



# Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge  
is Power*



2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

Term 1 Week 4

## **Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School**

Last Thursday Barb Frey was appointed as our Board Chair. We feel very privileged to have someone with Barb's level of expertise on our school board and we look forward to progressing with her valued input. The following blurb is an introduction from Barb...

I was originally Canadian and returned to NZ a year ago after 20 years working as a vet in Australia. I currently work as a vet at Riverlands in Eltham and also other freezer works in Taranaki. I live in Ohangai. I was co-opted onto the Board late last year by the previous Chair due to my board experience; having served on several company boards and being chair of a primary school board in Perth for six years. I was also the school scientist, a voluntary role with year 5 and 6 students aimed at getting kids interested in science. I'm not sure how many kids got interested in science, but it was certainly a lot of fun!

I believe that volunteering in the community is a great way to get to know people, especially children, so serving on a local school board is a natural choice. My only daughter died as a toddler. I have been a foster parent to quite a number of children, and also have several godchildren, one of whom lived with me from the age of 14 (now 22 and studying at uni). I am grateful for the encouragement I got at school as a child. This made a big difference to my education and the opportunities that came as a result. I'm clear from my own experience that the support of teachers and a good education are among the key things that give kids a great start in life. I'm looking forward to serving as Board Chair, and hope that parents in the school community find it interesting to learn about the function of the Board of Trustees and how it is meant to support the school.

**Barb Frey**  
Board Chairperson



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important information.**

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**Honesty**

**Empathy**

**Respect**

**Our swim sports are on tomorrow.** (Postponed to next Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March if it is wet)

Our senior children will begin their races at 11.00am. The junior school – Mrs Wilson, Mrs Nicholls and Miss Adlam’s classes will have their swimming events after lunch.

We will have a sausage sizzle at school for lunch, (after the senior swimming races are complete) and then return to the pools for relays, junior swimming events and the ‘golden gumboot’.

No assembly this week – parents can take their child/ren home with them after swim sports.

### **Gardener/Handy Person wanted**

Gardener/Handy Person wanted to help us keep our gardens and grounds looking tidy and welcoming.

5 hours a week which can be worked whenever suitable to the successful applicant.

This position does not include lawn mowing.

Phone Kathryn Pick on 764 8099 for more information. Apply in writing to [principal@eltham.school.nz](mailto:principal@eltham.school.nz) or to The Principal – Eltham School, 69 Conway Road, Eltham.

### **Americarna**

Last Friday Rooms 5, 6 and 7 went to Hawera to watch Americarna cars traveling through town. The South Taranaki Council and the TSB community Trust sponsored 2 buses to Eltham School, so we could attend. We are very grateful to them, because we would not have been able to attend without the ‘free buses’. It was a great experience for our children and this is what some of them had to say about it.



I remember seeing 5 other schools at Americarna. There were lots of Dodgers and Corvettes. My favourite car was a black coloured Dodge. I liked the beeping noise that it made when the driver tooted the horn. **Matthew McCullum**

There were lots of different styles of cars and different models. Most of the drivers were old people. My favourite car was a purple cheviot. It had cool mags with a chequer board look, coloured headlights, and I liked it mostly because it was purple.



### **Alexis Dravitsky**

It was my first day of school at Eltham. I got to go on a trip to Hawera to see the Americarna cars. My favourite car was one that looked like a ute at the back and a car at the front. It had black panels and brown wooden rails. **Billie Moratti**

**Happy birthday to the following people...**

Sharmaine Manaena – 8yrs – Room 8  
 Mytalia Cassidy – 10yrs – Room 7  
 Jaydan Barrow – 11yrs – Room 6

**Welcome to the following new students...**

Billie –Katelin Cresswell

**Congratulations to the following Cool Choices recipients...**

Reggae Ngatai – Room 2  
 Layla Elliott – Room 2  
 Danica Somers – Room 3



**Americana Continued....**

I liked a lot of the Dodgers because their bright colours stood out. I enjoyed the sound of their engines roaring too. My favourite one was red.

**William Murray**

I liked the purple Dodge car with the black trim. I liked how the red truck had no roof and I also liked a really flash red car. **Kyra Robinson.**



The very old cars were cool. They had great shapes and I enjoyed the honking of the old style horns. They were very funny. I thought

the Mustangs were so cool. They were very low and their noise was very loud. **Ryan Bain.**

The smoke was pretty bad and didn't smell that nice. I don't really know much about cars, but I enjoyed looking at the different cars. **Taylor Ross**

The Cadillacs were really low to the ground and they were quite nice to look at. Every child was cheering as the cars drove by. **Keegan Lozell**

I enjoyed watching the cars go past. My favourite ones were the Mustangs, but it was really loud with all the children cheering and the cars revving and honking their horns. **Hailie Shute**

**Board of Trustees Information**

- At last week's Board meeting we appointed **Barb Frey** to be our Board Chairperson.
- Our next Board Meeting is on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm.**



## 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.

### Clothing and other missing items

Please check your children's bags every day. If you find items in their bags that don't belong to them please return them to school or to your child's classroom teacher. We have had a number of parents ringing school to report 'missing items' that have not been placed in our 'lost property box'. Sometimes children get items mixed up at morning tea, lunch times and during swimming sessions. It would be awesome if 'lost items' can be returned to their rightful owners. We thank you for your support with this matter.

## Community Notices

### 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

\$20 per person (Includes supper)

Presented by St Mary's Diocesan School

### Eltham AFC – Junior Registration Day

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March @ Taumata Park, Eltham School Registrations at 9.30am, then fun activities from 10am.

Anyone between 5 and 15yrs old welcome.

Phone Troy (Director of junior football) 027 894 7452

### Normanby/Okaiawa Knights Sports club

Rugby League Muster @ Normanby Domain

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

4pm – 5pm.

\$25 per player or \$55 for family of 3 children +

Under 7yrs – Under 13yrs as of 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2016

Phone 022 4048800 for more information or if you wish to register.

## Calendar of Events

### March

3<sup>rd</sup> – Swimming Sports Competition Day

10<sup>th</sup> – Postponement day for Swimming Sports

13<sup>th</sup> – TARANAKI ANNIVERSARY – NO SCHOOL

20<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting at 5.30pm

### April

4<sup>th</sup> – EPRO 8 - Year 7 and 8

5<sup>th</sup> – EPRO 8 – Year 5 and 6

6<sup>th</sup> – Athletics Competition Day

13<sup>th</sup> – Postponement day for Athletics

13<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term one

14<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday – Beginning of school holidays

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