

Eltham School Newsletter

Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power



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Term 4 Week 7



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Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

Quiz night

Thank you to the parents and community members who supported our quiz night last Friday. We made a profit of **\$587**. A big thank you to Wendy Barry for all of her hard work organising catering, gaining sponsorship, and for promoting this event. Thanks also to the Eltham Fire Brigade for letting us use their venue. It was a great night and we would like to thank the following people and businesses for supporting us...

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National Standards Update

Our school believes New Zealand parents will have better information about their children's learning in future following the Government's decision to scrap National Standards and require reporting to parents across the full curriculum.

Rather than being required to report only on whether children are above, at, below or well below National Standards in reading, writing and maths, schools will be free to report much richer information about your child's progress and success.

Our school believes this will have a hugely positive influence on children's learning. Several studies have shown that over time, National Standards have caused a narrowing of focus in New Zealand schools and an increase in student anxiety leading to negative impacts on children's attitudes to learning. We look forward to reporting on the full breadth of the New Zealand Curriculum, as schools did before the Standards were introduced by the National Government in 2010.

Kathryn Pick
Principal

Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

Respect



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

Room 1 – **Khloe Squire** – For an awesome attitude to learning and progress in reading and writing.

Room 2 – **Ashah Lawson** – For being motivated in reading and writing. Excellent attitude!

Room 3 – **Danica Somers** – For putting 100% effort into your class work.

Room 5 – **Oceana Brown – Martin** – For enthusiasm and engagement in putting together our showcase.

Room 6 – **Selah Wanakore** – For perseverance with the challenges she faced at Topec.

Room 7 – **Sophie Lozell** – For being consistently awesome inside and outside of the classroom.

Room 8 – **Xavier Ngatai** – For consistently producing wonderful pieces of writing. Keep it up!

Stories from Room 5...

Caring for the Earth

Land pollution is a huge problem all over the world. Land pollution is caused by people dumping non-biodegradable materials, such as cars, plastics and other stuff into landfills. Chemicals such as pesticides, insecticides and fertilisers also cause land pollution. These chemicals are sprayed onto crops, they seep into the soil and eventually make their way into waterways causing water pollution. When we eat these crops we put our health at risk because of all the chemicals. Plastics that are dumped into landfill can eventually make their way to the sea. One plastic bottle takes 450 years to break down in the ocean. Land pollution is causing the Earth's surface to deteriorate. One way to try and stop land pollution is to recycle materials, reuse stuff like shopping bags and clothes and reduce household waste. **Hailie Shute**

Caring for Planet Earth

Sea levels are slowly but surely killing us, there's nothing we can do about it, but it is happening and it will drown islands and towns and it will bring cities to their knees. It's too late to stop it, but it's not too late to save lives from it. The cause of rising sea levels is not natural. It is all the fault of the careless generations before us..... This is already happening and there is nothing we can do to stop it, however, as the newer generations it is up to us to do something about it. It's our job to do something to save lives from the ever increasing rising sea levels. The reason is the gases and toxins polluting our atmosphere, which is the cause of global warming. As our climate slowly warms up, so do our more colder places, melting ice into our ocean, which makes it rise. It is estimated that our ocean will rise 1.8 metres as we proceed into 2100. As we slowly get hotter our sea is also getting larger consuming islands, all in all eliminating land for future development and housing. It is proven that around 11 million people will lose their land by 2100. There are certainly many groups trying to find the answer, but there is inevitably nothing anyone can do to undo past actions. That doesn't stop people from trying. **Aidan Renshaw**

Life or Death

One of our main environmental problems is pollution, it spreads through water, air and the earth's crust. Pollution is the earth's cancer inflicted by us and we are just feeding it with our exhaust fumes from cars, motorcycles and boats. As well as plastics and scrap metals burning and rusting away, spreading toxins. Killing almost everything in its path... The most common fume that is spread is called carbon dioxide and when that rises up to our ozone layer it slowly rises up to our ozone layer and slowly eats it away, allowing the deadly rays from the sun to beat down on us giving us stuff like skin cancer. It doesn't just travel through the air it finds its way into our rivers and out to sea... Every piece of rubbish on the ground makes its way out to the ocean, slowly but surely. When it gets there, glistening in the sun, its highly noticeable to the fish and they think it is edible. If one piece of plastic gets into its gut it never gets out and the fish slowly dies. No fish, no sea food, one less vital source for us. There are many people out there trying to fix these problems but nothing has been super successful. This is not good, the world needs our help and we are killing it!! **Kurt McFaul**

Caring for Planet Earth

I think our planet should be cared for. More than 1 billion people worldwide don't have safe drinking water because of land and water pollution. Everybody should put their rubbish in the bin because all the rubbish can affect animals and water that people drink. Pollution is one of the biggest killers affecting more than 100 million people worldwide. I think our seas will be clean if everybody puts their rubbish away. Solid waste is like paper, plastic, cans, bottles and much more. Some of these things can affect everything on this earth. **Treasure Lee Mataio**

Caring for Planet Earth

There are a lot of problems on Earth. Some people don't care but some people do. All of us should care, that's the only way we can cure our beautiful planet. The main problem is global warming. For you it's no big deal, I mean you can handle the heat. But the problem is what happens. The ice melts. Again what's the big deal, the ice melts so what? Let's think more carefully, big world, heat all around the world, Antarctic and the Arctic.... Now do you get it. The water will rise! If I am correct the water has risen about 8 centimetres for the last 200 years. That's more than a 6 inch sub! If you go to science class you will learn that CO2 is the main problem of global warming. Why does it happen that much? Because of cars. You will think "But there are electric cars". But not everybody has them, let's try and not use cars. What about plastic? Probably all of you have learnt that you should not litter. I'll tell you why. First of all it will affect the animal kingdom, ground and sea. You will be thinking, how does that affect us? Ah! Because let's start with the ground. All the grazers eat the plastic then die. So the predators and us die too. Get it? There will be nothing for us to eat cause they will die from eating plastic. Same with the sea animals, the fish will die from eating plastic. Plastic always ends up in the sea, so don't litter. Try to make your rubbish less and less.. Otherwise you won't be able to see hoverboards in the future because there won't be any. You have to help us. Let's try hard to save the world. **Ryan Bain**

Creating Future Achievers

Happy birthday to...

- Oceana Brown-Martin – Room 5 – 13yrs
- Hunter Lambert – Room 3 – 8yrs
- Logan Roderick – Room 7 – 10yrs
- Teresa-Ann Sokolich – Room 7 – 10yrs
- Kupa Robinson – Room 3 – 8yrs

Congratulations to our Cool Choices winners...

Darwish Ridzuan – Being a great role model



Talanoa Fakavamoeanga – Making good choices and staying out of dramas.

Aidan Renshaw – Great problem solving in the playground

Marama Harrison – Always being ready to learn.



Elijah Brown – Doing a great job with his report writing.

Justin Salisbury – Kindness towards another student.

Jaydan Barrow – Awesome helping at breakfast

Hailie Shute – Showing kindness to the juniors.

Tyler Nicholls – Helping with breakfast.

Community Award

This week our community award went to all the teachers, support staff and parents who helped out at the Tabloid Sports and made it so much fun for everybody.



Bronze Award Recipients – Outstanding Behaviour

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

- Decipher Marsh,
- Johanna Somers,
- Nivana-Lee Reid,
- Leilarnie Leighton,
- Eva Smith,
- Zeb Stantiall,
- Khloe Squire,
- Sophia Perenise,
- Vienna Brown-Martin,
- Heath Helms – Smith.



And the following senior students...

- Siliva Fakavamoeanga,
- Kyra Robinson,
- Hailie Shute,
- Matthew McCallum,
- Paipa Robinson,
- Clay Mita,
- Josef Boyes,
- Tony Edwards-Brown,
- Sebastian Lambert,
- Azara Muggeridge – Griffin.

Uniform – Final Outcome - Our children have spoken!

We have received a final quote for the uniform polo shirts that will become compulsory over a three year phase in period. Next year (2018) it will be compulsory for our NE – Year 3 students to wear this polo shirt with black shorts or black long pants of your choice. Black jeans are acceptable, but please **no rips, patches, tears or fraying in any black pants**. The cost of the black polo shirts will be **\$39 each** which is the only part of the uniform which must be purchased from school. We will be ordering a large number of these tops and parents are welcome to bring children in to the main office to test sizing with our sample shirts, which you can do now. We are more than happy for our older students to also purchase a shirt and start wearing it. They do not need to wait for 'the suggested phase in year'. You will notice the image has changed from our 2 previous newsletters. That is because the design pictured is the one that our children chose when they were surveyed last week, and we are going with the top they want to wear. The students also wanted our school motto on the back as well as the word Eltham, so of course we will order shirts with our motto included. We are pleased that our students have taken ownership of this initiative and that many have already spoken about feeling a sense of pride wearing this shirt.

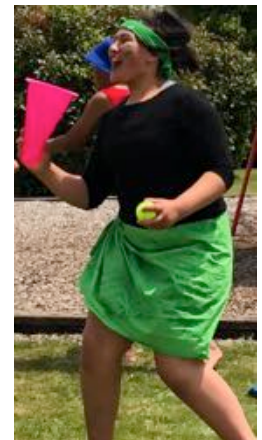


Tabloid Sports

We had a fantastic morning last Friday participating in Tabloid Sports. A big thanks to Kevin Bennett from Icon Sports for setting this up for us and bringing such fun equipment for our students to engage with. Our students took part in 14 activities and spent 6 minutes at each activity. Overall the students enjoyed the day and learnt some new skills. We were very lucky to have such lovely weather also. One of the highlights for me was watching our older students supporting our juniors and encouraging them to 'have a go'. It was



wonderful to see all of our children interacting and having fun in their mixed age and ability groups. Thanks to our parent supporters and to the PTA for the food our students enjoyed at lunch time.



Board of Trustees Information

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

Community Notices

The STESA Committee are proud to announce the Grand Opening of our precious Eltham School Arches



Please join us in celebrating this Historical occasion on Friday 8th December 2017 @ 10.15am Eltham School Arches Conway Road, Eltham



Calendar of Events

December

- 4th – Road Patrollers Day out
- 5th – PTA Meeting – 3.15pm
- 11th – Year 8 Leavers Dinner
- 12th – BOT meeting at 5.30pm.
- 15th – “Support” children’s ‘special lunch’
- 15th – Special “Services” Assembly – 2.00pm start
- 19th – Final Prize-giving Assembly – 10.30am start
- 20th – Last day of school

February

- 5th – First day of School
- 6th – Waitangi day – NO SCHOOL

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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 the captain of the Silver Ferns team?
- 2 New World in Stratford is open from 7am – 9pm every day. How many hours are they open in a week?
- 3 Name 3 invertebrates.
- 4 Where in NZ would you find the Beehive building?

Junior Quiz (Rooms 1-3)

Draw and name our school office dog.

Remember to put your name on your entry!

Last terms Quiz Winners

- Junior Quiz:** Nevaeh Hayman
- Senior Quiz:** Sophie Lozell