

Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power*



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Term 3 Week 1



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Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

Welcome to term 3

A reminder that this term we are focusing on myths and legends for the first 4 weeks of term, then we will be switching to a science focus with the overarching theme being 'change.' Each class will have their own different focus about change.

Parent teacher interviews – 6th and 7th August

Parents are being provided with an opportunity to meet with teachers on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th August to discuss their children's academic progress. This is also a time to raise any concerns you may have regarding student learning and attitudes, possibly referenced in your child's mid year school report. We hope you will be able to prioritise time to meet with your child's teacher, as it is important to know what your child is successful at with their learning, and what aspects of their learning requires additional support. If the suggested dates and times are not convenient please let us know when you are available to meet.

ERO – 20th – 21st August

The ERO (Education Review office) will return on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st to complete the review process that Eltham School has been involved with for just over two years. We have undergone some significant change over this time and we look forward to presenting (with evidence) the positive gains that have been achieved with these changes.

**Kathryn Pick
Principal**

Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

Respect



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

Room 1 – **Mia Lindsay** – For awesome progress in all subjects and producing quality work. For being a good leader and setting a good example to all her peers.

Room 2 – **Maaka Robinson** – For being a role model to everyone – His thoughtful and caring nature as well as giving 100% to everything he does.

Room 5 – **William Murray** – For being a responsible and respectful role model in and out of the classroom. You are awesome William!

Room 6 – **Manatua Te Waaka – Thomas** – For always trying his best and never giving up!

Room 7 – **Nevaeh-Lily Phillips-Fraser** – For being a self directed learner and always being on task.

Room 8 – **Hohepa Wilson** – For showing great interest in what he has been learning, in particular the history of Israel.



Room 2’s “Heart Melt” stories...

Dear my favourite teacher
When it was the holidays I missed you so soooooo much. I was sad. I thought about you Mrs Nicholls. Then that feeling went away. Love from **Nivana-Lee**

To Dad

I love how you build me stuff. You built me a swing in the school holidays and now I have three swings. I have 1 baby swing. The baby swing has to be washed out. I love you so so so so so much. You love me too. We will be together forever. Love from **Quesha**

Dear Dad

I like you Dad because you let me play, “Monster Hunter World.” You are the best Dad in the whole entire universe. I love you so so much. Your cuddles are so nice. Love from **Eva**

Dear Sophia

You’re the best in the world. You like making books with Khloe and I like making books – that is my favourite thing to do. Do you know some maths? I do. Did you know that $1+1=2$ and you’re right, it is 2. Do you like maths Sophia? I do. What else do you like to do – painting? I like doing pictures, that is another favourite thing I like to do. From **Nisa**.

Dear the BFG (Big Friendly Giant)

I love you BFG and you are the best. You love looking after me too. From **Celestial**

Dear Nana

I wished you still lived closer to Eltham. I wish I lived in Auckland with you still. I haven’t seen you in a while and I miss you so so much. I hope you are having fun at your new house. I can’t stop thinking about you. I want to know where are you working now. I know you worked at the airport in Auckland but you moved out of Auckland. I miss you so much because you spoilt Kyzah and me SO much. Love from **Ashah**.



Happy birthday to the following people...

Liam Stachurski – Room 6 – 11yrs

Justin Salisbury – Room 6 – 11yrs

Ataahua Kelly-Pulham – Room 2 – 7yrs

Maria Hodge – 21yrs again!

Congratulations to our Cool Choices winners...

Kura Wood – Awesome jump jam skills

Darwish Ridzuan – Playing nicely with friends.

Sophia Perenise – Awesome listening to our book readers.

Eva Smith – Fantastic Jump Jam skills.

Nevaeh-Lily Phillips-Fraser – Playing nicely with friends.

Emma McCallum – Being a star during our assembly performance.

Khloe Squire – Excellent effort in reading and writing.

Dubeis Ridzuan – Ignoring others' unacceptable behaviour.

Bronze Level Certificates

Congratulations to Mia Lindsay, Nevaeh-Lily Phillips-Fraser, Darwish Ridzuan, Violet Boyce, Khloe Squire, Lyric Savage, and Cruz Daymond for gaining 10 Cool choices and receiving a bronze award each!



Buddy Readers

A big thanks to our buddy readers who read with our younger students every day to help them with reading skills. Congratulations to...

Jayden Barrow
Joseph Howard
Siliva Fakavamoeanga
Skylah Walker



Kyra Robinson
Jamalia Brown
Clay Mita
Ahrahnia Van Kuijk-Moffat

Community Award

Miss Le Bas presented our wonderful support staff with the Community award this week. We are continually grateful for all the work Maria, Lorraine - our caretaker, Sharee - our cleaner and all of our amazing teacher aides do 'behind the scenes' to keep Eltham School humming. Kapa! support staff!



Welcome to our new Room 5 teachers - Mrs Tash Coulson and Mrs Shannon Leathers

We are pleased to have both Tash Coulson and Shannon Leathers teaching in Room 5 this term. They will job share this position and will ensure that our oldest school students remain settled and focused on their learning. Our year 8 students will still attend their camp in week 8 with the assistance of Ms Pick and Mrs Vind. Parent Interviews in week 4 will also be led by Ms Pick and Mrs Vind in Room 5.



Board of Trustees Information

- Our next Board Meeting is on Tuesday 21st August @ 5.30pm.

Parent Notices

Proposed Strike day – 15th August

On Wednesday 15th August there is a strong possibility that teachers (and principals) across NZ will be striking. The reason we (as a collective) are taking this action is an attempt for some of the real issues and challenges we face daily to be addressed by our government. We have serious concerns about attracting and retaining teachers, needing more time to teach and less time spent on paperwork, and having truly inclusive schools where all children can learn and thrive. These things are important for our children now, and for the future of NZ's education system. We will keep you informed about whether this strike goes ahead, and whether or not it will be a full day or a half day strike.

School Photos

Our school photos will be taken on **Tuesday 14th August**. If you wish to have sibling photos taken and/or to purchase sports team photos you will need to collect envelopes for payments from the School Office. Class photo envelopes will be sent home with your child shortly.

Safe Friends Luncheon

On **Monday 13th August** Senior Constable Jono Erwood will return to talk to our year 5-8 students about cyber bullying. As part of this experience he arrives with a ¼ sub sandwich from Subway for the children who take part. (Rooms 5, 6 and 7) Parents need to sign the permission slips that have gone home before children can take part in this event. Please return the permission slips to school asap. **Children will still need lunch that day** as the provision of subway is more of a snack than a full lunch.

Student Council News...

We met as a student council for the first time this term on 25th July. We split into two groups. One group is looking at how we can solve the 'school stationery' problem. We have a need for pens, pencils and rubbers every day in the classroom, and without an endless supply of these we are looking at ways to ensure they are looked after!

Our second group is researching for more information about Chromebooks. What are they used for in educational settings and do they make a positive difference to student learning. If so, how can we go about purchasing some for Eltham School?

Calendar of Events


August

6th and 7th – Parent Teacher Interviews
 13th – Safe friends Luncheon with Senior Constable Jono Erwood – Cyber bullying.
 14th – School Photos
 15th – Possible Teacher Strike – NO School
 20th and 21st – ERO review
 21st – Twinkle Show – Rooms 1 and 2 only
 21st – Board Meeting – Starts at 5.30pm
 24th – School Cross Country Event – 10am start.

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