



Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power*



30th June 2016

Term 2 Week 9



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

Selecting CORE values

Come along to school this afternoon **(2.30-3.30pm)** or tonight **(7.00-8.00pm)** to meet our new Board of Trustees and to share your views/ideas about which **CORE values we should adopt for Eltham School**. Finger food provided!

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place early in term 3 on **Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th August** from 3.15pm. We are also offering our families the opportunity to have a 'whanau meeting' this year which allows you to meet with all of your children and their teachers in one room at the same time. Please indicate on the form, which will come home today whether or not you would like a whanau meeting or the standard interview slot with your child's teacher. If your child/ren are changing classes next term, they will have their interview/s with the teacher that taught them in terms 1 and 2. Please look for the form (inside the newsletter) and return it with the preferred time slot a.s.a.p. Forms must be returned by Friday 8th July – Last day of this term.

Disco – School Camp Fundraiser – Friday night- Tomorrow!!

In the School hall. **5.00-6.00pm - NE to Year 4 (Rooms 1-4)**
6.15pm – 7.30pm – Year 5-8 (Rooms 5, 6 and 8)
\$2 entry Chippies, glowsticks, drinks etc for sale

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Absent from the photo: Hone Williams (Room 6)

Room 1's Amazing Stories!...

A is for Astronauts



I can see the planets. I can see the Sun. I can see the Earth. By **Sophie EB**

A for Astronauts
I can see the Sun and Jupiter. By **Layla**
A for Astronauts

I can see the World. I can see the Earth. I can see the Stars. **By Sophie M**

B is for Bird...

My baby bird chirps. She is good. She can swim. She can hunt. **By Layla**

B is for Bird

My bird is big. My bird is colourful. It can fly away. **By Nivana-Lee**

Congratulations to our "Learners of the week"...

Room 1 – **Heath Helms-Smith** – For having a go at everything new, so enthusiastically.

Room 2 – **Willy Wilson** – For always being ready for learning and taking an active part in all discussions now.

Room 3 – **Zachary Renshaw** – For being responsible, respectful and on task at all times.

Room 4 – **Talanoa Fakavamoeanga** – For always being attentive and sharing her well thought out ideas.

Room 5 – **Hailie Shute** – For having a fantastic attitude towards all school activities.

Room 6 – **Hone Williams** – For showing leadership in the classroom.

Room 8 – **Jesse Shute** – For being on task and demonstrating great results with his writing.

B is for Bird

My bird is a penguin, it can swim under water. She can see the fish in the water. "She is pretty, awesome, cool," said **Lailarnie**,



B is for Bird

My bird is in my tree. My bird is rainbow coloured. She is beautiful! My bird is seven. My bird is my pet. My bird can sing.

By Jessica

From the Board Corner...

- We are attending NZSTA (NZ School Trustees Association) training on Tuesday 26th July in Stratford.
- We encourage parents and community members to come to school today to share their thoughts about what CORE values Eltham School should adopt.

Community Award

Congratulations to Mrs Nicholls for giving up her lunch breaks so children can go to the library during lunch times. Mrs Nicholls loves reading and wants our children to learn to love it too. Thank you Mrs Nicholls.



Cool Choices winners

Congratulations to...

- Cassia Tutauha (Room 5) for volunteering for Road Patrol.
- Keisha Tuki (Room 2) – For helping clean up the school grounds during interval.
- Hunter Lambert (Room 2) for helping Mrs Nicholls to find something she lost.



Birthdays this week....

Lillie Rei (Room 8) – 10yrs
Hannah Hodge (Room 3) – 8yrs
Daytona Marshall (Room 8) – 10yrs

Welcome to new students...

Jorjah Nikora (Room 3)
Dayton Nikora (Room 2)

Update on 'what we are up to'.

It is nearly 2 terms now since I began my role as principal at Eltham School. I thought it would be a good idea to comment on what we are currently trying to achieve.

We are working closely with the MOE and ERO to ensure we have systems for our priority learners that will accelerate their progress. Priority learners include Maori, Pacific Islands, Special needs and children from low socio economic backgrounds that are not meeting standards. We have a number of children at Eltham School that are considered 'priority learners' and therefore meeting their needs is our biggest focus. It is a well-researched fact that schools that do a good job of meeting the needs of priority learners also do a good job of meeting the needs of all of their learners, so we want to get it right...because everybody benefits.

Two of our 'broad goals' for the remainder of this year include creating a consistent platform across the school to manage assessment data, which will also provide reliable and ongoing tracking for each student. We are doing this through a digital student management system, which is called Assembly. Secondly we are creating an effective teaching inquiry system, which provides our teachers with effective appraisal opportunities and collaborative opportunities to reflect on their teaching practice, which leads to excellent student progress and achievement.

We are also currently writing our Strategic Plan for the next 3 years, which is our 'guiding document' that clearly outlines all of the projects/plans we have at school from 2016-2019, AND HOW we are going to achieve those plans. Within the strategic plan is a RAP (Raising Achievement Plan), which specifically states **how** we will accelerate children's progress and learning.

Student engagement is a large 'key' to student progress and motivation, so we will be purchasing I pads very soon to provide our students with modern learning tools that will motivate and increase learning opportunities. Due to the cost involved not all classes will receive I pads immediately, but our long term goal is to have 1 I pad per 2-3 children across the whole school.

School Camp Fundraiser – Photo Shoot Raffle - \$2 ticket

FREE - On location – Full costume – Authentic Victorian Photoshoot

- Maximum 5 persons, no age limit, complete Victorian Photoshoot
- Minimum of 10 high res digital images on USB
- Raffle drawn when all tickets are sold



Terms and Conditions

- No hidden costs
- Drawn under police supervision once all tickets are sold.
- Location of photo-shoot - Taranaki Pioneer Village, 3912 Mountain Rd, Stratford

Pioneer village Family pass
Raffle is for:

- 1 x Family pass to The Pioneer Village.
- \$2.00 per ticket.



Parent Notices**School Disco – This Friday 1st July- Camp Fundraiser**

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6.15pm – 7.30pm – Year 5-8 (Rooms 5, 6 and 8)

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Newsletter

A reminder to return newsletter slips that were sent home last week. The slips indicate to us whether or not you would like email copies of the newsletter or hard copies. Please return the slips to Maria in the office a.s.a.p. Thanks.

Mid Year Reports

Mid Year reports will go home on Thursday 7th July (next week) for the children in rooms 4, 5, 6 and 8.

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Lost Property

Please check the lost property box in the hall for your child's missing items. The clothing will be washed and sent to the hospice in the school holidays if it is not claimed.

School camp fundraiser – Raffle

Win an amazing photography prize – see the school website and inside the newsletter for more information.

Community notices

E-Town School Holiday Programme – for 8years +
Monday 11th – Friday 15th – 9.00 – 3.00pm.

Make your own mask or youth style garment.

Creating various art projects.

\$20 per child per week.

Only 5 spaces left, so be in quick.

Phone Steffy on 0274 764820.

Netball Draw

Future Ferns yr3/4

30 June

Eltham Sparklers v St Josephs Angels Court 1 @ 4.30pm

Future Fern yr5/6

2 July

Eltham Rockets v Pembroke Energisers Court 4 @ 9.00am

Intermediate Yr 7/8

2 July

Eltham Stars v St Josephs Year 8 Court 5 @ 12.00pm

Calendar of Events**June**

30th – Community Consultation – Selecting CORE
VALUES for Eltham School

2.30pm-3.30pm

7.00pm-8.00pm

July

7th – Mid year reports go home (Rooms 4,5, 6, and 8 only)

7th – Sparky the Kiwi visits school

7th – PTA Meeting at school @ 3.15pm.

8th – Last day of term 2

25th – First day of term 3

August

1st – School Photos

2nd – Cultural Event Planning meeting – 6.30pm

3rd and 4th – Parent Teacher Interviews

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