



# Elstow-Waihou School

Reach for the Stars - *Totoro hoki nga whetu*

**SUCCESS TEAMWORK ATTITUDE RESPECT**

## August 14th NEWSLETTER

Tena Koutou, nga mihi nui,  
ASTRO –TURF IS COMING!

You would have noticed the extra fencing that is currently being erected on the perimeter of the netball and basketball court area in preparation for the astro-turf that is to be installed next month (weather permitting). The astro-turf will be a multi-sport area with markings for basketball, netball, tennis, hockey and two four squares.

To ensure that the astro-turf is maintained to a high standard the carpark gates will be locked, this is to ensure that small stones are not walked over the astro-turf thus causing damage to the matting. Instead of using the carpark gates the bus shelter gate entrance will need to be used.

### THANK YOU

**Huge thanks** for the support from **our PTA, Grassroots Foundation, Lion Foundation, Pub Charity Foundation and NZCT (New Zealand Community Trust)**. Support from these organisations has meant that we are able to provide this amazing school and community facility for us all.

### ENROL NOW :

We urge parents of our community and the wider community to enrol your pre-schooler now for 2016. We will begin organising classes in the next few weeks for 2016 and it would be helpful for us to determine our class numbers, so if you know of anyone in the community with a four year old child please encourage them to enrol their child as soon as possible.

### VISION, VALUES AND MISSION STATEMENT SURVEY

Thank you to the many families that responded to our survey about what you thought of our current vision, values and mission statement. The results of this survey thus far were reported to the Board of Trustees on the 19<sup>th</sup> August. Community feedback will be given in the next few weeks once more surveys are collected and compiled.

### SCHOOL SPEECHES

School speeches will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> August in the Endeavour starting at 11 am. It would be fantastic if you could come along and support your child/children.

### FUN RUN

The Fun Run will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> August starting at 11am. We ask that all of the children come in their appropriate house colours to support their house. The Fun Run will begin with the oldest students first.

### NEWSLETTER COVER

This week we use the last of our newsletter covers. Look out next week for our bright new cover.

**CALF CLUB:** Friday 23rd October: Calf Club entry forms will be coming home at the beginning of next week. Look out for them and return as soon as possible please. 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. Please remember to return all Calf Club cups as soon as possible

**BIRTHDAYS:** We have only one Happy Birthday this week! We wish Jack Daines a very happy day.



**WELCOME:** To Charlie Russell who started this week and is in Room 3, we welcome you and your mum Kerrie to our school community.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS:** Don't forget to hand in your envelopes as soon as you can. 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. **All photo envelopes and money must be in on Friday or you will miss out.**

**BASKETBALL:** On Tuesday 25th our Elstow Eagles play TAP's Terminators at 5:30pm. Go along to support them.

**WANTED:** If you have any spare supermarket bags could you please bring them into school, Michelle uses them to line our rubbish bins. Thank you.

### FROM THE CLASSROOMS:

**Room 1:** Tena Koutou,

The akonga have all had a productive week of learning.

We have this week started back on number in our class. The initial focus will be on addition and subtraction strategies. We have done our cross country post test with Mr Muir. The results were a little mixed but some good progress was made. We are still working on our daffodil art hopefully they will be finished soon. The children should all have their speeches now. Please ensure the children bring their speech to school daily so we can practice in class. I have been very impressed with the children that I have heard so far. For writing this week we are writing self-portraits about ourselves focusing on writing similes. The children are really get the hang of it. Well done all Ka mau te wehi!

**Room 2:** Kia ora whanau. Writing, typing and practicing speeches has dominated our week in Room 2. Many children have put in a great deal of effort over the past couple of weeks and I am sure the results will be apparent next week. School cross country last Friday went really well, apart from the weather packing in a little. I had the pleasure of attending the District cross country yesterday and Room 2 children performed brilliantly and all achieved top 8 placings. Some of them will now go onto the Thames Valley champs next week.

**Room 3:** Well done everyone who competed in the school cross country last Friday, you all did an amazing job. To the students that went onto Districts congratulations to you all for your wonderful results. Today I start to listening to speeches and wish you all the very best. Have a nice weekend.

**Room 4:** Kia Ora.

Congratulations to the students who participated in the Inter-school cross country event on Wednesday. On the whole the students in Room 4 should be proud of their efforts and their placing. This has been a busy week as students prepare for speech finals and the Science Fair. Our fraction unit in Mathematics is coming to an end and we are about to start a new unit on decimals. A big thank you, to Ana Nicholas and her friends, who made cups of Milo for a treat this week. While on duty, I noticed these cups of Milo topped with cream, were enjoyed by all. Congratulations to all our teams who play sport on Saturday. I hear the netball teams had a successful season; with the B team winning their games and going from strength to strength. A number of our girls have also been part of the netball rep teams. The students who play hockey in Room 4 have also had a successful season; placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the competition. Thank you to our coaches, Debbie Darby and Maree Stewart who have given up their time to coach the netball teams.



	Elstow -	Waihou	Cross	Country	Results			
	5 Years	6 Years	7 Years	8 Years	9 Years	10 Years	11 Years	12+ Years
Girls								
1 <sup>st</sup>	Breanna Darby	Emma Richards	Molly Dykzeul	Kerrie-Leigh Ramsden	Summer Dykzeul	Brooke Carter	Madison Darby	Arna Morris
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Charlotte Smith	Sarah Pettigrew	Sophie Mackay	Shaniya Nand	Lucy Spice	Maia Wahanui	Tania Hohaia	Lily van den Heuvel
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Emma Rodger	Riley Baker		Bella Blair	Amber Mackay		Shelbie Inglis	Jasveen Singh-Mahal
Boys								
1 <sup>st</sup>	Jayden Baker	Cooper Spice	Alex Dibble	Daniel Watkins	Jayden Darby	Sam Storey	Ben Pettigrew	Jack Daines
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Koby Bell	Alex Walker	Cooper Bell	Ben Morris	Jack Dibble	Blair Watkins	Jayden Rodger	Hamish McGiven
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shayden Keightley	Seth Seerup-Johnson	Liam Gibson	Charley Wahanui	Benji Bell	Cody Dyer	Braiden Richards	Ethan Morris



### TE AROHA DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY:

#### Senior

Girls 12+ **2nd** Arna Morris, **7th** Jasveen Singh-Mahal, **8th** Lily van den Heuvel and **10th** Jessica Rayner

Boys 12+ **6th** Jack Daines, **12th** Lochlan Bolstad, **14th** Hamish McGiven

#### Intermediate

Girls 11y **2nd** Madison Darby

Boys 11y **2nd** Ben Pettigrew and **6th** Jayden Rodger

Girls 10y **2nd** Brooke Carter

Boys 10y **5th** Sam Storey and **10th** Blair Watkins

#### Junior

Girls 9y **7th** Summer Dykzeul

Boys 9y **1st** Jayden Darby and **3rd** Jack Dibble

Girls 8y **4th** Kerrie-Leigh Ramsden

Boys 8y **2nd** Daniel Watkins, **3rd** Ben Morris and **5th** Damien Hohaia

**DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY:** The District Cross Country was held at Manawaru School on Wednesday and once again our school was terrifically represented. The weather was very unkind on the day, with the majority of the races being run in freezing, wet conditions, so it was even more pleasing to see the fantastic efforts that our runners put in! We had some great results and some of our athletes have been selected in the Te Aroha team to attend the Thames Valley Championships in Whitianga next Wednesday.

**NETBALL:** The netball prize giving will be held at 3:30pm on Friday 28th August in the Endeavour. Please bring a plate for a shared afternoon tea to celebrate the girls wonderful season.

### COMMUNITY NEWS:

**MALE LAMB FOR SALE:** Born 08/08/15 cost \$65.

Comes castrated, docked and had 1st vaccine.

Phone or text Robyn Dibble 889-5984 / 021-1763-129.

**FIRST CREDIT UNION:** As part of First Credit Union's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations we gave away 2 brand new bikes & 2 \$500 Rebel Sport Gift Cards to 2 of our school banking children! Congratulations to: **Pounamu from Rotokawa School, Rotorua & Haze from Nawton School, Hamilton** I am sure these 2 children are going to love their new bikes! Thanks so much to you all for supporting our school banking programme – keep an eye out for competitions in the next few months!

**SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE – HAMILTON MEETING!!** In May and June the Ministry of Education held some forums to discuss Updates to Special Education. However, following a large number of parent complaints that they were not invited to participate, the Ministry has scheduled more meetings across NZ, and are inviting parents, teacher aides, teachers, grandparents, siblings and the students themselves to present their ideas and expertise as to the proposed updates. The Hamilton meeting will be taking place on: **Fri 28th Aug** 9.30 to 11.00am Ministry of Education, 19 Home Straight, Te Rapa, Hamilton. RSVP to [colleen.kiely@education.govt.nz](mailto:colleen.kiely@education.govt.nz) These meetings allow each child who uses Special Education to have a voice, through those who know them best. We encourage you to participate if you are able. The 4 discussion points can be found here: <http://www.education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/School/SchoolsBulletin/RegNewsNelMarbWCSpecialEdDiscussionTopics.pdf> The pre-reading can be found here: <http://www.education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/School/SchoolsBulletin/RegNewsNelMalbWCSpecialEdUpdatePrereading.pdf> - please familiarise yourself with it before the meeting.

### ASTHMA AWARENESS WEEK:

Did you know that 1 in 7 children in New Zealand have Asthma? That's around 22,200 in the Waikato. Over 550,000 school days are lost each year due to the condition. Spring is in the air – and so are lots of other things! Triggers such as pollen may set off your sensitive airways.

- ◆ Ensure that you carry your reliever (blue) inhaler on you at all times \* This helps relax the muscles around your airways
- ◆ If you have a preventer continue to take it morning and night, every day \* This helps keep the inside of your airways clear.
- ◆ If you have a puffer type inhaler use your spacer \* 50% more medication will get to your lungs

Asthma Awareness week 31<sup>st</sup> August to 6<sup>th</sup> September. Please support Asthma Waikato to help individuals with respiratory conditions to have full and active lives – [givealittle.co.nz/org/asthmawaik](http://givealittle.co.nz/org/asthmawaik) or visit [www.asthmafoundation.org.nz](http://www.asthmafoundation.org.nz)

	COMING EVENTS
26th	Thames Valley Cross Country
27th	School Speeches 11:00 in the Endeavour
28th	Fun Run Assembly Hosts Room 4 3:30 Netball Prize Giving
31st	School Photos
Sept 3rd	Gym Sports at Morrinsville Event Centre
4th	Assembly Hosts Room 1
11th	Assembly Hosts Room 2
17th	Calf Club Judge to visit

Special congratulations go to Cooper Bell, my apologies for missing him off the list last week. You are real a star!



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