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Eltham School Newsletter

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7th June 2018

Term 2 Week 6



Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

Dear Parents

NZEI have called for all teacher members to attend a Paid Union Meeting on **Tuesday 26th June** which will be held at Eltham School, **starting at 2.00pm.**

This is to discuss progress on the campaign for the Ministry of Education and the Government to urgently deliver more resources and staffing so schools can better support students, and for greater recognition for teachers in New Zealand so that the growing teacher shortage is addressed before it impacts further.

We are calling on the Government to do what's right so students can continue to access quality public education in this country. We are asking for your support to help our teachers to get to this Important meeting and ask that you make arrangements for your children to be picked up from school by **1.30pm** on that day. There will be only a skeleton staff, including myself, available at school from that time.

There are separate meetings for Principals and I will be attending one of these on Thursday 28th June at St Josephs School in Stratford. I am happy to answer any questions you have and to discuss how you can show your support for our teachers and the need for action to address the current issues to help us as a school to continue to deliver the best education for your children.

Kathryn Pick
Principal

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**Check our Facebook Page
for regular updates and
important information.**

Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

Respect



Over the last few weeks we've had Constable Jono Erwood visiting in Room 8. On Friday in assembly our showcase was about the things we had learnt from Constable Jono. Here is some writing that was done after some of his visits...

When I went to school I saw a policeman. His name was Jono. Jono showed us his photos about police. Jono told us about safety and giving tickets. When people go too fast he gives them a ticket. Jono told us about dogs smell the badness because they need to go to jail. We learned about the vest. The vests have a lot of weapons and handcuffs on them.

Aroha

Jono Talked to Room 8 about safety. Jono's vest was really light for some people. Jono's handcuffs are steal. The police dogs search for people that have gone missing. If you have a car crash call 111.

Lailarnie

Jono came and talked to us about police safety. He showed us some pictures about police safety. Jono talked to us about car crashes because if we go too fast we will have a car crash. It is good to stay good so we don't go to jail. **Keisha**

Room 8 had a police visit. The policeman's name is Jono. Jono's vest is **very** heavy. At each police station there is a police dog. Jono said that he has not arrested that many people. He was also teaching us about safety. They give people tickets if they are speeding. **Sophie E-B**

We had a police visit about safety. We learnt about arresting people and police dogs. Then we got to see lots of stuff on the vest, there were weapons and radios to hear other police. **Violet**

Last week Jono came and taught us to use our w.i.t.s. This is a way to help us take steps to stop bullying. Our w.i.t.s. are

W - walk away.

I - Ignore what is going on.

T - tell someone like a leader or peer mediator then S - seek help from a teacher.

This is how we use our w.i.t.s. If someone is poking you, trying to copy your work or talking to you when you are trying to work, just walk away, or move desks. If someone is annoying you or talking to you when you should be working, just ignore them. If they are still annoying you just tell someone like a Leader or Peer Mediator. If they still keep bugging you then it is time to seek help and tell a teacher. **Keisha**

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

Room 1 – **Stacie Devine** – For a wonderful learning attitude in reading and writing.

Room 2 – **Heath Helms - Smith** – For excellent maths – Listening/reading instructions and even working before school some mornings!

Room 5 – **Arahnia Van Kuijk – Moffat** – For working well in all curriculum areas and making improvements in all aspects of her learning.

Room 6 – **Manatoa Te Waaka - Thomas** – For always trying to do his best and showing kindness towards others.

Room 7 – **Nevaeh – Lily Phillips - Fraser** – For consistently working hard and taking charge of her learning.

Room 8 – **Cruz Hardy** – For trying hard while reading! Well done. Keep it up.

Happy birthday to the following people...

Lucas Tonga – Room 7 – 9yrs

Dayton Nikora – Room 8 – 8yrs

Johanna Somers – Room 7 – 9yrs

Danica Somers – Room 7 – 9yrs

Heath Helms Smith – Room 2 – 7yrs

Mrs Wilson – 21yrs

Congratulations to our Cool Choices winners...

Vienna Brown – Martin
– Helping to tidy up other people’s mess.



Bianca Nisbett –
Getting organised quickly.

Maaka Robinson –
Helping to tidy up Room 2.



Khodie Woodhead – Always being ready for learning.

Nivana-Lee Reid – Helping a person who had hurt herself.

Cruz Daymond – Using very good listening skills.

Tristan Wakeling – Staying focused and on task.



Bronze Level Certificates

Congratulations to Paipa Robinson and Nivana – Lee Reid for gaining 10 Cool choices and receiving a bronze award!



Community Award

This week our community award went to Room 1 for being the quietest classroom when they are walking around the school to get to other places. Eg library, hall.

More wonderful stories from Room 8 about Senior Constable Jono Erwood’s visit to Eltham School...

Jono came last week. If someone annoys you, you have to ignore them. I like Jono as a friend and he is the best police. **Layla**

WITS is a word that helps you to not get bullied. If someone kicks you, you have to walk away and ignore them. If they follow you, you tell the school leaders, then tell the teachers. **Reggae**

Please help us choose an Eltham School Icon

As promised we have created a ‘voting tool’ for you and posted it onto our school Facebook page so you can help us select an icon for Eltham School. We aim to ‘characterise’ the icon and place it next to the Eltham School arches to make our school logo more child friendly. The selected icon will also be used to promote our school values and expectations. We have selected 6 ‘local’ creatures including 5 birds (Tui, Black Robin, Kereru (NZ Pigeon), Hihi (Stitchbird) and Tieke (Saddleback) and the NZ gecko all of which dwell in South Taranaki, for you to choose from. Please go onto our Facebook page and vote for the creature that you think would be the ‘best character’ to represent Eltham School. Our children and staff have already voted, so we would now like whanau and community input.

Netball

Last Thursday Mrs Vind and Ms Pick went to the Stratford TET Centre to watch our students playing their netball games and learning ball skills. We were delighted with the effort all of our girls were displaying. It was also great to see them trying so hard to make space so their teammates could pass the ball to them, defend their opposition player, and remember where they were allowed to be on the netball court. So much to learn! Our girls were also super happy to see us watching them play. Well done girls. We are very proud of you! We hope to get those new netball uniforms to you as soon as possible.

Board of Trustees Information

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

Parent Notices

Please ensure the notice about nits is returned to school as soon as possible. Please return the note even if you don't want us to check your child's hair. We will not check any children's hair without parental permission, and we will not treat any child's hair without notifying parents first.

Student Council News...

Our student councillors are currently getting feedback from students about 'teaching aids and equipment' and what students would like to assist them with learning. The survey results revealed that most of our students would like...more stationery, more i-pads and chrome-books. They will now do some research about these and decide whether or not to pursue the purchase of these. Another thing our student counselors will be discussing and problem solving is around how to ensure the purchased products such as pens, pencils and rulers are looked after so we don't have to continually purchase them.

Community Notices

Cultural Festival

We are well underway with getting our Cultural Festival Day organised. This year we are so fortunate to have a special 'opening' presentation, which will be performed by a special guest – Jerome Kavanagh.

Following this presentation our local 'early childhood centres' will do a small presentation each, followed by a presentation from each of our classes. We will have a shared hangi lunch. Parents and community members will also have the opportunity to view the artwork that each class has been currently creating about the country and culture they have chosen to research and learn more about.

The festival begins at **10.00am on Friday 22nd June**. All welcome to attend!

Calendar of Events

June

- 22nd – Cultural Festival
- 25th – 28th – Life Education – Harold the giraffe.
- 26th – NZEI teachers meeting @ 2.00pm in school hall. Please collect your child/ren by **1.30pm**.
- 26th – Board Meeting @ 5.30pm

July

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

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