

Eltham School Newsletter

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Whanaungatanga

Term 1 Week 7

Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

School holidays

We have only three weeks left of this term to go until the school holidays. These holidays incorporate Easter and begin on Good Friday (14^{th} April). Our last day at school this term will therefore be Thursday 13^{th} April. School resumes on Monday 1^{st} May.

Opposite Day - Friday 24th March (tomorrow)

Don't forget tomorrow we are having an 'opposite day' to assist the Eltham Fire Brigade with their fundraising efforts to raise money for Leukemia. For more information please read the notice under "Parent Notices" on the back page of the newsletter.

Athletics Day - Wednesday 12th April

This event is on the second to last day of term one and will be held at Taumata Park – Same venue as last year.

By-Election for BoT - 2 parent vacancies

We now have 2 parent vacancies on our Board as Mike Savage resigned earlier this week. There is a timeline regarding the byelection in this week's newsletter. 'Voting day' will be Friday $2^{\rm nd}$ June. Please consider standing.

Uniform Update

At our Board meeting on Monday night we discussed the results from our uniform survey. We received 30 survey returns – 22 want uniform and 8 families don't want uniform. However we decided that 30 responses wasn't enough as it only represents 1/5 of our families. Therefore a Board Member or Maria will be ringing or texting you sometime in the next fortnight to get your opinion/view. We would like every family to have their say about uniform.

Kathryn Pick Principal

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Opening Ceremony of the Junior Toilets

On Wednesday we had a special 'opening ceremony' to celebrate the completion of our new junior block toilets. We are so excited to be able to use them now! Emma and Zeb, our youngest boy and girl, cut the ribbon to open the toilets. This is what some of our junior children had to say about the new toilets....

They're amazing. I liked the red ribbon and the pink streamers. **Layla**

The toilets look way better than the old ones. **Hunter**

Somebody told me there was a TV in there. Where is the TV Ms Pick? **Reggae**

The toilets are really good. Nisa

I love the shiny, sparkly and clean toilets. **Ashah**

The new toilets are cool. I liked the balloons. **Riki**

The new toilets are mean. They're cool as. **Francilla.**

Congratulations to our "Learners of the week"...

Room 1 – **Heath Helms-Smith –** For awesome reading and alphabet learning.

Room 2 – **Sophie Mita** – For working hard in both her reading and writing and moving levels, she is becoming an independent worker.

Room 3 – <u>Hunter Lambert</u> – For being a kind and proactive learner in class. You have a clear work ethic already. Good job!

Room 5 – **Deiontal Leighton** – For showing maturity and having a positive attitude in class. Keep it up!

Room 6 – <u>Tyler Nicholls –</u> For being a wonderful role model to others, kind and caring and helping out children in need.

Room 7 – **Sophie Lozell** – For 100% effort in everything she does.

Room 8 – Max Helms-Smith – For trying hard in all curriculum areas and showing perseverance in math's.





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Happy birthday to the following people...

Paipa Robinson - Room 7 - 9yrs

Sophie Lozell - Room 7 - 10yrs

Rhys Dravitski - Room 3 - 7yrs

Ashah Lawson - Room 2 - 6yrs

Decipher Marsh - Room 3 - 7yrs

Cool Choices

<u>Tawera Brewerton -</u> Helping out at Breakfast Club

Kura Wood - Picking up rubbish.

Community Award

Our community award last week went to our newly appointed senior leaders who are already doing a great job of being effective role models in our school. Well done year 8 leaders.



By - Election for our 2 BOT vacancies

Nominations can be made from Friday 5th May.

Nominations close on Friday 19th May.

You will receive your voting papers by Wednesday 24th May

Voting day is Friday 2nd June

More comments from our juniors about the amazing new toilets...

The new toilets are awesome. They're so sparkly. **Imogen**

They're shiny white. Jovie

I think they're fancy. Danica

They look good and the shape of the toilets is cool. **Heath**

They're cool. I liked the decorations. Kupa

They're pretty and I like the sparkly floor. **Khodie**

I think the toilets are special. Ataahua

I think the toilets are cool. I love the hot air that dries my hands. **Vienna.**

I'm going to look after our new toilets. I used the toilets perfectly. **Rhys**





Board of Trustees Information

- Mike Savage has resigned from our Board. Therefore we need to hold a byelection to fill 2 parent rep vacancies.
- Our next Board meeting is on Tuesday 23rd May at 11.00am.

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Parent Notices

"Opposite Day" - Fundraiser for Eltham Fire brigade.

On Friday 24th March we are having 'Opposite Day' where girls can come to school dressed as boys, and boys can come to school dressed as girls. "Opposite Day' can be interpreted in many other ways and we are happy for our children to dress creatively as long as they stick to Eltham School's parameters of what is deemed safe and seemly. (Respectful)

We are raising money in support of the Eltham Fire Brigade who will be participating in the annual "Firefighter Sky Tower Challenge" which is happening on Saturday 13th May. The money raised goes towards supporting people with leukemia, blood cancer diagnosis and treatments.

Our "Opposite Day" will require a gold coin donation, but please feel free to give more towards this worthy cause if you are able to.

Athletics Competition Day

We are beginning to make plans for our Athletics day. We are holding this event on Wednesday 12th April. We are not able to have a postponement date for this event due to it being in the last week of term one! However we are hopeful for good weather! We will get details out to you all about this as soon as possible. Olly (Cross Country trainer) has been training our senior children in athletics and teaching them the correct ways to jump, throw and sprint every Tuesday, so our children will be well prepared.

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 31st March 2017

\$20 per person (Includes supper)

Presented by St Mary's Diocesan School

Mitre 10 Rainbow Run

Sunday 9th April Registrations from 10am – Run starts at 11.00am

East end Reserve to Ngamotu Beach

Tickets: www.eventfinda.co.nz

Calendar of Events

March

24th – "Opposite Day" – Fundraiser for Eltham Fire Brigade – gold coin donation please.

April

4th - EPRO 8 - Year 7 and 8

5th - EPRO 8 - Year 5 and 6

12th - Athletics Competition Day

13th - Last day of term one

14th - Good Friday - School holidays start



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