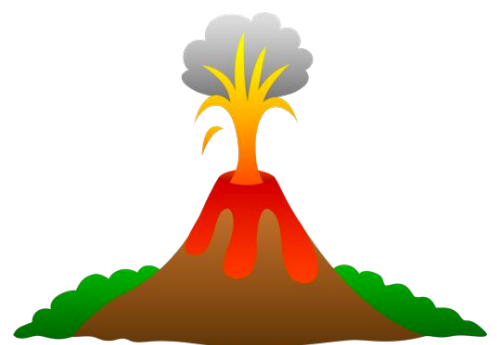
First, volcanoes can erupt and spit scorching hot lava because of what happens underground with the plates.

Next, when there is an earthquake, the tectonic plates move and they sometimes can cause a volcanic eruption.

Finally, when the magma chamber breaks open the eruption happens.

It's not good when a volcano erupts.

By **Josef Boyes**



Happy birthday to the following people...

Maaka Robinson – 6yrs – Room 2

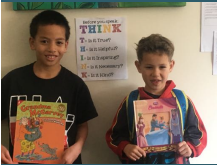
Kurt McFaul – 13yrs – Room 5

Congratulations to our Cool Choices winners...

Tui Turner – Stepping up and helping out at breakfast.



Hohepa Wilson – Excellent information in his cross country story.



Maaka Robinson – Keeping on with a task and not being distracted.

Myana Singh

Awhitu – Keeping on task and not being distracted.

Andre Patrick – Being an exceptional role model during cross country training.



Community Award

This week our community award goes to Mrs Vind for helping the students, the teachers, the teacher aides and everybody at school for lots of different things.



PB4L (Positive Behaviour For Learning) Update...

We have been focusing very hard on ensuring our children are happy and safe at school during class time and in the playground. We have recently been developing consistent systems to deal with minor and major inappropriate behaviour, but more especially systems that encourage good behaviour. We have also been tracking student behaviour across the school so we can identify repeat ‘wrong doing’ and ensure we provide those children that need support appropriate social and problem solving skills. We feel confident that Eltham School is a positive place to learn and play, and we seek regular feedback from our students to verify this...



I asked a wide range of students what they have noticed that the teachers are doing differently to help monitor playtimes and lunch breaks, and did they feel this was making a positive difference. Here are some responses...

- The teachers wear pink vests now, so we know which teachers we need to go to when there is a problem. **Josef Boyes**
- The teachers help people when they’re sad. **Quesha King**
- The teachers look after people. **Mia Lindsay**
- The teachers wear pink vests and carry a clipboard so they can give out cool choices and behavior reports. **Jamalia Brown**
- The teachers look after kids when they hurt themselves. **Ashah Lawson**
- The peer mediators help us sort out problems too. **Navaeh Hayman**
- The teachers focus on the children when they are playing. **Rhys Dravitski**
- The teachers take turns looking after us. They help us solve problems. **Lucas Tonga**
- The teachers are paying more attention to encouraging positive behaviour, and helping to teach social skills. **Hailie Shute and Taylor Ross**
- The teachers wear pink vests so we know when they’re on duty. They use orange vests when they do road patrol. **Siliva Fakavamoeanga.**
- I’ve noticed the teachers patrolling the playground more to help sort out problems because the playground is the source of most of the issues. **William Murray**

Mcleod Shield

We’ve had a fantastic start to the Mcleod Shield with our 6 boys who have joined with Matapu to form a team. (Eltham/Matapu) Congratulations to...

- Te Rauna Cassidy
- Cjay McMinn
- Jayden Barrow
- Sebastian Lambert
- Tyler Nicholls
- Clay Mita

These boys won their game today against Kaponga. 81 12!



Te Rauna scored 6 tries and got player of the day. Outstanding play, especially considering the wet weather conditions. Way to go boys!

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Parent Notices

Teacher/Parent Interviews

Our final night of parent/teacher interviews is tonight. We encourage all parents to attend these meetings so you can find out how your children are currently doing with their learning, what their next steps in learning are, and how you can help them with their learning at home. Thank you to the parents who attended parent/teacher interviews on Monday.

Cross Country

We will hold our Cross Country Event on Friday 1st September. Our children have started practicing for this. Please send them to school with a change of clothes.

School Photos

Class and team photos can still be ordered – Please see Maria in the office if you want to purchase these.

Calendar of Events

August

- 1st, 3rd, 8th and 10th – Kiwi League
- 2nd – Impact Taranaki – Environmental Team – Room 5 only
- 7th and 10th – Parent/Teacher Interviews.
- 22nd – Board Meeting @ 6.00pm

September

- 29th – Last day of Term 3

October

- 16th – Term 4 begins.



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[Eltham Netball Club Fundraiser](#) - 25th August @ The Eltham Maori Club Hall

5pm – 6.30pm. (pre-school to 6yrs)

6.30 – 8.30pm (7-13yrs)

Theme: Glow in the Dark \$2 each for entry

Food available: Hot chips, hot dogs, drinks, lollies, glow sticks.

E-Towns Youth Art Expo

Miss Le Bas will be opening the **Village Gallery** this **Saturday 12th August – 10.00am – 12pm**. This is for our parents who cannot attend during normal opening hours.

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 Who is the new leader for the Labour Party?
- 2 64 divided by 8 =
- 3 What special day happens every year in NZ on 25th April?
- 4 62 take away 15 =

Junior Quiz (Rooms 1-3)

Draw and name a NZ native tree.

Remember to put your name on your entry!

Last terms' Quiz Winners
Junior Quiz: Kupa Robinson
Senior Quiz: Keegan Lozell