

# Eltham School Newsletter

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14<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Term 4 Week 9



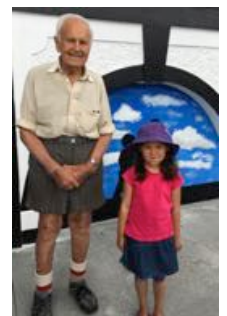
## **Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School**

### **Breakfast, Lunches and Fruit**

As you are all aware this is the final full week of school as we finish for 2017 next Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure your children are given full morning teas and lunches next week, (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) because there will be **no breakfast available**, and **no lunches or fruit** will be delivered to us during the short week to give to the children.

### **Opening of the Arches Ceremony**

We had a wonderful celebration last Friday when the STESA committee welcomed the community to join with us to "Open the Arches". It was a pleasure for me to meet so many community members who used to attend Eltham Primary School. One of the highlights of the morning was meeting the oldest surviving past student – 96yr old Jack Smith – Still spritely, fit, healthy and not looking a day over 75yrs old! Jack cut the ribbon with our 2 youngest students Sophia Perenise and Kyzah Lawson. There is a story about Jack on page 3 of this newsletter.



### **Uniform Update**

We have sent the uniform order off and we expect 200+ shirts to arrive in the New Year. Realistically we can't expect children to turn up to school wearing the shirt on the first day because we don't have the shirts ourselves yet to on-sell to parents. So parents will have the first week back at school to purchase the shirts. Uniform (including black pants) will be compulsory to wear for New Entrants to year 3s from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Shirts will cost \$39 each.

**Kathryn Pick**  
Principal

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

Room 1 – **An Awesome new student** – For a wonderful start to Room 1 and learning how we do things at school.

Room 2 – **Nivana-Lee Reid** – For making excellent progress with her literacy and numeracy. Keep it up Nivana – Lee.

Room 3 – **Francilla McMinn** – For putting 100% effort into your writing. Keep it up!

Room 5 – **Haillie Shute** – For always giving her best to all that she does.

Room 6 – **Jesse Shute** – For working hard in all areas and always being positive.

Room 7 – **Cjay McMinn** – For fantastic leadership skills in and out of the classroom.

Room 8 – **Alayna Ratcliffe - Cuthbert** – For having a fantastic attitude towards all areas of the curriculum. Keep it up!

### ROOM 2s Holiday Wishes for Everybody...

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and I hope you get lots of presents. **Kohyn Dormer**

I hope you all get lovely flowers and plums for Christmas. **Heath Helms-Smith**

Merry Christmas to all the children and adults. **Vienna Brown – Martin**

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and that Santa visits you. **Layla Elliott**

Have a good Christmas and be good so you get presents. **Khodie Woodhead**

I wish Santa is real for you and he is cool and I love Santa. **Celestial Harrison Maraki**

I hope you get lots of gingerbread cookies and lots of presents. **Eva Smith**

Have a wonderful Christmas and spend lots of time with your family. **Lailarnie Leighton**

I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. **Sophie Edwards Brown**

I hope you have a good Christmas and get lots of presents especially ones you want. I hope you don't have to work at Christmas time and that you have a good day. I'm sorry if you don't get Christmas day off or presents. **Reggae Ngatai**

Merry Christmas everybody, have a great day and I hope you get lots of presents. **Myana Singh-Awhitu**

I hope you can grow a very big garden of vegetables to feed your family at Christmas. **Cruz Hardy**

I wish you a Merry Christmas. **Sophie Mita**

I wish you all get a hatchimal for Christmas because they're cool and they make you happy. **Maaka Robinson.**

I hope you enjoy watching mermaid videos because they're cool. **Trent Bancroft**

I wish I could see you all on Christmas day. Have a lovely day and be kind to everybody. **Marley Eaves**

Eat lots of healthy food on Christmas day and wear your hat so you don't get burnt. **Te Ngaikiha Pouwhare – Timoti**

I wish you all get heaps of presents and don't let the Dads ride the kids toys because they'll fall off and get hurt and break the kids toys. **Nivana-Lee Reid.**



Happy birthday to...

Dakoda Thomas – Room 7 – 11yrs

Jacob Jackson-Bolstad – Room 6 – 12yrs

Congratulations to our Cool Choices winners...

**Darwish Ridzuan** - Being a great role model.

**Keegan Lozell** – Being absolutely wonderful with Room 2 children and assisting Mrs Nicholls



**Marama Harrison** – Great leadership skills when dealing with art resources.

Nisa Nazri – Picking up rubbish in the playground.

Zeb Stantiall – Playing a fun game with his friends.



Emma McCallum – Learning over 175 high frequency words.

Community Award

This week our community award went to Jessica Linton – Room 2s awesome teacher aide – she is so helpful, caring and dedicated. Well done Jessica!



Bronze Award Recipients – Outstanding Behaviour

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

William Murray, Grant Ngatai-Turahui, Ahrahnia Van Kuijk – Moffat, Kaia-Rihi Ropata, Kohyn Dormer, Vincent Van Kuijk – Moffat, Tawera Brewerton, Joseph Howard, Noah Muggerridge – Griffin, Layla Elliott, Cruz Hardy, Dayton Nikora and Quesha King.



**Mr Jack Smith – 96 years young!**

During our morning tea together, after the “Opening of the arches” ceremony Ms Pick was talking to Jack Smith – the oldest surviving past student from Eltham School. Jack told her many good stories over morning tea about his childhood, the war, and farm life. His stories were too interesting not to share, so she took him over to our NE class after morning tea. She thought our youngest children needed to know more about him, to understand the significance of who he was and why he was visiting our school that day.



Jack spoke to our children about a range of things including riding a pony as a child to get to Eltham School – our children couldn’t believe there were few cars in NZ back then, and that most families didn’t own one! He was also given meat paste at school and recalled lining up every day in the cloak-bay with his classmates to brush their teeth while the strict teachers observed them to make sure their teeth were cleaned properly. Jack (who wouldn’t let the children call him Mr Smith because he didn’t want anyone to think he was old!!) told the children about climbing Mt Taranaki – They had to guess how many times – 446 to be exact and mostly this was done between milkings! School milk wasn’t introduced into NZ schools until the 1940s (Jack had left school by then) but while Jack spoke about the ‘old school milk’ Luke had rushed off to get a ‘modern day milk package’ for Jack to drink. Jack didn’t think it was too bad! (But being a farmer, he had to say that!) Zeb told Jack that not only do we get milk at Eltham, but fruit as well, and not to be outdone by Luke he rushed off and got Room 1s entire fruit platter filled with cut up bananas, segmented mandarins, bunches of grapes, and plum halves and told Jack he had to eat some fruit. Jack obliged willingly, but told the children to look over at his son Darryl (Who had escorted Jack to the ceremony- Darryl was well over 6 foot tall, and Jack much shorter) Jack told the children he didn’t need to eat quite so much these days, because he used to be Darryl’s height, but now he’d shrunk over 30cm! The Room 1 children were aghast!

“What’s that thing in your ear?” Zeb asked. Jack pulled out his hearing aid and explained that he needed it now to hear them. “In fact I should be wearing one in each ear, but I forgot to put the other one in.”

Before Jack left, Zeb (fascinated by Jack) gave Jack a word of advice. Room 1 are currently learning about recycling and pollution. Zeb said, “Jack, you don’t leave rubbish lying around because it gets into the sea and kills the fish and dolphins.” Jack replied, “Yes you’re right, I would never leave rubbish around. In fact I’m trying to catch someone at the moment for dumping rubbish illegally...and then another interesting and funny story unfolded! We could have listened to Jack for hours!

It was such a pleasure to have Jack with us for a short time, and to tell our children such interesting stories! Ms Pick wanted to share him with every class, and knew our children would have been mesmerised by him but unfortunately we didn’t have the time required. Jack Smith, you are welcome back at Eltham School any time! You are an inspiration! It is not often that such a ‘treasure’ stares you in the face, but when it does, stop what you’re doing and use the opportunity to listen and learn! We would love to spend more time hearing your wonderful stories and your life events. We will be inviting you back to Eltham School again soon!



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## Community Notices

### E- Town School Holiday Programme

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### Eltham Lions Christmas Parade – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Please congregate at the Eltham Town Hall (if you have or are in a float) at 5.30pm

Contact **Joyce Lawrence – Ph 764 8770** to enter a float.

Cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Judging is at 6pm at the Eltham Town Hall, Stanners street.

**Christmas Parade will start at 6.30pm**

### 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 campaigned for women in NZ to get the vote?
- 2 How many metres are there in 1.2km?
- 3 Name 3 rivers in NZ.
- 4 What region in NZ would you find Te Awamutu?

### Junior Quiz (Rooms 1-3)

Draw and name the person who wears a red suit, and climbs down chimneys with presents for GOOD children.

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

## Calendar of Events

### December

- 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 8 Leavers Dinner – tonight!
- 15<sup>th</sup> – “Support” children’s ‘special lunch’
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Special “Services” Assembly – 2.00pm start
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Final Prize-giving Assembly – 10.30am start
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Last day of school

### February

- 5<sup>th</sup> – First day of School
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Waitangi day – NO SCHOOL
- 7<sup>th</sup> – School resumes as normal

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**Last terms Quiz Winners**

**Junior Quiz:** Eva Smith

**Senior Quiz:** Marama Harrison