

Eltham School Newsletter

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28th July 2016

Term 3 Week 1



Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

Welcome back to school, and to what is going to be another busy term. Our children have settled back into school routines, and the students that have moved classes seem to be adjusting well to different teachers and new classmates.

Late Arrivals to School

We are still having issues with a lot of children arriving late to school. Most days there are about 30-40 (1/4 of our school arriving at school between 9.00 and 9.30). **Please make sure your children get to school before the bell goes at 8.55am.** When they arrive late they not only reduce their own learning opportunities, but the distraction of a late child entering the classroom disrupts other children's learning and our teachers lesson planning.

School Photos

Photos take place next **Monday 1st August**. Please ensure your children get to school on time as the **camera starts clicking at 9.00am** and your child/ren will be missed out of class photos if they are not on time. If you require sibling and sports photos please get the correct forms from Maria in the office.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

These take place next week on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th August. If you haven't made an appointment time already please do so promptly. Don't forget there is an opportunity this year for a whanau meeting. Just let us know what time suits you to hold this.

Sparky the Kiwi

Unfortunately our invited guest Sparky the Kiwi couldn't visit us last term because he literally couldn't get off the ground. He was stuck at Auckland Airport with flight delays due to heavy fog. Sparky is now going to visit us on Thursday 1st September in week 6 of this term.

Kathryn Pick
Principal

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

Room 1 – **Lailarnie Leighton** – For an outstanding effort in reading, and writing such fabulous stories.

Room 2 – **Kupa Robinson** – For taking responsibility for his learning. Also for extending his hand of friendship to all of our new children.

Room 3 – **Zachary Renshaw** – For developing a mature and responsible attitude towards his learning.

Room 4 – **Tina Weston** – For showing great maturity and becoming a self directed learner.

Room 5 – **Jorja Baikie** – For consistently showing leadership and having a great attitude towards her learning in all curriculum areas.

Room 6 – **Treasure-Lee Mataio** - For being a mature self directed learner.

Room 8 – **Sophie Lozell** – For consistently being on task and always trying her hardest.

News from our ‘new’ classroom - Room 7...

Kia ora Koutou! I would like to say that I feel privileged to be teaching in such an awesome school. Eltham Primary students, staff and surrounding whanau have all welcomed me with open arms. I have a long line of whanau that come from Taranaki including Eltham and although I was not born here, I do consider Taranaki home. I look forward to working with the students and their whanau.

Miss Danielle Hill



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Community Award

In the final week of term 2 Mrs Ogle chose the year 5 and 6 rugby team to receive the community award. Our boys showed awesome skill during their final game and we are all immensely proud of them for making it into the Crowley Cup Final!

Birthdays this week

Justin Salisbury (Room 8) – 9yrs

Khaimaani Kennedy (Room 8) – 9yrs

Bachelor Kahui-Hiroa (Room 5)

Welcome to the following new students...

James Nolly – Room 1

Amber Ward – Room 1

Tama Washer-Wakeling – Room 6

Vienna Rose Brown-Martin – Room 1

Welcome to our 2 new teachers...

Mrs Barnes began working as our literacy support teacher on Monday. Mrs Barnes will help some of our struggling students learn to improve their reading skills. Sometimes she will work with individual children and sometimes she will work with small groups of children. Welcome to Eltham School Mrs Barnes!



Miss Hill has already been working regularly at Eltham School as one of our relieving teachers. However, for this term and in term 4 she will be teaching in our new additional classroom (Room 7) Miss Hill has a class full of lovely year 5 and 6 students with a surprisingly large number of boys! Welcome Miss Hill.

Love Food, Hate Waste, Save Money

Did you know that New Zealand households throw away over \$560 of food each year?

There are many simple things that you can do to reduce this waste and save you and your family money:

Plan your meals for the week, write a shopping list, and just buy what you need.

Get active with your fridge, put the items that need to be used first up to eye level.

Store food correctly; keep bread in the freezer and potatoes in a dark cool place. Avoid UFOs (unidentified frozen objects) by labelling leftovers so everyone knows what's inside and when they need to be used by.

Get creative; stew leftover fruit, use leftover roast vegetables and meat on a pizza, chop up bread into croutons or breadcrumbs.

Parent Notices

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!

School camp fundraiser – Raffle

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

Cross Country

We have begun training for our cross country event. Olly -(Sport Taranaki) attends school every Tuesday and is providing our children with fitness training and running skills. Can children **please bring a change of clothes to school every day**. When we practice sometimes our children get wet and muddy and it is good if they have some dry clothes to change into. Our cross country event date is **Friday 26th August** (Postponement date is Friday 2nd September)

Board Games

Does anybody have any board games they no longer use at home that we could have? Card games, Connect Four, games that your children have grown out of. We would like some games for our junior room children to play on wet days.

Calendar of Events

August

- 1st – School Photos
- 2nd – Cultural Event Planning meeting – 6.30pm
- 3rd and 4th – Parent Teacher Interviews
- 18th – BOT Meeting – 5.30pm @ School.
- 18th and 19th – Getting Ready – Parent Meetings.
- 26th – Cross Country Event

September

- 1st – Sparky the Kiwi visits us
- 1st – PTA Meeting – 3.15pm in the staffroom



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Netball Draw

[Intermediate Yr 7/8](#)

30 July
 Eltham Stars v Kaponga Primary Allstars Court 5 @ 11..00pm