



Elstow-Waihou School

Reach for the Stars - *Totoro hoki nga whetu*

SUCCESS TEAMWORK ATTITUDE RESPECT

August 14th

NEWSLETTER

Tena Koutou, nga mihi nui,

The next few weeks of term particularly are shaping up to be very busy weeks. We have cross-country, speeches and finals in some out of school competitions for students. It is a timely reminder to take care of the health of your children and your family. There are many challenges too that we must face, as we are not all natural born athletes or public speakers. We ask our children to step up, give all experiences a go, be well prepared and have a great attitude. As our vision indicates children should 'Reach for the Stars – Totoro hoki nga whetu' – Do their absolute best. *'It is not enough that you do your best, you must know what to do, THEN do your best.'* W Edwards Deming.

Board Self- Review School Survey

The Board are interested in what you think about our current vision, values and mission statement. Last week we sent home a survey which we would like you to complete. Please see attached and return to school as soon as possible. Many thanks.

School Cross Country

Cross country training has been well underway with the first of our competitive opportunities in cross country running this Friday. Children were reminded to wear their school colours and show their support for their house; Tanekaha – Green Kahikatea- Blue, Rata – Red and Miro – Yellow.

Cross Country Inter-school Competition

Manawaru School

Children will be selected to represent our school at Manawaru on the 19th August, start time is 11:30am. Students are to wear school uniform T-shirt with black shorts. Please ensure that your child if selected, has a warm jersey, appropriate shoes, lunch and water bottle.

School Speeches

Students will be selected next week for the school speeches. This will be held at 11 am to 12.30 pm in the school hall on Thursday 27th August. The Rural Speech Competition will be held in the Endeavour at the same time on Wednesday 2nd of September.

Fun Run

Reminder that the Fun Run will be held on the 28th August starting at 11 am, it was a fantastic day last year with students having a really positive attitude to running and physical fitness. Please wear house colours for this day too.

School Photos – Monday 31st August

Please ensure that students are tidily dressed in their uniforms for this day.

FROM THE CLASSROOMS:

Room 1: Where is the time going?

We have just about completed our unit on patterns. This week we have been taking a look at growing patterns. We have continued practicing hard with our cross country. The children have made great progress in their fitness levels. We have started doing some daffodil art in class. We have been observing daffodils in the garden and have completed some daffodil sketches and have painted our backgrounds for the final artwork. Speeches are nearly complete and will come home soon for the children to practice. This will be their homework for the next week or 2. Have a great weekend everyone!

Room 2: This week we have been working hard on completing our speeches. There are a great variety of topics being researched and written about, so I can't wait to hear the final products. Our algebra unit on "patterns" is coming to a conclusion over the next few days and has also transferred across to an art unit containing patterned korus. This week we looked at another water experiment and learned a little about the power of air pressure.

Room 3: This week in Room 3 our science focus was fizzing and foaming. We have looked at a couple of experiments which involved us tasting, fizzing and checking for flavour change. We looked at the chemical changes using acids and carbonates. The children are really enjoying the science focus. Last week we made Oobleck and Slump slime using corn flour and PVA glue.

Room 4: Room Four are working really hard. All speeches have been completed and are either on cue cards or in the process. Next week I will be listening to all speeches and then I will have the hard job of selecting the final 4-5 speeches for the school speech competition. Usually this part is the most difficult, due the high standard of their work. We are now starting to work on our Science Fair projects and this work needs to be completed before Monday 31 August as they will be presented at St Joseph's School for judging on this day. Cross Country training has stepped up again this week and the race today will reveal our long distance runners. Continue the good work Room 4.

BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday this week to Damien Hohaia and Jacinda Nicholls. We hope you both had a wonderful day.



SCHOOL FUN RUN

THERE ONLY 4 WEEKS TILL THE RUN
Children are collecting sponsorship to raise funds and to encourage them to run further.

Your support is appreciated



SCHOOL PHOTOS: By now all children will have brought home an envelope for you to pre order their photo's. Every child requiring a photo must fill in an envelope, if you have several children, it is fine to put all money into one envelope with a note *ie: money in Susan's Room 1*. If you want to order Sibling Group photo's please ask at the office for a special envelope.

BOT ANNUAL CALF FUNDRAISER: It is that time and we are asking if farmers could rear a calf which we will pick it up in mid October, or they could donate \$300 as a virtual calf if that suited better or for parents who are not farmers.

SLINKS: If you are happy to, please mention the school name, so we may benefit when you are having your slinks picked up. We would appreciate your support, thank you.

CALF CLUB: Our calf club day this year will be on Friday 23rd October. We will have a Judge coming to the school to talk to the children about their animals and requirements for the competition on Thursday 17th September at 1:00pm. **When choosing a calf make sure it is born on or after the 1st July.** Group day, will be hosted by Te Aroha Primary School, on Thursday 29th October.

In preparation for the Calf Club day, please could all cups which were awarded last year, come back to the school as soon as possible, thank you.

BASKETBALL: The draw for the Year 6 Basketball team for their game on Tuesday: 18th: 6:40 Elstow Eagles play St Jo's Cavaliers Please go along to the college gym to support them.

NETBALL: Draw for Saturday 15th
 10:50 Ct 3 TAPS A vs ELSTOW A
 Ct 5 ELSTOW C vs ST MANA C
 11:40 Ct 3 TAPS B vs ELSTOW B

ADULTS JACKETS: We have available for purchase school Jackets in Adult sizes. If you are a coach, or just a keen helper and would like to purchase one, please contact Jocelyn at the office.

Regards: Heather Tanner, Wendy, Deane, Simone, Sarah, Heather, Anne, Michelle, Gordon & Jocelyn

COMMUNITY NEWS:

TE AROHA JUNIOR RUGBY PRIZE GIVING: Saturday 22nd Aug 11am at Cobras Clubrooms. Please bring a plate of food for lunch. **All Welcome - thanks for making the season great!**

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHURCH: Financial Health Check seminar at 7.00 p.m. on *Monday 24 August*. Free of charge or commitment. After light refreshments, a financial expert will present with authority and humour, matters such as ways to minimise payments for mortgages & credit cards. There's also an opportunity for confidential & free follow-up at home. For more info contact Steve Collecutt (021) 220 7162.

AU-PAIRS: Are you looking for good childcare and also want to give back? Our au-pairs are looking for wonderful Kiwi families to look after your children and experience the typical Kiwi lifestyle. Registration is free and we cater to all kinds of families More info can be found on our website: www.aupairnewzealand.co.nz.

COMING EVENTS	
	The PTA are serving Yummy Soup this Friday
18th	Hearing and Vision Testing
19th	Te Aroha District Cross Country
21st	Assembly Hosts Room 3
26th	Thames Valley Cross Country
27th	School Speeches 11:00 in the Endeavour
28th	Fun Run Assembly Hosts Room 4
Sept 4th	Assembly Hosts Room 1

**Congratulations to our winning
 rugby players.
 You are all stars !**



Dear Parent/caregiver

One of the core responsibilities of the Board is to oversee and protect the school's vision, mission, values and resources. Therefore as part of our self-review process we are asking parents what they think about our current vision, mission statement (purpose) and school values.

The vision, mission statement and values of our school represent what is important to our community – you. The vision, mission and values are the guiding principles that strongly contribute to the decisions on how the school is strategically governed. As a Board, community, students teachers and staff we all work together to;

create the school our **vision** describes
accomplish our **mission**, and
demonstrate our school **values**

Our current **vision** is;

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Our current **mission** statement is;

Together we will maximise potential, and empower ourselves for lifelong learning.

Our current school **values** are;

Success, Teamwork, Attitude, Respect

For us to check in and ensure that the current vision, mission and values truly do represent what you believe about the school, its purpose and aspirations for your child, we would like you to indicate and record your thoughts of the following questions;

Please indicate	Yes	No	If no, what would you like to see instead
Do you like the current vision ?			
Do you like the current mission statement ?			
Do you like the current school values ?			

Thank you for participating in this survey, we will get back to you with the results as soon as practicable.

Elstow-Waihou School Board of Trustees

Note: Each returned and completed form earns your child house points.