



Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power*



29th March 2018

Term 1 Week 8



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

Easter Holiday Break

This week is a short week as we finish up on Thursday 29th March (today) for the 5 day Easter holiday break. **School resumes again on Wednesday 4th April** for 3 days next week and a full week of school the following week. **We finish term one on Friday 13th April** and **term 2 begins on Monday 30th April**.

Anzac Day Service – 25th April

There will be an Anzac Day Service as always on the 25th April, which will take place at the Eltham School Memorial gates. It occurs during the school holidays but our children will be represented at this service and as with last year we will have displays of Anzac Day art.

Athletics Event day

On **Thursday 12th April** we will be holding our Athletics event, which will take place at **Taumata Park**. (Postponement day is Friday 13th March) The whole school will walk to the park (Rooms 1 and 2 will be driven there and back – but we need parents to help with this please!) and the rotation of events will begin at 11.30am. We will break at 12.30 for a half hour lunch, and then rotations will begin again until completion. We do expect Rooms 1 and 2 to complete their activities earlier than the rest of the school so they will be returned to school at approximately 2pm with Mrs Wilson and Mrs Haywood. Room 8 and the senior school will walk back to school by 3pm. There is more information about our athletics day on the back page of this newsletter.

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important information.**

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Our School and House Leaders

Our School Leaders have already begun some leadership development and impressed us all with the questions they asked Richie last week at our special assembly. This week our school leaders along with our house leaders and Room 6's student councillors have been learning more about leadership with Ms Pick. We will be creating some

'leadership codes' and researching a NZ leader of each student's choice – someone they can learn about and gain insight from. Some of our leaders will be learning public speaking skills so they can lead our school assemblies also.

Student Council News...

Our Student Council met for the first time last Week, and will be meeting for their student council meetings every Wednesday morning between 9.30 – 10.30am. They will meet with Ms Pick and Miss Manukonga to discuss a range of topics. We have a proper meeting agenda and will follow the same meeting procedures of adult groups and boards. One of the first activities our student council will be involved in is writing a visual pepeha and each councillor will share these at an upcoming assembly. This photo shows the student councillors involved in an activity that provided them with more understanding about meeting procedures.



Run, Jump, Throw With Olly Jowsey

This week we had Olly come into school to help coach our children in preparation for their Athletics Event on Thursday 12th April. Olly teaches our year 3 – year 8 students a range of skills to help them achieve greater distances in throwing, running and long jump, and



better heights in high jump.

Olly will be at Eltham School again in the final week of term 1 – On Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th April.



Happy birthday to the following people...

- Decipher Marsh – Room 8 – 8yrs
- Daniel Salisbury – Room 7 – 9yrs
- Mia Lindsay – Room 1 – 6yrs
- Tony Edwards-Brown – Room 7 – 9yrs
- Lailarnie Leighton – Room 8 – 8yrs

Welcome to the following new students...

- Honeigh – Lee TeWaaka- Thomas – Room 7
- Manatoa TeWaaka – Thomas – Room 6



So proud of our students' hard work making this large banner for Richie – so big he could see it from the sky. Great effort from Room 6, and a big thanks to Miss Adlam for her efforts in seeing this through to completion in time for our visit from Richie.



What a treat it was for our children also to be part of a special ceremony with two NZ greats! So important for our children to understand that great NZers don't have to be famous, they become great through dedicated service to their country, triumphs through challenges, hard work and determination. Thank you Jack Smith and family for making our day so special and for teaching our children that life should be celebrated, and the more we can pack into life that helps and serves others the better!



Board of Trustees Information

- Our next Board Meeting is on Tuesday 22nd May @ 5.30pm. All welcome.

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Parent Notices

Athletics Event Day – Thursday 12th April

We will begin our athletics rotations at **11.30am**. The rotations will include high jump, long jump, sprints, shot put and middle distance running. We will also have some relays.

The whole school will walk down to **Taumata Park** leaving at 10.30 after our Duffy Assembly. We will walk back to school at approximately 2.00pm in order to be back at school before 3pm.

We would like **parent help** on the day to help monitor the rotation stations and help with measuring high jump and long jump heights and distances. We will also need transport for Rooms 1 and 2. Please let your child’s teacher know if you can assist.

Children will need a **packed lunch** on the day (Please no lunch orders from the dairy that day!) and **plenty of water**.

Room 1 and Room 2 trip to Eltham Library

On Tuesday our Room 1 and 2 students walked down to the Eltham library. When they got there they learnt about the role of the Police. Senior Constable Jono Erwood and Constable Peach spoke to our children about all the different jobs they have to do to help keep our communities safe.

Constable Peach showed our children all the tools and equipment he uses to help him do his job. Then he asked the children which of his tools was the most important. It took a while for our children to guess that his pen and notebook were the most important, because that is what he uses to make notes and write down details.



A big thank you to all of our wonderful parents for helping us walk our children down to the Eltham library and back.

Calendar of Events

March

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

May

22nd – Board Meeting @ 5.30pm

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