

# Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge  
is Power*



23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

Term 4 Week 6

## Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

### Tabloid Sports

Tomorrow (Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November) we are holding a 'tabloid sports' event starting at 10.30am, which will go for about two hours. There will be 14 events and children will rotate around these for 6-minute intervals. There is more information about this on our School Facebook Page.

Parents, whanau and community members are welcome to come along and watch the fun. If you do come and watch please **don't take your child/ren home with you** because we are holding a 'special assembly' that will see Room 5 showcasing; as well as a group of year 7 and 8 students who have been learning mau rakau, who will be presenting these skills at assembly.

### White Ribbon Ride

We were all in "Harley Davidson heaven" on Tuesday morning when about 20 bikes were ridden through our school arches to share an anti- domestic violence message and to promote respectful relationships. The men involved in this campaign shared their message with our children, then joined in with us to do 4 Jump Jam songs, and they weren't bad at dancing either! Our children sat around the perimeter of the tennis courts and watched the bikes being ridden. And wow! Our students loved the noise! **Zeb Stantiall** shouted out, "Riders turn your keys on" followed by **Sophia Perenise** shouting, "Riders start your engines" and the bikes were on their way. What a thrill for everyone! Please see our School Facebook page for photo and video images, and sound effects!



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important information.**

**Kathryn Pick  
Principal**

**Whanaungatanga**

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**Respect**

## **TOPEC – Experience**

Last Friday our year 7 students took part in an outdoor education programme. The purpose was to put our potential leaders for 2018 through some challenges that would test their abilities to communicate effectively, stay calm in challenging circumstances, support and encourage their peers, and see



whether or not they were able to come up with any problem solving strategies for difficult tasks. We are not surprised that we have such 'great leaders' in the making, and we are currently testing all of our year 7s with a range of experiences to determine leadership capability. Our students had a great fun day out and this is what they had to say about the opportunity...



I found the activities entertaining and I learnt how a leader should participate. **Clay Mita**

It was interesting and cool and the instructors told us what a leader does and how they should act. **Sebastian Lambert**



It was really enjoyable to learn how to be calm and to trust others in challenging situations. I learnt how to trust myself and other people more. **Shamika Hoeta**

It was a splendid day. I found the flying kiwi pretty scary but I enjoyed the challenge. **Jaydan Barrow**

I liked the way that the instructors encouraged us to do activities we found challenging without forcing us. **Jamalia Brown**

I like the way the instructors played games with us and talked to us about how to be a good leader. **Trinity Wood**

I enjoyed the flying kiwi because I was scared to start with but I was so happy with myself that I actually nearly conquered my fear of heights which made the experience rewarding for me. **Gabrael Stephens**

There were many difficult tasks we had to do and we learnt how to trust people, communicate and work together. **Te Rauna Cassidy**

It was exciting – all the things we could do. The bushwalk was excruciatingly painful on my legs because we climbed a steep hill. **Jacob Bolstad**

It was cool because it helped us learn how to make bridges and get people across them to safety. Everyone was trying to teach us not to give up. **Tyler Nicolls**

It was excellent for the year 7s to improve as leaders. It was fun to be out of the classroom for one day and to do some cool activities. **Selah Wanakore**



**No birthdays this week!**

Last Friday we did not hold our normal school assembly and therefore we did not select any ‘learners of the week,’ cool choice recipients, community award winners etc. This week we will be and our deserving recipients will be in next weeks newsletter.

**Front Entrance Tree Removal**

Unfortunately we need to remove this tree to make way for a brick wall we will be erecting soon. Please read Barb Frey’s (Board Chairperson) letter about this on the back page of this newsletter – Under the community notices section.



**School Uniform Polo Shirts**

We are still negotiating with uniform companies about polo shirts and prices for the style we would like. Uniform will become compulsory over a three year phase in period. Next year (2018) it will be compulsory for our NE – Year 3 to wear a polo shirt with black shorts or long pants of your choice. Please no rips or tears in the black pants, though black jeans will be accepted as uniform. We are happy for children in older year groups to purchase the uniform and wear it also. We will be ordering a large number of tops (in a range of sizes) and parents are welcome to bring children in to test sizing with our sample shirts from next Monday (27<sup>th</sup> November) . We will confirm price as soon as possible!

**Police Tractor**

WoW! What a great way to start our week – On Monday we were greeted by a large Police Tractor on our tennis court. The driver Simon from Norwood – Farm Machinery in Hawera was driving the tractor from Hawera to Stratford, so it could be displayed at the A & P Show in Stratford this week. On his way past Eltham Simon had arranged to call into Eltham School to show the children. Constable Peach also made an appearance and lots of photos were taken.



Simon (Tractor driver) spoke to our children and asked them why a tractor might be painted in police colours and have lights and a siren, and one of our children replied, “So it can catch naughty cows!” However the tractor is actually used to promote the police positively in local communities.

Maaka Robinson and Jamalia Brown had a ride around the school field in the tractor. They were chosen because so far this year, they have made the most ‘cool choices’. Ka pai Jamalia and Maaka. What a great treat. There is a video clip of them riding around the field in the tractor on our School Facebook page.

**Quiz Night – this Friday evening 24<sup>th</sup> – 7.00pm**

Tomorrow night we are holding a quiz night at the Eltham Fire Station. This is a school fundraiser to enable us to buy some sports and Information Technology equipment and to pay the final payments towards our year 8 camp. We have received really good sponsorship for this quiz, and there will be prizes and raffles available on the night. A big thanks to Wendy Barry for her assistance with organising this event and collecting sponsorship on our behalf. Our sponsors and a total figure of money raised will be recorded in next week’s newsletter.



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**Board of Trustees Information**

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

## Calendar of Events

### November

- 24<sup>th</sup> – Tabloid Sports with Kevin Bennett
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Quiz Night Fundraiser – Held at the Eltham Fire Station – 7pm!

### December

- 5<sup>th</sup> – PTA Meeting – 3.15pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> – BOT meeting at 5.30pm.
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Special “Services” Assembly – 2.15pm start
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Final Prize-giving Assembly – 10.30
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Last day of school

### February

- 5<sup>th</sup> – First day of School

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### Last terms Quiz Winners

**Junior Quiz:**  
**Senior Quiz:** Azara Muggerridge – Griffin



### A Community Update from the Eltham School Board of Trustees

14 November 2017

Dear Parents, Whanau and members of the Eltham School Community

Since the beautiful school arches at the west entrance to the school are nearing completion, and with landscaping improvements to the grounds made by our school's wonderful new gardener, the Board has recognised the need for a retaining wall at the front of the school between the gates and the arches.

One of our street trees and its roots are located where the retaining wall is required. Recent works in this area by the Council to repair the footpath due to root damage have also highlighted the need to deal with this landscaping issue. Finally, we have also discovered that the roots of this tree have started to encroach on cabling and power supply to the school.

The Board of Trustees therefore got expert advice from two local arborists to explore options to preserve the tree while managing the spread of its roots. We were advised that the roots could not be trimmed or managed without making the tree unsafe, and that the roots would likely pose an ongoing problem for the School and the Council.

We confirmed that the tree is not one of our Memorial trees, and is not native. The Board therefore accepted the expert advice to remove the tree and its roots. The other larger beautiful tree next to the arches will remain as its growth habit does not interfere with its surroundings.

The Board of Trustees will be replacing the problem tree with two decorative trees in honour of the STESA Committee who preserved our School arches. Removal of the old tree, stump grinding and establishment of the new trees will be funded by the Board of Trustees. The tree will be removed during the school holidays due to safety reasons.

We are looking for recommendations from the Community on types of decorative trees that would beautify the front of our school and the streetscape of Conway Road.

If you would like to recommend a replacement tree or have concerns about the removal of our problem tree, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,



Dr Barb Frey  
 Chair, Eltham School Board of Trustees

### 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 invented the telephone?
- 2 How many degrees is a half circle?
- 3 Name 3 breeds of cat.
- 4 Where in NZ would you find a large 'carrot statue'?

### Junior Quiz (Rooms 1-3)

Draw and name our School Chaplain.

**Remember to put your name on your entry!**