

Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power*

7th July 2016



Term 2 Week 10



Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

Literacy Specialist

We have appointed a literacy specialist who will begin providing additional literacy support for our students with reading difficulties from next term. The successful applicant is Mrs Elwyn Barnes. We look forward to having Mrs Barnes join our team, and know that she will be a great asset to our school.

Senior Mid Year Reports – Rooms 4, 5, 6, and 8 only

These will go home today with children. Parents please check in your child's bag for their report. We will be holding parent/teacher interviews in week 2 of term 3, which will be an opportunity for parents to discuss the content of their child's report with teachers.

Thanks to our wonderful team of teachers and support staff

It has been an extremely busy term for all of our teachers and support staff, all of whom work tirelessly to provide our children with the best education, care and support we can offer. Our team of wonderful personnel truly deserve their well-earned break, in order to relax, recharge and in some cases recover! Teaching and working with children is a huge responsibility, and at times exhausting and stressful, and while we love it, it is generally a 'thankless task'. So I want to take the opportunity to say a huge "**Thank you**" to all of the staff on our team for everything they do to create the wonderful 'family orientated' caring environment that we have here at Eltham School.

Lost Property

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

Room 1 – **Lailarnie Leighton**– For fabulous writing ideas and great stories.

Room 2 – **Rhys Dravitski** – For being an enthusiastic learner. Always making great progress in his reading and inspiring others with his fantastic oral reading.

Room 3 – **Alayna Ratcliffe-Cuthbert**– For working hard in all curriculum areas and having a positive attitude towards her learning.

Room 4 – **Jael Potter-Newton** – For having fantastic manners and showing empathy for her peers.

Room 5 – **Tinesha Brewerton** – For being responsible and giving everything a go.

Room 6 – **AJ Avery** - For making positive learning choices.

Room 8 –**Siliva Fakavamoeanga**– For trying hard in all curriculum areas and working well in his group.

School Disco

Thanks to all our supporters for attending the Disco last Friday. We raised \$325.70 to go towards our senior camp!

Room 8 news...



On Wednesday, 22nd June, Room 8 celebrated Puanga. We started the day off with a karakia specifically written for Puanga. “We had a visit from Whaea Te Aorangi who helped us with the karakia and actions that we had been learning.” **Mytalia**. This picture is when we are pointing towards the Puanga star found in the East.

We headed to the hall to start the food preparation. “Mrs O’Beirne helped some of us make some soda bread.” **Lillie**



“We had parents who came to help, thanks!” **Grant**

“We had to cut up the kumera and pumpkin for the kumera and pumpkin soup.” **Sophie**.

While waiting for the food to cook the children worked on their whakapapa and drew their family in the form of koru. They also wrote their goals for the next 6 months.



“It was an exciting day with delicious soup and soda bread for lunch”. **Kyra**

After lunch, to continue our celebration of Puanga, we made some stars and kites to decorate our windows.



Community Award

This week the Room 2 children helped Mrs Nicholls choose a suitable recipient for the community award. They all agreed that Mrs Ogle should be chosen for the support she provides in Room 2 with their reading programme. Congratulations Mrs Ogle!



Principal's Award

Congratulations to Tinesha Brewerton for showing such great sportsmanship during one of her recent netball games. When a player on the opposing team got hurt Tinesha made sure she was OK, then at the end of the game went to check again to see if she could do anything to help the injured player. Awesome empathy and sportsmanship! Kapai Tinesha!



Birthdays this week AND over the school holidays!

- Joel Reynolds (Room 4) – 9yrs
- Tyrece Squire (Room 2) – 7yrs
- Madison Omelvena (Room 3) – 8 yrs
- Angel Turner (Room 5) – 13yrs
- Tennessee Thomas (Room 2) – 7yrs
- Breeze O'Brien (Room 5) – 12yrs
- Tawera Brewerton (Room 8) – 10yrs
- Liam Stachurski (Room 4) – 9yrs

Crowley Cup Rugby Final

On Tuesday our year 5 and 6 boys played the Crowley Cup rugby final against Auroa at Eltham School. Our boys played exceptionally well, but unfortunately Auroa beat us on the day! The first 20 mins of the game looked like it would be a pretty even match, but then Auroa began to dominate with run away tries and consistent conversions. Auroa had also practiced a game plan in their defence using 2 players



to bring down one of our boys when tackling. The final score was 42 17. We were immensely proud of our boys because it is the first time for some years that we have made it into the finals. The players learnt a lot of new skills and gained good fitness and strength. I would like to thank Nathan Hodge for coaching our team in the earlier part of the series, and Te Puna, Justin and Noho for coaching the boys regularly over the last 6 weeks.



Sparky the Kiwi

Today Sparky, a real live kiwi is visiting Eltham School. Our children are going to be learning about kiwi calls, trapping of predators to keep kiwis safe, kiwi habitats, how DOC use transmitters to monitor kiwi behaviors and habits and a range of other interesting facts.

Life Education

This week Harold the Giraffe and Abbey the Educator who works with Harold visited us. Our classes loved having Harold back at school, and enjoyed learning about all sorts of important things. Our junior room children learnt about 'being a good friend', and our senior children learnt about the body and how to take care of it properly.

Football Fest at Taumata Park

Yesterday (Wednesday) our year 3-5 children (Room 3, 4 and 8) took part in a football fest with Ngaere School that Troy Savage organised. Our children rotated around a lot of stations to learn a wide range of football skills and to play some games. At the end of the two-hour session Troy selected 5 students from each school to receive a free soccer ball. The following children were chosen from Eltham School based



on enthusiastic participation, skill level and awesome attitudes. Congratulations to Ace Webster, Tawera Brewerton, Hannah Hodge, Kura Wood and Alexis Dravitski.

Parent Notices

Newsletter

A reminder to return newsletter slips back to school. The slips indicate to us whether or not you would like email copies of the newsletter or hard copies. Please return the slips to Maria in the office a.s.a.p. Thanks.

Mid Year Reports

Mid Year reports have been sent home today for the children in rooms 4, 5, 6 and 8. Please check your child's bag.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place early in term 3 on **Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th August** from 3.15pm. We are also offering our families the opportunity to have a 'whanau meeting' this year which allows you to meet with all of your children and their teachers in one room at the same time. Please return the slips to school a.s.a.p. to secure a suitable time!

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School camp fundraiser – Raffle

Win an amazing photography prize – see the school website for more information.

Community notices

E-Town School Holiday Programme – for 8years +
Monday 11th – Friday 15th – 9.00 – 3.00pm.

Make your own mask or youth style garment.

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd - 9.00-3.00pm.

Creating various art projects.

\$20 per child per week.

Limited spaces so be in quick.

Phone Steffy on 0274 764820.

E-Town Youth Centre want BUTTONS!! Old buttons, ANY buttons, you don't need and are willing to donate. Please bring these to E-Town OR drop them off to Miss Le Bas at school.

Netball Draw

Future Ferns yr3/4

7 July

Eltham Sparklers v Stratford Primary Vipers Court 3 @ 3.30pm

Future Fern yr5/6

9 July

Eltham Rockets v Eastern District Sparks Court 5 @ 9.00am

Intermediate Yr 7/8

9 July

Eltham Stars v Kaponga Primary Silver Stars Court 3 @ 9.00pm

Calendar of Events

July

7th – Mid year reports go home (Rooms 4,5, 6, and 8 only)

7th – Sparky the Kiwi visits school

7th – PTA Meeting at school @ 3.15pm.

8th – Last day of term 2

25th – First day of term 3

August

1st – School Photos

2nd – Cultural Event Planning meeting – 6.30pm

3rd and 4th – Parent Teacher Interviews



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