



Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power*



14th June 2018

Term 2 Week 7



Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

Life Education

We will soon have the Life Education bus, Harold the Giraffe and Michelle the Life education facilitator with us for one week at school. They will be with us in week 9 – 25th – 29th June. We aim to consolidate the learning our students have gained from the Kia Kaha (Anti-bullying programme) with Senior Constable Jono Erwood. Lessons with Harold the Giraffe will focus on learning social skills such as how to be a good friend, how to handle conflict appropriately, and treating others with respect.



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



Eltham School Mascot

Our children and staff have voted and now it is your turn! Please go onto our School Facebook page and vote for the 'local creature' that you think would be best in assisting us to promote our school values and expectations. So far it is a 'very close match' between the NZ gecko, NZ black robin and the Hihi (Stitchbird). We are thrilled with these choices, as to our knowledge they are not utilised by any other NZ school as 'mascots'. Which one do you think represents Eltham School best?



**Kathryn Pick
Principal**

Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

Respect



Absent from the photo: John Iti

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

Room 1 – **John Iti** – For being very responsible and showing new children how to make good choices.

Room 2 – **Ashah Lawson** – For taking responsibility for her learning – and making huge progress – Excellent Ashah.

Room 5 – **Skylah Walker** – For taking all aspects of her learning seriously and always having a positive attitude towards her learning.

Room 6 – **Marama Harrison** – For her consistent effort to improve her learning levels and her mature attitude towards all school activities.

Room 7 – **Lucas Tonga** – For working hard on his tasks and trying his very best.

Room 8 – **Hunter Lambert** – For always having an amazing attitude towards his work with great results.

News from Room 7...

Room 7 have been studying the islands in the Pacific and have explored Tapa cloth. We have made some of our own using the Tongan style that involves rubbing the pattern on using a relief panel. The students have enjoyed this art process. Here are some quotes from the class.

'It was fun because we got to make our own designs'

Faith

'I got a bit frustrated because it took a long time to screw up my paper to make it soft.'

Nevaeh-Lily

'It was relaxing because we got to sit down and get into drawing and planning our patterns'

Sharmaine

'I got a bit annoyed when gluing down my string but I knuckled down and got it done'

Josef



'It was very exciting to learn new art techniques from the Pacific Islands. **Lucas**



Happy birthday to the following people...

- Fellin Castle – Room 6 – 11yrs
- Mathew Robinson-Winiata – Room 2 – 7yrs
- Kura Wood – Room 7 – 10yrs
- Zachary Renshaw – Room 7 – 10yrs
- Sophia Perenise – Room 1 – 6yrs
- Violet Boyce – Room 8 – 9yrs
- Shamika Hoeta – Room 5-13yrs

Congratulations to our Cool Choices winners...

Ashah Lawson – Playing co-operative games at lunchtime.

Cruz Daymond – Always looking after Room 1s property.



Darios Ruby Parker – Waiting patiently for others.

William Murray – Helping a younger student in Room 8 with maths.

Francilla McMinn – Amazing concentration with her writing.



Kyzah Lawson – Fantastic playing with others during lunchtime.

Keisha Tuki – Trying hard and making positive changes in her writing.

Bronze Level Certificates

Congratulations to Sophia Perenise and Tawera Brewerton for gaining 10 Cool choices and receiving a bronze award!



Community Award

This week our community award went to Mrs Vind for all the hours of work she did to attain our wonderful new



netball uniforms. Kapai Mrs Vind! They look amazing on our girls!

Some thoughts about Winter – from Room 1...

I love the snow on the mountain. **Mia Lindsay**

I play inside when it is raining. **Sophia Perenise**



The rain pours down and its watery and it makes everything wet. **Khloe Squire**

The rain has bubbles. **Tristan Wakeling**



I like the rain and the fog. **Bianca Nisbet**

I like the rain because it makes puddles. **Stacey Gray - Saunders**



I like jumping in puddles in bare feet. **Cruz Daymond**

I have to play inside when it rains. **Soraya Savage**



I play in the rain sometime. **Dubeis Ridzuan.**

Wellbeing Group

We are in the process of forming a student group to help problem solve 'student wellbeing' related issues at school. So far this group have been meeting with Ms Pick at lunch times and morning teas to discuss ideas. This group will be run similarly to our Student Council but they will have a very different focus. They will look at how they can make improvements to student culture at school by influencing others and promoting our school values. There will be no 'elections' for this group to decide who can be part of the group. The group will be established based on those students who demonstrate a willingness to make a difference in addressing undesirable student behaviours with enthusiasm and positivity. They are in the process of choosing a name for their group.

Board of Trustees Information

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

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Parent Notices

Please ensure the notice about headlice 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**. We really hope you can make it!

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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