

Eltham School Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 3



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Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

School Camp Fundraisers

We have a few senior school camp fundraisers coming up over the next three weeks that we would value your support with. Next Monday 15th August we will be **selling cupcakes for \$1**. Please send your children with money to buy a cupcake. On Friday 2nd September we are having **mac 'n' cheese day**. Please bring money for this also. Then on Friday 2nd September in the evening is **Quiz Night**. Please support this by entering a team of 6 people. \$10 per person.

Cross Country Event

On **Friday 26th August** we will hold our cross-country event. We intend on having all of our children involved in running a course, and the children will compete against their same age peers in boys and girls races. We will have more information coming out about this soon. In the meantime please keep 26th August free so you can come along and support our children at this event.

KOS (Keeping ourselves safe) and DARE (Drug abuse resistance education) Parent Information Evening

Starting in week 5 Mr Erwood (Jono) from the NZ Police will be teaching our children how to keep themselves safe (rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7) and providing information about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse (Rooms 5 and 6). If you would like more information about either programme please come to school (staffroom) on **Wednesday 17th Aug at 5pm** to hear Jono explain the programmes to our parents. He will go over exactly what is covered in each programme, and you will have the opportunity to ask him questions.

Kathryn Pick Principal Creating Future Achievers

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Absent from Photo: James McFaull

News from the 'NZ Olympic squad' – Room 1...

Room 1 has been learning about the Olympic games and about some of the games that are played there.

Here is a photo of our Assembly item. We are dressed as athletes, we also carried torches like they do at the Olympics.



They do horse riding but we didn't win a medal. **By Nivana-Lee**

They play rugby there. By Maaka

One horse fell over. By Heath

Congratulations to our "Learners of the Week...

Room 1 – <u>Nevaeh Hayman –</u> For a fabulous effort in learning her high frequency words.

Room 2 – **<u>Riki Shelford-Salt</u>** – For excellent reading and making sense out of his reading.

Room 3 – <u>Hannah Hodge</u> – For stepping up and being an amazing role model to the rest of Room 3.

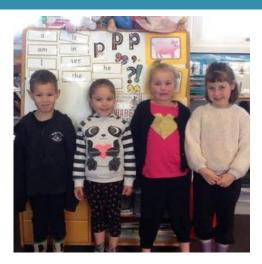
Room 4 – <u>**Destany Robinson**</u> – For awesome listening skills and a great work ethic.

Room 5 – <u>Tinesha Brewerton</u> – For always showing initiative and having great time management skills.

Room 6 – <u>Tama Washer- Wakeling</u> - For a super positive start at Eltham Primary School.

Room 7 – <u>Jesse Shute</u> – For always being on task in class. Ka pai!

Room 8 –<u>James McFaull</u>– For having a great attitude and motivation towards learning new skills in maths!



<u>We have 5 newbies in Room 1.</u> <u>Welcome to</u> Maaka Robinson, Ashah Lawson, Vienna Brown-Martin, Amber Ward. Absent from photo: James Nolly.



Today is Maaka's 5th birthday. Hip hip hooray!

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<u>Community Award</u>

To all the fruit and milk monitors. Thanks for doing such an awesome job by unpacking, sorting and



delivering our fruit and milk into our classrooms everyday with a smile! You guys rock!

Cool Choices...

<u>Imogen Lynch</u> – For helping out with additional chores in the classroom in her own time!

<u>Decipher Marsh</u> - For acting so responsibly when he found something valuable and put it on Mrs Nicholls desk!



Principal's Award

Aidan Renshaw wrote a very thought provoking and carefully constructed poem about the Black Plague. He



imagined what it would have been like living during that epidemic. His poem was in last week's newsletter. Well done Aidan!

Birthdays this week

Mea-Maria Laupama – Room 3 – 7yrs Kurt McFaull – Room 5 – 12yrs Mrs Gallop

A special guest visits school..

Last Friday we were visited by a special guest called Ash (Mandy Hodge's horse!) Conway and Ruby were the two lucky students who got to have a ride on Ash and they both enjoyed patting him and talking to him. Thanks so much Mandy for bringing Ash to school! It was an awesome learning experience.



Rugby 7's Girls Tournament

On Wednesday our year 7 and 8 girls attended a rugby 7's tournament in New Plymouth. It was such a beautiful sunny day and the girls played extremely well as a team and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They played 4 games and won one game, drew one and lost



two. Unfortunately they didn't win their pool but they did win the 'best dressed' team in the whole tournament. Each team was given a different country to dress up as...a way of representing the various countries that are currently competing in the 7s rugby games at the Olympics. Our girls were requested to represent Fiji! Congratulations Year 7 and 8 girls!

Big thanks to Nathan Hodge for training our girls for this competition and to Nathan and Natalia for supporting and managing the team throughout the day. Outstanding effort girls!



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Parent Notices

School camp fundraiser - Raffle

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

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.

Parent Meeting with Jono (NZ Police)

Please attend this important meeting on Wednesday 17th August at 5pm to find out about the KOS (keeping ourselves safe) and DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) programmes that Jono will be delivering at school from week 5 of this term.

School Photos

If you missed out on your child's class/team photo you can still order these at the office.

Getting Ready Parent Meetings

Invitations have been sent to parents of 3-4 year old children to

attend "Getting Ready" parent information sessions on 18-19 August. These are facilitated by Jude Mortlock our RTLB and Jocelyn Gallop our DP. They are aimed at preparing your child for school and how we can work in partnership with you to support learning in literacy, numeracy and



social interaction. Parents who attend the 2 sessions will receive a kit of resources valued at around \$50. Please send your reply back to school by Monday 15 August. See Jocelyn if you require any further information.

Netball Draw

13th August – Eltham Primary Stars Vs Eastern District Rockets @ 12.00 on Court 5



18th – BOT Meeting – 5.30pm @ School.

18th and 19th – Getting Ready – Parent Meetings.

17th – Parent's meeting with Jono (NZ Police) –

5pm to discuss DARE and KOS

Calendar of Events

15th – Cup Cake Day - \$1 per cupcake

26th – Cross Country Event

September

August

1st – Sparky the Kiwi visits us

1st – PTA Meeting – 3.15pm in the staffroom

2nd – Mac 'n' cheese day

2nd - Quiz Night – School camp fundraiser

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

23rd – Last day of term 3

25th – Daylight Savings starts

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