



Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
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Term 4 Week 9



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“Services to the School” Assembly - Tomorrow

Tomorrow (Friday 9th December) is our Special Services to the School assembly, where our PE monitors, road patrollers, and librarians, will be recognised for their commitment to helping us out here at school. The assembly will begin at 2.15pm. Room 8 will be showcasing, and we will also present our ‘normal awards’ – Learner of the Term, and Cool Choices. Please come along to support and thank our ‘service angels’ and to join in our final ‘routine assembly’. Room 8 will be showcasing.

School Uniform Survey

Thank you to those parents that have already returned our uniform survey. Please keep your responses ‘coming in’. We would like to be able to make a decision about uniform as soon as possible, and your choices are very important to us, as they influence the final outcome.

End of Year Prize giving – Wed 14th December – 11.00am

Our prize giving assembly (final assembly of the year) takes place next Wednesday, starting at 11.00am. We expect the ceremony to finish around 1.00pm, and parents are welcome to take their children home with them after the proceedings. End of year senior school reports will be handed out on the 14th December also. Please check your children’s bags. Our final day of school for the year is Thursday 15th December.

**Kathryn Pick
Principal**

Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

Respect



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

Room 1 – **Quesha King** – WOW! For having a go at everything with a positive attitude!

Room 2 – On a school visit to Lake Rotokare so no certificate given this week.

Room 3 – **Tony Edwards-Brown** – For making a great effort towards his learning and maintaining a positive attitude.

Room 4 – **Daniel Salisbury** – For a fantastic effort in all areas of the curriculum.

Room 5 – On a school visit to Lake Rotokare so no certificate given this week.

Room 6 – **Renee Wanakore** – For displaying maturity and making a great start at Eltham Primary School.

Room 7 – **Jaydan Barrow** – For putting across a positive attitude in his learning.

Room 8 – **Tina Weston** – For trying hard in maths and completing her work.

News from ROOM 6...

Room 6 wrote some comments about what they have enjoyed about their year. The following comments are from our Room 6 children! ...

The best thing this year is wood tech because you can take your time and in cooking tech you cannot take your time. I enjoyed the Ipads better than the tablets because the ipads don't freeze like the tablets. This year my favourite thing is doing the Taranaki Cross Country, it was hard but it got easier. **Keegan Lozell**

This year I can write faster, using the iPad. I liked camp because we went to the Beehive and the 'scale of our war' exhibition, and the Police Museum where we made fingerprints. **Carlyn Jones**

I really enjoyed wood tech because you get to make stuff like a lamp, whereas with cooking you get to eat it and it's gone. The best thing that I have done is improving my placing in Cross Country. I really enjoyed the Road Patrol Day out. We got to go out to the pools and movies, plus the park. **Jamalia Brown**

This year I liked camp in Wellington the most. I enjoyed the car museum and playing ball tag and spotlight with my friends. **Tama Washer-Wakeling**

This year my favourite sport was athletics because there were many activities to learn and have fun. I really enjoyed camp because it was really interesting and fun. This year my favourite was swimming sports because I came first in freestyle, backstroke, and the two laps. The best part of the year is being friendly and having a cool teacher like Mr Hill. **Treasure Lee Mataio**

Community Award

The community award this week goes to Mrs Vind for working so hard, and supporting all of our teachers with reports and end of year responsibilities. Thanks Mrs Vind!



Cool Choices

Jamalia Brown – Room 6– For being such a wonderful teacher support and helping to look after one of our special students.

Sharmaine Manaena – Room 3 – Picking up rubbish off the field during lunchtime and morning tea.

Mytalia Cassidy – Room 7 – Helping sort out the lost property.

Kyra Robinson – Room 7 - Helping to sort out the lost property.

Kura Wood – Room 3 – Picking up rubbish off the school field during morning tea break.



Principal's Award

This week James McFaull received a principal's award for trying so hard with his reading, and for making such great progress with fluency and decoding unknown words! Fantastic effort James. We're very proud of you!



Birthdays this week

Tamar Leatherby – Room 6 – 12yrs

Fruit in Schools

This is the final week that 'fruit will be delivered' in school until 2017. Please ensure your children come to school with additional food next week, and that they are not reliant on the fruit to eat, because there will be none.

Breakfast in School

Our breakfast club will run next week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be NO breakfast on Thursday – the final day of school!

DISCO – PTA

The disco that was to be held this Friday 9th December has been cancelled. Our PTA will look at holding a disco again next year towards the end of term one. We will keep you posted.

More of Room 6's writing about their favourite parts of 2016....

I enjoyed making new friends and becoming real close to them. My best friends are Oceania and Treasure Lee. My favourite thing is having Mr Hill teach me and help me to learn. The best thing is being at Eltham School and learning lots. **Renee Wanakore**

I have enjoyed wood tech because you get to make stuff and keep it forever unlike cooking tech. I have enjoyed Road Patrol day out because I got to go to the movies, pool's and the park with Subway, and you have a day out with your teacher and friend's. I have enjoyed the ipads because they are faster, flasher and not as complicated as a tablet.

Matthew Hodge

I loved joining in with bowling, soccer and hockey. I really really liked running in the Cross Country across the field. I enjoyed singing on the stage in the hall. I am a good singer. **Conway Potter-Newton**

The best event was the Cultural Festival. I had many compliments about my dancing. **Te Rauna Cassidy**

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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

School Holiday Programme – E-Town

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd December 2016

Structured programme: 9.00 – 3.00pm

\$20 per child per week.

Xmas Themed crafts and activities

Phone Steffy Mackay – 027 4764820 or 06 764 8200 To book a placement.

Hurry as places will fill fast!!



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

December

9th – “Services to the School” Assembly @ 2.15pm

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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