

Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power*



Term 1 Week 8

30th March 2017



Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

EPRO8 – Technology Teams

EPRO8 stands for engineering, problem solving, innovate. We are entering two year 7/8 teams, and two year 5/6 teams to compete against other schools in our district in this exciting challenge. Our selected students have been practicing their engineering and problem solving skills with Mr D.W this week. The competition dates are 4th April for our year 7 and 8 teams, and 5th April for our year 5 and 6 teams.

Farewell to Mr Dodunski-Wiid

Today is Mr D.W's last day with us, as he begins his Health and Safety course studies next week. Mr D.W will be undertaking a course of study for the remainder of this year, which will provide him with a useful qualification. Mr D.W has worked at Eltham School for 18 years, with the majority of his time spent at our Technology Centre. We are very grateful to Mr D.W for the teaching he has done across the school this term and for helping out with maintenance of our school property. We wish you all the best with the new journey that your studies will take you on.

Netball Registrations

Parents have been sent the information and consent forms regarding netball. Netball fees are due to be paid before the netball season begins. Please ensure fees are paid in full before the end of this term. Uniforms will be given out before the start of the season. Games start in Stratford for years 1 and 2, 3 and 4 – Thursday 4th May 3.30pm – 5.30pm. Year 5/6 – Saturday 6th May. There is more information about netball under the Parent Notices on the back page of this week's newsletter.

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important information.**

Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

Respect



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

Room 1 – **Luke Ropiha** – For always doing his best in handwriting and story writing.

Room 2 – **Kohyn Dormer**– For being an enthusiastic class member and working hard. He is making great progress in reading.

Room 3 – **Francilla McMinn**– For trying your best in everything you do.

Room 5 – **Tamar Leatherby** – For being focused and enthusiastic about her learning.

Room 6 – **Titahi Martini** – For stepping up and showing great leadership skills and initiative.

Room 7 – **Tui Turner** – For being focused and ready to learn at all times.

Room 8 – **Darwish Ridzuan** – For having a positive attitude and always trying hard in all curriculum areas! Tu meke!

Absent from photo: Darwish Ridzuan.

Opposite day

Last Friday we had a fun day dressing up to support the local Eltham Fire Brigade. We raised **\$164**, which goes towards raising money for leukemia and blood cancer. Some of our local volunteer fire fighters are taking part in the Sky Tower Sprint Challenge on Saturday 13th May. We wish them well and are happy to have helped them raise funds for such a worthy cause. They also have a quiz night fundraiser on Friday 7th April at the Eltham Fire Station. Please support them by getting a team of 6 together - \$10 per person. 7pm start.



Creating Future Achievers

Happy birthday to the following people...

Daniel Salisbury – Room 8 – 8yrs

Tony Edwards-Brown – Room 8 – 8yrs

Lailarnie Leighton – Room 2 – 7yrs

Cool Choices

Alexis Dravitski – For cleaning up other peoples mess without a fuss and without being asked to do it!

Sebastian Lambert – For showing leadership.

Reggai Ngatai – Being a very good friend to a sad child.

Vincent Van Kuijk - Moffat
Having a problem free lunchtime and thinking of mature ways to spend his time.

Quesha King – Helping out with lost property.



Community Award

This week our community award goes to Pedro!! Our senior leaders chose Pedro because he always makes everyone so happy in the playground, and he brings so much joy to everybody at school. Well-done Pedro.!

Taranaki Rugby Reps

Congratulations to the following students who trialed and made it into the Taranaki Rugby reps...

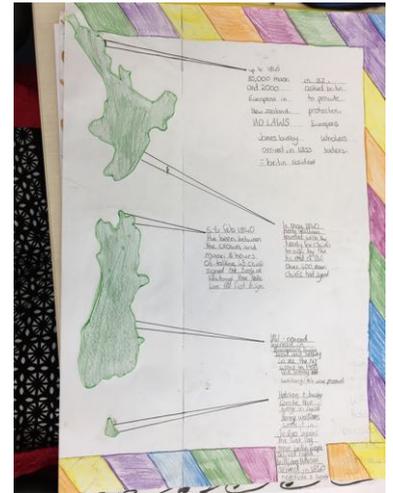
Ben Minhinnick

Tyler Nicholls

Clay Mita

News from Room 5...

The students in Room 5 have been learning about Te Tiriti O Waitangi. They discussed and studied historical events such as when Hone Heke chopped down the flag pole. They discovered some interesting facts about the colonization of European people coming into NZ from other countries, and what was happening in NZ around the time of the signing of the Treaty in 1840.

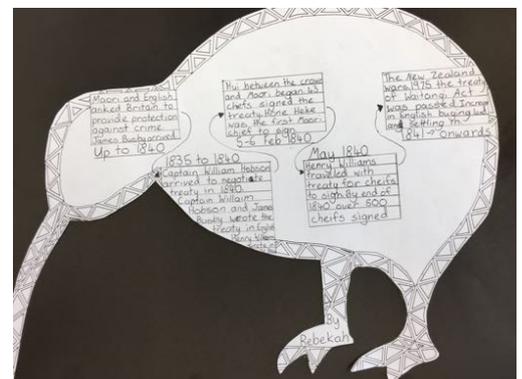


The Room 5 students also talked about the Maori and English versions of the Treaty and learnt that there were different understandings and interpretations around key concepts in the Treaty such as land ownership.

Room 5 were required to create a timeline about the events that occurred before, during and after the signing of the Treaty. They presented their timelines and factual information visually on posters.

Kapai Room 5! It is great that you have been discussing and trying to understand issues that are still very contentious today.

The photos are samples of work that the Room 5 students created to show their understandings about the Treaty.



Board of Trustees Information

- Our next Board meeting is on Tuesday 23rd May at 11.00am.
- Our by-election voting day will be Friday 2nd June.



Parent Notices

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.

The athletics event will be held again this year at Taumata Park. **We need parent helpers to assist with 'managing' stations.** Eg High Jump, Long Jump. Please let us know if you are available on the day to assist. Teachers need to stay with their classes so cannot be based at the stations.

Netball

ANZ Future Ferns Festival Day – 1st April 2017
Outdoor Courts, Portia Street, Stratford. The aim of the festival day is to promote and encourage players to join the ANZ Future Ferns programme in 2017.

- Activities focused on the development of netball skills.
- Modified games.

Please ensure players wear suitable clothing. Eg Shorts, T-Shirts and sports shoes. Please bring a drink bottle.

Register online at www.netballtaranaki.org.nz

Year 1-2 10.30 – 11.30am

Year 3-4 11.45 – 12.45am

Year 5-6 1.30 – 2.30pm

Community Notices

Teacher Aide Position

Eltham School require a fit, reliable and caring Teacher Aide to support a young student with very high needs and requiring full time supervision and support. This position is currently for 20 hrs a week – 9.00am – 1.00pm Monday to Friday. Applications close on Friday 28th April. Please send CV and covering letter to principal@eltham.school.nz or phone Kathryn Pick on 764 8099 for further information.

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

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

13th – Duffy Role Model Assembly

14th – Good Friday – School holidays start

May

1st – First day back at school – Term 2

19th – Board Nominations Close

June

2nd – Voting day for Board By-Election

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