

Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power*

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Term 3 Week 2

Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

Hall Upgrade

Our hall is looking spectacular. The asbestos and rot around the windows and doors has been totally removed. We are really happy to have 3 'double door entry points' on our Western wall. The new wall is being painted this week to match the Administration, Junior and Senior blocks! After some minor work is completed inside the hall it will be ready for use. We expect to be able to hold school assemblies again from next Friday – 10th August.



DARE – Drug Abuse Resistance Education

Senior Constable Jono Erwood returns this term to teach DARE to our Room 5 students. It is important that our senior students gain a good understanding about the risks and harm around drug abuse. We are pleased our year 8 students will be taught this programme before they head off to high school at the end of the year. Jono will also be talking with all of our year 5-8 students about cyber bullying on Monday 13th August.

**Kathryn Pick
Principal**

Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

Respect



Absent from photo: Reggae Ngatai

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

Room 1 – **Dartagnan Harrison** – For having an awesome start to Term 3, working independently to complete tasks.

Room 2 – **Qesha King** – For making excellent progress in all areas. Qesha is a motivated learner and I am proud of her successes.

Room 5 – **Coby McVicar-Shaw** – For making awesome choices and working hard to ignore disruptions.

Room 6 – **Ethan Ogle** – For outstanding progress in reading. Using prior knowledge and many strategies. Awesome Ethan!

Room 7 – **Jorjah – Nevayah Nikora** – For always giving 100% effort and never giving up.

Room 8 – **Reggae Ngatai** – For working in a focused way to complete all her work. Being responsible and helpful.

News from Room 8...

We've been learning about myths and legends. **Heidi**

We learnt about Maui pulling up the North Island when he went fishing. **Layla**

Maui threw the hook into the water and then he waited to catch a humungous fish. He pulled up the North Island and his brothers fought over the land. **Imogen**

I want to know how Maui pulled the North Island up because it's so big. **Sophie M**

Maui's brothers were mean to him. They wouldn't let him go fishing. Maui snuck into the food basket and the brothers wondered why it was so heavy when they put it into the boat. They didn't look inside the basket until they were out at sea and got hungry. **Keisha**

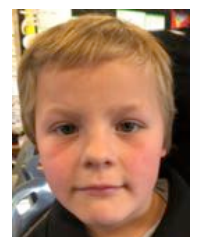
Maui has a magic power on his fingers. He has a magic fishing rod. He catches heaps of fish with it. I think that's how he pulled up the North Island. I want to know how he got the magic power. **Marley**

I am learning to read books in class. Some of the words are hard to read. I have learnt some new words this term. **Tyla**

I have learnt that some months are named after numbers and some months are named after greek gods. **Sophie E.B**



I've been learning about Maui. He's a cool guy because he fished up the North island. **Tetahi.**



Happy birthday to the following people...

CJay McMinn – Room 5 – 12yrs

Mrs O’Beirne – 28yrs

Congratulations to our Cool Choices winners...

William Murray

– Being kind to another student.



Trinity Wood –

Showing kindness and empathy.

Cruz Hardy – Great effort with reading.

Azara Muggeridge-Griffin –

Showing great manners by waiting quietly for the teacher.

Reggae Ngatai – Great jump jam skills when others around were not doing it well.

Imogen Lynch – Outstanding on-stage performance for Ms Gardner last term.

Layla Elliott – Fantastic performance for Ms Gardner.

Blake Annabell – Fair play with the card games as a math’s activity.



Bronze Level Certificates

Congratulations to Marley Eaves and Imogen Lynch for gaining 10 Cool choices and receiving a bronze award each.



Welcome to our new student...

Tyla Watson – Room 8

Congratulations to the following students for having **100% attendance in term two...**

- Daniel Salisbury
- Kura Wood
- Daytona Marshall
- Trinity Wood
- Vienna Brown-Martin
- Johanna Somers
- Calais Harris
- Justin Salisbury



- Fellin Castle
- Gabrael Stevens
- Jesse Shute
- Sharmaine Manaena
- James McFaull
- Elijah Brown



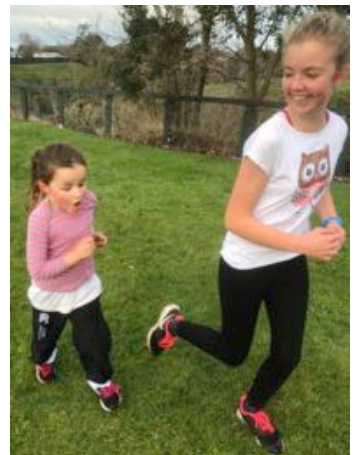
Community Award

This week our community award goes to Mrs Coles who has stepped in to help teach in Room 8. Thank you Mrs Coles for being available when you are needed, and for supporting our staff and the children in Room 8 for last term and this term. We

really appreciate you!

Cross Country Practices

Our cross country event day will take place on **Friday 24th August**. We have already begun practicing for this. The whole school are doing laps at 10.25am every day, before we break for morning tea. Our staff have been doing laps with the children to motivate them to keep moving!



Board of Trustees Information

- Our board will meet with ERO on Tuesday 21st August to discuss their findings and learn of their recommendations.
- Our next Board Meeting is on Wednesday 12th September @ 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. There is a letter that provides more information about what teachers and school leaders are trying to change collectively in this weeks newsletter.

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.

Senior Constable Jono Erwood will also soon be teaching the DARE (drug awareness) programme in Room 5 from next week.

PTA Meeting

Please come along and support our PTA. We will be meeting on Tuesday 14th August at 3.00pm. See you there.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Please make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher to discuss learning progress and next steps. This is also an opportunity for you to discuss any concerns you may have about your child's learning. Interviews will be held next Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th August between 3.15pm and 5.30pm. School will finish at 3.00pm as usual on both of those days.

Calendar of Events

August

- 6th and 7th – Parent Teacher Interviews
- 13th – Safe friends Luncheon with Senior Constable Jono Erwood – Cyber bullying.
- 14th – School Photos
- 14th – PTA meeting – 3.00pm
- 15th – Teacher Strike – NO School
- 20th and 21st – ERO review
- 21st – Twinkle Show – Rooms 1 and 2 only
- 21st – Board Meeting with ERO
- 24th – School Cross Country Event – 10am

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