



Elstow-Waihou School

Reach for the Stars - *Totoro hoki nga whetu*

SUCCESS TEAMWORK ATTITUDE RESPECT

May 22nd

Tena Koutou, nga mihi nui,

Many classes are now completing their Inquiry Learning about WW1. The information covered has certainly captivated many of our students, I hope that parents will enjoy seeing and reading their child's work.

Bus Notice

It is imperative for your child's safety that you let us know if your child is NOT going on the bus, whether it be that you have picked them up or if they are at sports. Communication of changes must be relayed as soon as possible so we can keep kids safe!

Car Park

There was a recent incident reported in the Herald where a small child had been run over by a car in a car park of an Intermediate School. Such an event is tragic for families. We want to ensure that your children are safe. To do this we ask that you come to the school gate to supervise your child crossing into the car park.

Spelling

All of the classes are working hard at improving their children's skills in spelling. Please support your child's efforts in learning their spelling words by checking their learning at home.

Matariki Inquiry (Week 6 -11)

What is Matariki?

Matariki is the Maori name for a group of seven stars known as the Pleiades star cluster. Some people think of Matariki as a mother star with six daughters, and it is often referred to as the Seven Sisters.

Matariki appears in the eastern sky sometime around the shortest day of the year, and is thought to determine how successful the harvest crop will be in the coming season. The brighter the stars, the more productive the crop will be.

What does Matariki mean?

Matariki has two meanings, both of which refer to the cluster of stars. Mata Riki means Tiny Eyes, and Mata Ariki means Eyes of God.

When is Matariki celebrated?

Matariki begins to rise in the last few days of May, and this symbolises the coming of the Maori New Year. Some iwi (tribes) start celebrations when Matariki is first seen, however it is the first new moon after Matariki that officially signals the Maori New Year. Some people celebrate the New Year on the day the new moon rises, and others celebrate on the day after the new moon. Celebrations can last up to 3 days.

The Matariki new moon happens on 18th of June this year.

Website

We are about to launch our new website can you please read, sign and return the attached letter to the office as soon as possible.

Board News

Board members were shown our new website.

The website has been under construction for a number of months and the design and colours used are reflective of the fresh, new approach of the school.

We want to inform parents about the programmes that are available, what is happening in the school and who to contact. Features on the website include a; Home page (with Map), For Parents (which include an A-Z index of information) Principal's Message, Our School (including a Get Moving @elstow-waihou page, this is a list of all of the activities and people to contact), Our People, Class Blogs (which is still under construction) and Calendar. There are beautiful pictures of some of our children that you may have seen on our TV in the foyer or in newsletters, learning, being with friends and enjoying school activities.

We would encourage you fill in your forms regarding the website so that we can show you how great the kids look.

Our Self-Review Committee reported back on how we can set up a process to review the Board and it's effectiveness of being the governing body of the school. The Digital Learning Policy was established in light of the changing technology in our school.

BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday wishes go this week to Zoe Megaw, Nathan Carney and Hollie Storey. We hope you all had a great day.



FROM THE CLASSROOMS:

Room 1: Hi everybody! This week we have carried on with our WW1 learning. We have looked at the different animals that had jobs in the war. The children have each chosen an animal to focus on for the last part of the unit. Just a reminder that we need camp permission forms in as soon as possible please so that we can carry on with the next step of the preparations (if your child is not attending could you please also let us know as soon as possible). As it is Friday it seems like a good time to talk about spelling. Your child will bring home spelling words each week on a Friday to be learnt at home during the week. The children will be tested on their spelling words each Friday and new words issued as needed. Spelling is very important for the children to learn words that they can write independently, this is a big help when learning how to read and write. There are lots of ways to help your child to learn their spelling: get your child to write the words down saying each letter as they go and saying the name of the words when they have finished, spelling/reciting the words out loud, having magnetic letters or cut up letters that they can assemble to make their spelling words. Using a variety of approaches would probably be useful and will keep it interesting for your child. Happy spelling everyone.

Room 2: Kia ora whanau! Unfortunately this week has been a little disrupted as I had two days away with illness, but it was great to see that the



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children still engaged in some valuable learning with their relief teachers. This week I took all the children through their mid-year GLoSS maths assessment and there were some excellent results. It was wonderful to see the children working through the problems methodically and using the strategies they have been learning this year. We also did our mid-year Schonell spelling test and most of the children are making excellent progress, although spelling will be more of a focus throughout the rest of the year. Our WW1 diaries are coming along really well and some of the emotion, expression and imagery being used is very thought-provoking. From next week some of the children will be wanting to access their gmail accounts and complete their homework tasks online so I will send home their passwords and log-in details today."Ko nga tamariki tirohanga atu mo nga whakaturanga".

Room 3: This job rolls around very quickly so the weeks must be flying by. Week 6 next week, where has the time gone?

In Room 3 we are busy putting work into our portfolios for the end of the term. The children have enjoyed maths this week, we have had some challenging problems to solve using compensation with a group. Some of us have gone away to really have a think about what strategies need to be used to solve these. Our classroom is looking full with lots of great learning and art, feel free to come in and have a look. I'd like to use this space as a reminder to children of Room 3 and their parents about being responsible for their spelling. We are making a shift to really improve in this area so working together will support your child. Please make some time to test your child on their words and the children have tasks to do to support their learning both here at school and at home.

Room 4: Our class has finally completed their World War One inquiry projects. They have shared their work with the class and their learning has been amazing. In the next week out testing begins for mid-year reporting. One of these tests is spelling. I have started a new spelling programme and it is expected that all students complete activities within the class and learn their spelling words at home every night. They also need to write their 10 spelling words in a complete sentence. This will hopefully improve their spelling, dictionary skills and writing. Parents or older siblings can test the students on their spelling words every night. Each Friday we have a spelling test on the words we have learnt for the week. The motto in our class this year is "Practise makes perfect". Therefore if we practise our spelling, Term 2 test results should improve. To Room 4 students, I hope to see an improved effort with your homework this week!

NETBALL DRAW: for Saturday 23rd
 10:00am—Ct 1—STANLEY A vs ELSTOW A (grading)
 10:50am—Ct 3—STANLEY C vs ELSTOW B
 11:40am - Ct 3—ELSTOW A vs ST MANA A
 Bye: TAPS B & Elstow C

Please note: There are a few teams will 2 games this week due to the Year 8 Reps games last week.

BASKETBALL DRAW: Tuesday 26th May
 5:30pm Elstow Rebels vs TAPS Titans
 7:50pm Elstow Stars vs Manawaru Magic
 Please go along to the College gym to support our teams.



Friday 22nd May St Joseph's Hall

Whitaker Street, Te Aroha

yr 0 to yr 4 : 5.30 - 6.45pm / 7.00 - 8.30pm yr 5 to yr 8

Entry \$5.00 which includes a drink

Food, drinks & glowsticks available.

Thank you for supporting St Josephs School PTA.

Any enquires ph 0212010160

The Great Manawaru Trivial Pursuits Challenge

Friday, 12th June 2015

7:00 p.m.

MANAWARU HALL

TEAMS OF 4 - COST: \$60.00 PER TEAM

Teams are strictly limited so get your entry in quick

B.Y.O. Drinks and glasses
 Light supper and nibbles provided

BEST DRESSED TEAM COMPETITION

FANTASTIC PRIZES

HUGE AUCTION WITH \$000'S OF GOODIES

Entries to:

Manawaru School, Manawaru Road, R. D. 1, Te Aroha.

or email office@manawaru.school.nz by 1st June

Cheques payable to Manawaru Fundraising Club
 One cheque per team and payable with your entry

BASKETBALL JAMBOREE: Basketball pacific are holding a Basketball Jamboree: 3rd, 4th & 5th July at Rotorua. It's open to any players turning 10, 11 or 12 in 2015 (boys & girls). The cost is \$160.00 & covers accommodation, meals, coaching, trainings & tournament. Players also receive a Basketball & singlet. Enquiries to Vivian Schuler vivnanthony@orcon.net.nz

STAFF SERGEANT WILLIAM "BILL" HENRY DCM

William Henry was born in Timaru, New Zealand, in 1887.

William was a volunteer with the St John Ambulance Service for 3 years, learning first aid and nursing. At the outbreak of WW1 he was studying medicine in Auckland.

He joined up and was posted to the Field Ambulance, NZ Medical Corps, arriving in Egypt on 6 December 1914.

The citation for Bill's DCM says:
 For conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on 25th April 1915 at Gaba Tepe (Bardanelles). During and subsequent to the landing, Private Henry attended on the wounded under heavy fire, allowing no danger to interfere with his duties. He invariably showed the greatest courage and presence of mind.

NEW ZEALAND MEDICAL CORPS

WW1 Field Ambulance

On 25 April 1915 he landed on the beach of Anzac Cove with a group of stretcher bearers from No.1 Field Ambulance. Under heavy Turkish shooting and bombing, they moved the wounded soldiers to safety.

Bill Henry used donkeys to move wounded soldiers from the front line.

William Henry came back to New Zealand and bought a farm in Te Kauwhata. He joined the Red Cross and helped the Home Guard in WW2. William Henry died on 6 September 1950, aged 63.

By Brent

A poster made by Brent from Room 3

COMING EVENTS	
27 th	Open Morning for new pupils 9am
27 th	Friday Lunch - Toasted Sandwiches Room 1 will host the assembly this week
June 5 th	Whole school visit to Waitoki Marae
17 th	Open Morning for new pupils 9am
18 th	Junior School visit to Rotorua then sleepover at school
<i>Regards: Heather Tanner, Wendy, Deane, Darren, Simone, Sarah, Heather, Anne, Michelle, Gordon & Jocelyn.</i>	