



Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power*



16th February 2017

Term 1 Week 2



Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

Our year 8s had a fabulous time away on camp at Vertical Horizons this week. They were involved in a range of activities including water sliding, kayaking, swimming, ziplining, high ropes, and the ever-popular 'flying kiwi' and 'high swing'.

They were also tested with a variety of team challenges that saw them having to use problem solving skills, communication and leadership skills, and to be creative (think outside the square).

I attended camp during the three days, and the most rewarding part for me was seeing our students taking risks they had not taken previously, such as walking out to the end of their kayaks and dipping their toes in the water – a real balancing act! Witnessing them challenging themselves to go just one rung higher as they climbed the ladder to the high rope was also memorable – a test of 'breaking through fear barriers'. Listening to the encouraging words from peers and classmates to provide courage on activities such as the flying kiwi. We cannot provide experiences that build these skills at school. Camps are such a valuable experience, and so worthwhile to 'build a team'. I certainly got to know our year 8s a lot better through the experience, and they all got to know each other better due to the experiences they encountered together.

Well done year 8s ...your behaviour was fantastic, and your willingness to give 'new things' a try was to be commended. A big thanks to Sheree Renshaw and Nathan Hodge, our parent helpers. Your support and care was really appreciated. Big thanks also to Noho Robinson who traveled to camp daily to assist our students with the challenges and activities. Your encouragement and care for our students is really valued. Our two camp teachers were Shelley Gardner and Sonia Vind. Camp was a wonderful opportunity for Shelley and Sonia to form relationships with our year 8s as they are so influential in helping them to be good role models across the school for 2017.

One of the reasons for our camp was to select leaders who can be excellent role models at school and who will represent Eltham with pride, and serve with enthusiasm and integrity. We will be announcing the selected leaders soon.

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for regular updates and
important information.**

Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

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Comments from Room 5 about school camp.

I didn't know how to kayak. I ended up falling out into the water because I tried to go too fast and catch Hone. After about 10 mins I worked out how to paddle and I ended up coming second in the kayak race. **Te Awe Turahui.**

I'm usually scared of heights so I was planning on only going up to middle height for the flying kiwi. Nathan told me to give it a go and so I went for 'full power' from the team pulling on the rope. I ended up going really high and fast and it was so worth it. **Ryan Bain**

I challenged myself on the Tarzan ropes. It looked really high as I kept climbing. I got to the top and I thought it wasn't that high so I walked along it and I made it to the second rope. I was really proud of myself for going that far. **Oceana Brown - Martin**

The flying kiwi was fun. Nathan told me to give it a go so I went second. When the team pulled on the rope I went up fast and went round in circles really fast. It was such an awesome experience. **Keegan Lozell**

When we did the giant swing on the last day I gave it a go. It was the only 'high' activity that I tried. I was proud of myself for doing it and it was actually really fun. **Hailie Shute**

I loved the flying kiwi. I also learnt how to stand up in a kayak and paddle properly. The tarzan rope was cool too. The cable we had to walk along was so high off the ground. It was really exciting until I got to the middle and I got scared, but I kept going and made it to the end. **Rebekah Hodge**

I participated in more activities this year than other camps I've been on. My favourite thing was trying to swap kayaks by jumping across them. I didn't land in the water. **Kaea Lawson-Phillips.**

The mud run was my favourite activity because we got really dirty and I enjoyed throwing the mud around and I got stuck in the mud and couldn't get out properly. **Hone Williams.**

Old Phones

Do you have a cellphone that no longer works? Have you upgraded? Did you get a new phone for Christmas? Did you know that we collect old unused cellphones. They are recycled and our school receives vouchers and 'free technology' if we are able to collect enough points. The company that collects and recycles the phones also support "Sustainable coastlines" to ensure our water and environment are kept clean and healthy for sealife and humans.

If you have an old unused phone, that you no longer want to keep, please drop it off to school now.



I was scared of heights and now I'm not. Because I didn't realize the heights were so much fun. I loved the flying kiwi spinning around on a rope, high off the ground. **Tinesha Brewerton.**

I was afraid of heights. It was a good camp. I especially liked the Tarzan ropes and swimming in the lake and river. **Ben Minhinnick**

I liked the grass karts. The grass karts were one activity you could cooperate with a friend. I also enjoyed the mud run and sinking in the mud up to my knees. **Aidan Renshaw**

Birthdays over January and February including this week! Happy birthday to...

Mrs Nicholls

Miss Le Bas

Jahye-dei Rupapera – Room 8

Nivana-Lee Reid – Room 2

Tama Washer – Wakeling – Room 5

Reiwha Martini – Room 8

Matthew McCullum – Room 7

Vincent Van Kuijk-Moffat– Room 8

Riki Shelford Salt – Room 3

Tobias Ogle – Room 3

Bon Lord Almazan – Room 7

Sade Rupapera– Room 3

Nisa Nazri– Room 1

Daquedin – Cylis Morton – Room 6

Reginald Hetaraka · Sokolich – Room 8

Josef Boyes · Room 8

Tinesha Brewerton – Room 5

Emma McCallum – Room 1

Ace Webster – Room 7

Siliva Fakavamoeanga – Room 6

Tiaho Martini – Room 1

Hone Williams – Room 5

Clay Mita – Room 6

Junior Block Toilets

The floor is down, the framing is up and the ceilings have been placed inside our junior block toilets. They are starting to take shape and are already a vast improvement. Thank you for your patience, and please continue to remind your children not to go anywhere near the 'work area'. The barrier is a little wobbly at times but no one is to go over the orange netting please. We need to keep everyone safe.



Netball – New “Modified Game” – 6v6

If you are interested in learning about the new 6v6 game please attend the 'training session' on Saturday 25th February. (10.00am – 12.30pm) This will be held at the TET Outdoor courts in Stratford.

Pio Terei – The parenting show

Pio will be talking about 'building awesome teenagers' At the Mountainview Vineyard complex – Orlando St south, Stratford.

Doors open at 7.15pm (presentation begins at 7.30pm) Friday 31st March 2017

\$20 per person (Includes supper)

Presented by St Mary's Diocesan School



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Board of Trustees Information

- Our Next Board Meeting is on 23rd February at 5.30pm.
- We will be appointing a Board Chair at this meeting.

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.

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.

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.

Calendar of Events

February

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

14th – Good Friday – Beginning of school holidays

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