



Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power*



2nd June 2016

Term 2 Week 5



Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

Voting for Board elections closes tomorrow (Friday 3rd June) at noon (12pm) PLEASE VOTE if you haven't done so already! It is important for parents to choose who they want to represent them!

A reminder that next Monday is Queen's Birthday, and therefore there is NO SCHOOL! School resumes on Tuesday 7th June.

Today our year 5 and 6 children are at Ngaere School playing 'Crowley Cup' games in netball and rugby.

Parents and community members are welcome to attend our Friday afternoon assemblies. We have had some fabulous presentations in our recent assemblies this term. Mr Hill's class – Room 6 extended the bar, by singing a newly learnt waiata 3 weeks ago. Mrs Nicholl's class presented a 'pirate action song' the following week, and then last week we learnt about our skeletal system with Mrs Bain's class and her delightful new entrant/year one students. Mrs Bain's children dressed up as 'skeletons' and taught us all about the bones in our bodies. The photo above is of Connah and Kohyn dancing to the 'bone song'. We can tell from their facial expressions how much fun it was for them. Please come along to our assemblies on Fridays to support and encourage our tamariki with performance skills. Our assemblies start at 2.30pm, but you are welcome to join in the singing with the whole school that starts at 2.15pm in the school hall.

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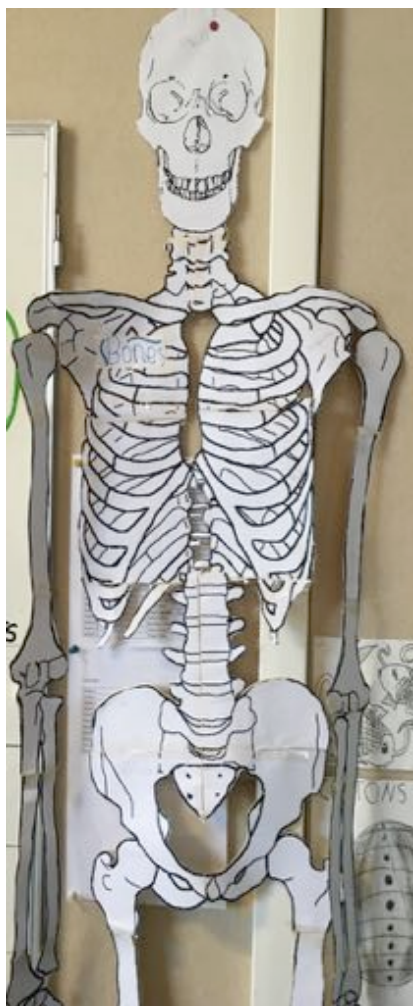
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Absent from photo: Reiwaha (R3) and Raiha (R4)

HOW THE BODY WORKS – ROOM 5...



It's nice to learn the scientific names for each bone. – *Rebekah*

I didn't know how many bones we had. *Tinesha*

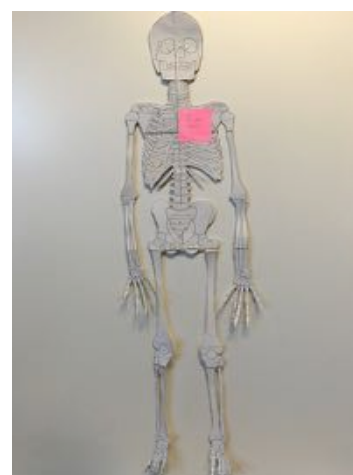
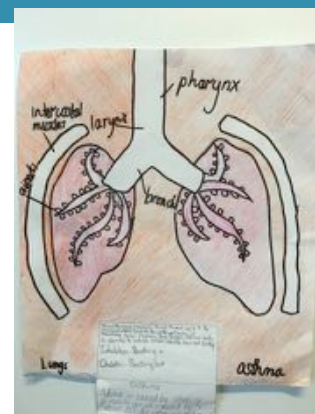
I didn't know there are bones in your ears or that there are blood types like, O, A and B. *Ngaia*

I like the names for the circulatory system and heart parts like atrium and ventricle. *Nikki*

I like learning about the organs, where they are, and what function they serve. *Aidan*

A person grows the most in the first few weeks of life. *Kurt*

I didn't know that skin is an organ. *Teina*



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

Room 1 – **Nevaeh Hayman** – For trying hard in maths with addition sums up to 5.

Room 2 – **Tetahi Ratahi-Burgham** – For working hard with his reading, and taking responsibility for his learning and behaviour.

Room 3 – **Reiwaha Martini** – For always taking part in learning discussions and staying focused on his work.

Room 4 – **Raiha Martini** – For a great attitude towards her learning and fantastic progress in Reading.

Room 5 – **Taya Wilson** – For stepping up and helping out with camp fundraising.

Room 6 – **Trinity Wood** – For taking responsibilities in class seriously.

Room 8 – **Hoani Rogers** – For perseverance in all curriculum areas, in particular writing with broken fingers.

From the Board Corner...

We have 11 candidates for our parents to vote for. Voting papers have been sent out. Parents can vote for up to 5 candidates, but you do not have to vote for 5. (You can vote for only 1, 2, 3, or 4 people if you choose). We encourage parents to vote! It is important for you to 'have a say' about who you think will represent you most effectively. Voting closes at noon (12pm) tomorrow – Friday 3rd June. Get your votes in to school (the box is on the bench of the administration office) TODAY if you have not done so already!

Community Award

Congratulations to our wonderful teachers for all the amazing things they teach our children. Mr Hill accepted the community award on behalf of all of our teachers.



Cool Choices winners

Congratulations to...

Sandra (Room 5) for offering to help Mrs Lewis with her groceries.

Francilla McMinn (Room 2) and Jayley Keenan Room 2) for displaying awesome friendship and kindness in the playground.



Birthdays this week....

ONLY the QUEEN would you believe! We wish all of our school children and their families a very happy and safe long weekend. Kids enjoy sleeping in on Monday, and we will see everybody again on Tuesday 7th June, bright, cherry and refreshed for an awesome 'short week' of school!

Dead or dying Cellphones

Bring your non functioning cellphones into school and place them in our dropbox, outside the school office. This year the charity we are supporting is 'sustainable coastlines' – Protecting our coasts and waterways.

What we love about Eltham School...

It is fun on the playground, and I love learning art and reading. **Talanoa**

I love maths and writing. I love the apples, bananas and pears we get now. **Jessica**

I love doing art with Miss Le Bas and playing with my friends. The most special thing I like to do is help my nephews and nieces. **Tina**

I love learning and I love the teachers at Eltham. **Liam**

There are lots of lovely children here and I love the nice trees and playground and big field. **Fellin**

We have such a huge field and cool sports equipment. **Kurt**

I love having breakfast at school and playing basketball on the courts. **Teina**



NEW OPPORTUNITY – DANCE CLASSES!

Hip-hop classes running at the Rugby Club Hall (54 Railway Street)

Tuesday	3:30	7-8 yr olds
Wednesday	3:30	9-10 yr olds
	4:30	11-12yr olds

Other classes from pre-school to adult in Hip-hop or Jazz can be taught if enough students/parents are interested.

Contact Natalie for more information or to register
Cell: 027 431 0741 Facebook: Vivid Rhythm dance
Or just show up and check it out - First Class is FREE

Natalie Ropiha
Vivid Rhythm dance

Free for Removal

These beautiful healthy agapantha plants are available to anyone that would like them. We are going to be working with the STESA (Save the Eltham School Arches) committee when they landscape the front area of the school in preparation for the arches placement. All of the agapanthas along the front of the school will be removed. If anyone wants them please help yourself. You will have to dig them out and transport them, and supply your own equipment to do so.



Community Notices

On Thursday June 30th we are calling for parents and local community members to help us select some CORE values for Eltham School. Most of you will be aware that we expect, and teach our children a large range of values such as respect, perseverance, honesty, community mindedness etc. However we would like to select 4-5 CORE values that we can remind our children of that determine 'who we are' and 'what we represent' as the people that make up Eltham School. Please put some thought into this. We will keep you posted about that process!

Parent Notices

Please look at home for school library books. We have a large number of overdue library books that we would like returned to school please.

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We are currently working on creating a 'house points leader board'. We are wondering if any of you would have some **spare exterior water based paint** lying around in your garage unused. We would put it to good use. The children at Eltham School would really appreciate your help with this. If you do have spare paint that you don't mind donating can you please bring it to Room 5. Thank you.
From senior room students in Room 5.

Wanted

Large table required in Room 5 for our year 7 and 8 students to work at. Please see Sonia if you have a spare large table that we could use/have/borrow. Many thanks.

HEALDLICE

Please check your children's hair for lice and/or eggs over the long weekend. Head-lice is lingering around again. If you spot either head-lice or eggs in your child's hair please treat their hair. Shampoos need to be applied twice, once now and then repeated in a week's time. Alternatively eggs can be combed out, using a nit comb daily for up to 3 weeks to break the cycle. If we spot live lice we will ring you to come and collect your child. As soon as your child has been treated they can return to school.

NETBALL DRAWS

Thursday 2nd June

St Josephs Stratford Stars v Eltham Primary Sparklers Court 2 @ 4.30

NO OTHER NETBALL GAMES THIS WEEKEND, DUE TO QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

Calendar of Events

June

2nd – PTA meeting @3.30pm in staffroom at school

3rd – BOT Elections – Voting closes @ 12 midday.

6th – QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY – NO SCHOOL!

7th – Little Learners in Room 7.

(1.40 pm – 2.50pm Every Tuesday)

14th – Planning meeting for the Cultural Festival

16th – Ripper Rugby Tournament – Year 7 and 8 @ Yarrow Stadium

30th – Community Consultation – Selecting CORE VALUES for Eltham School

2.30pm-3.30pm

7.00pm-8.00pm

July

8th – Last day of term 2

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Candidates standing for Board of Trustees – This week we include a summary of what our candidates would like to improve/change or implement should they be elected.



Raylene Gleeson

- * Provide equal opportunities for all students to reach full potential on both personal and academic levels or seek to improve situations that generate these opportunities.
- * Open effective communication between school, families and community to ensure a welcoming atmosphere.
- * To support the positive changes already being implemented within the school by staff and principal.



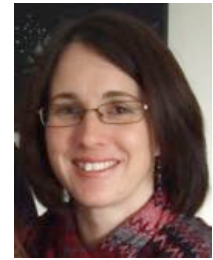
Denise Reynolds

- * Create an environment that nurtures and supports the well-being of all students, all staff and our community.
- Create effective or alternate pathways that ensure personal excellence and growth for all students and staff.
- To effectively work with and alongside all staff to create a positive atmosphere within the school and its community.



Glennys Price (Mygee)

- Endeavour to make wise and decisive decisions.
- Meeting student and staff needs.
- Progress is important, so let's make things happen.



Natalia Hodge

- Continued committed service to the Board.
- Passion and commitment to student achievement and supporting staff in their role.
- Focus on making Eltham School the 'school of choice'.



Murray Bain

- Increase Eltham Schools Positive profile.
- Implementation of Computer Technology.
- Improve the school property visually, and increase utilities for the children. Eg obstacle course, skateboard/bmx tracks.



Valma Ogle

- Support the principal to implement 4-5 CORE values in the school, to create a culture of 'being part of the school family' and 'looking out' for each other.
- Reinstating a reading recovery teacher.
- Having another classroom to lower pupil/teacher ratio to enhance learning.



Colin Ogle

1. Ensuring the schools values are implemented and upheld and our students have the opportunity to grow into future leaders.
2. To ensure that extra support, in the way of reading recovery and other academics, is continually funded so all children identified as needing this support are given it.
3. To implement action plans to ensure the continual upgrading of the school, while valuing students ideas where possible.



Mike Savage

- To continue to create a school of vision and choice.
- To ensure there is open and honest communication.
- To help create a positive enjoyable learning environment for all our children.



Stacey Wilson

- Focus on raising student achievement.
- Improve 'beautification' of our school property.
- More sports.



Catriona Ward

- Introduce programmes that enhance learning such as 'reading mileage' and 'reading logs'.
- Introduce more consistent learning themes across the school through inquiry learning models.
- Capitalise on programmes that provide positive outcomes for school such as Yummy stickers providing new sports gear.



Noho Robinson

- Create an environment that encourages more active involvement of families.
- Continue to improve the achievement in academic, sport and culture for our children.
- Continue to create good Eltham Pupils and promote Eltham to be the number one school of choice.

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