



Eltham School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 8



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Uniform Survey

We have posted out the Uniform Survey, to seek your opinions about introducing a school uniform. Please read through the letter and then return the survey to school asap. We only need the page with the 'photos of tops' returned, not the blurb! We really do value your opinions on this, and want to get your responses back to school before the end of this year. Please respond! The surveys need to be handed into Maria at the school office.

Teachers for next year

We are still trying to sort out our classes and teachers for next year, and this information will be made known to children and parents on the first day of school next year. Sadly Mrs Bain, Miss Hill and Mr Hill are all leaving Eltham at the end of the year. Mrs Bain is off to live in Thames, Miss Hill has got a fixed term position teaching at Avon school in Stratford and Mr Hill has just been appointed as DP at Matapu School. We wish these wonderful teachers all the best in their new ventures and thank them for their hard work and commitment to Eltham. Mrs Bain has been with us 2 years, Miss Hill 2 terms, and Mr Hill 9 years! We will miss you all! We will be starting the year with 7 classrooms next year.

**Kathryn Pick
Principal**

Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

Respect



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

Room 1 – **Elias Marino** – For a fabulous effort working hard in reading and maths and fitting into Room 1.

Room 2 – **Sophie Edwards - Brown** – For being a fantastic reader and helping others with their reading. She makes a “great” teacher!

Room 3 – **Tyrece Squire** – For an outstanding effort using a wider range of strategies in maths.

Room 4 – **Phoenix – Joy Brown** – For a fantastic effort and getting all tasks finished.

Room 5 – Not given out this week.

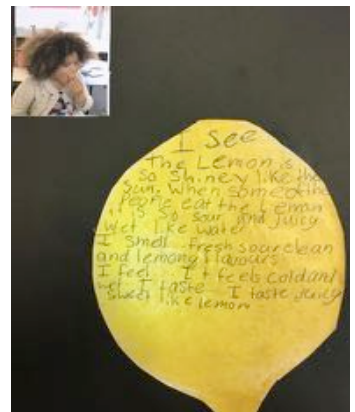
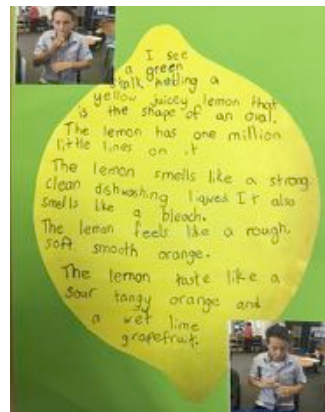
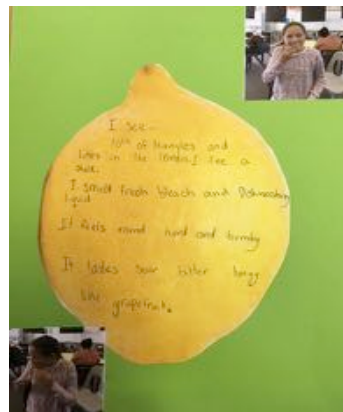
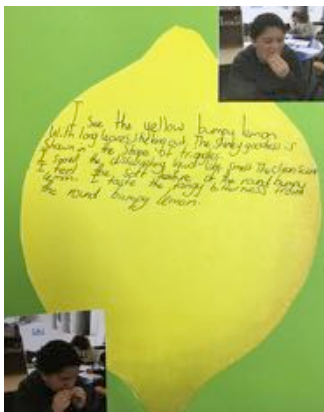
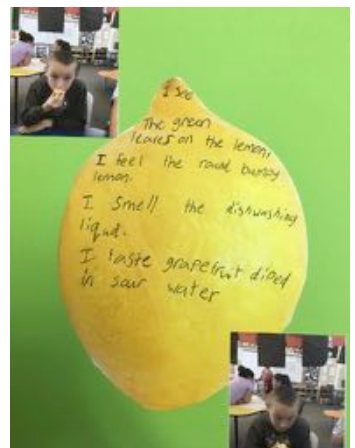
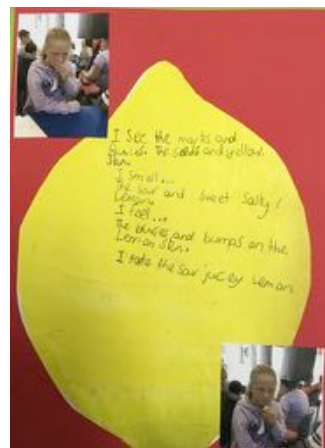
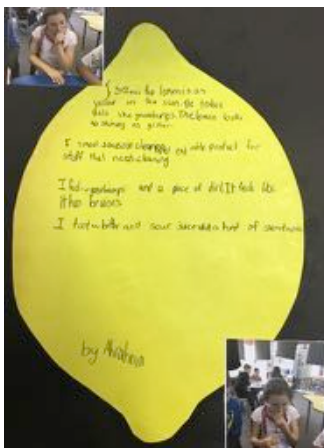
Room 6 – **Deontai Leighton** – For stepping up and taking responsibility for his own learning.

Room 7 – **Dakota Thomas** – For making a fabulous effort in all his learning and being at school on time everyday!

Room 8 – **Alexis Dravitski** – For always having a fantastic attitude towards her work in all curriculum areas.

News from ROOM 7...

Team whitu wrote about lemons last week using their senses - taste, feel, smell and sight. You can read all of these on our Facebook page.. Here are some of the teams thoughts...



Community Award

The community award this week goes to Room 1 for being so well mannered and for working so hard for Mrs B when she teaches them. Kapai Room 1!

**Cool Choices**

Imogen Lynch – Room 2 – For showing responsibility as a leader – Being a great role model.

Jayley Keenan – Room 3 – For keeping our school clean and tidy.

Kura Wood – Room 3 – For keeping our school clean and tidy.

**Birthdays this week ...**

Taya Wilson – Room 5 – 13yrs

Oceana Brown-Martin – Room 6 – 12yrs

Hunter Lambert – Room 3 – 7yrs

Teresa-Ann Sokolich – Room 8 – 9yrs

Kupa Robinson – Room 3 – 7yrs

Welcome back to our returning student...

Jacob Bolstad – Room 7

“Services to the School” Assembly – 9th December

On Friday 9th December we will be holding our final school assembly starting at 2.15pm. This assembly will be a ‘normal’ school assembly; with songs, celebrations and Room 8 will be presenting their ‘showcase’. However, during this assembly we will also be giving out certificates and recognizing the students at Eltham Primary who have given up their time during the year to do tasks and services for our school in some capacity. Parents are welcome to attend, as always, but we ask that you make a special effort on this day to help us reward those students who help us out in so many ways.

Room 2 and 5 – Learning about Biodiversity at Lake Rotokare

Our Room 2 and Room 5 students have been learning about biodiversity and conservation with the educators at Lake Rotokare. They have been finding out about the Rotokare Project and the way in which they eradicate and control pests. Our students have also participated in outdoor activities and at stations in the bush classrooms. Tomorrow both classes will be doing a day trip to visit Lake Rotokare and the beautiful pest free environment there. They will get to look at different things, find things and listen to stories, facts and birdsong.

Our Room 2 students have this to say about Lake Rotokare...

A fence goes around the lake and stops pests from getting in. The pests eat trees and leaves and ferns. **Jovie Potter Newton**

Birds like bird seed and they put it in a box, so the birds can eat the food, and stay by the Lake to live. **Reggae Ngatai**

Possums like Lake Rotokare. They want to get the possums away because they will eat the bush. **Lailarnie Leighton**

The kiwis sleep in the morning and the kiwis hunt for food in the night. Kiwis are in NZ. **Riki Shelford-Salt**

We have to keep animals safe. A big fence and traps keep the good animals in and the bad animals out.

Keisha Tuki

Thanks to an Aunty

Last week “Aunty Elaine” donated this lovely book to Eltham School. Her nephews Hunter and Sebastian are pictured here with the book. Thanks “Aunty Elaine”...We really appreciate your gift, and our children will enjoy learning about wild animals.

**Board of Trustees Information**

We have frustrating news! Unfortunately when our junior block toilet renovation went up for tender last month, no companies tendered for the contract. Therefore the renovations of our junior block toilets will be delayed. Unless we can get a builder who is available to complete this work during January, we will have to wait until the end of term one holidays for work to begin. We will keep you posted!

Parent Notices

Donation of clothing

Rooms 1 and 2 need more small sized children's underpants and pants. It is not unusual for our 5 and 6 year olds to have 'accidents' at school. Our teachers change our children into our spare clothing supplies, and often those items are not returned to school. Please bring your donations of clothing to either Kirsty in Room 1 or Heather in Room 2. Thank you. This would be much appreciated!

Summer Reading Programme

The Summer Reading programme is for children aged from 5-12yrs old! Children read as many books as they like, report into the Eltham Library 3 times and they will be invited to the Finale Party! They also get rewards, entertainment, and activities to participate in if they join up! It's totally FREE!

You join at your local library (Eltham Library). **Registrations are open between 5th – 16th December. There are limited spaces so get in quick!**

Eltham School endorses this programme, because we know that if children don't read over the long holiday period they will slip back in their reading levels, when school starts up again in February. We encourage our children to join, and read, read, read, read, and read!!

Community Notices

E-Town End of Year Celebration Evening

Tuesday 6th December 2016

5.30pm – 6.30pm

Cost: FREE

Parents, caregivers, extended family and friends of E-Town are invited to attend this celebration of 2016. The youth have a dance to present and there will also be some short videos to watch of the year's accomplishments.

For catering purposes and seating requirements please **RSVP your attendance to Steffy Mackay – Youth Coordinator. Phone 027 4764820 or 06 764 8200.**

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.

The PTA are organising a grocery Xmas Raffle as a fundraiser. Could each family please donate an item or 2 for this. Please drop your items off to Maria in the school office.

Calendar of Events

December

- 1st – PTA Meeting – 3.15pm – Staffroom
- 2nd – Room 2/Room 5 – Trip to Rotokare
- 5th – Road Patrollers Reward Day
- 9th – “Services to the School” presentation
Assembly @ 2.15pm
- 9th – DISCO – PTA Fundraiser. Juniors 4:30–5:30pm and Seniors 5:45–7:00pm
- 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

February

- 7th – School restarts for 2017

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