



Elstow-Waihou School

Reach for the Stars - *Totoro hoki nga whetu*

SUCCESS TEAMWORK ATTITUDE RESPECT

February 26th

Tena Koutou, nga mihi nui,

This new year started with a new teacher in Room Three. Ms Manketelov came to us from Hillcrest in Hamilton and has settled in well in her new class. We have also gained five students as a result of the closing of the Wai-toa School, a couple as a result of family move, and lucky Mr Scott has gained five new entrants. So we start this year with a nice healthy roll of 91.

Thank you for the Country Fair

On behalf of the children, staff, Board and school community we would like to acknowledge all of the hard work of our PTA, staff, parents, community, extended community, Lions Club, sponsors and supportive businesses a special thank you to Louise Morris and Anna-Leigh Bell who organised our fantastic Country Fair.

* Winner of the J.T.Carter sponsored Television was Mel Botha, the winner of Cow Pat Bingo was Claire Morris and Benji Bell won 'Principal for the Day' *

** Congratulations ! **

Waihi Beach Safety Day

Another great whole school learning day that was enjoyed by everyone, the children learned valuable life-saving skills, the instructors commented on how respectful our students were at listening and understanding the lessons. The day was perfect and the water was warm.

Children's Learning

All classes are settled and working really well. 'Beach Study' is the learning focus this term. The children have already begun art, writing, health and safety and scientific thinking about the significance of the sea and beaches in our lives. Over the course of the following weeks their ideas about the environmental impact that humans have on the sea, sea creatures and plants will be explored.

Board News

From the 25th February Board Meeting – The Draft Charter was approved by the Board and this has been sent to the Ministry of Education for acceptance, included in the Charter were the National Standards Achievement Targets. Once again the Board and teaching staff have chosen to have high expectations of our children's educational achievements, thus our National Standards achievement targets for 2016 are 90% for Reading and

85% for both Writing and Mathematics.

There have been a number of property projects that have been completed over the past few months these include; Sewerage system upgraded, Clear light installed on the swimming pool changing shed roof, the interior of the changing sheds painted, the school sign erected on the fence of Tautiti Road, pool seating completed and the sandpit cover upgraded.

We have also been selected for a Ministry of Education Contract for Learning with Digital Technologies the first teacher professional development has been organised for the 7th March. We will also be changing our school SMS (School Management System) after our training day on the 10th March.

We hope to keep the school pool open for as long as possible this summer period depending on the weather.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES—JUNE ELECTIONS

The Board elections are coming up. The Board will call for nominations on the 6th May with voting day being 3rd June. If you are interested please come along to the next Board meeting on **Wednesday 16th March at 7:00pm** If you are would like to be part of governance team that;

- determines the educational and strategic direction for your child's school
- Allows you to develop new personal skills and extend your social network

Feel free to talk to Board members about the activities and roles of the Board. Contact: Andrew McGiven (Chair) 884-4360, Todd Nicholls (Property) 027-244-5482, Louise Morris (Finance) 07-862-8300, Debbie Darby (Health and Safety) 884-4381, Deane Scott (Staff Elected Representative) or Heather Tanner (Principal) 884-5802.

School Biathlon: Wednesday 2nd March - Begins after lunch. Starting with the senior children and working down to the juniors. *Children to wear house colours.*

Districts Swimming Competition: Thursday 3rd March Children need to be at the Te Aroha college pool by 9.00am for a 9:30am start.

Thames Valley Cricket Tournament: Friday 4th March 9.30am start at Paeroa Domain

Thames Valley Swimming Champs: Tuesday 8th March Children need to be there for a 9.00am start at Thames Pool.

(Please Note: there will be notices going home with all details for each of these events.)





Room One: Kia ora all! I'm thinking we should go to the beach every Monday! What a great way to start the week. The children all had a great time and learnt lots about staying safe around water. We have been busy at the pool again this week. We have been assessing the children and what they can do in the pool. I have been impressed with their attitude and confidence in the pool. Sorry no homework this week due to a variety of factors (beach trip, Country Fair, and sick photocopier). Homework will resume as normal next week. The children have been looking at pictographs for maths this week. How to make them, read them and tallying up the results. Well done Room 1 you've all had a great week.

Room Two: Kia ora whanau! Our beach trip was a fantastic way to begin our week and everybody involved had a great time, while learning some really vital lessons about keeping ourselves safe in and around the water. The children have been busy in the pool also, training hard for next week's biathlon at school. Our Inquiry Unit around the ocean is moving along well and now that we are more settled we can begin to delve more deeply into the topic and answer any questions that arise as we move ahead. Our work with tally charts and bar graphs is moving quickly also, with some real understanding being shown through our classwork. This week I am conducting some class-wide reading assessment and maths assessment next week. Have a great weekend and let's hope Cyclone Winston doesn't spoil it.

Room Three: Another busy week has been enjoyed by all in Room 3, and how could we not start by mentioning the wonderful Beach Safety Trip on Monday. A big thank-you to the parents/caregivers that came with us! Our first major piece of re-crafted writing is making its way to our classroom wall - be sure to come and enjoy reading our stories. Have a great weekend :)

Room Four: Hello everyone. The classroom "moved" to Waihi Beach for just one day! On this particular day we were learning how to "read" the sea and understand the role of a lifeguard. The best part of the day was swimming in warm water with the waves crashing around us. As a follow up from this day we are completing a small study about the job of a lifeguard. Hopefully this may encourage some of our young people to think about becoming one of these. Mostly voluntary work! Testing in Mathematics, Reading and Writing will start this week. Hopefully we can complete this within a short timeframe. Room 4 are enjoying their time at Technology classes at Te Aroha College. However some are forgetting their shoes. Please ensure they wear the correct footwear and arrive promptly at school before 8:35 on Tuesdays. Have a good weekend.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Caedyn Shaxon, Liam Gibson, Braye Stewart, Esin Laimbeer, Maia Wahanui and Brooke Carter who all celebrate birthdays this week. We wish you all the very best wishes for your special day.



Regards: Heather, Wendy, Deane, Donna, Darren, Sarah, Marieke, Anne, Gordon, Justin & Jocelyn



Week Three Cricket Results

Year 3 / 4: E-W Rebels lost to Matamata Sutcliffes:

Year 5 / 6: E-W Renegades lost to Matamata Idlers

Year 7 / 8: R & P Stainless Te Aroha Tornadoes lost to Otorohanga King Crushers

Week 4 Draw

Year 3 / 4: Elstow-Waihou Rebels v Ngatea Primary @ Elstow-Waihou School 9.00am

Year 5 / 6: Elstow-Waihou Renegades v Matamata Ramblers @ Pohlen Park, Matamata 10.30am

Year 7 / 8: R & P Stainless Te Aroha Tornadoes v RJHS 2nd XI @ Herries Park, Te Aroha 9.00am

EGG-CELLENT EGGS

FRENCH TOAST

- 4 eggs
- 4 Tbsp low fat milk
- 1 pinch cinnamon
- 1 Tbsp margarine
- 6-8 slices toast bread
- Fruit e.g. sliced banana, berries

Mix eggs, milk & cinnamon in a bowl. Heat margarine in a pan. Dip bread (1 at a time) into the mixture, coating both sides. Put in pan & cook for 2-3 mins on each side until golden. Serve warm with fruit.

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SQUASH LESSONS: All levels catered for including beginners. Please phone:-Megan -0275847250 for more information

NOTHING NAUGHTY

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COMING EVENTS	
Mar	School Biathlon
2nd	
3rd	District Swimming (note new date)
4th	Cricket Festival at Paeroa
8th	Thames Valley Swimming
11th	Bible in Schools starts for R1 & 2



THE COUNTRY FAIR

was a raging success this year, with the weather playing the part, the community backing us and some very generous people and businesses. If you played a role in the Country Fair no matter how big or small please accept this as our heartfelt thank you.

Together we raised **\$10000*******

for our school children. This is huge, and we reached the target set!!!

Huge thanks to Louise Morris and Anna-Lee Bell who put in hours and hours of time and effort to make this year's Fair the success that it was. See you at the 2017 Country Fair!!

PS: Situations vacant:
Country Fair Co-ordinator :)







HUGE THANKS TO OUR AMAZING SPONSORS

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- ★ Tahuna Lions
- ★ Te Aroha Mountain Lions
- ★ Spanish Signs
- ★ Te Aroha Dramatic Society
- ★ Te Aroha Vet Services
- ★ Te Aroha Swim Zone
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- ★ Harcourts
- ★ Ironique
- ★ PJS
- ★ Countdown Te Aroha
- ★ Countdown Manihuaia
- ★ Braeside
- ★ Andrew Bell
- ★ Maries Kitchen
- ★ McConnachie's



All eyes were on Lauren Osborne and Missy... all Missy needed to do was a little poo

While Steve Andersen showed us how to shear Phillip Dibble's sheep.





A great range of very yummy food for dinner!
And live music from Mrs Gregory and her very talented students.

