

# Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge  
is Power*

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Term 3 Week 9

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

We have come to the end of another very busy term. Some of the highlights for our children have included Cross Country, the DARE and KOS programmes, a visit from Sparky the Kiwi, and more Life skills including learning skills in bowling and hockey.

Yesterday 8 of our students competed in the Taranaki Champs Cross Country event. While none of our students were placed in the top three positions, we were very proud of their efforts, enthusiasm, commitment and positive attitudes toward doing their best, and representing Eltham School with pride. Ka Pai Ethan Ogle, Kyra Robinson, Sebastian Lambert, Shamika Hoeta, Tyler Nicholls, Rebekah Hodge, Taya Wilson, and Keegan Lozell.

Thank you again to our incredibly dedicated, caring and hard working staff who commit their time and energy into providing a great education for the children at Eltham Primary School. Not only do they provide fantastic teaching, but we also pride ourselves on being a very caring and inclusive school community, which at times can be very demanding and tiring. So... Rest, relax and enjoy your break teachers and support staff, in preparation for our final term of 2016.

Children, have fun, challenge yourselves to spend more time reading and playing outside than playing on a device! Stay safe and refresh your minds in preparation for our final term of learning. Year 8's please return to school with positive attitudes and a willingness to learn and 'do your best'...We know it is your final term at primary school, and we know you 'can't wait to get to high school'. But we also know how important it is that you create good memories, and leave Eltham School with a positive legacy...Aim to be remembered for your achievements, successes, manners, respect, positive attitudes, diligence, friendliness and kindness towards others.

**Kathryn Pick**  
Principal

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

Room 1 – **Heath Helms-Smith** – For making a great effort in maths – counting on and adding to 10.

Room 2 – **Tennessee Thomas** – For writing exciting stories and always making positive choices. Wahoo!!

Room 3 – **Willow Knott-Hughes**– For having a fantastic attitude towards her learning.

Room 4 – **Lucy Wilson**– For putting a great effort into working with fractions.

Room 5 – **Ryan Bain** – For making such a positive contribution to our class and Eltham School. Welcome!

Room 6 – **Matthew Hodge** – For showing increased responsibility both inside and outside the classroom.

Room 7 – **Daytona Marshall** – For using creative words to create a picture with his writing.

Room 8 – **Talanoa Fakavamoeanga** – For a fantastic attitude towards her learning. Well done!!

**Room 7 news...**

Team whitu looked at and recreated the look of Romero Britto art. Inspired by lots of colour and different shapes, we began with Mickey Mouse, using different colours for different parts of the picture. We then went on to New Zealand’s own kiwi, creating different shapes within the kiwi. Our last creation was the Tiki face, using all we have learnt - colour and shapes and incorporating these into our design. Come and have a closer look!



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**Community Award**

This week our community award goes to Mrs Gleeson and Mrs Robinson who were fantastic parent helpers with our netball teams. Thank you for assisting with transport to games, coaching, managing and just being very supportive!



**Birthdays this week and over the school holidays ...**

- Jovie Potter-Newton –Room 2 – 7yrs
- Jael Potter – Newton – Room 4 – 9yrs
- Max Helms Smith – Room 4 – 8yrs
- Jessica Andrewes – Room 2 – 6yrs
- Te Rauna Cassidy – Room 6 – 11yrs
- Deiontai Leighton – Room 6 – 12yrs
- Aidan Renshaw – Room 5 – 12yrs
- Mrs Vind

**Cool Choices**

- Luka Daymond – Turei – Room 4
  - Jaspa Walker – Room 8
- Both of these wonderful students collected up sports equipment that was lying around the school.



**Welcome to Eltham School**

Ben Minhinnick – Room 5

**Wearable Arts Competition**

Last weekend Taya Wilson was ‘presenting a costume’ she had made for the Taranaki Fashion Art Awards. There were two shows that Taya attended at the TSB Showplace in New Plymouth. Taya’s entry was placed first in the adult section! Congratulations Taya...Your diligence, creativity and commitment paid off. Not to be outdone little sister Lucy, won ‘best model’ on the night out of 180 costume models. Lucy wowed the crowd with her ‘charismatic personality and charm’. Well-done Lucy!



**Eltham Art Gallery**



This week most of our classes have walked down to the Eltham Village Gallery with their teachers and our support staff (and some parents – Thanks Parents!) to see the wearable and contemporary art displays. Some of our children have created these entries. Our room 5 artists included Aidan Renshaw, Taya Wilson, Jorja Baikie and Rebekah Hodge. The art was of a very high standard and it will be judged later this week. We are very proud of the students who took part in this event. Excellent creativity! Good use of recyclable materials! Well done.



**Keeping ourselves safe with Senior Jono**

Rooms 1 and 2 have also been learning about how they can keep themselves safe. This week our 5 and 6-year-old children learnt about ‘nice surprises’ and ‘bad secrets’. If someone tells them a bad secret they must tell someone they can trust, especially if the person that told them the bad secret also told them ‘not to tell anyone’.



**Board of Trustees Information**

- Our next BOT meeting is on Friday 28th October @ 5.30pm.
- We sent off the Strategic Plan (Draft) to ERO on Friday 9th September and expect to hear back from them soon, including when they will visit us again.





**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’**.

**Community Notices**

**7- 11 year old boys and girls**

Eftpos Specialist Fun football is a 60 minute programme aimed to provide after school fun whilst learning skills, playing games with lots of activity in a safe risk free environment.

Eftpos Specialist Taranaki Fun Football  
Venue: Taumata Park Preston Street Eltham  
Time: 4:30pm till 5:30pm

Dates: Term 4 2016 Monday 24th October - Monday 21st November Term 1 2017 Monday 27th February - Monday 27th March

Cost: \$30 for 10 weeks Age: 7 to 11 yrs  
Contact: Troy 027 89 47 452 to register

**Eltham Kindergarten Fundraiser**

\$10 Family portrait fundraiser. Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October  
Portraits done at Eltham Kindergarten – 14 York Street, Eltham.  
\$10 includes a free portrait sitting – and a 10x13” portrait or \$10 towards a photo of your choice. PH 764 8463 for more information or to book your sitting.

**Rotokare Holiday Fun**

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Sept – Art Focus, Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct – World Habitat Day  
10.00am – 2.00pm both days. \$5 per child  
Under 8yrs must have an adult present with them. Bring your own lunch. Bookings essential. Ph 764 8500.

**ELTHAM ATHLETIC CLUB**

Taumata Park, Eltham  
Opening Night: 13th October 2016  
(First week back at school)  
6.30pm Start  
All welcome. Enquiries: Lisa 7645003

**Tennis Holiday Programme**

September 27<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>. TET Centre Stratford \$20  
All abilities welcome.  
10am beginners’ 1pm advanced. Bookings to Bruce Cleland Phone 7657877

**Eltham Lions Club Trolley Derby**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Great project to start building these holidays.  
Have a look on the Eltham Lions Facebook page for more information. Or phone Glenn Hansen 06 764 8186

Calendar of Events

September

23<sup>rd</sup> – Last day of term 3

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

23<sup>rd</sup> - Duffy Role Model Assembly – 9.30am

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

October

10<sup>th</sup> – First day of term 4

28<sup>th</sup> – BOT Meeting @ 5.30pm.



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