

Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power*



18th August 2016

Term 3 Week 4



Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

The Government has announced a proposal to dramatically change the way schools are funded. Principals and Boards of Trustees would have to make trade-offs between teaching staff and other costs schools face. Teachers are very worried that the global budget would lead to:

- fewer teachers and larger class sizes
- less job security for teachers
- lower quality teaching
- fewer hours for teacher aides and support staff
- more complex financial work for Boards of Trustees

The Government's current funding review is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to better fund education. NZEI Te Riu Roa and PPTA are the unions that represent more than 60,000 teachers and support staff from birth to year 13. **They have asked all members at our school to attend meetings in September** to hear more about the proposal and help determine the education sector's response.

The meetings are paid union meetings, which means **Eltham school will be 'closed for instruction' on Thursday 15th September between 12.45pm and 3.00pm while staff attend the meeting.** It is important for union members in our school to attend these meetings to have a say about how we get better funding, not bulk funding.

We encourage you to pick your children up early. If this is not possible, please contact the school as early as possible so that we can make appropriate arrangements for your child.

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Congratulations to our “Learners of the Week...

Room 1 – **Nivana-Lee Reid** – For a fabulous effort in maths and writing stories independently.

Room 2 – **Phoenix Robinson** – For making a huge effort learning his words and fixing up his mistakes in reading.

Room 3 – **Tobias Ogle** – For always working hard and doing more than expected to improve his learning.

Room 4 – **Elijah Brown** – For thinking outside the square and showing fantastic listening skills.

Room 5 – **The whole year 7/8 rugby 7’s girls team** - Awesome attitudes and achievement at the rugby 7’s tournament.

Room 6 – **Hone Williams** – For showing maturity and leadership in class.

Room 7 – **Sophie Lozell** – For always asking questions for further understanding.

Room 8 – **Cjay McMinn**– For achieving greater understanding of a new math strategy.

Absent from Photo: Hone Williams

Room 2 have been learning about Brazil and they loved dressing up as jaguars when it was their showcase for Assembly. Thanks to Nikita, Stacey, Zoe and Sandra (our parents and friends) for helping with the face painting.

Writing from the Room 2 children...

On Friday we did a little dance on the stage. We dressed up as jaguars. I wasn’t scared going on the stage!

By Francilla McMinn

Room 2 did a little dance on the stage. We were dressed up like jaguars because we were learning about Brazil. **By Riki Shelford-Salt**

The Jaguars

On Friday we had a little dance on the stage. We talked through the microphone. We had our face painted and we had our hands painted too.

By Keisha Tuki

On Friday we did a show on the stage and it was fun!!! We had our faces painted and we had ears on our head because we were dressed up as jaguars.

By Imogen Lynch



Our Awesome year 7/8 girl’s Rugby 7’s team – they want the world to know this tournament included tackling!!



Community Award

To Mrs Bain for her awesome support with coaching and refereeing our netball team's games. You're awesome!

Cool Choices Awards...

Aidan Renshaw – For being responsible and on task in class for Mr Whyte

Teina Toopi - For demonstrating respect towards Mr Whyte who was relieving in Room 5.

Brayden Wilton – Helping Mrs Nicholls in his own time to do tasks.

Birthdays this week ...

Jessica Yeates – Room 6 – 12yrs

James McFaull – Room 8 – 10yrs

Welcome to new student...

Maaka Robinson – 5yrs – Room 1

More stories from Room 2...

On Friday we went into the hall. We were dressed up like jaguars because we were doing a showcase. We talked into the microphone. I said to the ladies and gentleman, "Thank you for watching us!" It was great doing the dance.

By Tennessee Thomas

**Lailarnie wrote some information...**

The only wild cats in Brazil are jaguars and pumas. They live in the jungle. Brazil is the biggest country in South America. I love learning about Brazil.

By Lailarnie Leighton

**Murray and Kirsty Bain**

It is with sadness that we notify our parents and community of Murray Bain's resignation from our Board as Board Chairperson. Murray has accepted a position in Thames and will be moving up that way in the next month or so. Fortunately Kirsty (our new entrant teacher) will be staying on with us until the end of 2016 but she too will move up to Thames over the Christmas holidays. We will begin advertising for another new entrant teacher for 2017 shortly. We are grateful to Kirsty for the 2 years she has given us in the junior school, and for her hard work and dedication in ensuring our newest learners receive a quality start to their future education.

Despite Murray being our Board Chair for such a short time he has assisted with fast tracking some of our property development processes and we will shortly be meeting with the Ministry of Education to find out what property projects we can get underway. The junior block toilets are our highest priority.

We wish Kirsty and Murray all the very best in the future and are grateful to them both for the impact they have had at Eltham School in the time they have been with us.

The Board of Trustees met last night to discuss options about filling Murray's position on the Board. We will let our parents and community know what we intend to do to fill this position as soon as we have made a decision.

Parent Notices

School camp fundraiser – Raffle

Win an amazing photography prize – see the school website

Mac and Cheese Lunch – 2nd September

Order forms will go home in next week’s newsletter. \$3 per child.

Quiz Night – 2nd September – 6.00pm – School Hall

Please get a team together of 6 people. \$10 per person. Register your team with Maria at the school office. We really appreciate your support.

Cross Country Information

Our cross-country event will take place next Friday 26th August, **starting at 10.00am**. (Postponement day is Friday 2nd September) We aim to complete all the races by 1.00pm, **and will start races with our juniors going first**. The PTA will be running a ‘sausage sizzle’ - \$2 per sausage. **There will be NO ASSEMBLY on Friday 26th August!**

Community Notices

E-Town School Holiday Programme

Monday 26th – 30th September

9.00am – 3.00pm

8yrs +

\$20 per child for the week

Limited to 30 spaces

We will be focusing on outdoor fitness activities.

Contact Steff 027 4764820

Netball Draw

20th August – Eltham Primary Stars Vs Stratford Primary Demolition @ 12.00 on Court 5



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Calendar of Events

August

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 – Mac ‘n’ cheese day

2nd – Quiz Night – School camp fundraiser

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

15th – School ‘closes for instruction’ at 12.45pm – NZEI meeting

23rd – Last day of term 3

25th – Daylight Savings starts

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