



# Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge  
is Power*



10<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Term 4 Week 5



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

### **Cultural Festival**

Tomorrow we are hosting our Community Cultural Festival. All of our children will be involved in performances with their classes, and will 'showcase' a dance/drama to celebrate and inform our attendees about the countries and cultures they have chosen to learn about. Please come along and join in the fun. We will also be having a shared hangi and lemenge (bamboo cooking). Our Festival will get underway at 11.00 with a powhiri lead by our Kaumatua Jim Turahui. There will be **no Assembly on Friday**, in lieu of the Festival!

### **Teddy Update**

If you have been reading the NZ newspapers (Stratford Press, NZ Herald, Sunday Star times, and many more!) you will know all about the adventures of Room 2's Teddy and how he was captured (kidnapped) by a Swiss Guard in the Vatican City, while traveling through Rome with Mrs Nicholls. Check the Eltham School Facebook Page for further updates, and to read the newspaper reports so far.

### **End of year Testing – Next week**

Next week we begin our end of year testing which is a time consuming exercise in itself, but it becomes much more complex and time consuming when children are absent from school. Please make an effort to ensure your children are at school for the whole of next week (unless they are genuinely unwell) as this helps us hugely. The results of next week's tests are very important and help us write end of year reports to parents and inform us about which areas of the curriculum require more teaching emphasis. This data is also sent to the MOE and compared to our 'beginning of the year' data.

### **NCEA - Exam good luck for past students**

We wish our past students all the very best for their upcoming NCEA exams and hope you are all well prepared to 'attack them with confidence.' Stay focused and give it 'your best effort'.

**Kathryn Pick**  
Principal

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**027 367 8742**

**Whanaungatanga**

**Honesty**

**Empathy**

**Respect**



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

Room 1 – **Maaka Robinson** – For a great effort in his maths and for being an awesome friend to new students.

Room 2 – **Lailarnie Leighton** – For writing a great letter to the Pope and for all of her writing being so good.

Room 3 – **Jorjah Nikora** – For staying focused on her learning and always being helpful to others.

Room 4 – **Daniel Salisbury** – For being dedicated to perfecting his cultural performance.

Room 5 – **Deegan Barrow** – For being focused on completing work and a fantastic attitude on camp.

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

Room 7 – **Lillie Rei** – For making a fabulous effort in all areas of the curriculum. Tino pai!

Room 8 – **Jaspa Walker** – For being a focused learner who thinks outside the square.

Absent from the photo: Lillie Rei and Jorjah Nikora

### Room 4's news...

Room 4 (and Room 3) children have been traveling through beautiful Malaysia with an intense exploration of Borneo. We have been discussing why we would visit these beautiful places. We also have been studying the beautiful wildlife that lives in the Borneo Rainforests. Quote from children's passports...

#### Day 3

I liked it in the Borneo Rainforest lodge because I woke up to the singing Rino Hornbills. The sun peeked through the canopy into my window with a big shine. One morning three baby playful Sun Bears were rolling around outside my shiny window so I decided to join them. **By Madi Omelvena**



#### Day 1

Kuala Lumpur is in Malaysia. Kuala Lumpur is a great place to visit because it's awesome for food, shopping and lastly cheap hotels. There are wonderful places like the Petronas Towers, Old Central, Little India and China Town. They are all fantastic.

**By Mase Tutauha**



**Community Award**

The community award this week goes to Mrs Gallop for doing such a great job monitoring our students that need to be in time out. Thanks Mrs Gallop for helping the students that make bad choices to face their consequences and to learn how to make better choices next time.



**Cool Choices**

**Deiontai Leighton** – Room 6 – For having a very caring attitude towards younger children in the school and assisting them when they have been hurt.

**Riki Shelford – Salt** – Room 2 – For caring for our school environment.

**James McFaul** – Room 8 – For great behaviour in assembly.



**Birthdays this week ....**

- Hohepa Wilson – Room 3 – 7yrs
- Nevaeh Hayman – Room 1 – 6yrs
- Juliva Fakavamoeanga – Room 5 – 13yrs
- Danial Ridzuan – Room 8 – 9yrs

**Welcome to our new students...**

- Karlos Robinson – Room 1
- Luke Ropiha – Room 1
- Quesha King – Room 1
- Mia Townsend – Room 1

**Quality Writing – The Owl by Cassia Tutauha**

There I sat perched on top of an old tree stump  
 My ruffled wings ready to take flight  
 I heard high-pitched squeaks come from beyond the forest  
 I scanned the forest with my beady eyes, and then I stopped.  
 Yes, I finally found it. I saw this tiny creature scurrying around the floor of the forest  
 I felt a rush of excitement brush by me  
 I clenched my talons and got ready to chase it.  
 I licked my lips and wondered  
 Hmmm what will this delicate creature taste like?



**Upcoming Events...**

Parents/ caregivers of Year 0/1 children who did not attend the "Let's Go " sessions earlier this year were sent an invitation last week for the next sessions on **17 & 18 November from 9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.** both days. Please return the slip a.s.a.p. if you haven't already. The sessions include lots of ideas of how we can work together in partnership to achieve the very best for your child, especially in literacy and numeracy. If you attend both sessions you will receive our Let's Go pack free ( a typical kit is shown but there can be some variations , depending on what we can source.) The value is approximately \$60. The sessions are facilitated by Jude Mortlock our RTLB (Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour) and Jocelyn Gallop - Deputy Principal. Any queries please see Jocelyn at school.



**Board of Trustees Information**

- Our next BOT meeting is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November @ 5.30pm.
- A revived interest from parents in having a school uniform has meant our BOT are currently looking into options for a uniform. We will be consulting with all parents about this 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 on TOMORROW!! 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’. All welcome. Please come along and share in the fun with us.

### **“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!**

### **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>.

### **From the PTA**

The PTA would like to give all of our children a sausage in bread and an ice-block after our end of year prize giving assembly. (14<sup>th</sup> December) We would like to appeal to any parents who could be responsible for organising this BBQ. Please ring Maria in the school office if you are able to help.

## Calendar of Events

### November

- 11<sup>th</sup> – Cultural Festival @ 11.00am
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Super sized SUPER MOON appears!
- 17<sup>th</sup> – BOT meeting @ 5.30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> (week 6) End of Year Testing

### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> – PTA Meeting – 3.15pm – Staffroom
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Prize-giving Assembly – Starts at 11.00am.
- 14<sup>th</sup> – End of Year Reports to parents go home. (Years 4-8)
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Last day of School – School finishes at 12.45pm



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