



Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power*



23rd August 2018

Term 3 Week 5

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

ERO (Education Review Office) Visit

On Monday and Tuesday the ERO were at school to assess how well we have met the recommendations outlined in their 2016 review. We were able to show the ERO team a range of systems, achievement data, strategic plans and planning documents that address those recommendations. The ERO team were positive about the work we had achieved and recognised that we had worked hard to meet those recommendations. We look forward to receiving the summary report of their findings in about two months time.

DARE – with Senior Constable Jono Erwood

Constable Jono has returned to teach DARE (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) to the students in Room 5. He is taking lessons every Wednesday and our students have been fully engaged with this learning, and asking good questions.

Cross country event – tomorrow - Friday 24th August

A reminder that tomorrow we will be holding our Cross Country event. Races will begin at 10.00 am and our senior students will be the first to run. We expect to finish all of our races before 1.00pm when we will have lunch. Parents are welcome to take their children home early if they wish. There will be **no school assembly** tomorrow.

**Kathryn Pick
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for regular updates and
important information.**

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

Room 1 – **Nafeesa Nazri** – For a fabulous effort and progress in reading and writing AND for looking after Room 1's property.

Room 2 – **Mathew Robinson – Winiata** – For always taking a major part in conversations and thinking of issues in a different way.

Room 5 – **Gabrael Stevens** – For showing maturity when dealing with teachers.

Room 6 – **Fudz Peeti** – For showing focus and always trying to be her best.

Room 7 – **Phoenix – Joy Brown** – For amazing mathematical thinking.

Room 8 – **Rangimarie Peeti** – For being a great independent learner. Rangimarie showed all our values on our trip to New Plymouth.

Room 1 news...

Last week Room 1 and Room 8 went to Puke Ariki and the Art Museum in New Plymouth. Mrs Wilson asked the children to imagine they heard a whisper in the art gallery and to explain what they thought that whisper was. Here are their stories with explanations...

I went for a trip and I had fun. Nafeesa and Bianca whispered to me, “I am going to the park.” **Lyric**

The glow worm said, “I can climb a tree.” When I climbed the tree I saw a bird. **Cruz**

The creature is on the beach. He said he liked me and we played with the toys. He went rrraaaaaaa. **John**

We went to the art gallery and the museum. Bianca, Lyric, Nafessa and Soraya whispered they liked my shoes and the glitter on my bag. **Mahaylia**

A person said to me, “Go in the forest and find a creature.” I found a tarantula. **Dubeis**

The cat whispered to the dinosaur. **Dartagnan**

I went on the bus and I saw a worm glow. Lyric told me I had to make a worm glow. The worm glowed pink. **Nafeesa**

The snake told me that his name was Sam and he wanted a carrot. I gave him a carrot and he gulped it straight down. **Tristan**

The snake is whispering to me. “You can climb.” **Bianca**

The glow worm said, “I like your shoes.” **Soraya**

2 The bird talked to me. I said “hi” **Kyzah**

Creating Future Achievers

No birthdays this week.

Congratulations to our Cool Choices winners...

Marley Eaves – Room 8 – Great behaviour on our school trip.

Phoenix-Joy Brown – Learning to measure accurately.

Rhiannon Waite – Great cleaning up of our classroom.

Khodie Woodhouse – Always willing to be a friend to children who are lonely.

Tennessee Thomas – Caring about the health of other children.

Layla Elliott – Great behaviour in class.

Dartagnan Harrison – Playing and sharing nicely at lunchtime.

Bronze Level Certificates

Congratulations to Rhiannon Waite, Khodie Woodhouse and Cruz Hardy for gaining 10 Cool choices and receiving a bronze award each.



Community Award

This week our community award goes to “Charlie’s angels” – The lovely ladies who have been making such yummy and healthy lunches for our children, and for their assistance in delivering them to school daily. Many thanks. You guys rock!



Twinkle Show

On Tuesday the Little Dog Barking Theatre company came to Eltham School to present a show called Twinkle.

Twinkle is a little girl who spends a lot of time on her own. She gets given a new smart phone, but when that breaks down she becomes very bored. Twinkle turns to her favourite toy called Dino about her dreams.



Twinkle also wants to fly to the moon and other worlds. This was a lovely story about imagination, dreams, adventure and friendship.

Rooms 1 and 2 attended the show, along with Eltham Kindergarten, Kohanga Reo, and Nature’s Wonder Daycare.

Some comments from Room 2 about the Twinkle show...

When the girl was trying to get to the moon, the bed turned into a bull when she took the red blanket off. **Kaelen.**

The puppet show was funny when she jumped up high and landed on her bottom. **Quesha**



At the end the girl sat on the moon and the big bull came to get her.

Zeb

The girl wanted to go to the moon and she tried to fly there, but it didn’t work and she kept falling.

Khodie

Twinkle tried to climb the ladder but she fell off. She didn’t get hurt though. **Te Ngaikiha**

It was really funny because the pillow had a funny face on it. **Ashah**

I liked the story, because the girl did the splits when she fell. She was trying to go to the moon because she wanted to try moon cheese but it was yucky so she didn’t want to go there. **Eva**

I liked the girl’s dragon. The dragon flew away with the magic bed. **Heath.**

A girl called Twinkle loved imagining stuff and she flew to the moon. **Nivana-Lee Reid.**

The big dragon and the girl were talking. The dragon was in the girls dream. The dragon was nice. **Nisa**

The Twinkle story was funny because the girl tried to climb the ladder and she fell down and landed on her bottom. It hurt a lot but she didn’t cry. She rubbed it. **Vienna**



Board of Trustees Information

- Our next Board Meeting is on Wednesday 12th September @ 5.30pm.

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Cross Country Event – Tomorrow - Friday 24th August

Our cross country event will take place tomorrow and races will begin at 10.00. Our seniors will run their races first because these take the longest, due to the longer distances. We expect our juniors and middle school children will be ready to run their races around 10.30. A proposed plan for the day is on our School Facebook. Parents and community members are welcome to attend. There is no assembly tomorrow, and parents are welcome to take their children home after our cross country event if they wish.

Mandy Crowe – Room 8 teacher

It is with sadness that we advise our school community of Mandy Crowe's resignation. Mandy's husband is currently very unwell with cancer, and she has therefore opted to be at home fulltime to care for him and her family. We will continue to support Mandy as much as we possibly can through this difficult time. We are very grateful to Mrs Lee Coles and Mrs Delwyn Haywood who have both been teaching in Room 8 since Mandy took leave. Mrs Haywood and Mrs Coles will continue to team teach Room 8 next week and then Mrs Haywood will be teaching every day for the remainder of this term.

We are still awaiting confirmation regarding who will teach in Room 8 during term 4.

We will have Room 8's mid year reports completed next week and these will be sent home on or before Friday 31st August. We are very grateful to our Room 8 parents for their patience during this very difficult time for Mandy, her family, and our school staff.

Community Notices

**E-Town's Art Exhibition Closing
Celebration is on at Eltham Village
Gallery this Friday 24th August at 5pm.**

Everybody is welcome!

Calendar of Events

August

24th – School Cross Country Event – 10am start.

September

12th – Board Meeting @ 5.30pm

18th – Safe Cycling with Road Safe and Constable Jono (years 4-8 only)

19th – 21st – Year 8 camp – Vertical Horizons

28th – Last day of term three

October

15th – First day of term four

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