

Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power*



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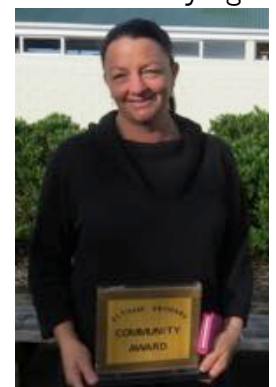
Term 2 Week 5



Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

Despite the cooler weather and the onset of the winter rain, we can still capture nature's beauty, as Mrs Vind did with this beautiful rainbow set over our senior playground! Our lovely maunga is also looking more beautiful with splashes of snow crowning its highest peaks. Beauty is all around us. What a wonderful world!

On a less heartening note, it is sad that we will soon be saying goodbye to Miss Gardner, who is leaving us at the end of this term as she moves over to Hawkes Bay. Miss Gardner has been a part of Eltham School for a very long time having begun her career here as a teacher aide before training to be a teacher. She is a very passionate teacher who has always shown dedication and commitment to helping Eltham children succeed and achieve. We will miss her loyalty and enthusiasm greatly. We have already begun the advertising process to find another teacher for Room 5, and we hope we will be able to complete a successful appointment soon. We will keep our parents and community informed about this. For the remainder of this term, we will enjoy having Miss Gardner teaching in Room 5 as normal, and having her positive influence across the school.



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for regular updates and
important information.**

**Kathryn Pick
Principal**

Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

Respect



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

Room 1 – **Cruz Daymond** – For being an extremely helpful member of Room 1.

Room 2 – **Ataahua Kelly – Pulham** – For working hard in her reading and writing. I am so impressed with her enthusiasm and effort.

Room 5 – **Cjay McMinn** – For always putting 100% into every aspect of his learning. Kapai CJay.

Room 6 – **Lillie Rae** – For always helping others and showing curiosity in her learning.

Room 7 – **Jayley Keenan** – For showing great empathy for others.

Room 8 – **Violet Boyce** – For always having a ‘can do’ attitude and always being ready for learning.

Room 6 have been writing about family fun times. These are extracts from some of their writing...

The Amazing Trip to Australia

In a cold June, 2016, my family went to Australia. My Mum, Dad, me and my two brothers went. We were so excited but the plane was going fast so it hurt my ears. Once we got there we had to grab a car and that took ages. After that we went to our apartment. It was humungous. During that day we went to Sea World where the rides were fantastic. We went out for dinner and that was the end of that day. **Justin Salisbury**

The day I got my drone

It’s my birthday! It’s my birthday! Mum and Dad got up and gave me my present. I tore it open andit was a drone. I ran outside and floated it in the air. All I saw was grass, cows and more grass as far as the eye could see. Dad was waiting anxiously, he wanted a turn. A few minutes later he got a turn and flew it into a fence. Luckily only the gyro snapped. **Elthan Ogle**

South Island Trip

When my whanau and I went out to tea it was amazing. It was the best night I have had. I was down in the South Island of New Zealand. The restaurant was in Picton and was called ‘The Thirsty Pig’. We stayed in Picton for one night. The next morning we took a three wheeler trike with five seats and I got to ride on it. Me and my whanau took a ride all around Picton seeing the mountain and great sea views. **Liam Stachurski**

Family Rush

On the 25th December 2014 at 10.00am everyone in my family started rushing to set up a surprise for my Mum’s birthday. My cousins and I were planning how we should surprise her. Texas was planning on getting her a puppy. Ocean and I thought that we could jump out and scare her. My grandparents had to take turns using a ladder to pin the ribbons up and my Dad was focused on writing “Happy birthday” with rainbow icing. At 3.21pm my Mum walked inside the empty house. Then everyone yelled out “SURPRISE!” My mum jumped back and we all started laughing. **Marama Harrison**

No birthdays this week.

Congratulations to our Cool Choices winners...

Reginald Hetaraka – Sokolich – For writing a great word bank in literacy.



Darwish Ridzuan – Being focused and on task in class.



Ashah Lawson – Being a kind friend to someone who was lonely.



Journey Walker – Being focused and on task during writing.

Emma McCallum – Tidying up other people's equipment.



Imogen Lynch – Being a really kind and supportive friend to a new person,

Nevaeh-Lily Phillips – Fraser – Amazing alliteration.

Khloe Squire – Being an awesome learning buddy.

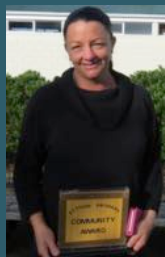


Bronze Level Certificates

Congratulations to Kyra Robinson for attaining 10 Cool Choices and gaining a bronze level certificate.

Community Award

This week our community award went to Miss Gardner for her hard work in organising the cake stall for our Senior Room Camp Fundraiser. Senior camp will take place in term 3, and this year they are going to Vertical Horizons.



Read Aloud – “Hickory Dickory Dash”

The junior syndicate (Rooms 1, 2 and 8) gained a certificate for taking part in the “Read Aloud Session” with other children all around NZ and Australia! More than 1 million kids listened to this great story being read to them on the same day! We were very fortunate to have Liz Marrow from the Eltham Library read it to our junior children. Francilla, Mia and Maaka accepted the certificate on behalf of their classrooms.



Seniors read aloud sessions - “Because of Winn Dixie”

Our senior syndicate children have begun their ‘read aloud sessions’ with various community members coming to school to read to them. The text they are listening to is



called “Because of Winn Dixie” which is a great story about friendship and dealing with issues in life, such as loneliness, moving house and making new friends. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we had our local Eltham Library librarians reading to the children, on Thursday Senior Constable Jono Erwood read, and Friday Barb Frey – Our Board Chairperson read to the children. The Room 6 children had this to say about the experience, so far...

I’m enjoying this story because I like dogs. **Marama Harrison**

This story is quite excruciating because India (the main character) went to get eggs for her Dad and came home with a dog that she named Winn Dixie. **Daytona Marshall**

It is cool and fun listening to the story because I like it when people read to me. **Daniel Ridzuan**

I like this story so far because the writer did a good description of the dog and I liked how she wrote about his teeth and what his face looked like when he smiled. **Talanoa Fakavamoeanga**

So far it’s a really good story because its interesting. At the beginning Winn Dixie wasn’t anybody’s dog but India said it was hers to stop him going to the pound. **Felin Castle**

It’s a story I don’t want to end. **Paipa Robinson**

Board of Trustees Information

- Our next Board Meeting is on Tuesday 26th June @ 5.30pm.

Parent Notices

RAFFLE RAFFLE RAFFLE - See the School Facebook Page for photos of prizes

\$10 per ticket up to 500 tickets available.

1st prize over \$700 home and pantry hamper ...

2nd prize beauty basket worth \$150

3rd prize \$150 assorted vouchers

4th prize car wash kit with \$30 petrol vouchers

5th prize queen mink blanket with hot water bottle..... All ticket sales go

towards getting Kylee Boyes to Russia  for a stem cell transplant for RRMS (relapse remitting multiple sclerosis.)

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW...

The winners will be drawn on Sunday evening 3rd June 2018

Winners will be notified by phone on Monday 4th June .

DRAWN UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION

WINNERS MUST PICK UP THEIR PRIZES FROM ELTHAM

Permission Slips about nits

Please can these notices be returned to school as soon as possible. If you don't want us to check your child's hair please tick "I do not give permission" and send the form back anyway. We will only check hair if we have your permission, and we will notify you if your child has nits before we treat any 'heads of hair.' Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Community Notices

St Mary's Diocesan School in Stratford is looking for families who would be interested in sharing their home with an international student for 4 weeks this August 2018. The students are coming from Dongguan School in China and they would like to stay with a family to experience the Kiwi lifestyle. Payment is provided and there are school busses, which run daily to and from New Plymouth and Hawera. You do not need to have daughters currently at St Mary's Diocesan.

If you have a spare bedroom available and think you might enjoy hosting an international female student then you can ring the following phone numbers for more information.

Mrs Lesley Sutherland (Homestay Coordinator)
027 3160595

St Mary's School Office – 06 7655333

Calendar of Events

June

- 4th – Queen's Birthday – NO SCHOOL
- 22nd – Cultural Festival
- 25th – 28th – Life Education – Harold the giraffe.
- 26th – Board Meeting @ 5.30pm

July

- 5th – Mid year reports go home
- 6th – Last day of term 2
- 23rd – First day of term 3

August


- 14th – School Photos

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