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Eltham School Newsletter

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8th November 2018

Term 4 Week 4



Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

Confirmed ERO report

We just received our confirmed summary report from ERO (Education Review Office) and have been given a three year review.

ERO made the following comments about our progress...

- A greater range of assessment tools are used to enable leaders, teachers and trustees to better identify and target students requiring their achievement accelerated.
- Staff are committed to promoting positive student wellbeing and embedding shared strategies to support the inclusion of all learners.
- Leaders and trustees use a comprehensive range of information gathered from PB4L and student wellbeing surveys, to understand current successful practices and inform future plans.
- Leaders have introduced comprehensive processes to guide teacher inquiry and build practice through appraisal.
- Formation of key community relationships assists in bridging partnerships between the school and whanau.
- Trustees demonstrate a commitment to achieving success for students and promoting the positive inclusion of their community.
- The school is well placed to sustain introduced improvements and further build internal capability to achieve equity and excellence for students.
- Better assessment practices ensure greater accuracy in identifying students requiring accelerated learning and achievement.
- Improved targeting and monitoring processes are more responsive to address the diverse needs of individuals.

You can read a copy of the full report from ERO on our School Facebook page – Under Eltham School Group that you are welcome to join! Once you have liked that page, look under files from the left hand menu – All of our important documentation is listed under files.

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important information.**

Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

Respect



Room 6 have been writing some “Bio Poems”...

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

Room 1 – **Tristan Wakeling** – For his awesome attitude to learning and being a kind and caring friend to Room 1 students.

Room 2 – **Mia Lindsay** – For always working hard in Room 2 and contributing great ideas in discussions.

Room 5 – **William Murray** - For consistently showing respect and modelling our school expectations.

Room 6 – **Zane Robinson – Winiata** – For always making an effort and for his sensible choice making.

Room 7 – **Lucy Hatchard** – For showing persistence while working with fraction problems.

Room 8 – **Tyla Watson** - For working consistently to complete his work.

Latoya - Sister of Jasmine, Paigan, Lailarnie, Deiontai, Kelvin, Bianca, Sativa Josephine and Corey, Vicky-Lee and Logan
 Who loves family, animals, art,
 Who feels sad when I see my Mum, Happy while playing, angry when I get blamed for things I didn't do,
 Who fears losing my family, spiders and clowns,
 Who gives respect, money to the homeless, encourages people not to leave their rubbish on the side of the road,
 Who would like to see Paris, Wellington Zoo, Auckland,
 Eltham – A village nestled under the mountain that is sandwiched between Hawera and Stratford.

Teresa-Ann – Who is enthusiastic, mean, nice and sporty.
 Sibling of eight. Daughter of Kayla.
 Who loves my Nan, my Mum, my family.
 Who feels sad when a family member passes away
 Who feels happy when someone else is happy. Helpful when someone needs my help.
 Who gives positivity, help and joy.
 Who fears dying, darkness and spiders
 Who would like to see smiles, a change in the world and no negativity.
 Who lives in a little town called Eltham – A tiny town sandwiched between two cities called Hawera and Stratford.

Wharepouri – Who is enthusiastic, nice, mean, funny
 Sibling of Lungz, Kalaani, Te Kuia, daughter of Carmel
 Who loves my Nan, Koro and Mum
 Who feels sleepy, sad when my family die, fears dying, clowns and darkness.
 Conjouring Annabelle who would like to see snowflakes, castles and heaven
 Who lives in Eltham – Bridge street.

Happy birthday to the following people ...

- Luke Ropiha – Room 2 – 7yrs
- Hohepa Wilson – Room 8 – 9yrs
- Zeb Stantiall – Room 2 – 7yrs
- Danial Ridzuan – Room 6 – 11yrs

Congratulations to our Cool Choices winners...

Krystal Lum –
Representing Eltham School with pride at the speech competition at Ngaere School.



Tyla Watson – Persistence in his work and a great attitude.



Decipher Marsh – An excellent day of hard work.

Lucian Kelly – Excellent writing and dinosaur research.

Heidi Ruby Parker – On task in the classroom.

Hunter Lambert – Working quietly and being on task.

Community Award

Room 8 chose the recipients of the community award this week. They selected Mrs Barnes for all of the hard work that she does in Room 8 assisting with literacy. Kapai Mrs Barnes.



Bronze Awards

Congratulations to Josef Boyes, Fellin Castle and Decipher Marsh for gaining 10 Cool Choices each and receiving a Bronze award!



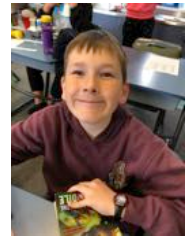
Daytona – who is smart, funny, weird and loyal,
Son of Deborah
Lover of games, food, books
Who feels sad when I get teased and bullied,
Happy when I am alone in my bedroom.
Angry when I lose
Who gives pride, hope and knowledge,
Who fears spiders, heights, ships,
Who would like to see the moon, the Stone Age and a crocodile
Who lives in a small village called Eltham in New Zealand.

Speech finals at Hawera – Krystal Lum and Justin Salisbury

On Sunday Krystal and Justin competed at the South Taranaki Speech Finals in Hawera. Though neither of our students were placed in the finals, we are very proud of their efforts.

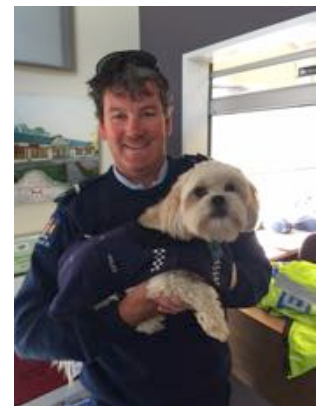


Both Krystal and Justin had to deliver their own prepared speeches, as well as do an impromptu speech at this event. Kapai Justin and Krystal! You both represented Eltham School with pride and we are very pleased you were selected to compete in this competition.



Road Patrol Training with Senior Constable Jono Erwood

On Wednesday Senior Constable Jono came to school to train our current year 5 students for road patrol duty for 2019. The students watched a video first, then asked questions before Miss Le Bas and Senior Constable Jono took the children outside to our pedestrian crossing to learn road safety and road patrol skills. Next year these students will be put onto a roster to ensure our school children can safely cross Conway Road and High Street on their way to school and going home from school.



Board of Trustees Information

- Our next Board Meeting is on Tuesday 11th December.

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

- 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

- 11th – Board Meeting @ 5.30pm
- 13th – Services Assembly – 2.15pm
- 14th – Story teller – Nial De Burca visiting for School Assembly
- 18th – End of year prize-giving
- 20th – Last day of school for 2018

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