



Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power*



3rd November 2016

Term 4 Week 4



Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

Technology Centre Closure

After many years providing Technology Education for Taranaki Students, the Eltham Technology Centre will close its doors at the end of 2016.

The Eltham Technology Centre is managed and staffed from Eltham Primary School with funding via the Ministry of Education (MOE).

Recent sanitation issues have highlighted the need to upgrade drainage at this facility and the MOE requires the school to undertake earthquake strengthening of the building. Funding for other property issues within Eltham Primary School will be withheld until either these works are completed or the building is closed. Options of funding a new purpose built facility via a mix of community grants and school funding has been explored but the current roll numbers within the cluster of schools don't generate the extra buildings we would need.

Cluster Schools may opt out of the Eltham Tech Centre each year and for 2017 all schools have decided to choose this option. Schools are looking at changes to the Technology curriculum and exploring other "in house" options or are asking local secondary schools to provide Technology options.

Technology Funding for Eltham School will be significantly reduced as cluster schools utilise alternative faculties. This limits our options to retain and maintain this facility.

After much deliberation, the current Eltham BOT feels it is left with no option other than to close the facility and seek other alternatives for Tech Education for Eltham students. Injecting money into a facility that will be on a significantly reduced income is an option that the Eltham BOT considers to be "flawed" given the other important property issues at the school.

The Board understands and appreciates the emotions amongst the staff and the wider Eltham Community surrounding this iconic building and the legacy of history associated with it. It certainly has not been a decision that has rested comfortably with BOT members and I sincerely thank all BOT members, School Principal and School staff for their tolerance and commitment during this time.

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Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

Respect



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

Room 1 – **Kohyn Dormer** – For trying so hard with his reading.

Room 2 – **Layla Elliott** – For being a ‘star’ on stage in our Assembly Showcase – What a natural actress!

Room 3 – **Hunter Lambert**– For always being ready and eager to learn and maintaining a positive attitude.

Room 4 – **Jael Potter-Newton**– For putting 100% effort into all areas of the curriculum.

Room 5 – **Harley Thompson** - For focused literacy work and amazing on task effort.

Room 6 – **Oceana Brown Martin** – For showing maturity on camp and taking new experiences in her stride.

Room 7 – **Siliva Fakavamoeanga** – For thinking hard and coming up with fantastic ideas in reading and writing.

Room 8 – **Joel Reynolds** – For having a great attitude towards your work. Stay focused and continue striving.

Absent from the photo: Harley Thompson

Room 3’s news...

Room 3 have been learning about Borneo for our Cultural Festival next week. We travelled a long way to get there and made a few stops along the way. Our first stop was in Indonesia where we explored Jakarta. Although there were a lot of shopping malls and delicious places to eat, we decided we would not stop there again because there are way too many people; a lot of litter lying around and it was quite smelly.



Our next stop was Kuala Lumpur. This was a place we loved. There were cheap hotels for us to stay in, shopping malls with lots of food and clothes that were really cheap. We collected information using a tally chart about our favourite places to visit. Here are some pictures.



We finally arrived in Borneo which was our favourite place of all. The rainforest was amazing! We loved seeing the Clouded Leopard and especially the gorgeous orang-utan.



Community Award

The community award this week goes to Room 7 for stepping up and being great leaders, fruit and milk monitors, and keeping everything running so smoothly while Room 5 and 6 were away on school camp. Kapai Ruma Whitu!



Cool Choices

Tui Turner – For being a great friend.

Trinity Wood – For collecting rubbish off our school fields.

Keegan Lozell– For being a great friend.



Birthdays this week ...

Conway Potter-Newton Rm 6 – 11yrs

Elijah Brown – Room 4 – 9yrs

Tetahi Ratahi-Burgham – Rm 3-7yrs

Andre Patrick – Room 6 – 12yrs



Rugby League Experience

On Tuesday and Thursday this week (and the same days next week) Mr Allan Jackson has been at school, providing our students with an opportunity to learn some rugby league skills. Our students have been gaining skills in passing, catching, dodging and kicking.

Some comments from Room 8...

Teresa-Ann Sokolich – We learnt passing skills and stepping to dodge and defend the other players.

Danial Ridzuan – I enjoyed playing bullrush because it helped me to dodge people and increase my speed.



Grant Ngatai-Turahui– I liked playing bulrush and running between the poles.



BonLord Almazan– I learnt how to hold the rugby ball properly and how to improve my speed to get away fast.

Jesee Baikie – I liked being outside playing the games. The people in my class were doing teamwork.

James McFaul – You have to hold the ball in front of you so you can pass it properly and kick it accurately.

Jaspa Walker – I learnt not to drop the ball EVER so the other players can't get it.

Jake Hartigan – Learning the skills will help me to get better at rugby league.



Board of Trustees Information

- Our next BOT meeting is on Thursday 17th November @ 5.30pm.
- Having consulted with our community, we have selected the following 4 CORE values for Eltham School to uphold... Respect, Honesty, Empathy and Whanaungatanga (Sense of family connection, sense of belonging)

Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

Respect

Parent Notices

Cultural Festival – Friday 11th of the 11th (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 final planning meeting is on next **Wednesday 9th November @ 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 11th 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!**

Changes to Year 8 School Based Immunisation Programme for 2017

Following recent changes to the National Immunisation Schedule the school based immunisation programme will be offering Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine to boys as well as girls in Year 8. This is a two dose vaccine programme with a 6 month gap between the doses.

Information on the vaccine and consent forms will be sent home with your child in early 2017, for you to fill out and return to the school. If you would like more information on this important Immunisation programme please go to <http://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/cervical-cancer/hpv-immunisation>.

Community Notices

WheeRama – Saturday 5th 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)

Calendar of Events

November

- 1st Allan Jackson – Rugby League
- 3rd Allan Jackson – Rugby League
- 3rd – PTA Meeting 3.15pm – Staffroom
- 8th – Allan Jackson – Rugby League
- 9th – Cultural Festival planning meeting @ 5pm.
- 10th – Allan Jackson – Rugby league
- 11th – Cultural Festival @ 11.00am
- 17th – BOT meeting @ 5.30pm

December

- 1st – PTA Meeting – 3.15pm – Staffroom
- 14th - Prize-giving Assembly @ 11.00am.



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