



Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power*

26th October 2017

Term 4 Week 2

Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

Speeches competition

Last Wednesday we held our speech finals in the hall. We had 13 seniors deliver speeches on a range of topics including Knowledge, The Homeless, Healthy Water, Gaming, Bullying and Emotional Abuse. Our students did a great job speaking to the audience about their topics with passion and sometimes humour. It was the first experience of public speaking in front of a large audience for some, and the nerves were apparent, but this experience helps students learn how to compose themselves, and subsequently gain confidence. Congratulations to our 4 finalists for 2017, who are attending the speech competition at Ngaere School today...

- 1st place – Aidan Renshaw – Handling people you don't like.
2nd place – Jamalia Brown – Homeless People
3rd place – Te Awe Turahui – Emotional Abuse
4th place – Keegan Lozell – Healthy Water

Quiz night – Friday 24th November

On the 24th November we will be holding another quiz night at the Eltham Fire Station. We are aiming to raise funds for some IT equipment, and sports uniforms. We also want to complete our fundraising for the 2017 year 8 camp. Please support us at this event by getting a team of 6 together - \$10 per person. We will have raffles and prizes on the night.

We look forward to having as many people from our school community as possible attending this. There will be more information coming out about it soon – For now please book the date into your diaries.

Final day of School and End of Year Prizegiving.

The last day of school for 2017 is Wednesday 20th December. Our end of year prizegiving will be on Tuesday 19th starting at 10.30am. This will finish by 1pm with a sausage sizzle and parents are welcome to take their children home after that.

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Principal

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important information.**

Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

Respect



Absent from the photo: Nevaeh- Lily and Alex

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

Room 1 – **Luke Ropiha** – For helping younger children and using his language to explain how to do things.

Room 2 – **Lailarnie Leighton** – For having a positive attitude in class and in the playground.

Room 3 – **Tetahi Ratahi - Burgham** – For having a positive attitude and confidently contributing during discussions.

Room 5 – **Alex Peihopa** – For taking responsibility for his learning. A huge step up Alex – Congratulations!

Room 6 – **Tawera Brewerton** – For always working hard and staying on task!

Room 7 – **Cjay McMinn** – For a positive attitude towards his learning.

Room 8 – **Nevaeh-Lily Phillips-Fraser** - For making great contributions in class discussions and trying hard.

Student news...

Over the long weekend **Shamika Hoeta** (Room 6 – 12yrs) performed at a Country and Western competition in Tauranga. Shamika won 3 gold medals (Country Rock, Gospel and Female Solo) and 2 trophies and came second overall. Her trophies included winning the ‘Encouragement Award’ for under 18 yrs, and the “Junior overall runner up.” She is seen here holding her trophies. Check out the school Facebook page to see 2 videos of Shamika performing at this competition. Well done Shamika! We’re super proud of you!



Last week **Myana Awhitu-Singh** (Room 2 - 6yrs) won a photo competition showing how much fun they have in their holidays! Myana entered a picture of her and her friend playing in the snow on Mt Taranaki. Myana’s photo won her some prize money, and a story in the Stratford Press. She also wrote a wonderful story about the whole experience...

The Best Day Ever

It was the best day ever because I was in the newspaper. I had been up the mountain and we took photos. Mum sent some photos to the newspaper and I won a prize. The End

By Myana Awhitu – Singh



Creating Future Achievers

Happy birthday to...

Jayley Keenan – Room 3 – 8yrs

Welcome to new students...

Mace Leeder-Macleod – Room 5

Ricco Marsh – Room 5

Congratulations to our Cool Choices winners...

Ahrahnia Van Kuijk-Moffat – Showing kindness and compassion to younger children.



Kura Wood – Helping to looking after Blake.

Blake Annabell – Showing great patience during speeches.



Fellin Castle – Wonderful, respectful behaviour during speeches.

Nisa Nazri – Picking up rubbish and keeping our school looking tidy.

Community Award

This week our community award went to Ms Coulson who is currently studying to be a teacher. Ms Coulson is in her second year of training and is working in Room 6 this term. It is normal for trainee teachers in their first and second years to do a lot of observing and limited teaching...but she has already been showing courage and taking the wonderful Room 6 students for lessons. Well done Ms Coulson!



Bronze Award Recipient

Congratulations to Darwish Ridzuan for receiving 10 Cool Choice points and gaining a bronze level certificate.



Tennis Lessons

Our students are currently having tennis lessons on Mondays for four weeks with Jaime from Sports Taranaki. They have been learning how to hit the ball using forehand and backhand, the correct stance for swing, and a number of other important skills. This is what some of our students had to say about the experience...

We played kings and queens and learnt how to hit the ball over the net. **Jamalia Brown**

Tennis is amazing. We learnt how to hold the racket properly. **Kura Wood.**

I learnt how to bounce the ball on my racket. **Sharmaine Manaena**

Tennis is fun. I learnt how to hit the ball using 'backhand'. **Kaia-Rihi Ropata**

Tennis was hard. I didn't know how to play it, but now I can hit the ball. **Phoenix – Joy Brown**

Tennis was lots of fun, but you have to focus on the ball to hit it well. **Fellin Castle.**

It was challenging to stay in control of the ball. **Alex Peihopa.**

We learnt the basic moves first, which were bouncing the ball on the racket and how to hold the racket. **Calais Harris.**

We learnt backhand and forehand. **Tawera Brewerton**

We learnt how to stand properly before hitting the ball. **Tyler Nicholls.**



Board of Trustees Information

- Our next BOT meeting is on Monday 13th November.

Community Notices

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Raffles, and prizes will be available to win on the night.

Garden Festival 2017 – SPOT the Insects in the Window Competition

Children: Grab an entry form from the Eltham Library and when you are in any of the listed shops in Eltham (listed on the entry form), be sure to look for Insects hidden around the shop! Write down on your entry form the type of insect you spot and how many there are. When you have completed your form you can drop these back at the Eltham Library before Friday 3rd November – 4pm! There are 2 age categories (pre school and primary school). Good luck!

Opunake Surf Life Saving Club Juniors

Opening day 29th October 2017 – 10am at the clubrooms, Opunake beach

Ever thought about getting your kids involved in surf lifesaving? Come join our club! We have a fantastic group of Juniors (5 to 13yo – younger siblings are welcome to join in) who meet each Sunday at the beach to have fun learning about:

- * reading the beach and surf conditions
- * How to navigate through waves
- * How to stay safe in the sea
- * Identifying rips / currents / undertows
- * plus lots more!

Please come along to learn more about us or call our Junior Surf co-ordinator, Claire Hunn on 027 254 9548 to find out more.

Kids Quiz

Put your answers in the box on the office bench (next to the chaplain's box). All correct entries have a chance of being drawn out at assembly for a prize.

Senior Quiz (Rooms 5-8)

- 1 Who is our new Prime Minister?
- 2 What is 10% of 90?
- 3 Name 3 planets.
- 4 What is ONE way we can help to keep our rivers and lakes clean?

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Junior Quiz (Rooms 1-3)

Draw and name the creature that was living inside our school hall walls.

Calendar of Events

October

26th – River Study for juniors with Kevin Archer

26th – Speeches competition for selected students vs Ngaere and Rawhitiroa

November

13th – Board Meeting at 5.30pm

15th – Orientation day at SHS for year 8s.

24th – Tabloid Sports with Kevin Bennett

24th – Quiz Night Fundraiser – Held at the Eltham Fire Station

December

19th – Final Prize-giving Assembly – 10.30

20th – Last day of school – Half day

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Last terms Quiz Winners

Junior Quiz: No quiz last week.

Senior Quiz:

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