

Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power*



4th August 2016

Term 3 Week 2



Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

What's been happening?

This week we had school photos and parent-teacher interviews. Thank you to our parents for making the effort to attend these meetings to find out how your children are progressing at school, and how you can help them at home to improve their learning.

Coming soon...

We have been working hard on a few 'in school' solutions to improve student achievement. We are going to be using e-AsTTle (electronic assessment teaching tool of learning) consistently across the school, particularly to assess writing. This is going to help us make accurate decisions about the levels for individual students in writing and what their next steps will be. We are also putting all of our student achievement data onto Assembly (Student Management System) to build cumulative student records and to have ONE place to access data. Over the next couple of weeks we hope to have I Pad minis in rooms 3-8. Rooms 1 and 2 will be able to use the tablets, which are currently spread across the whole school.

Sue Helms Smith – Gardening

Big thanks to Sue for volunteering her time and weeding our school gardens and turning them into 'easy maintenance attractive patches'. They look so much better and it is nice to have tidy and pleasant surroundings.

Quiz night – School camp fundraiser – Friday 2nd September

On Friday 2nd September we are holding a quiz night to raise more funds for our upcoming senior school camp. We would really appreciate your support in gathering your mates or whanau and forming a team of 6. It will cost \$10 per person or \$60 per team to enter. Quiz nights are always fun and entertaining. Come along and help our senior syndicate children get to camp in Wellington. There will be more information coming out soon. In the meantime please get a team together and let Sonia or Maria know to register your team.

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Room 8 has had a great start to term 3! We have started this term off with undertaking science investigations.

Last week we looked at the effect of ice and salt on different substances. First we saw how ice melts faster when salt has been added to it. **We learnt that they add salt onto frozen roads to make it melt faster so it is safer to drive on. (Liam)**



Second, we attempted to make salt crystals on a piece of cotton using a solution saturated in salt, some appeared overnight and some still have not formed! **Some people had some crystals appear but they sunk to the bottom of the jar. (Jesee)**



What appeared to be one of the favourite experiments last week was making ice cream! We compared two bags of vanilla flavoured milk that were shaken up inside another larger bag of ice. One bag of ice had salt added to it. We found that if the ice had no salt added to it, the milk solution would stay as milk. When mixed with ice and salt it lowered the temperature of the bag of milk so froze and created ice cream. **The ice cream was freezing but easy to make. The end when we tasted it, it was creamy and divine! (James)**



At the end of last week we saw the effect of salt absorbing water, but in this case it was dye that we painted onto paper. **I was surprised with how the salt affected the dye.**



Teresa-Ann
This week we have started learning about aerodynamics and how 'lift' and 'thrust' are essential in the flying of planes. We experimented with speed and distance based on the type of balloon and string used (to travel on). We found elevating the end where we let the balloon go caused greater speed and distance. **It was cool and fun to do. My team always won. (Grant)**



Yesterday we flew paper airplanes and compared the distance while using different types and sizes of paper airplanes.

Writing Talent

Sometimes our tamariki create 'masterpieces' that would be wasted if they were only kept in their workbooks and not shared! The following brilliantly written poem was composed by Aidan Renshaw (Year 7 – Room 5) last Friday. Aidan had been reading a book about the black plague which killed tens of millions of people in England and Europe. He pondered what it would have been like living during those times. The poem is worthy of publishing to our wider school community. Well done Aidan!

The air crackled as the forked lightning strikes

The drenched structure many know as shelter

The fire spreads up the backbone of the city as if led by gunpowder

Thunder roared as the storm continued its rampage

Confusion and fear filled the air

Restraining many to their home just waiting in absorbing anticipation

Rumors of an abolition spread and sent terror into depths of innocent hearts

The infinite abyss seemed to be growing in response to apprehensiveness

Words of freedom seemed scarce

And multiple sighs rose

As the city admitted defeat

Screams decreased

As the city fell.

Community Award

Congratulations to Francilla McMinn and Jessica Andrewes for their maturity, and wonderful ability to sort out some social issues in the playground. Well done girls!



Cool Choices Awards

Congratulations to...

Jahye-dei Rupapera (Room 4) – For being very responsible and doing a job without being asked.



Max Helms-

Smith (Room 3) – For acting sensibly and making good decisions in the playground.

Rikki Shelford (Room 2) – For inviting others to join in his game.



Birthdays this week

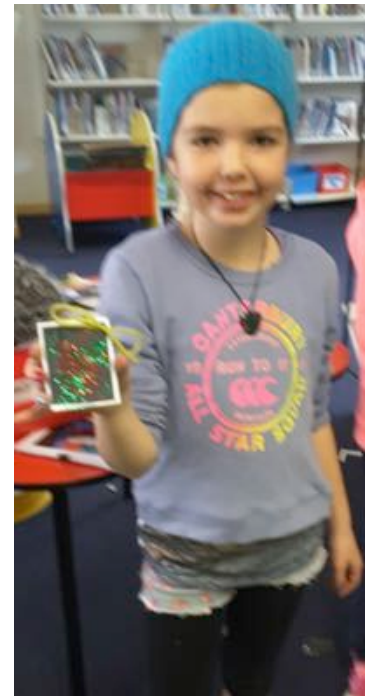
Cjay McMinn – Room 8 -10yrs

Welcome to our new children...

Ashah Lawson – Room 1

Book Club – Thursday lunchtimes in the library!

Did you know that every Thursday our local Eltham Librarian Liz Marrow comes down to Eltham School to facilitate our book club. Our children are loving these lunch time sessions that are held in the library and enjoy learning about a wide range of topics. Last week our students were celebrating ‘poetry month’ so they read a range of poems with Liz and then made some poem cards and magnetic poetry words. Every week Mrs Marrow has a different theme.



Parent Notices

School camp fundraisers – Raffle and Quiz Night

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

Quiz Night – Friday 2nd September. –See front page of this school newsletter for further information. \$10 per person or \$60 per team to enter.

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.

Community notices

Cultural Festival

We have changed the date for our Cultural Festival from the 4th November in order to make the date memorable for everybody!! The new date is Friday 11th November and our festival will get underway at 11.00am. That way we can say it all takes place on the...

11th day of the 11th month at 11.00 O’Clock!

Book that date in your diaries now! 11/11 @11.00!

Our next planning meeting for this great event is at school in the staffroom on the **6th August at 6.00pm**. Everybody is most welcome to attend to help us organise what is going to be a truly awesome event!

Netball Draw

6th August

Intermediate Yr 7/8

11.00 Eltham Stars Vs Stratford Primary Pirates – Court 5

Missing Items of Clothing

One boys hoodie – buttons at front. Green/blue/Grey checked.

One Western Tigers Cap. Please bring the items to the school office if found.

Calendar of Events

August

15th – Cup Cake Day - \$1 per cupcake

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

2nd – Quiz Night – School camp fundraiser

6th – Cultural Festival Planning Meeting – 6pm in the staffroom

23rd – Last day of term 3



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