



Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power*

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Term 3 Week 3

**Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of
Eltham School**

Mufti day tomorrow – Fundraiser – Cans for Good

A reminder that tomorrow (Friday 10th August) children can come to school dressed up 'however they like'. This is to support the Cans for Good promotion partnered with the Salvation Army and Watties. Please can children bring a can of food instead of a gold coin. The food will be donated to our local food-banks, and collected by the local Fire Brigade later this month.



Parent/Teacher Interviews

We had a good turn out of parents attend our parent teacher interviews earlier in the week. Thank you to those of you who did make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher. We hope you found these interviews beneficial. It is not too late to make an appointment with your child's teacher, if you wish to discuss your child's learning progress with them.

Teacher Strike – Wednesday 15th August

A reminder that our Board of Trustees have opted to close the school next Wednesday in support of the Nationwide teacher strike. There will be no school on Wednesday but school resumes again next Thursday 16th August.

**Kathryn Pick
Principal**

Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

Respect



On Tuesday we had a “**Lockdown Drill**”. This is what some of our children had to say about it...

When it was the lockdown I was calm and I didn't panic because it was just a practice. If it was real I would be calm too and put my head and my body on the ground. **Heath**

The noise hurt my ears and Mrs Wilson told us it was a new sound. It means lockdown – We have to shut the doors and windows and stay inside and pull the curtains down. **Tristan**

When the curtains were down the alarm was ringing. We all went and sat down on the floor by the sink. I felt good. **Mahaylia**

It was strange. The siren was really noisy but I was calm and knew what to do. **Skylah**

It just felt like a fire drill but we had to stay inside instead of going outside. We sat against the wall under the windows. **Trinity**

It's a very important emergency because if people don't get the warnings of the lockdown they could be in danger or get hurt. **Daytona**

All of our class were good and everybody did what they had to do. They all went to their designated areas really quickly. **Justin**

Our teacher said, 1, 2, 3 Lockdown. We had to hide in certain places but not under our desks. We had to hide in places where no one could see us and we pulled the blinds in the classroom down. **Layla**

I wasn't scared because I felt safe in the locked classroom with my teacher. **Cruz**

We had to duck down under the windows. We heard the lockdown siren – that scared me a bit. It was loud. **Khodie**

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

Room 1 – **Mahaylia Kensington** – For a wonderful start in Room 1, being very focused on her learning.

Room 2 – **Rhiannon Waite** – For working very hard at all times and showing enthusiasm in everything we do. Ka pai.

Room 5 – **Azara Muggeridge – Griffin** – For displaying our school value – Empathy.

Room 6 – **Latoya Ngaia** – For trying so hard to achieve in all areas and for her responsible help to all.

Room 7 – **Josef Boyes** – For always having a curious mind and wanting to know more.

Room 8 – **Lailarnie Leighton** – For being focused on all her learning, listening carefully and trying her best to do quality work.



Happy birthday to the following people...

Xavier Ngatai – Room 7 – 10yrs

James Nolly – Room 2 – 8yrs

Kynin Gaby – Room 6 – 11yrs

Maaka Robinson – Room 2 – 7yrs

Congratulations to our Cool Choices winners...

Phoenix-Joy Brown
– Being on task and focused.



Soraya Savage – Tidying up our playground.



Violet Boyce – For being focused in class.



Tyla Watson – Good listening skills and being on task.

Soraya Savage – Awesome running during Cross Country practice.

Rangimarie Peeti – Quiet research work.

Bronze Level Certificates

Congratulations to Sharmaine Manaena, Sophie Edwards Brown, Lailarnie Leighton, Sophie Mita and Rapi Walker for gaining 10 Cool choices and receiving a bronze award each.



Community Award

This week the community award went to Ms Pick for her calm and positive manner and for valuing people for who they are!



Congratulations to the following children for successfully completing the **“Racing into Reading and Writing”** programme with Mrs Barnes ...

Quesha King
Luke Ropiha
Khloe Squire (Absent from photo)



Our Hall is nearly finished!

Our hall looks amazing! The work is completed except for a couple of minor inside jobs, and the re-concreting of the outside pathing leading up to the hall. We are able to use the hall again now and will be doing this



for assembly on Friday. We have three new double doors, and no more rot around the windows and door frames. The asbestos has also been removed. It is great to be able to complete a project that has been planned for some time. Our contractors Arthur Brown Construction have done a great job and in a short timeframe too!

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 Tuesday 4th September @ 5.30pm.

Parent Notices

Strike day – 15th August

On Wednesday 15th August, 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.

School Photos

Our school photos will be taken next **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 have been sent home already.

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.



Congratulations to CJay McMinn who has been selected to play in the Roller Mills Taranaki Tournament. Kapai CJay! We're super proud of you!

Calendar of Events

August

- 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 start.

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