



# Eltham School Newsletter

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8<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Term 1 Week 1



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

### **Welcome back to school and our 2018 year of learning**

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! We are excited about all of the wonderful things we will be teaching your children this term in relation to identity. We will have swimming every day except Fridays up until Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March which is when our Swimming Sports event will be held. (Postponement day is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March) If for any reason your child is NOT swimming please send a note to your child's teacher. We encourage all of our children to swim daily in order to gain confidence in the water and learn swimming skills. Immediately after swimming sports we will begin athletics. Our athletics will run for three weeks with the Athletics Day being on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March (postponement day Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March). Good Friday is the 30<sup>th</sup> of March where school will break for 5 days before returning for a remaining two weeks of term one. The final day of term one is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

### **National Standards**

You have possibly been keeping up with the media attention the education sector has received of late, mostly due to the dropping of National Standards. There have been reports that National Standards have been removed, and there is nothing currently in place from the Labour government to replace them with. Before National Standards were introduced schools used the NZ Curriculum to make judgements about 'where children were at' academically and this will certainly continue at Eltham School. We will be guided by the Ministry of Education around any form of future assessment, but we are confident in our decisions regarding the assessment of your children in the interim.

### **Central Taranaki Community of Learning Update**

The Central Taranaki Kahui Ako Achievement Challenge Plan has now been forwarded to the Ministry of Education for sign off. The plan has been approved by the Boards of Trustees of all the schools in the Kahui Ako and consulted on by teachers through out our community.

The underlying aim of our plan is for success through wellbeing. "Care and collaboration to strengthen our community" is the heart of our Kahui Ako vision. We look forward to sharing more with you in 2018 school year as we move to the next steps of being a Kahui Ako.

**Kathryn Pick – Principal**

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### Congratulations to our "Learners of Term 4, 2017"...

Room 1 – **Mia Lindsay** – For a wonderful attitude to learning and consistent progress in all areas.

Room 2 – **Maaka Robinson** – For consistently working hard and being a kind and thoughtful classmate..

Room 3 – **Keisha Tuki** – For 100% effort across all curriculum levels.

Room 5 – **Kurt McFaul** – For accepting all the challenges we have given him this term.

Room 6 – **Jaydan Barrow** – For stepping up in class and being a fabulous role model.

Room 7 – **Dakoda Thomas** – For stepping up in all areas of the curriculum.

Room 8 – **Kura Wood** – For a consistent high work ethic and never giving up!

### Holiday Happenings...

There were a large number of property projects that were attended to over the school holidays. The exteriors of our buildings were washed and both the junior block and the Admin Block were repainted. We're thrilled with how smart and tidy they both look, and how well matched they are to the rest of the school.

Our senior playground had a 'facelift' with some new equipment added and old parts replaced.

We had a number of old tree stumps removed, and our caretaker/gardener Lorraine repainted the car parking barriers and a number of other benches etc. She also water-blasted the playground equipment.



All of our classrooms and interior buildings were carpet shampooed. We have had a concept design drawn up for the C Block (Junior block) building renovations. This has yet to be submitted to the Ministry of Education for approval, and we will keep you up to date with the progress of those renovations. In the meantime Room 8 (Mrs Crowe's class) are 'temporarily boarding' in the senior block – they will be moving to the junior block – Room 3 or 4 when the renovations have been completed.

The one big disappointment for our Board of Trustees (and Eltham School) was a 'no show' from the bricklayer we had contracted to build our hinuera stone wall. However we will be sure to secure someone to carry out this work for us soon, as we would like our road frontage to be completed to tie in with the Arches work in order to create an attractive and welcoming front road appearance.



Happy birthday to the following people who celebrated birthdays in the final week of school and over the Christmas holidays...

- Khodie Woodhead – Room 2 – 7yrs
- Lucian Kelly – Room 3 – 8yrs
- Nevaeh-Lily Phillips-Fraser – 9yrs
- Treasure – Lee Mataio – 13yrs
- Nivana-Lee Reid – 7yrs
- Tama Washer – Wakeling – 13yrs
- Matthew McCallum – 10yrs
- Vincent Van Kuijk – Moffat – 9yrs
- Tobias Ogle – 8yrs
- Nisa Nazri – 6yrs
- Daquedin Morton – 11yrs

**Congratulations to our final Cool Choices winners for 2018...**

- Tamar Leatherby** – Showing kindness towards others.
- Justin Salisbury** – Bringing sandpit toys in and helping out
- Xavier Ngatai** – Being consistently friendly and well mannered.
- Jessica Yeates** – Always having fantastic manners.
- Clay Mita** – Being an amazing buddy reader
- Grant Ngatai** – Being kind to the younger children.
- Nisa Nazri** – Awesome jump jamming!

**Welcome to the following new students...**

- Lillie Rei (returning) – Room 6
- Shayden Kensington – Room 7
- Dainton Kensington – Room 5
- John Iti – Room 1
- Stacie Devine – Room 1
- Kaelen Young – Room 2
- Latoya Ngaia-Gibbs – Room 6
- Jordyn-Leigh Delamere – Room 2
- Brooklyn Delamere – Room 8
- Darious Ruby Parker – Room 2
- Heidi Ruby Parker – Room 8
- Lucas Nuku-Yeates – Room 2

**Bronze Award Recipients – Outstanding Behaviour**

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



Oceana Brown Martin, Mytalia Cassidy, Tamar Leatherby, Jessica Yeates, Kura Wood, Cameron Renshaw, Teresa Ann Sokolich, Shamika Hoeta, Jaydan Barrow, Keisha Tuki, Francilla McMinn, Nevaeh Hayman, Khodie Woodhead, Joshua Mclver, Xavier Ngatai, Daniel Salisbury, Emma McCallum, Luke Ropiha, Tyrel Tawhai, Celestial Harrison Maraki, Elijah Brown, Sharmaine Manaena.

These were our final students to gain a bronze award in 2017. ALL of our students have started the year on zero points again.

**See-Saw – An interactive teaching App for parents**

This year we will be inviting our parents to download an app called seesaw so we can communicate directly with you, and so your child/ren can share their learning with you. Teachers can also send you messages and reminders using this tool. See-saw is private; you will only see posts created by your child. Many schools throughout NZ already use this tool and there has been a great amount of positive feedback about it. Parents like being able to view and comment on their children’s work and progress. We will be sending home the information and how you can sign up very soon, or you may receive an email from your child’s teacher if you have an email account.

**Some of our children enjoying their new playground equipment**

Many of our children were very excited to arrive at school on the first day and discover new equipment to play on. A big thanks to our Board of Trustees for approving expenditure to fix up our senior playground, and provide new components



for it. It has already been well used, and our students are enjoying playing on it. The new seat swings are very popular!



**Board of Trustees Information**

Rayleen Gleeson has stepped down from her position on the Board of Trustees. We will keep you up to date regarding our plans to either fill that vacancy or reduce our Parent representative numbers to 4 members; both options are available to us.

## Parent Notices

### Uniform

Thank you to those parents who have already purchased a uniform top. If you have a child at Eltham School who is a new entrant, or in years 1, 2 or 3 you need to purchase a top before next Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February when it becomes compulsory. Black pants can be purchased from a shop of your choice. We accept any black pants, black shorts or skorts. Please no rips, tears, patches or fraying. Polar fleeced jerseys (For Winter) can also be purchased at a shop of your choice, but must be totally black.

### Stationery

Please pay \$20 (per child) to the School Office before Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February to pay for your child's stationery. We cannot hand any books out until stationery is paid for, and we would like all children to be able to start writing in their new books at the same time. That way teachers can go over book standards as a class, without having to constantly repeat instructions for setting out books etc every time new books are paid for. We really appreciate your support with this.

### Swimming Sports

We have begun swimming and this will continue for the first 5 weeks of this term. Our swimming sports day is scheduled to take place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March, with the postponement date being Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. (Just prior to Taranaki Anniversary weekend)

## Community Notices

### Dance Lessons

Hiphop, Jazz and Beginners Ballet dance classes available in Eltham. Please contact Natalie 027 4310741 or facebook Vivid Rhythm dance for times, prices and more information.

## Calendar of Events

### **February**

- 12<sup>th</sup> – Uniform is compulsory for NE-Year 3.
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Final date for Stationary payments – We would like all stationary paid for before or by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

### **March**

- 8<sup>th</sup> - Swimming Sports Event Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Swimming Sports Postponement day
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Taranaki Anniversary Day – NO SCHOOL
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Athletics Event Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Athletics Postponement Day

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