



# Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge  
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27<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Term 4 Week 3

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

### Speech Finals @ Ngaere School

Yesterday the following four students represented Eltham School at the annual speech competition that was held at Ngaere School...



Taya Wilson, Ryan Bain, Aidan Renshaw, Elaida Alluad

Our four students were competing against 6 others from both Ngaere and Rawhitiroa School.

Taya spoke about the awkwardness of mental horses, while Aidan expressed his love of writing through the personality and adventures of a pen. Elaida kept her audience interested by discussing social media – the impact, positives and the pitfalls. Ryan informed us all about the effects of smoking and why you should never start!

Only 2 students overall were selected for the finals

in Hawera. One of those selected finalists was Taya Wilson. Congratulations Taya, and well done to Ryan, Aidan, and Elaida also for writing and delivering quality speeches that informed, entertained and sparked interest.



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Absent from the photo: Jessica Andrewes and Mase Tutauha

### **A range of stories from Room 2 Children.**

Over the holidays Mrs Nicholls travelled to Scotland and Italy (and a few other places). She took Room 2's teddy with her so she could take photos of teddy on the journey to show to the Room 2 children.

Unfortunately, when Mrs Nicholls was visiting Rome, a Swiss guard took Teddy off her and she was not allowed him back. The Room 2 children have written letters to His Holiness the Pope to request he is sent back home. The following are some of their stories...

Dear His Holiness the Pope

One of your Swiss guards took our school bear. The Swiss Guard called Mrs Nicholls over and the Swiss guard just took it! Can we have it back please? Mrs Nicholls was on holiday and she was taking photos with our teddy to show our class, and the Swiss guard threw it in a shed! Mrs Nicholls asked for it back and the Swiss guard said, NO!

**By Jessica Andrewes**



Mrs Nicholls got a new teddy from Scotland because the Swiss Guards took our school teddy. The guard snatched our teddy from Mrs Nicholls. It was in Rome at the Vatican city. All of us were sad because our teddy got snatched. This is why we did this showcase. (We're going on a bear hunt) **By Rhys Dravitski**

Dear His Holiness the Pope

The Swiss Guard stole our teddy when Mrs Nicholls was in Rome. Mrs Nicholls was taking photos at the Vatican City. We are sad because our teddy got stolen. Mrs Nicholls is sad too. **Lailarnie Leighton**

Dear His Holiness the Pope

Please please bring Teddy back. Make sure you look after our school teddy. You are the best Pope ever! **Layla Elliott**

### **Congratulations to our "Learners of the Week" ...**

Room 1 – **Khodie Woodhead** – For using fabulous strategies in maths – Especially doubling.

Room 2 – **Jessica Andrewes** – For working hard in all areas – She has excellent work habits.

Room 3 – **Kura Wood** – For making great progress in her learning and always staying positive.

Room 4 – **Mase Tutauha** – For great listening skills and developing the skills to become a self directed learner.

Room 5 – **Jamilah Edwards** – For having a fabulous attitude in Room 7 this week.

Room 6 – **Jamalia Brown** – For having a fabulous attitude in Room 8 this week and showing great leadership skills.

Room 7 – **Arahnia Van Kuijk-Moffat** – For always putting in great effort in all areas of learning!

Room 8 – **Matthew McCallum** – For showing exceptional work in maths and showing maturity in the classroom..

Dear His Holiness the Pope

I hope you bring our teddy back. I hope you find the teddy. We chose our teddy to take to Italy with Mrs Nicholls. By **Imogen Lynch**





**Community Award**

The community award this week goes to Miss Le Bas and Mrs Gardner for keeping our junior block toilets clean last week, while Mrs Renshaw was away in Wellington, helping out at school camp.

**Birthdays this week ....**

Jayley Keenan – Room 3 – 7yrs

**Cool Choices**

**Tyler Nicholls** – For vacuuming Room 7 and 8 to help clean up!

**Trinity Wood** – For helping to keep our school clean and tidy.

**Ethan Ogle** – For helping to keep our school clean and tidy.

**Siliva Fakavamoeanga** – For helping to keep our school clean and tidy.

**Stories from Senior School Camp in Wellington****Police Academy**

The bus pulled up outside the huge orange brick building. It was Friday, last day of camp. We were at the Police Academy Museum, to do finger printing.

We all got off the bus and into our groups. The educator's name was Wai and she showed us some old police uniforms and hats and some old fingerprints. Wai was holding a brightly coloured magazine. She used bright orange finger printing dust to bring up her fingerprints. We all got to have a turn at making our own fingerprints. By **Hailie Shute**

**So hard to get to sleep**

My lungs can't stop laughing as we sit up in our beds. The first night was the most exciting night, we were full of energy just like little kids. Twerking competitions, chat, I dare you, dancing and even more chattering. The night was full of happiness. We took massive jumps back and forth onto each others bunks. We were even talking through the walls to annoy the other groups.

My face buried into my pillow with a blanket of thoughts covering my mind, as I don't want to settle down. It was a very hot night. I try to go to sleep, but my mouth can't help itself.

As my eyes slowly doze off, my mouth gets quieter with words. A big joke was made, so of course I laugh my head off. Then very slowly I doze off into a deep sleep. By **Taya Wilson**

**Fun times at Camp**

Red smiles, happy faces, mouths yapping up and down. Camp is the most amusing week of my life. Every year 7 and 8 was excited to travel all around Wellington.

We all settled into our rooms and decided to play a little game called ping pong. We had the most delicious meal on the first night. It was so delicious I can't remember what it was called.

The most amazing time was swimming. I kept repeating the hydroslide. I felt so alive. By **Harley Thompson**

**Board of Trustees Information**

- Our next BOT meeting is on Friday 28th October @ 5.30pm.
- Having consulted with our community, we will be selecting CORE values for Eltham School at our next Board meeting and will inform everyone of the most popular choices soon.

## Parent Notices

### **Cultural Festival – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup> (Nov) @ 11.00am**

Our community event – Cultural Festival is fast approaching. We have some interesting things planned. All of our classes will be presenting an ‘act’ – dance or song, using music and dance from their chosen country. We will also be providing ‘tasty finger food’ to trial that will be specific to our classes ‘country of choice’. Our next planning meeting is on tonight - **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October @ 5pm**. All welcome. Please come along and help us organise this wonderful community event.

### **“Hangi Helpers” Needed**

As part of our cultural festival we are going to have a hangi for lunch. We need people who can help with the hangi preparation, monitoring and food removal. If you are available on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November, during the day, and are willing to help out with the hangi, please phone **Noho Robinson. Ph 764 8336 or 027 522 1450. We really appreciate your support!**

## Community Notices

### **WheeLeRama – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

10.30 – 11.30am

Best Decorated Bike Competition  
Hula – Hoop Competition  
Creations from the shed  
Great prizes to be won and lots of games to be played.  
STARKS PARK (Across from 4 Square)

### **Nature's Nest Eltham Open Day**

This Sat 29th 10.00 -3.00pm

27 Stanners Street  
Come and see Elthams newest early childhood centre.  
Enrolments can be taken on the day

All welcome



## Calendar of Events

### October

27<sup>th</sup> – Cultural Festival Planning Meeting – 5.00pm

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

### November

1<sup>st</sup> Allan Jackson – Rugby League

3<sup>rd</sup> Allan Jackson – Rugby League

3<sup>rd</sup> – PTA Meeting 3.15pm – Staffroom

8<sup>th</sup> – Allan Jackson – Rugby League

10<sup>th</sup> – Allan Jackson – Rugby league

11<sup>th</sup> – Cultural Festival @ 11.00am

### December

1<sup>st</sup> – PTA Meeting – 3.15pm – Staffroom

14<sup>th</sup> – Prize-giving Assembly

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