



Eltham School Newsletter

*Learn by Doing - Knowledge
is Power*

6th April 2017

Term 1 Week 9



Kia ora Whanau, Community Members and Friends of Eltham School

Eltham Fire Brigade Visit

Last Friday we were visited by some local volunteers of the Eltham Fire Brigade, 3 fire engines and a fire van. It was an awesome experience for our children to view the equipment, sit in the fire trucks and learn about how fires are fought. At the end of their time with us we presented the firefighters with a cheque for \$164 – The money we raised from “Opposites day”. Many thanks to our local volunteers for taking time out of your busy day to bring the engines down to school to show our children and provide them with fire safety education.



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important information.**



**Kathryn Pick
Principal**



Whanaungatanga

Honesty

Empathy

Respect



Absent from Photo: Dakoda Thomas

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

Room 1 – **Quesha King**– For being super organized and helping all classmates to do the right thing.

Room 2 – **Lailarnie Leighton**– For working hard in all areas. I love your enthusiasm Lailarnie.

Room 3 – **Imogen Lynch**– For being positive and dedicated to achieving well in all your classwork.

Room 5 – **Renee Wanakore** – For showing compassion for others and having a positive attitude.

Room 6 – **Te Rauna Cassidy** – For stepping up and showing fantastic leadership potential.

Room 7 – **Dakoda Thomas** – For showing pride in his classroom by creating wonderful displays.

Room 8 – **Kura Wood**– For always getting on with tasks with 100% positive attitude.

EPRO8

On Tuesday night 8 of our year 7 and 8 students represented Eltham School at the EPRO8 Technology Challenge at Stratford Primary School. . EPRO8 stands for Engineering, Problem solving and Innovation. Our students had to use resources such as rods, cogs, motors, and pulleys to create 'simple mini machines' and complete a number of challenges to gain points. We were competing against several other Central Taranaki schools.

Ryan Bain, Rebekah Hodge, Keegan Lozell, and Aidan Renshaw made up the Eltham Entrepreneurs team and Kurt McFaul, William Murray, Jamalia Brown, and Te Rauna Cassidy were members of the Eltham Electro Wizards team!

Our teams came 1st equal and a team from Stratford Primary came third. There were no 2nd placings. Congratulations to these talented students.



On Wednesday morning our year 5 and 6 teams participated in the EPRO8 challenge. The Eltham Metro Mechanics consisted of Cameron Renshaw, Daquedin Morton, Kyra Robinson, and James McFaul. The Eltham Expert engineers were Matthew McCallum, Ethan Ogle, Tawera Brewerton and Alexis Dravitski. Though neither of our year 5 and 6 teams gained a placing, they enjoyed the experience, worked well together, and have gained skills to be really competitive at next years competition.

Big thanks to Mr D.W for helping train our students, and to our senior syndicate teachers for supporting our students leading up to both events . Thanks also to our parents who attended the events to support our children.



Way to go Eltham!!



Happy birthday to the following people...

Darwish Ridzuan – Room 8 – 8yrs

Ethan Ogle – Room 7 – 10yrs

Te Ngaikiha Pouwhare-Timoti – Room 2 – 6yrs

Ruby Peters – Room 7 – 10yrs

Calais Harris – Room 7 – 10yrs

Congratulations to our Cool Choices winners...

Trinity Wood – For showing empathy towards others.

Carlyn Jones – Caring for younger students.

Community Award



This week our community award goes to Decipher Marsh for doing so well with his reading, and for being so good with reading fluency that he was able to read his book to Pedro! Well done Decipher. Keep reading every day.



Principal Award

This week **Ryan Bain** and **Jamalia Brown** received a principal award for showing initiative, leadership and empathy by making all of our students wait for the teacher before crossing busy High Street after school.



Year 5 and 6 South Taranaki Rugby League Tournament

Last Thursday 4 of our students joined with Matapu School to form a rugby league team. Cjay McMinn, Tawera Brewerton, Dakota Thomas and Siliva Fakavamoeanga were our heroes of the day. They played 4 games in the league tournament, winning three and drawing in the final game. This triumph led to them winning the tournament! Well done boys for your fantastic attitudes, effort and rugby league skills. The boys will now compete in the Taranaki League tournament with Matapu School on 12th April.



Taranaki Rugby Reps

Apologies...Last week we stated that Tyler Nicholls had made it into the Taranaki Reps Rugby team..It was actually Cjay McMinn who had been selected. Congratulations Cjay! Ben Minhinnick and Clay Mita were also selected. Great achievement from all of these boys!



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. Nominations close on Friday 19th May.
- Maria will text you sometime over the next week to get your 'vote' about uniform.

Parent Notices

Athletics Competition Day

Athletics is on next Wednesday 12th April. 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.

Missing Macpack Puffer Jacket – Size 10. Black. Named: Ethan Ogle. Lost property has been checked. If this jacket is located please hand it in to Maria in the school office or Miss Le Bas – Ethan's teacher.

Netball Fees – These MUST be paid before netball starts next term. Please pay at the school office.

Old Cellphones: Please hand unwanted or non-working phones into the School Office. We can send these away and receive rewards for them. Eg digital cameras.

Community Notices

Teacher Aide Positions X 2

Eltham School require 2 fit, reliable and caring Teacher Aides to support 2 students with very high needs and requiring full time supervision and support. These positions are 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.

Eltham Library Holiday Programme

April School Holiday Programme – Thursday 20th April and Thursday 27th April.

Thursday 20th April – Light up Star Art ages 8-12yrs. 10.30am.

Thursday 27th April – Make your own night vision goggles after a visit from Taranaki Kiwi Trust. 10.30am.

Stratford High School Fundraiser – (Netball Touring Team) – An Evening with Sir Graham Henry

Thursday 27th April

Doors open 7pm. Seated at 7.30pm

Stratford High School Hall

\$35 per person (R13yrs and above)

Auction of sports memorabilia and donated goods.
Supper provided

Tickets available at SHS Office and Magnum Sports.

Calendar of Events

April

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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