



Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power*

21st June 2018

Term 2 Week 8



Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

Cultural Festival

Tomorrow is the big day! – Our wonderful Cultural Festival. The day kicks off at 10.00am and will begin with a performance from Jerome Kavanagh. Jerome is an International Taonga Puoro Artist, and he will be presenting an interactive show that celebrates culture, pride and self identity. Jerome will be sharing his family collection of different types of Taonga Puoro, ancient Maori musical instruments.

Jerome's presentation will be followed by mini performances from our local Kindergarten, Kohanga Reo, and daycare centre – Nature's Wonder.

Each classroom will also be presenting a song or dance or something that represents the culture and country they have been learning about this term. Countries include Israel, Mongolia, South Africa, England, Samoa and a range of other Pacific Islands. Don't forget to look inside each classroom to see the artwork and craft that the students have made to celebrate these cultures.

We will also eat kai together on the day with a shared hangi. Nibbles from the countries mentioned will be on offer during the day. We hope you can attend this wonderful celebration with us!

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important information.**

Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

Respect



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

Room 1 – **Nafeesa Nazri** – For awesome progress in reading and writing and always making good choices.

Room 2 – **Te Ngaikiha Pouwhare – Timoti** – For taking a leadership role in the classroom and being in charge of technology in Room 2.

Room 5 – **Selah Wanakore** – For enthusiasm and dedication towards her learning by always completing extra work.

Room 6 – **Paipa Robinson** – For taking responsibility in striving to learn and presenting her work to a high standard.

Room 7 – **Johanna Somers** – For showing great empathy towards her classmates.

Room 8 – **Heidi Ruby – Parker** – For giving things a go and trying so hard in all of her work.

Gorgeous new hats and slippers for Room 1...

Last Friday Nicola from Red Cross traveled down from New Plymouth and gifted Room 1 with some beautifully hand knitted hats and slippers! Some lovely ladies who sew and knit and gift products to Red Cross were keen to give them to school children who would use and look after them. Nicola has been a facilitator in our school when she taught our



children the ‘People Savers’ Red Cross first aid programme, and she thought of us. Thanks so much Nicola and thank you so much to the very kind busy knitters who made these to keep our children warm! We really do appreciate them.



Junior Syndicate Read alouds

Our juniors have enjoyed listening to community members reading picture books to them. They recently listened to Liz Marrow (Eltham Librarian) read “The Magic Finger” by Roald Dahl. The Magic Finger is a novel and our young students listened intently without fidgeting. They were very interested in the story, and were able to retell it in detail and with accuracy.

Our senior syndicate has finished having “Because of Winn Dixie” read to them. Most of our students were very engaged in this story and they enjoyed watching the movie last Friday. We are very grateful to all the people who came to read to them.

No birthdays this week.

Congratulations to our Cool Choices winners...

Lucian Kelly – Listening well to instructions.



Quesha King – Showing others what to do in Assembly.



Jesee Baikie – Being a responsible member of Eltham School and trying to keep our environment safe.

Violet Boyes – Completing quality work.

Vienna Brown-Martin – Sharing equipment and taking turns at lunch-time.

Jesee Baikie – Caring for younger students.

Francilla McMinn – Being a role model in Assembly and ignoring silly behaviour.

Keisha Tuki – A great golf swing.

Bronze Level Certificates

Congratulations to Quesha King, Clay Mita, Tobias Ogle and Lucian Kelly for gaining 10 Cool choices and receiving a bronze award each!



Community Award



This week our community award went to Eva Smith and Jaydan Barrow for their fantastic 'acting skills' and helping us make a "Safety Movie" about our Staff Driveway. Please watch this wonderful movie on our School Facebook page, and if you are a parent, please don't use our staff driveway.

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Welcome to the following new students...

Dartagnan Harrison – Room 1

Kalaani Wharepapa – Room 2

Rangimarie Peeti – Room 8

Wharepouri Peeti (Fudz) – Room 6

Baking with Senior Constable Jono

We have just finished having a range of lessons with Senior Constable Jono Erwood. Jono presented the Kia Kaha programme to our seniors to teach them how to communicate respectfully and how to respond appropriately to unwanted behaviours such as bullying.



He spoke to our juniors about the role of the police. Last Thursday for the finale, Jono did some baking with Rooms 5, 6, 7 and 8. The purpose of the baking was to encourage our students to work together, communicate effectively and function as a team to get a good result. This is what Room 5 had to say about the experience.

We are learning to communicate together without fighting and arguing. **Ahrahnia**

We are learning to take responsibility in what we're doing. **Skylah**



We are learning to work as a team and cooperate like a family. **Tawera**

We're making fudge to teach us how to bake so we can eat it and learn how to work together. **James**

We're making fudge to gain teamwork so we can eat together. **CJay**

We need to learn bonding skills so we can be a team so we know how to live in the real world when we leave school. **Daquedin**



We're cooking so we know what to do in the future so we won't starve. **Jacob**

We're cooking so we can remember Jono. **Selah**

Board of Trustees Information

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

Parent Notices**Headlice**

We have checked children's hair this week for head-lice (if you have approved for this to happen). You will be informed if your child has eggs or head-lice before we treat their hair. We can treat the hair at school if you give us permission to do so. If you choose to treat hair at home, you need to do **it 2-3 times over the course of a 7-10 day period**. Treating hair only once will not kill all head-lice and eggs.

Paid Union Meeting

A reminder that our teachers will be attending a Paid Union Meeting at Eltham School next Tuesday 26th June. We would appreciate it if you could collect your children from school at 1.30pm on that day.

Student Council News...

Jamalia Brown and William Murray are currently preparing a report with Ms Pick, which they will present to the Board of Trustees at their next meeting on the 26th June. William and Jamalia will also stay at the Board meeting for approximately half an hour so they can observe how official meetings are run and how Barb Frey our Board Chairperson, leads the meeting discussions and agenda. This is part of their learning as leaders of the Student Council.

Community Notices**Cultural Festival**

Tomorrow is the big day! This year we are so fortunate to have an '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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