

Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power*



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Term 1 Week 3



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Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

Lockdown in Schools

With the recent event that took place at Stratford High School last Thursday; no doubt some of you may be questioning our procedures in the event of a similar situation. Despite this being an uncomfortable topic of discussion it is one that needs to be mentioned, so you can be informed about Eltham School's procedures and policies regarding the safety of your child/ren in an emergency event.

Like all schools, we do have emergency management response plans for a range of disasters/scenarios. Our teaching staff have been trained in administering these procedures and they know what to do and how to keep your child/ren safe. In a lockdown situation all staff and children would be locked inside a school building, not necessarily their own classroom. If necessary emergency services would be called. Lockdown does not always require the emergency services, such as in the case of an aggressive looking dog running across the school field, or a swarm of bees or wasps near to classrooms. There are a range of reasons we could 'lockdown' the school such as a gas leak, or a fallen power-line nearby.

We will be practicing the lockdown procedure here at school throughout this year, to ensure our children know what is expected in a real scenario. In the meantime we will be talking about 'lockdown' with our children, and we would appreciate your support with this. The main message we would like our children to understand is that at all times their safety is paramount, and the most important thing they can do is to stay calm, and follow the instructions of their teachers. We KNOW that when children are frightened the person they want most is Mum or Dad, but that eventuality is not always possible. In a lockdown situation parents/caregivers would **not** be able to enter any school buildings even if you did come down to the school, and we would prefer you didn't. Coming down to school is not going to help us in any way; in fact it means we also have to consider your safety, making the situation more difficult for us to manage.

We would contact parents to collect children **if necessary after** a lockdown scenario but during a lockdown you may not be contacted, because we would be busy dealing with the situation, working with those that can help us such as police, and focusing on the main task of keeping all children and staff safe. We would also be unlikely to answer the phone, as we would need to keep it free for emergency purposes. If you would like to see our emergency plans, or if you require further information about this and other response plans you are welcome to come and see me.

Kathryn Pick
Principal

Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

Respect



Congratulations to our “Learners of Week”...

Room 1 – **Khloe Squire** – For helping all of our new children settle into Room 1.

Room 2 – **Kaelen Young** – For having a very positive start at Eltham School. It feels like he has always been here!

Room 5 – **Jaydan Barrow** – For exceeding expectations in and out of the classroom and always looking out for the safety of others.

Room 6 – **Daytona Marshall** – For starting off Term 1 with a positive and enthusiastic attitude. Keep it up!

Room 7 – **Jesica Howard** – For amazing artistic skills with her self portrait.

Room 8 – **Zyron Cargill** – For a fantastic start to the year and for persevering and achieving great things in math’s. Keep it up!

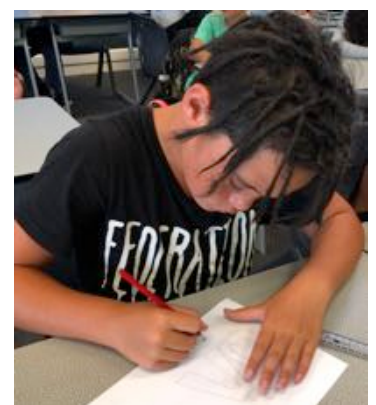
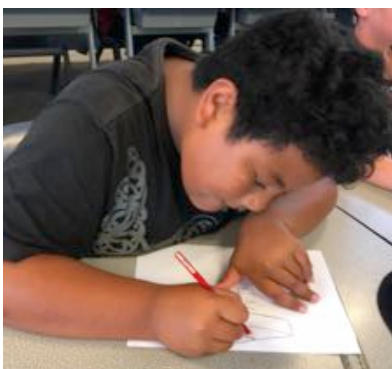
Senior Syndicate News – Rooms 5, 6 and 7

Rooms 6 and 7 were fully engaged in their math’s learning when I visited their classrooms on Tuesday. Room 6 were learning how to correctly set up their math’s books and record their answers, away from the margins. They know they have to use pencil for math’s so they can rub out errors, and they must use a ruler to rule off their work at the end of each day. A big thank you to our parents for purchasing your child’s stationary so we can do the ‘book work standards’ teaching as a class.

Room 7 was focused on number identification up to 6 digits. Our students had to write the printed number into words and then written numbers into numerals. Both classes were gaining knowledge about place value in their learning.



Room 5 were engaged in an art activity that incorporated sharing knowledge about themselves. It is great to see all of our children motivated about their learning, and starting off the year with focus, enthusiasm and great attitudes. Our big focus this year is to provide our students with learning intentions and success criteria so they can tell someone what they are learning to do, and whether or not they have been successful in their attempts to action their understandings.



Happy birthday to the following people...

Imogen Lynch – Room 8 – 8yrs

Jesse Shute – Room 5 – 11yrs

Blake Annabell – Room 6 – 10yrs

Jamalia Brown – Room 5 – 12yrs

Francilla McMinn – Room 8 – 8yrs

Congratulations to our Cool Choices winners...

Myana Singh- Awhitu

– Taking care and tidying away playground toys.



Quesha King – Persevering with tasks



Alayna Ratcliffe – Cuthbert – Showing kindness to a younger child.

Daquedin Morton – Clear, well written piece of writing.

Jordyn – Leigh Delamere – Showing a positive example in class.



Community Award

This week our community award went to our four new School leaders, who have already been doing a fantastic job in the school, including watching out for and helping our new students to get used to being at Eltham School. Well done Jamalia, William, Clay and Sebastian.



Upcoming Paid Teachers Union Meetings

You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

Children need teachers with enough time to teach so they can give each child the attention they deserve, and children need talented and inspiring people to be attracted to teaching.

Children are missing out on some opportunities to learn because teachers are bogged down in administration or are struggling to get enough support for children with additional learning needs.

Teachers at our school are joining an NZEI Te Riu Roa campaign, called Kua Tac Te Wa – It's Time to address these issues.

Our goal is to free teachers to teach, and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. And we'll attract more people to teaching by respecting and paying them as the professionals they are.

NZEI Te Riu Roa members at our school have been invited to paid union meetings in March so that we can plan and discuss the campaign and their upcoming collective agreement negotiations.

The meeting schedule has been planned so that teachers and principals across the country can work out the best meetings for them to attend, including the option of groups of teachers attending meetings at different times. This is to help reduce disruption to teaching programmes, children and parents.

Our children deserve the best education in the world, and New Zealand can afford to provide it. It's just a matter of priorities.

Thanks for your co-operation in this important matter.

Eltham School teachers will attend this meeting on **Wednesday 14th March**. Some of our teachers will attend an 8.00am meeting, and some will attend the meeting at 2.15pm. We have all classes covered so **there will be NO disruption to learning on that day.**

Fruit in Schools is back! Yaaaaay!

Last week we were treated to nectarines, apples, bananas and plums. This week we have apples, tomatoes, pears and more yummy plums. Look at the smiles on these faces! We do love our fruit!



Board of Trustees Information

Our first Board meeting for the year is on Tuesday 27th 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. Uniform must be worn every day!

Netball

We need to start thinking about netball, as the season will be here before we know it. A letter has been sent home to your child, if they indicated that they were interested in playing netball this season. We are more than happy for parents to start paying netball fees now, so as to avoid paying the full sum when it is due in May. Please make your payments to Maria in the school office.

Swimming Sports

Our swimming sports event will be held on Thursday 8th March. Parents/caregivers and community are welcome to attend this event. We will have more details about this sports day soon.

Community Notices

Eltham AFC JNR Registration

Venue Taumata Park Eltham
Date Sunday 4th March
Time from 2 pm
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.

Mobile Dental Clinic

The dental clinic will arrive at Eltham School on the 8th March and begin check ups and dental work on our student's teeth from Monday 13th March. Permission slips will be sent home soon for this. They must be signed and returned immediately in order for your child/ren's teeth to be checked.

Calendar of Events

February

23rd – Americarna Trip – Room 5
27th – Board Meeting @ 5.30pm.

March

8th - Swimming Sports Event Day
9th – Swimming Sports Postponement day
12th – Taranaki Anniversary Day – NO SCHOOL
13th – Mobile Dental Clinic arrives – Based at school for 4 weeks.
28th – Athletics Event Day
29th – Athletics Postponement Day
30th – GOOD FRIDAY – No School

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