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Eltham School Newsletter

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Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

Start of 2017 update

Happy New Year to all of our school families, community members and newsletter readers. We hope that you all had a joyous and refreshing summer holiday break even if you were only able to enjoy some time off work during the statutory breaks.

Over the school holidays our long serving Deputy Principal Jocelyn Gallop resigned. Jocelyn has worked for 24 years at Eltham School and has been an influential part of many of the school systems that we have at Eltham. Jocelyn taught in the new entrants class for many years, but more recently took on the role of assisting our special needs students with integration and developing opportunities for them to be successful. She was also the coordinator and lead teacher of our parent programmes, and she set transition initiatives for preschoolers entering Eltham School. We are grateful to Jocelyn for her dedication and commitment to Eltham School and wish her well with any future plans she holds.

We begin our New Year with a lot of exciting changes ahead. Firstly we welcome aboard Mrs Faye Wilson who will be teaching our New Entrants for 2017. Welcome Faye, we look forward to working with you, and having you on board to provide our newest learners with all the skills they need to achieve, succeed and enjoy learning at Eltham School.

Miss Adlam has also joined our team. She will teach the students in Room 3. Welcome aboard Miss Adlam. Miss Adlam is a beginning teacher with lots of enthusiasm and great ideas. We look forward to working with you and are already enjoying your friendly and positive nature and passion to inspire.

**Ms Kathryn Pick
Principal**

Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

Respect

Start of year update continued! ...

Mrs Sharron Birdsall, one of our much loved and regular relieving teachers will be teaching two days a week in Room 5 during term one to enable Mrs Vind (our acting DP) to be released.

Our junior block toilets have begun their much-needed refurbishment and we are delighted with the progress. It is so exciting that our youngest students will soon have beautiful, fresh, clean and modern toilet facilities to use. Thankfully we were able to get some of this work underway in the school holidays and we hope that we won't have to endure noise and 'a longer walk' to the toilets for our younger students for very long.



Mrs Wilson



Miss Adlam

2017 Classes

This year we have had a change with some teachers switching class levels, and 2 new teachers coming on board. Our classrooms for 2017 are as follows...

New entrants/Year 1 – Mrs Faye Wilson
 Year 1/Year 2 – Mrs Heather Nicholls
 Year 3 – Miss Ayla Adlam
 Year 4/5 – Mrs Mandy Crowe
 Year 5/6 – Miss Fleur Le Bas
 Year 6/7 – Miss Shelley Gardner
 Year 8 – Mrs Sonia Vind/Mrs Sharron Birdsall



Swimming

We started swimming on our first day back. All classes will be swimming every day except Fridays. We expect all of our children to take part in swimming, so please make sure they have their togs and a towel every day.



Swimming will occur for five weeks, and then we will begin training for Athletics. Our swimming sports competition day is on Friday 3rd March (postponement day is Friday 10th March.) Our Athletics Competition day is Thursday 6th April (Postponement day is Thursday 13th April.)

Welcome to our 23 new students... (Current roll is 156)

Celestial Harrison-Maraki - Room 1
 Nisa Nazri – Room 1
 Myana Singh-Awhitu – Room 1
 Zeb Stantiall – Room 1
 Tiaaho Martini – Room 1

Trent Bancroft – Room 2
 Marley Eaves-Ngatai – Room 2
 Eva Smith – Room 2

Danica Somers – Room 3
 Johanna Somers – Room 3

Marama Harrison – Room 8
 Tapelu Ikurere-Ranfury – Room 8
 Reiwha Martini – Room 8
 Xavier Ngatai – Room 8

Raiha Martini – Room 7
 Coby McVicar-Shaw – Room 7
 Logan Roderick – Room 7

Mason Lewis – Room 6
 Titahi Martini – Room 6
 Gabrael Stevens – Room 6

Ngaia Bolstad – Room 5
 Kegan Guillosson – Room 5
 Taylor Ross – Room 5

Community Notices

E-Town Disco @ E Town Youth Centre

Friday 17th February

Fancy Dress

\$2 entry

Snack food and drinks available on the night. Prizes for best dressed and game challenges.

Fundraiser for Storm Savage to attend a Northland Netball Tournament.

Reminder of our School Rules...

Parents - Could you please read and remind our students about our school rules so we can all enjoy school, stay focused and treat each other with respect and kindness.



Board of Trustees Information

Denise Reynolds has resigned from her position on our Board of Trustees. We now have 2 vacancies on our Board, and will look at filling both of these positions early this year. We take this opportunity to thank Denise for her input into decision-making at Eltham School, over the last 6 months that she has served on the Board. We wish you all the best Denise with whatever you choose to undertake in the future.

We will also be appointing a new Board Chair at our very first Board meeting on the 23rd February. We will let you know who that will be as soon as the trustees have made a decision.

Parent Notices

Stationary

We provide all of the stationary your child will need for the year at a cost of \$20 per child. This is heavily subsidised by Eltham School to make the cost as affordable as possible. Please hand in your \$20 to Maria in the school office asap, so we can give your child/ren the stationary they will need to get their learning underway.

There are **NO SCHOOL FEES** at Eltham School, but we do expect our parents to pay for their children's stationary costs promptly please.

Update on the School Uniform

Our Board of Trustees are still exploring the possibility of having a school uniform. We will keep you updated about this as we continue to research options.

Year 8 School Camp

Next week on Monday 13th February to Wednesday 15th February, Mrs Vind, Miss Gardener and Ms Pick are taking our Year 8 students away on camp to Vertical Horizons. The purpose of the camp is to help our seniors gel together as the leaders and role models in our school and to allow us to select suitable students to be leaders with specific responsibilities. The camp will cost \$50 per child (which is being heavily subsidised, as we are planning on doing a fundraiser later this term to help pay the rest of the camp costs) – the camp actually costs \$130 per child.

Breakfast in Schools, Fruit in Schools, Milk in Schools

These programmes will begin again next week when our supplies of food have been delivered to us. Information for our new families....

Breakfast in Schools is held every day in Room 9. Children can come to school and receive weetbix and toast for free between 8.10am and 8.45am.

Fruit and milk are given out by the classroom teachers to each child at morning tea every day. We do not give out milk on Fridays.

Swimming

Please make sure your child/ren bring their togs and a towel to school every day except Fridays. Every classroom will swim on Mondays through to Thursdays. Our swimming sports is on Friday 3rd March (postponement day is Friday 10th March)

Eltham School Facebook Page

The most effective way of keeping our whanau up to date with school events and important information is via our Facebook page. Please like our page so you can receive regular and relevant school information. You can also visit our website which is www.eltham.school.nz or download the Parent Teacher Calendar app and check out Eltham School.

Calendar of Events

February

13th – 15th – Year 8 (Room 5) Leadership camp at Vertical horizons

23rd – BOT Meeting @ 5.30pm

March

3rd – Swimming Sports Competition Day

10th – Postponement day for Swimming Sports

13th – TARANAKI ANNIVERSARY – NO SCHOOL

April

4th – EPRO 8 - Year 7 and 8

5th – EPRO 8 – Year 5 and 6

6th – Athletics Competition Day

13th – Postponement day for Athletics

13th – Last day of term one

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