



Eltham School Newsletter

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is Power*



17th November 2016

Term 4 Week 6



Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

Cultural Festival

Our festival on Friday was a huge success. Thanks so much to all of those that helped to organise this fun and educational day. A special thanks to Jim (our Kaumatua) and Sue Turahui for all the assistance they provided in planning the event, and organising sponsorship, the hangi, and powhiri. Thanks also to our wonderful teachers for all of the hard work and organisation they mustered to make the day the success that it was. It was clear by the comments and conversations I had with whanau and community members that it was an enjoyable event. Thanks so much for attending and supporting our children. Thanks also to our amazing children for being so well behaved and performing to the best of their abilities. We have photos and more information about the Cultural Festival inside today's newsletter.

New Teddies – Donated

Following on from our Teddy story... Sandra Lister from New Plymouth read about Teddy's plight in Rome, in the Daily News. She makes teddy bears and wanted Room 2 to have 2 teddies. She is pictured with Mrs Nicholls' grandson Cooper who chose the bears as it was too difficult to get a child from Eltham to come all the way to NP. Thank you Mrs Lister for your generosity.



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Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

Respect

Our wonderful Cultural Festival

Our Cultural Festival began at 5.00 am for Jim Turahui and his 'hangi helpers'. The early start for them, meant that all of us were able to feast on the beautiful hangi food of chicken, pork, kumera, potatoes, and awesome stuffing (thanks Sue Turahui) . We also had a taste of lamange (Bamboo cooking) courtesy of the Ridzuan whanau! From all reports it too was delicious.

We got our Cultural Festival underway by welcoming our dignitaries – (MP Chester Borrows and Deputy Mayor Phil Nixon) and guests with a powhiri, led by our Kaumatua Jim Turahui. Our first performance from the Kapa Haka group - Nga Tapuwae Ki Ahitahi, set the scene and what an incredible performance they had for us! A real treat!



Next to perform were our delightful Room 3 and 4 children, with a Taste of Borneo. Our lovely 7 and 8 year



olds were only 1 minute into their performance, when our 'hall fire alarm' went off and we all had to evacuate the building, and execute an unplanned drill!

Fortunately all of our children, guests and staff were quickly accounted for, and the show was able to proceed. We got underway again outside and Rooms 3 and 4 completed their performance,

followed by our Kohanga Reo children and guests, who performed their songs and dances beautifully.



Kai time was around 12.45pm, and it was delicious. A huge amount of food to feed all of our children and their whanau. That hangi fed about 300 people and there was still heaps left over!



Our Room 1 children (5 year olds) were the first to perform "A taste of Samoa" after lunch, and their beautiful singing won the

crowd over. Soon after it was Room 2's turn – "A Taste of Scotland". Well, the bagpipes were 'a playing' and the Room 2 children were 'a dancing'.



Room 7 were up next with 'a taste of Japan'. Their song was so sweet sounding and poetic. Room 8 followed and impressed everybody with 'a taste of Greece'.





Cultural Festival Continued...

Room 6 got the crowd clapping and yahoing, with their Mexican dance moves – fast paced action songs that we just couldn't help foot tapping and clapping to. Our final school group was Room 5, who gave us a real taste of India! Room 5 looked fantastic dressed in their brightly coloured saris and attire.



To wrap up all of our presentations we were wowed by the Stratford Pipe band who played us some tunes on their

bagpipes and drums. It was nice to end our proceedings in this way.

After all of the performances were completed our children took their parents and guests back to their classrooms, so they could have a look at the classroom displays and to taste some of the finger food cultural treats.

Our day finished around 2.30pm. We are so grateful to our children's families and our wonderful community members who came along and shared in making this day so awesome, and memorable.



Birthdays this week

William Murray – Room 7 – 11yrs
Trinity Wood – Room 7- 11yrs

Board of Trustees Information

- Our next BOT meeting is on Thursday 17th November @ 5.30pm. (Tonight)
- 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

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. (14th 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

17th – BOT meeting @ 5.30pm

December

1st – PTA Meeting – 3.15pm – Staffroom

2nd – Room 2/Room 5 – Trip to Rotokare

5th – Road Patrollers Reward Day

14th – Prize-giving Assembly – Starts at 11.00am.

14th – End of Year Reports to parents go home.
(Years 4-8)

15th – Last day of School – School finishes at
12.45pm



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