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# Eltham School Newsletter

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8<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Term 3 Week 7



## **Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School**

### **Quiz Night**

Last Friday we held our Quiz night which was a big success...We were able to raise \$774 to go towards our senior school camp. Thanks to Sandra Ngatai and her team of wonderful helpers for organising the quiz. Thanks also to our fabulous parents, teachers and community for supporting this fundraiser and coming along to join a team. We had an entertaining evening. The winning team was Smell the Roses and the Gumboots. 2<sup>nd</sup> place was BOB and 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Kaponga Escape Bookclub team. We also had a raffle drawn on the night. The prize was \$150 voucher to Malone's for meals and drinks. This was won by very lucky and grateful me! (Kathryn Pick) We raised \$300 from this raffle alone, so a total of \$1024 was raised on the night. Huge thanks to Envirowaste for their very generous sponsorship of our hamper prizes and to Murray and Kirsty Bain for the raffle gift. Big thanks also to Envirowaste for sponsoring the colour printing of our newsletter!

The Mac and Cheese lunch...another fundraiser for camp, which we had last Friday raised \$230. Thank you to our parents for supporting this. Big thanks to Mandy Hodge for her fine cooking skills in producing this hearty lunch for our children.

### **Central Taranaki Cross Country**

Today the following students are representing Eltham School at the Central Taranaki Cross Country event...Ethan Ogle, Ahrahnia Van Kuijk-Moffat, Matthew Hodge, Samuel Hodge, Kyra Robinson, Jamalia Brown, Tyler Nicholls, Shamika Hoeta, Keegan Lozell, Rebekah Hodge, Taya Wilson and Sebastian Lambert. We will report in next week's newsletter how well they performed because we don't currently have that information. We are hoping to have some place-getters from this event to send to the Taranaki champs.

**Kathryn Pick  
Principal**

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## **Text Absences**

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**Congratulations to our “Learners of the Week...**

Room 1 – **Lauren Bannan** – For a fabulous effort in maths especially counting.

Room 2 – **Tennessee Thomas** – For working extra hard with his writing, reading and maths.

Room 3 – **Alayna Ratcliffe-Cuthbert**– For working very hard in reading, and making fantastic progress.

Room 4 – **Reginald Hetaraka-Sokolich** – For taking responsibility for his learning skills and working hard to succeed.

Room 5 – **Hemi Witeri** – For showing self management and good learning choices.

Room 6 – **Alexander Peihopa** – Welcome to Eltham Primary School.

Room 7 – **Clay Mita** – For settling into his work straight away and taking responsibility for his learning.

Room 8 – **Bon Lord Almazan** – For always showing a great attitude and enthusiasm towards his learning.

Absent from the photo: Alexander Peihopa

**Room 5 news...**

Room 5 have been using rich vocabulary and imagery to capture a ‘moment in time’ in their writing. Here are some samples.



I heard the extremely strong wind howling like a grotesque wolf. I heard the dogs howling and barking. I saw the sunlight stalking me like a tiger and it’s prey. My clothes are swinging like the Amazon trees. I felt the bitter cold wind against my soft skin like a large bucket of water spilt on my body. I wondered if I would ever get enough money to buy a decent bed.

**Juliva Fakavamoeanga**

I heard the faint sound of the wind like a tiny motor spinning round and round. I saw light seeping into the dark and gloomy house making everything come to life. I felt like I could never sleep in that unfomfortable bed. I wondered if I would ever get a real bed to myself.

**Luke Moyle**

I felt scared and terrified. I heard kids crying and yelling like mad. I saw the people in front of me gripping onto the rope. I wondered if I would fall off the wobbly bridge and drown.

**Nikki Middleton**

I saw a group of kids cross over the raging river. I felt like a vulnerable little child clinging to the side of a rocking rail. I heard a screech of relief rush by as someone finally got across. I wondered what would happen if I released my grip and plummeted into the river.

**Cassia Tutauha**



I heard water crashing upon the grey, brick-like platform. The ear-piercing cheering behind the wall continues outside. I saw children cheering and playing on the glimmering crystal clear waters that reflected the infinite blue sky. Above the man-made waterfall are the five Olympic rings that represent the five continents of the world. I felt the watery sensation drip down my back. The sound from the crowd behind that wall made my nerves tingle. I wondered when I may be able to join the screams of the spectators.

**Elaida Alluad**



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**Community Award**

This week our community award goes to Mrs Nicholls for her fantastic librarian skills, and giving up her lunch breaks so our children can spend lunch times in the library. Thanks Mrs Nicholls!



**Birthdays this week ....**

Riley Omelvena – Room 7 – 10yrs

Jake Hartigan – Room 8 – 9yrs

**Cool Choices**

**Cameron Renshaw** – Looking after school equipment after school.

**Harley Thompson** – Being an amazing role model at Tech

**Tinesha Brewerton** – Being a wonderful helper.

**Cjay** – Great work on solving difficult words

**Rhys** – Showing what a good friend is really like.



**News-board**

Next time you come to school, when you walk through to the office area you will be able to see our flash news board on your left, that will hold copies of our school newsletter and important school information. A big thanks to our previous BOT who granted approval for this. It has



taken a while to get the specifications for our sign right, hence the delay in getting this made and delivered. But its here now, so please come and have a read, and stay up to date with what is happening in and around school.



**Planting fruit trees**

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September our leaders Sandra, Taya, Jorja, Teina and John each chose a junior room student to help them plant some fruit trees in our school garden. Our junior room children were Maaka, Te Ngakiha, Dayton, Khodie and Reggae. These 10 children worked with



Brenda Stanners, Joyce Lawrence and Carol Henderson to plant the trees. The Eltham Lions donated the trees to Eltham School so our children can soon have some yummy fruit in their school environment to eat, but also so they could learn about the process of growing and harvesting fruit. A big thanks to Eltham Lions for gifting a selection of feijoas, pears and mandarin trees to school. This was to celebrate the International Lions Youth week.

**Board of Trustees Information**

- We are currently holding meetings with the MOE about some of our property developments. Eg junior block toilets. We hope to begin work on having these upgraded over the Christmas holidays.
- The Board has agreed to fund some new books (readers that go home with our children) and our teachers are currently getting lists of titles organized for purchasing.



## Parent Notices

### School camp fundraiser – Raffle

Win an amazing photography prize – see the school website

### NZEI Meeting

**Don't forget that school 'closes for instruction' next Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 12.45pm so all of our staff can attend a very important Teacher Union meeting about the government's new initiative – Global Funding. Please let Maria (in the office) know if you are not able to collect your child/ren at lunchtime.**

## Community Notices

E-Town School Holiday Programme

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 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

### Youth Style Art Creations - ON NOW!!

An exhibition of wearable art and mixed media work created by E-Town Youth.

On display in the Village Gallery – 166 High Street  
Open Monday – Saturday 10.00am – 3.00pm  
We encourage everyone to go and have a look!

## Wanted – “On Call Relievers for Support Staff”

We are so blessed at Eltham School to have such fantastic teacher aides who do a wide range of jobs at our school, including preparing and serving breakfast, chopping up fruit, and looking after some of our special students. However from time to time our teacher aides need time away from work to attend courses, attend to personal circumstances...or they occasionally get sick. Because we rely so much on their expertise and responsibilities we cannot function without them. We need a list of 'reliable' people that we can ring 'on call' (on any given day) to assist us with these duties when our teacher aides are not available. You would be paid for the hours you work.

If you are caring, patient and willing to work with great children and awesome staff please **phone Kathryn Pick on 764 8099** for more information or to register your interest. You do not need to submit a CV or covering letter, however you will **need to agree to be 'police vetted'**. Training is 'on the job'.

## Calendar of Events

### September

**15<sup>th</sup> – School 'closes for instruction' at 12.45pm – NZEI meeting**

**16<sup>th</sup> – Duffy Role Model Assembly – 9.30am**

23<sup>rd</sup> – Last day of term 3

23<sup>rd</sup> – Loud Shirt Day – Gold Coin – “Deaf Foundation” Fundraiser

25<sup>th</sup> – Daylight Savings starts

### October

10<sup>th</sup> – First day of term 4



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