

Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power*



16th November 2017

Term 4 Week 5



Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

TOPEC (Taranaki Outdoor Pursuits Education Centre)

I am excited about the opportunity tomorrow (Friday) to spend the day with Miss Gardner, Mrs Vind and our year 7 students, who will be involved in a range of challenges that will test their team work abilities, communication skills and demonstrate to us which students stand out as leaders.

It is hard to believe that we only have another 5 weeks of school for 2017 left, and planning has begun for 2018 already. A big part of the role our leaders will take on next year is incorporated with the PB4L (positive behaviour for learning) work we are already doing at school. We will be training our leaders to analyse the wellbeing data of all students across our school, and giving them the opportunities to assist our leadership team to find solutions to social problems in class and in the playground. A big part of this work is coaching children – teaching them appropriate responses and how to have positive respectful relationships with others.

White Ribbon Ride – Next Tuesday 21st November

A further opportunity we have to teach our children about positive respectful relationships is the White Ribbon ride next Tuesday. A group of approximately 100 bikies will be coming to Eltham School to talk to our children about effective and positive ways of communicating and relating to others.

The White Ribbon ride is promoted across New Zealand with numerous people riding their bikes from one end of the country to the other to promote respectful relationships – part of an anti domestic violence campaign. We would like our children to **wear something white** on Tuesday 21st and to **bring a gold coin donation** – we will give the money we raise to the bikers to assist them with costs on their journey, as they are all volunteers riding to promote this very important message.

Kathryn Pick
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important information.**

Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

Respect



Room 6 have been working hard in writing over the last two terms. We ended Term Two trying to persuade Miss Gardner and Ms Pick who they should vote for in our election by arguing one side of an issue.

This term we have been using Discussion writing to argue both sides of an issue. We are extremely proud of how far we have come in Writing.

Miss Gardner and Miss Pick in my opinion I strongly regard that you should go Labour in the 2017 election because of their housing policy, flawless river policy and education.

The Labour Party want to enhance schooling all around New Zealand and they have many ways they want to do that. One way is, they would like to rebuild or update classrooms that need it by 2030. Another way is, they would like to abolish the National Standards which means get rid of them! The next way is, they would like to make schooling free by offering an extra \$150per student for school who do not charge parents. The last way is ,to make sure every student has access to some sort of digital device.

Labour has many ways that they would like to make New Zealand waterways flawless. Labour are going to try their hardest to make it so we can swim in our lakes and rivers again. Labour are going to help and stop farmers from getting effluent in our rivers and also stop them dumping things in our waterways. Also bottle companies that use New Zealand's water are going to have to start paying for it and that money will go to councils and they will spend that money on cleaning our waterways.

Labour are going to stop the housing crisis, by banning foreigners from buying up all our houses, also labour are going to build 100,000 more affordable homes and Labour are going to make it easier for first home buyers to buy a home by lowering the price.

Therefore although some people might argue that the National Party should get through I think they have shown that the Labour is better for everyone not just you. **Jamalia Brown**

Vote National

Miss Gardner and Ms Pick, I have several reasons why you should vote National for NZ 2017 elections. Their first reason is National's housing policy and how national will make it easier for first home buyers to invest in houses to get a deposit. These changes mean a couple receive an \$10,000 of government grants, Taking the grant to \$20,000 for an existing home or \$30,000 for a new built home.

For my 2nd reason is national's farming policy and what they could do for you . If you want to invest in buying a farm the national party will make easier for young families to buy there first farms by approving farmers to buy state owned farms after they have worked at that farm for five to ten years. The government owns a vast portion of farms and will rent these farms to young farmers and give them the opportunity to buy them at a price when they have saved enough money to afford them.

My final reason is national's health policy . National will give 600,000 reduced income New Zealand's access to \$18 doctor visits under national . National will also expand access to the community card to an additional 350,000 New Zealand's with low income and great housing costs to ensure they can access a range of cheaper health services . National will also make it that all children under 13 have free GP visits prescription . About 1.4 million New Zealand's also have costs of GP capped at \$18 . National will build on this by introducing a \$18 cap on GP visits for all community service card holders .

Therefore although some people might not agree I think National have shown several reasons on why you both, Miss Gardner and Miss Pick should vote National for the 2017 elections . **By Joseph Howard**

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

Room 1 – **Zeb Stantiall** – For producing fabulous work in story writing.

Room 2 – **Kohyn Dormer** – For working hard in all areas of the curriculum. I'm impressed Kohyn!

Room 3 – **Imogen Lynch** – For always being ready to learn and listening carefully to instructions.

Room 5 – **Treasure – Lee Mataio** – For consistently high standards of presentation and effort.

Room 6 – **Jaydan Barrow** – For showing good progress in all curriculum areas. Well done!

Room 7 – **Matthew McCallum** – For amazing camera skills when filming his advertisement.

Room 8 – **Josef Boyes** - For using his initiative, always being on task and showing great effort.

Should Police Officers Teach Children About Road Safety?

Most people think that police officers should teach kids about road safety. However, other people think their parents should teach them.

Most people think that police officers should be the ones to teach kids road safety. They have more knowledge about road safety because they would have years of experience. The police officers would have also had years of training, and it's their job to keep people safe. However, other people think that the parents should teach their kids about road safety. The parents should be responsible for their kids' safety, and the kids will also imitate what their parents do.

In conclusion, I think that the children's parents should teach them about road safety. **By Jesse Allan Shute**

Happy birthday to...

William Murray – Room 6 – 12yrs

Trinity Wood – Room 6 – 12yrs

Ngaia Bolstad – Room 5 – 13yrs

Congratulations to our Cool Choices winners...

Jesee Baikie – Sharing an amazing speech with Mrs Vind



Cameron Renshaw – Being a good role model for juniors in the playground.



Jessica Yeates – Playing nicely in the playground.

Tamar Letherby – Picking up rubbish.

Eva Smith – An excellent piece of writing about river and sea pollution



Johanna Somers – Amazing jump jam skills

Myana Singh- Awhitu – Doing dance moves in class and not talking to others while doing them.

Community Award

This week our community award went to all of the wonderful students who spend their morning tea and lunchtimes playing with our students with special needs, and assisting our teachers with caring for those needs. It is very much appreciated and very kind and thoughtful to include all of our children in games and activities. Well done!



Bronze Award Recipients – Outstanding Behaviour

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

Trinity Wood, Sophie Mita, Tui Turner and Decipher Marsh.



School uniform reminder

Our board have made the decision that we **WILL** be introducing school uniform from next year at Eltham School. Last year 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 NE to year 6 children to wear uniform. Finally in 2020 our year 7 and 8 children will be expected to wear uniform. From next year parents are welcome to purchase uniform for their child regardless of age if they wish. We encourage this because then you would be getting more 'value for money' as your child will get more wear from the tops you purchase.

Secondly we have agreed that as long as children are wearing either **black** shorts, skorts or long pants that will be accepted as uniform. We do ask that parents don't purchase black skirts, simply because they are not practical to wear when children are playing around on jungle gyms and participating in sport) Parents can purchase black pants from wherever they wish. We will accept black denim jeans, **BUT we will NOT accept any tears, rips or fraying regardless of the style of black pants you choose. Parents can also purchase a black full zip polar fleece jacket for Winter. Although these can be purchased at school, they will not be made compulsory in order to keep the 'uniform cost' down.** The only 'uniform' cost will be an Eltham Uniform polo top. We think they look very smart, and that our children will feel a real sense of pride wearing this top. We have yet to confirm the price as we are negotiating with the supplier currently. It will be between \$40 - \$50, and this will be confirmed asap. We will let parents know the cost in next weeks newsletter. They look like this.



The **optional** black full zip polar fleece can be purchased from school for \$50 and looks like the picture below. You can purchase one similar to this from any store of your choice if you don't want to purchase this one, as long as it has no patterns or writing on it. (Plain black)

This information is a reminder for those parents who have juniors (**NE – year 3**) that next year (2018) it will be **compulsory** for your children to wear school uniform. You are welcome to start part payments for the tops at school now and you can order your uniform top from the office now also, and we will get these organised in plenty of time before school starts next year. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to introduce school uniform at Eltham.



Board of Trustees Information

- Our final BOT meeting for 2017 is on Tuesday 12th December at 5.30pm.

Community Notices

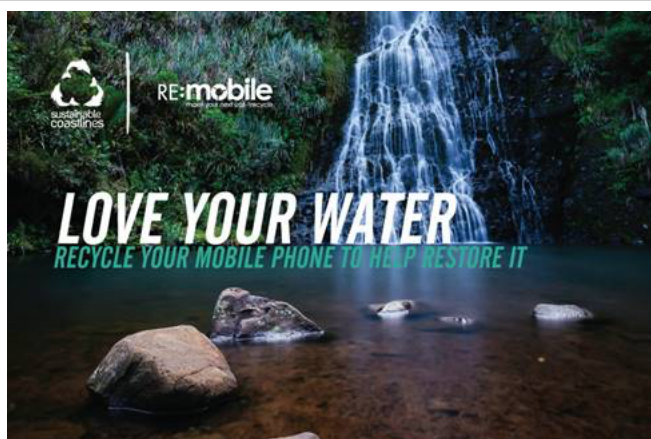
Quiz Night – Friday 24th November

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.

Old and Broken Mobile Phone Collection



It would be fantastic if you could bring into school any unwanted mobile phones you may have before the end of school term. Phones collected help our school gain valuable rewards and environment benefits too by keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances. Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have in the collection box in the reception area at school. We believe the future of our beautiful coastline and waterways can only be secured if we all work together.

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 wrote and sings "Yellow Flicker Beat"?
- 2 I left school at 2.30pm to catch a bus to New Plymouth. The bus ride took 55mins. What time did I get to New Plymouth?
- 3 Name 3 Summer fruits.
- 4 Where in NZ would you find a statue of a carrot?

Junior Quiz (Rooms 1-3)

Draw and name our new Deputy Principal.

Remember to put your name on your entry!

Calendar of Events

November

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

12th – BOT meeting at 5.30pm.

19th – Final Prize-giving Assembly – 10.30

20th – Last day of school

February

5th – First day of School

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Last terms Quiz Winners

Junior Quiz: No entries

Senior Quiz: Danial Ridzuan