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# Eltham School Newsletter

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15<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Term 1 Week 2



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

### Staff news

We welcome back Ayla Adlam who is teaching this term in Room 6. New on the block is Kim Manukonga. Kim will be based at Eltham, but will work in many other schools in Central Taranaki. She is our new RTLB, having taken over from Jude Mortlock who retired at the end of last year. Welcome Kim.



### Introducing our new school leaders

We have four fantastic year 8s to introduce you to...these students are already excellent role models at Eltham School, and this year they are stepping up to be the leaders in our school. Their names are from left – Jamalia Brown, William Murray, Sebastian Lambert and Clay Mita.



### Our very classy new school uniform (Worn here by our leaders)

We have had a lot of positive feedback about our new uniform. It is great to see our students wearing it, (and some of our staff!) and with pride! Thank you to all of our parents who have made this transition easy, by paying for the tops and purchasing appropriate black pants. A special thanks to our parents who have purchased uniforms for their older students, earlier than is necessary. Please make sure children wear the full uniform including plain black pants (no designs or patterns) when they wear it to school.

**Kathryn Pick**  
Principal

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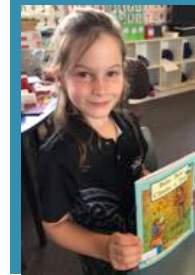
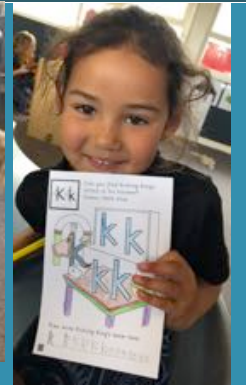
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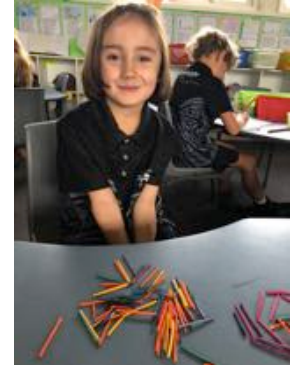
**Our Junior Syndicate**

**Room 1** are already practicing daily routines and structures and learning and practicing new skills. I visited their class today and a number of the children read me a story from their browsing boxes. Even our new children are quickly learning good habits, such as reading from left to right, and one to one finger pointing to each word on the page. I love listening to their version of the story, which can be told by looking at the pictures in the story.

First appearances walking into both Rooms 1 and 2 were firstly how wonderful all of our children look in our new school uniform, and secondly how awesome Mrs Wilson and Mrs Nicholls are as teachers, to have established such great working habits, concentration and focus from our youngest children to learn and be challenged by interacting in new skills. A fantastic start to our 2018 learning.



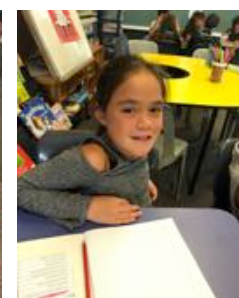
**Room 2** were engaged in math's learning when I visited them. They were learning about shapes and connecting shapes such as triangles to make squares and other interesting patterns. Once again it is interesting to talk to the children about their creations and why they chose to make what they did.



**Room 8** were fully immersed in handwriting when I visited them. They were focused on the letter d. They were able to show me the correct way to write their d's and demonstrated good finger spacing making sure their letters were on the line. Mrs Crowe has been establishing great routines in Room 8, and the students are also learning about the appropriate standards and expectations for their book work. Kapai Room 8.



**Room 8** are part of the junior syndicate. The only reason they are working in the senior syndicate currently is to free up the classroom spaces in the junior block, in preparation for the Junior Block building upgrade. As soon as the Junior room classes have been modified, Room 8 will be moving into either Room 3 or Room 4.



Happy birthday to the following people...

Reginald Hetaraka – Sokolich – Room 7 – 9yrs

Josef Boyes – Room 7 – 9yrs

Leevalarmour Watene – Campbell – Room 8 – 8yrs

Emma McCallum – Room 2 – 6yrs

Ace Webster – Room 5 – 11yrs

Siliva Fakavamoeanga – Room 5 – 11yrs

Clay Mita – Room 5 – 12yrs

Miss Le Bas – Room 7 – 21yrs

Mrs Nicholls – Room 2 – 22yrs

Congratulations to our Cool Choices winners...

Trinity Wood – Quick action and helping staff.

Shayden Kensington – Finding a school camera and handing it into the office.

Selah Wanakore – Helping younger swimmers.

Kyra Robinson – Organising games for juniors.

Lillie Rei - Looking after juniors.

Hohepa Wilson – Making the right choices.



**Community Award**

This week our community award went to all of our newly enrolled students. They have had a great week, and made an awesome start to their time at Eltham Primary. Well done!



Welcome to the following new students...

Bianca Nisbet – Room 1

**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.

**Swimming**

Swimming has started and most of our children are making great progress and learning new skills. This week the senior syndicate has been very fortunate to have the assistance of Cullen – Ms Gardner’s son. Cullen has



been in the water with our swimmers helping them to gain confidence floating and teaching them how to kick, blow bubbles and use their floatation devices correctly. We have seen some great smiles from our tamariki who have gained more success in the pool this week, than previous experiences trying to stay afloat. One of our main goals is to teach our children to have fun in the water, and to know they are safe by learning how to float with their heads above the water in order to breathe.



**Life Education Taranaki and Harold the Giraffe** would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. To reduce programme costs we would like to thank the BDO East to West Charity Cycle Riders 2018 for raising funds for us. They are riding from the East Cape of the North Island to New Plymouth from 23 Feb till 3 March... a total of almost 900km! Families might like to show their support and follow the cyclists’ progress on [www.facebook.com/bdocycleride/](http://www.facebook.com/bdocycleride/) or donate at [givealittle.co.nz/donate/cause/taranakicharitycycleriders](http://givealittle.co.nz/donate/cause/taranakicharitycycleriders). Children are invited to ride from Van Beer Autos to Joes Garage on Sat 3 March (meet at 12pm). For more details please contact [kelly.fryer@lifeed.org.nz](mailto:kelly.fryer@lifeed.org.nz)

**Board of Trustees Information**

Our first Board meeting for the year is on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February @ 5.30pm. All welcome to attend.



## Parent Notices

### Uniform

Thank you to those parents that 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 from the office. 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. Pants must be totally black, with no white stripes, or colouring of any other form. Some people have been asking about Canterbury pants, which are acceptable.



### 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.

## Community Notices

### Muse Hair and Beauty Girls Only Football

Venue Taumata Park Eltham  
Time 530 till 630  
Dates 21st 28th Feb 7th 14th and 21st March  
Cost \$20 for all 5 sessions  
Age 6 to 11

Contact Troy 027 89 47 452

### 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

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.

27<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting @ 5.30pm.

### 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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