

Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power*



1st November 2018

Term 4 Week 3



**Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of
Eltham School**
Big thanks to Mrs Delwyn Hayward

Mrs Hayward has come to the end of her teaching time in Room 8 and Mrs Coles will be returning next week to complete the year in Room 8 for us. A big thank you Mrs Hayward for providing our Room 8 students with some great learning opportunities and keeping their learning consistent. Mrs Hayward will continue to work as a reliever across Eltham School.

Speech Finals

On Tuesday our speech finalists presented their speeches once more, at the interschool speech competition held at Ngaere School. The students who attended this year's competition were Jamalia Brown, Fellin Castle, Krystal Lum and Justin Salisbury. We were very proud of how articulately they spoke using expression and great voice intonation on topics of interest to keep the audience engaged. Congratulations to Justin Salisbury and Krystal Lum for making it through to the speech finals, which will be held in Hawera on Sunday.

School Uniform

A reminder to parents that we are continuing to implement school uniform across the year levels until all children will be wearing it from 2020. If your child is a year 6 or younger in 2019 they will need to be in school uniform every day. The only children exempt from wearing uniform in 2019 will be our year 7 and 8 students.

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important information.**

Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

Respect



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

Room 1 – **Dubeis Ridzuan** – For a wonderful effort in reading and writing and learning his letter sounds and words.

Room 2 – **Khloe Squire** – For always having a positive attitude towards her learning and being a friend to everyone.

Room 5 – **Gabrael Stevens** - For being respectful in all class interactions.

Room 6 – **Tui Turner** – For her continued effort to improve in reading and writing.

Room 7 – **Jesica Howard** – For consistently keeping our cloak bay clean and organised.

Room 8 – **Kupa Robinson** - For showing computer skills at roll time.

Absent from the photo: Kupa Robinson and Khloe Squire

What’s Happening in Room 7

Room 7 Students have been exploring the wonderful world of marbles. They have been creating their own games to share with the community on Grandparent’s Day. Lucy’s group is creating an obstacle marble race. It’s going to be challenging but fun.

Nevaeh and Darwish are creating a marble run. It is a race and whoever gets to the bottom without hitting the obstacle wins.

Vincent and Shayden are creating a marble maze. It’s pink and fantastic!!! If you can get through you can keep the marble.



We are all really looking forward to Grandparent’s Day – It will be so much fun spending time with our Grandparents at school.

Happy birthday to the following people ...

Shayden Kensington – Room 7 – 10yrs

Elijah Brown – Room 6 – 11yrs

Tetahi Ratahi-Burgham – Room 8 – 9yrs

Quesha King – Room 2 – 7yrs

Patience Robinson – Winiata – Room 1 – 5yrs

Congratulations to our Cool Choices winners...



Kynin Gaby – Being an amazing helper in Room 2.

Kupa Robinson – Being responsible and always a great role model.

Coby McVicar-Shaw – Excellent information report about pets.

Paipa Robinson – Showing kindness to friends.

Sophie Mita – Excellent drama skills.

Zeb Stantiall – Discussing a problem and not getting angry.

Community Award

Mrs Renshaw chose the recipients of the community award this week. She selected Room 8 because they were so welcoming to her in her new role, and she has really enjoyed working in their class to assist the students with their learning. Tobias collected the award on their behalf. Kapa Room 8!



Flower gift

Ms Pick was given flowers at assembly on behalf of the school last week. Thank you Eltham Staff and students. They were beautiful, unexpected but very much appreciated!



Welcome to our new student ...

Patience Robinson – Winiata – Room 1

Bronze Awards

Congratulations to the following students for gaining 10 Cool Choices and achieving a bronze award...

Lillie Rei, Jese Baikie, Joseph Howard, Celestial Harrison-Maraki, Kalaani Wharepapa, Tyla Watson and Dayton-J Nikora.



Silver Awards

Congratulations to the following students for gaining 25 Cool Choices and achieving a silver award...

Paipa Robinson, Keisha Tuki and Lailarnie Leighton.

Technology with our year 7 and 8 students

Last week we began technology options again for our senior students, all of which are tied into the organisation and planning of our Grandparents day. Our students opted to be in fabric and design, baking, making confectionary, event management, or crafty creations. They are learning a wide range of skills and being involved in the organisation of Grandparents day also involves them with an experience that teaches them to 'give back to their community.' We are really looking forward to Friday November 30th when we can involve our Grandparents in a fun and interesting day.

Rugby League skills with Jacko

All of our students have been learning rugby league skills with Jacko. This will take place every Thursday for four weeks, weather permitting. Students have been involved in dodging, passing skills, and a range of others drills and activities. Our students love getting outside and being involved in sporting opportunities.



Board of Trustees Information

- Our next Board Meeting is on Wednesday 7th November.

Parent Notices

New Zealand’s principals and primary teachers have just voted about what to do to get government action on the current crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

We’re agreed - we can’t in good conscience accept the Government’s latest collective agreement offer because it does not begin to address the crisis.

We have therefore voted for an unprecedented second strike, to be held next month. There will be nationwide rolling strikes over a week, and our region will be striking on **Tuesday 13th November.**

Our school will be closed on that date. While we regret the inconvenience we know this will cause, we need to send a clear message to the Government that we are standing strong for our students.

Already children’s education is suffering because of the difficulty in recruiting teachers and relievers, and we must take bold steps to turn this around. The Government recently announced a \$5.5 billion surplus, so there is no reason to make our children wait while the situation deteriorates further.

Through our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, we are asking for:

- Smaller classes, so our children can get more one-on-one attention
- More resources and staffing to adequately support children with additional learning needs – this will benefit all children because teachers will be freed to spend more one-on-one time with every student
- A significant increase in teachers’ salaries so that they are properly valued for their qualifications and responsibilities, and as a country we can recruit and retain teachers.

We appreciate your continued support on this important issue. For more information, please go to <http://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/> or talk with your child’s teacher.

Calendar of Events

November

- 7th – Board Meeting @ 5.30pm
- 13th – **Teaching Strike – Taranaki region – NO SCHOOL!**
- 21st – White Ribbon Bike Riders visit
- 22nd – Safe Trust’s “White Ribbon Day”
- 27th – Orientation Day at SHS – Year 8s – 9.00 – 11.00am.
- 30th – Grandparents Day


December

- 13th – Services Assembly – 2.15pm
- 14th – Story teller – Nial De Burca visting for School Assembly
- 18th – End of year prize-giving
- 20th – Last day of school for 2018

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