



Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
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Term 1 Week 7



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Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

We had the most amazing experience with Richie McCaw visiting our school on Tuesday, and this is certainly an experience we will remember forever. We welcomed Richie on a bright sunny Taranaki day with a powhiri and then held a 'welcoming assembly' in the hall. This was followed by games organised by Fonterra and all of our children were also provided with morning tea sponsored by Fonterra!

It was really special that Jack Smith (97yrs old) was present as a special additional guest because he was the reason we won this amazing opportunity. Barb Frey (our wonderful Board Chairperson) submitted a story about Jack's visit to Eltham School to cut the ribbon for the opening of our Original School Arches relocation.

Richie complemented our 4 School leaders for their great questions, which he himself answered exceptionally well. He was such an inspiration to our children and all who were present. He gave his full attention to all of our children and made them all feel so special. He really is a great role model.

Richie's parting words to us, "Well I'd best head back to Christchurch kids" but when his helicopter headed north, one of our students' called out, "Is Christchurch that way?" Once our students realized he should be heading south I was amused by their gestures in an attempt to direct the helicopter to go the other way.

**Kathryn Pick
Principal**

Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

Respect



Congratulations to our “Learners of the Week”...

Room 1 – **Sophia Perenise** – For awesome progress and attitude to all learning including swimming.

Room 2 – **Emma McCallum** – For being a hard working student in Room 2. She is making excellent progress in all areas of the curriculum.

Room 5 – **Sebastian Lambert** – For great participation in classroom discussions and exceptional book standards.

Room 6 – **Kenneth Mclver** – For confidently applying yourself during mathematics.

Room 7 – **Shayden Kensington** – For a fantastic attitude towards his learning and showing initiative during class time.

Room 8 – **Keisha Tuki** – For consistently showing effort and determination in her writing.



A big thank you to our parents for attending our event with Richie, but most especially for not taking his attention away from the children.

It was exciting for everyone to have Richie at school, and many would have loved to spend time talking with him, but we appreciated the fact that no one distracted him from the reason he was with us – to give time and attention to our kids and that is something he did really well.



Happy birthday to the following people...

Paipa Robinson – Room 6 – 10yrs

Ashah Lawson – Room 2 – 7yrs

Congratulations to our Cool Choices winners...

Tyrece Squire – Working so hard at rainbow reading.



Rhiannon Waite – Being a very happy new girl to our school.

Khloe Squire – Caring for our school grounds.

Brooklyn Delamere – Showing courage in front of two classes.

Maaka Robinson – Showing a child how to behave and how to be a good listener during assembly.



Community Award

This week the community award went to our wonderful teachers for giving up their lunch breaks and morning tea breaks to do playground duties.



Whanaungatanga

Congratulations to our new House Leaders

Congratulations to the following year 8 students who have been selected to be house leaders for 2018. Our house leaders will work with our School leaders and help to organise school wide events, lead school assemblies and help out around school when they are needed. A couple of our school leaders will be assisting with duties in a different house on the day of school events, BUT they will stay in the house they have been placed in since starting school, and be a part of their original house still regarding points and gaining success at school events.

Arawa House – **Shamika Hoeta** – working with William Murray

Rangitane House – **Jaydan Barrow** – working with Jamalia Brown

Tainui House – **Selah Wanakore** – working with Clay Mita

Ngapuhi House – **Trinity Wood** – working with Sebastian Lambert



Introducing our new Student Councillors...

Our student councillors will be involved in a range of duties such as promoting our school values, helping us to problem solve issues in the playground, and looking for improvements that can be made at school. We need student voice and the following students will be our ‘mouthpiece’ through engaging with the other students at school. Congratulations to the following students...



- William Murray – Room 5
- Jamalia Brown – Room 5
- Daquedin Morton – Room 5
- Gabrael Stevens – Room 5
- Matthew McCallum – Room 6
- Justin Salisbury – Room 6
- Paipa Robinson – Room 6
- Darwish Ridzuan – Room 7
- Zachary Renshaw – Room 7
- Imogen Lynch – Room 8 (Leader of the Junior School Council)
- Tobias Ogle – Room 8 (Leader of the Junior School Council)

Board of Trustees Information

- Our Board of Trustees wish to bring to your attention their intention to reduce our parent representative number from 5 to 4 members. This is how we intend on addressing the recent ‘parent rep vacancy’. If anybody objects to this please put your objection in writing to Barb Frey, Board Chair before our next Board meeting on **Tuesday 27th March**. Thank you.

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Parent Notices

Athletics Event Day

Our athletics event day will now be held on Thursday 12th April (postponement date – Friday 13th April – last day of term 1) We will begin training for athletics next week.

Concert Pianist – Roman Rudnitsky

There is NO school assembly tomorrow. Instead our whole school will be walking to the Eltham Town Hall to listen to a free performance from Concert Pianist - Roman Rudnitsky, who is preparing for a performance later that evening.

Roman last played in the Eltham Town Hall five years ago and was thoroughly entertaining and delightfully engaging. He tours around the world and we feel very privileged to be invited. We will leave school at 1.10pm to walk to the town hall, and the performance begins at 1.30pm. It will be approximately one hour long and then we will walk back to school so we are back before 3pm.

Calendar of Events

March

- 27th – Board Meeting @ 5.30pm
- 30th – GOOD FRIDAY – No School

April

- 1st – Daylight Savings ends
- 4th – Back to School (After Easter)
- 12th – Athletics Event Day
- 13th – Athletics Postponement Day
- 13th – End of Term One
- 25th – ANZAC DAY
- 30th – First day of Term Two

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