



Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power*



7th December 2017

Term 4 Week 8



Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

Arches Opening Ceremony – Friday 8th December

Tomorrow we will celebrate with the STESA committee and our community the completion of the arches relocation project. The arches and surrounding gardens look fantastic and are a really great addition to our school frontage. Over the holidays the wall that extends between the arches wall and the memorial gates will be completed to finish the road frontage off. We are looking forward to taking part in the opening ceremony tomorrow, which starts at **10.15am**. All are welcome to attend.

Services Assembly – Next Friday 15th December – 2.00pm

Next Friday we will hold our special assembly in honour of our students who have committed time and enthusiasm in carrying out a service at Eltham School throughout the year. This includes road patrollers, peer mediators, milk and fruit monitors, and a host of other important jobs that our students assist us with. We are very grateful to all of our dedicated students for their support, as we would not be able to fulfill these tasks unassisted and as efficiently without them. Please come along to encourage these students who are learning the wonderful skill of volunteering time for the good of community, and understanding that in life the gift of giving can reward more positively than the act of taking. Room 1 will also be showcasing at this assembly.

End of Year Prizegiving – Tuesday 19th December – 10.30am

Our end of year prize-giving is fast approaching. We invite all of our parents, extended whanau and community members to come and celebrate with us at this special occasion. We will be recognising the efforts and achievements of our students and celebrating what has been another eventful year. Prize giving will take place in the school hall, and begins at 10.30am. We will provide our students with a sausage at the end of the service and **would really appreciate it if someone can help cook the sausages on the school bbq!** Parents are welcome to take children home with them after prize-giving. Our final day of school is Wednesday 20th and this is a full day. The first day back at school next year is Monday 5th February.

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**Kathryn Pick
Principal**

Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

Respect



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

Room 1 – **Emma McCallum** – For excellent progress in reading and completing work to a high standard.

Room 2 – **James Nolly** – For reading library books – showing good book knowledge. He loves reading with his learning buddy.

Room 3 – **Tennessee Thomas** – For always being ready to learn and consistently working diligently. You are a role model to others! Keep it up!

Room 5 – **Ricco Marsh** – For becoming an integral part of Room 5.

Room 6 – **Daquedin Morton** – For exceptional leadership skills during Tabloid Sports.

Room 7 – **Te Atene Horomona** – For great effort with his mathematics.

Room 8 – **Max Helms-Smith** – For always coming to school with a fantastic learning attitude and always working hard.

News from Room 3...

Mrs Hayward read us a story about a troublesome magpie who was always picking away at an old mans veggie garden.

We decided we would design our own magpies.

To get the design looking like a real bird we looked at each shape one by one and drew them onto our paper. Once we had our outline complete we chose bright pastels to colour in our magpies. We had to be careful following the lines and turning our paper as we coloured in, as pastels smudge very easily! Then we got to dye the backgrounds in a pale green or pink. We used black pastel to outline our birds to make them stand out.



When they were all finished and dry, Miss Adlam hung the magpies up on our classroom wall so everyone can see and enjoy them.



Happy birthday to...

Ryan Bain – Room 5 – 13yrs

Tamar Leatherby – Room 5 – 13yrs

Congratulations to our Cool Choices winners...

Jesse Shute – Helping out in Room 3

Celestial Maraki - Harrison – Awesome behaviour on the playground.



Tetahi Ratahi-Burgham – Helping a teacher in his own time.



Te Awe Turahui – Being a fantastic leader at the Tabloid Sports.

Josef Howard – Showing kindness in the playground.

Dayton Nikora – Having a great focused attitude in class.



Community Award

This week our community award went to Room 1 and Room 2 for having such a tidy outdoor eating area and for taking such great care of their school vegetable garden.



Bronze Award Recipients – Outstanding Behaviour

Congratulations to the following students for gaining 10 Cool Choices and attaining a bronze award for outstanding behaviour...

Te Rauna Cassidy, Myana Singh-Awhitu, Jacob Jackson-Bolstad, Tobias Ogle, Ashah Lawson, Hunter Lambert, Marama Harrison, Daquedin Morton, Kupa Robinson.



More Tabloid Sports for Rooms 1, 2 and 3

On Monday Mr Bennett came back to school and took our juniors for more “tabloid sports” sessions. They played a range of activities including 4 corners tug of war, “Keeping the ball afloat”, ball launching tennis and mini putt. Our juniors had so much fun and they were excellent listeners and participants. Next Wednesday Mr Bennett is coming back again to do some activities with our seniors including archery. We have all had so much fun learning new skills and trying a range of different games and activities. Some of our Room 3 students had this to say about the experience...



I liked the tennis raquets but I didn’t get a hit cause I missed the ball. I did hit the ball with the big racquet though. **Tobias Ogle**

I liked the tennis racquets too. **Hohepa Wilson**

I liked the ball machine and the hockey sticks. **Keisha Tuki and Jesica Howard.**

I liked the ball machine and catching the balls. I caught three with my hands. **Kupa Robinson**

I liked the ball machine and hitting the ball with the raquets. I hit 5 balls. **Tyrece Squire**

I liked the bowling and rolling the ball into a little white ball. **Hunter Lambert**

I enjoyed the golf and the ball machine with the raquets. **Imogen Lynch.**

I liked playing on the uneven trollies. **Johanna Somers**

I pulled and pulled on the tug of war but lost. **Lucian Kelly**

I won the tug of war and I enjoyed playing all the games like golf. **Jayley Keenan.**

We loved the tennis ball maching and I was thankful to the man who taught us all the sports. **Joshua McIver**

I liked it when we pulled the rope for the tug of war. **Tennessee Thomas**

I liked the ball machine because it shoots out balls fast and you could hit them with the racket. **Leevalarmour Watene-Campbell**

It was fun. We enjoyed catching balls from the machine. **Danica Somers**

We played mini golf and we all had fun. **Jorjah Nikora**

I caught most of the balls. **Noah Muggeridge Griffin**



Board of Trustees Information

- Our final BOT meeting for 2017 is on Tuesday 12th December at 5.30pm.
- We have a number of property projects underway that will be completed over the school holidays, including the exterior painting of the junior block and the admin block and the building of the wall out the front of school. We will also be doing an electrical upgrade in Room 9 so we can use the ovens and create a ‘cooking space’ for technology.

Community Notices

E- Town School Holiday Programme

Monday 29th January – Friday 2nd February 2018

9.00 – 3.00pm

Ages: 8 years +

Cost: \$20.00 per child per week.

Theme: Creative craft mornings making your own speaker sound system and outdoor activities in the afternoon including swimming, games and park.

Phone **Steffy 027 4764820** to book your child's space.

Arches – Opening Ceremony – 10.15am

Please come along to school **tomorrow** to celebrate with us the completion of the 'historical arches' project. You will agree that this project looks fantastic, and is a welcome addition to our road frontage. The opening ceremony starts at 10.15am tomorrow. All welcome.



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 the "Hairy McCleary" books?
- 2 How many hours are there in one full day/night?
- 3 Name 3 root vegetables.
- 4 Where in NZ would you find the largest lake?

Junior Quiz (Rooms 1-3)

Draw and name our RTLB who is leaving at the end of the year.

Remember to put your name on your entry!

Calendar of Events

December

12th – BOT meeting at 5.30pm.

14th – Year 8 Leavers Dinner

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

7th – School resumes as normal

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Last terms Quiz Winners

Junior Quiz: No entries

Senior Quiz: Sophie Lozell