



Elstow-Waihou School

Reach for the Stars - *Totoro hoki nga whetu*

SUCCESS TEAMWORK ATTITUDE RESPECT

May 29th

Tena Koutou, nga mihi nui,

WELCOME: The Ramsden family started at our school this week. We welcome Madisyn who has just turned five, started school in Room 1, Kerrie-Leigh is in Room 2 and Ethan is in Room 4 and their parents Tamika and Matthew.

FAREWELL: Sadly we say goodbye to Amelia and Cameron Murray, and their parents Riana and Andrew. We also farewell Amelia England and her parents Karen and Rick. We wish you all well at your new schools.

Marae Visit –

URGENT TRANSPORTATION NEEDED

We need more cars to transport us to Waitoki Marae which is just a few kilometres out of Te Aroha on the Te Aroha-Paeroa Road. We will be leaving school at 9 am and returning just after lunch so will be at school at approximately 1.30 pm. This is an historic moment for the school as it is our first visit to one of our closest marae. If you can be available for transportation that day it would be gratefully appreciated.

New Website Launch

We are excited to launch our **new website soon**. We are looking forward to showing you information and photos of our school and students on our newly designed website. At the moment, please understand that there are some areas still under construction such as the blog site. On the blog sites we hope to show you photos of children's learning similar to the information shown in our newsletter publication; such as samples of children's best work, sports activities and learning opportunities.

We want to have our new website live by the 2nd of June.

NOTIFICATION TO BE RETURNED ASAP

While all of the feedback from our notice last week was positive we want you to clearly indicate in writing if you do not wish for your child's photo to be on the website.

Winter Uniform

It is important that children are in appropriate warm uniform. Therefore we remind you to ensure that your child is wearing plain black pants, leggings, stockings or skirts. There is an abundance of jerseys and sweatshirts in the lost property at the moment – which we would prefer to see empty as it

means that children are either wearing or have their property at home.

Bus trial

The first town bus is proving to be popular with our students – remember that this is an extra service that the Board is heavily subsidising, therefore if your child is travelling on the bus, can you please ensure that they have a dollar or that they purchase a bus pass from the office.



BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday wishes go this week to Lochlan Bolstad and Arna Morris. We hope you both have a really great day.

STARS OF THE WEEK: This week we have two stars. Sarah Pettigrew and Seth Seerup-Johnson for being super egg spotters and finding the 11 eggs under the hedge that the egg monitors hadn't found. Well Done!!

Health and Safety: As part of good health and safety management practice we have regular emergency drills at school to teach our children the correct procedures in the event of a fire, earthquake or lockdown. Next week we plan to hold an earthquake drill. Therefore, please do not be alarmed if your child comes home and reports that there was an earthquake at school. It was the school taking preparatory action in the event of an earthquake.

FROM THE CLASSROOMS:

Room 1: Kia ora whanau. We have had an awesome week of learning in room 1. I have seen some excellent progress made in our class and everybody has worked well. We welcomed Madisyn to our class on Wednesday and she has made a super start to school. Camp preparations are underway, but we are still waiting for some permission slips to come in and we are finalising some other details this week. You can expect some information to come home next week. I have been impressed with the children and their positive attitudes this week, they have all been happy and positive and helpful to one another. Have a great long weekend everyone you deserve a good break. Nice work team!

Room 2: There have been a couple of changes in Room Two this week. Sadly we said farewell to Amelia Murray and Amelia England as their families head off to new pastures, but we were lucky enough to have Kerrie-Leigh join our class from Pongokawa. She has settled in very quickly and we

hope she enjoys her time at Elstow-Waihou School. In class, our WW1 diaries are nearly completed and the children are really happy with their final products. We began a maths unit on Fractions this week and have gone "back to basics", using blocks to model a variety of different fractions. In reading we have just started using the Blue Reading Box cards. These are tailored to suit a variety of different reading levels and most children enjoy the challenge of getting to the next colour band as soon as possible. We are working on preparing our mihi for our marae visit next week and also practising the waiata we will be singing to our hosts.

Room 3: This week we completed a spelling test to see where we are in spelling ages. Please keep up your child's spelling practise going at home. The results are very obvious for your children. Have a great long weekend. Next week will be a short one with the marae trip on Friday.

Room 4: We have a new student in Room 4 this week. We would like to welcome Ethan Ramsden to our class. The Year 8 boys are pleased to have another boy to add to their group. Testing is well underway and I am really pleased with the results in reading. Next week I will be attending a course on Wednesday and Thursday. It is expected that all students show respect and complete the work that is set. Have a good weekend and we will catch up again next week.

WORKING BEE: There will be a working bee at the school on Sunday 7th June starting at 10:00am. This is just for a general clean and tidy up of the school before winter sets in. Remembering the old adage "Many hands make light work!" we invite you all to please come along.



NO NETBALL THIS WEEKEND: Saturday 30th
Congratulations: To Madi Darby and Hollie Storey who are in the Te Aroha Year 7 netball rep team. They played a tournament in Thames today and their team was the overall winners of the year 7 competition. Well done!

BASKETBALL DRAW: Tuesday 2nd June Kate Smyth Cup (Final Night)
 5:30pm TAPS vs Elstow Rebels
 7:50pm Stanley Lakers vs Elstow Stars
 ALL PLAYERS, just checking, have you paid your basketball fee to the office??

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand: Have you ever wondered how to make your own Italian pasta or learn French? Join Student Exchange Australia New Zealand (SEANZ) as a volunteer host family to welcome a new group of overseas students to New Zealand in July 2015. These high school students will be arriving from Australia, Europe and the USA. We are looking for local host families to welcome these students into their home for anywhere between 3 and 10 months. For further information please visit our website www.studentexchange.org.nz/host-a-student or call our New Zealand office on 0800 440 079

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WINTER WARMERS

Creamy Pumpkin Rice

- 1 tsp oil
- 1 diced onion
- 3C of diced pumpkin
- 2 rashers of bacon (fat and rind removed)

- 2tsp garlic
- 1½C short grain rice
- 3C stock
- 1C frozen peas
- 1C chopped silverbeet

Cook onion, pumpkin and bacon in a pan with oil. When onion is soft, add garlic and rice, stir well. Slowly add 1C of stock, stirring occasionally.

Gradually add 2 more cups of stock until rice cooked and most liquid absorbed. Add peas and silverbeet. Cook on low heat for 10 minutes.

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COMING EVENTS	
June 1st	Queens Birthday - NO SCHOOL
5th	Whole school visit to Waitoki Marae
7th	Working Bee 10:00am
8th	Dental Van will be at school
12th	Room 3 hosts the assembly this week.
17th	Open Morning for new pupils 9am BOT Meeting 7:00 in the Endeavour
18th	Junior School visit to Rotorua then sleepover at school
26th	Subway Friday Lunch
30th	HPV Vaccinations for Year 8 girls
July 1st	Interviews
3rd	Pies for Lunch Last Day of Term 2
July 20th	Term 3 starts.
Regards: Heather Tanner, Wendy, Deane, Darren, Simone, Sarah, Heather, Anne, Michelle, Gordon & Jocelyn.	