

Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power*



9th November 2017

Term 4 Week 4



Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

National Standards

We await further news from the government around what the future of education will bring. One thing is certain – No more National Standards reporting. This definitely changes what we report to parents, the board and the Ministry of Education regarding 'where our children are academically in comparison to other same age children across New Zealand. There have been indications already that the Labour government are replacing National Standards, at this stage we don't know what with, but we will definitely keep you informed as things evolve.

Our teachers will be writing end of year reports from week 6, and these will be written using National Standards measures and language. The Ministry of Education have directed that all schools report using National Standards for 2017. Next year a different measure will be used.

New enrolments for 2018

We are in the process of planning for next year. This includes calculating how many children we have on our roll on day one of 2018, how many classes and teachers we will need, and which class your child/ren will be in. It is very helpful to us if we know who is enrolling at Eltham School next year, so if you know of any new children moving to Eltham, or any children turning 5 during 2018 please let us know so we can make provisions as needed. Thanks for your support with this.

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for regular updates and
important information.**

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

Room 1 – **Sophia Perenise** – For fabulous learning and progress in reading and writing.

Room 2 – **Vienna Brown-Martin** – For fluent and expressive reading. She is making amazing progress.

Room 3 – **Hunter Lambert** – For consistently being ready to learn and for always being a respectful listener.

Room 5 – **Hailie Shute** – For consistently completing her work to a high standard and striving to raise her achievements.

Room 6 – **William Murray** – For always being responsible, caring and kind to everyone around him, all the time!

Room 7 – **Azara Muggeridge – Griffin** – For a great effort in all areas of her learning.

Room 8 – **Tony Edwards - Brown** - For having a fantastic attitude towards his work with great achievement.

Absent from the photo: William Murray

News from Room 7... We were very privileged this term to have tennis coaching at our school. The students enjoyed this immensely and have some comments about their experience...

It was exciting and was a fun experience to learn about tennis. Now it is my favourite sport to play and watch. My favourite part was to learn different techniques and to watch people have fun with tennis. We learnt how to balance the tennis ball on the racket and we even learnt different ways to hold the racket like backhand, volley and forearm. My favourite technique was all of them. Playing tennis is great exercise for your body and keeps you fit.

Teresa-Ann Sokolich

Tennis is a fitness sport. It is fun learning new techniques. My favourite technique was volley. Jamie is a fun and polite coach. I hope we have him next year. **Paipa Robinson**

Tennis is great fitness. I learned the name of the techniques. The techniques were called the forehand, volley and the backhand. I hope he will come back. **By Danial Ridzuan**

Tennis is very fun and it is cool. Everyone had fun. Room 7 learned lots of stuff like balancing the ball or doing the volley. My favourite skill was the forearm and I was perfect. Everyone had good fitness and training and everyone learned lots. Even though our ears were painted on, we still did what we were supposed to do. Our coach was named Jamie and he was a good coach. **By Calais Harris**

Tennis was fun because we learned lots of skills. The tennis man was the best. My favourite skill was the backhand. It was so hard to master but you can do it. **By Fellin Castle**

Tennis was amazing and so was our coach. My favourite technique was volley because you can hit the ball while protecting your face – **Justin Salisbury**

Tennis was fun because we played LOADS of games.— **Matthew McCallum**



Creating Future Achievers

Happy birthday to...

Luke Ropiha – Room 1 – 6yrs

Nevaeh Hayman – Room 2 – 7yrs

Zeb Stantiall – Room 1 – 6yrs

Danial Ridzuan – Room 7 – 10yrs

Congratulations to our Cool Choices winners...

Keegan Lozell –

Being a great help for Mrs Crowe with Room 8’s performance.



Sophie Lozell – Amazing progress with spelling and helping out with extra duties for juniors.



Shamika Hoeta –

Observing school rules and seeking teacher help.



Mia Lindsay – Caring for Eltham School.

Community Award

This week our community award went to all of our teachers because they do a great job wearing their pink vests in the playground and keeping everybody safe.



Bronze Award Recipient – Outstanding Behaviour

Congratulations to the following students for receiving a bronze award after gaining 10 Cool Choices. Kapai students! ...

Keegan Lozell, Aidan Renshaw, Kurt McFaull, Tinesha Brewerton, Ryan Bain, Mia Lindsay, Jese Baikie, Imogen Lynch, and Jesica Howard.



Whanaungatanga

River Trip – Stories from Room 2...

We saw mayflies at the river. They are bugs that have 3 tails. If there are lots of mayflies by the river, the river is healthy. **Lailarnie Leighton**

I heard lots of birds singing and talking to each other when I went to the river. I saw lots of bugs. **Kohyn Dormer**

We went walking and saw lots of traps to kill the possums. **Celestial Harrison**

We went over the bridge and I looked down and saw big rocks and lots of water running over the rocks. I looked for fish. Some people saw water boatmen. **Heath Helms Smith**

We saw a kereru and it flew past our heads. It made a loud flapping sound with its wings. It was white, green and blue. **Dayton Nikora**

I saw a kiwi hiding behind a tree and I saw a bird flying around the sky – It was a tui because I saw the white pompoms under its neck. **Eva Smith**

I saw lots of bugs in the river. We had fun. I kept hearing birds squeak all the time. **Ashah Lawson**

I saw lots of trap boxes. There were eggs inside to catch the pests. **Nivana Lee Reid**

I learnt how to look at the bugs. They have 6 legs and the mayflies have 3 tails. **Maaka Robinson.**

We saw a tui. It made a nice sound. It sounded like a bell. **Vienna Brown – Martin.**

We saw some dogs come and play in the river. We walked to the bridge and saw a pukeko and a fantail. We had fun. We had lunch too. **Nevaeh Hayman.**

I saw some crayfish and I found a toebiter. They bite your toes but they’re babies so it doesn’t hurt. **Khodie Woodhead**

We saw some baby crayfish. We saw rocks and a scarecrow. The scarecrow was scaring the birds away from the fish. **Cruz Hardy**

I saw a pretty roadway with grass and flowers and it looked like a wedding. I was so excited about our river trip I couldn’t even eat breakfast. The river and bush were so quiet and beautiful. I even saw a tui. It had little white balls under its throat. **Layla Elliott.**

I picked some flowers and when we were walking we saw a fat white bird with a blue head. (Keruru) I saw another bird with an orange beak and yellow legs. Our group caught tiny bugs. **Reggae Ngatai**



Board of Trustees Information

- Our next BOT meeting is next Tuesday 14th November.

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Community Notices

Quiz Night – Friday 24th November

On the 24th November we will be holding a quiz night at the Eltham Fire Station. We are aiming to raise funds for some IT equipment, and sports uniforms. We also aim to complete our fundraising for the 2017 year 8 camp.

Please get together a team of 6 - \$10 per head.

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

Childcare available

Kia ora, are you in need of childcare? I'm Carissa and I am an in home educator in Eltham. I can look after your little ones from 6am - 9pm everyday and I am also able to do before and after school care for school aged children. Over 3's will get 20 hours free, and I am able to offer WINZ and oscar subsidies. I am able to pick up and drop off your kids if that makes it easier for you. Please give me a call on 02102358499 if you would like any more information.

Childcare available

Hi there... I'm on the look out for some little people to join our little gang. I have full time spaces available and also am available for before and after school care. If you choose to trust me to care for your precious children I can offer a nurturing safe environment with lots of resources and a large inviting outdoor area as well as activities out in the community such as Mainly Music and Playcentre. Please feel free to text or call me to find out more Nika: 021 838371

Cans for good promotion

We collected approximately 130 cans to donate to our local foodbank for delivery to those in need for Christmas. Thanks so much for your kind donations. We will be running this promotion again next year!



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 was the first person to climb Mt Everest?
- 2 What is 1/5 of 35?
- 3 Name 3 flowers.
- 4 Where in NZ would you find a large statue of a kiwifruit?

Junior Quiz (Rooms 1-3)

Draw and name the large colourful bird that you saw on your River trip last Wednesday.

Remember to put your name on your entry!

Calendar of Events

November

- 14th – Board Meeting at 5.30pm
- 14th – PTA Meeting – 3.15pm
- 15th - Orientation day at SHS for year 8s.
- 17th – Leadership day – Year 7s - TOPEC
- 20th – Large tractor visit – whole school
- 21st – White Ribbon Bikies Ride – Visiting from 9.00 – 10.00am.
- 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: Sophie Edwards - Brown
Senior Quiz: Alex Peihopa