



# Elstow-Waihou School

Reach for the Stars - *Totoro hoki nga whetu*

**SUCCESS TEAMWORK ATTITUDE RESPECT**

## July 24th

Tena Koutou, nga mihi nui,

### Welcome

Welcome back to term 3. We have two new families that have joined us the Dyer Family, Ashley (Year 8) and Cody (Year 6) and the Blair Family, Bella (Year 4) has joined Room 2. Sadly we say farewell to Harkirat and Baljoban Singh, we wish them and their family well in Wanganui.

### Teacher Aide Position

We are very pleased to inform you that the position of teacher aide has been accepted by Marieke Latimer. Marieke brings a wealth of experience and a fantastic attitude to education and learning to the position. We look forward to her beginning her tenure in Room 1 on Monday the 27 July.

### Value - ATTITUDE

Attitude – This term's value is ATTITUDE.

In our classes we have asked the children what they understand of the meaning of this value. The children understand that Good or Positive Attitude to their learning, social interactions and physical challenges is an expectation of the culture of Elstow-Waihou School. We want all of the children to strive to do their very best every day and have a great attitude in the way they conduct themselves as a class mate and student of the school.

### Science

We are excited to present more and a greater variety of science opportunities for our children this term. We will be focusing on Physical World and Material World Science, therefore children will be looking at how and why things work, testing their hypothesis, experimenting and recording their findings. Science is a great way for children to ignite curiosity, wonderment and a passion about the world around them.

### School Cross-Country – 14<sup>th</sup> August

Start time 11 am. The children will be run in order of Room numbers, therefore Room 1,2,3 and 4. Children are to wear their House Colours for the day. There will be a sausage sizzle available. Children will have lunch once the last race has been run.

### Thames Valley Cross Country 19<sup>th</sup> August

Start time 11:00 am at Manawaru School.

### Fun Run – 28<sup>th</sup> August

Start time 11 am similar to last years. Children are asked to wear their House colours, Parents and supporters are encouraged to show their support by dressing up in appropriate colours too!

### After School Care Survey

Thank you to the parents that filled out this survey we appreciate your time and thoughts of this service.

The results of this survey will be discussed at our next

Board meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> July with a decision communicated back to you about the viability of an afterschool service.

### Uniform

Students are reminded to wear the correct school uniform each day.

Maroon polo shirts, maroon polo fleece, maroon jackets

Plain black shorts, skirts, pants, skorts  
(no designs, patterning or logos)

### 100 Days of Learning

Wednesday the 22 July marked a milestone of 100 days of learning. I had the pleasure of showing visitors around our school this week. They were impressed about the 'Good feel' in the school, the settled and focussed work that was happening in the classes and generally just how happy the children were in the classes and in the playground.

It is fantastic as a leader to hear this positive affirmation about our school and students. Well done everyone for making our school a great place to learn and grow!

### Assembly Class Presentations

We encourage parents to come along to our school assemblies. This week's assembly was hosted by Room 3 children, please check the coming events note at the end of the newsletter for the dates for upcoming weeks.

### OPEN MORNING 5th August 9:00-10:30

These mornings have become a regular event in the Junior Room.

- A friendly, fun, inclusive and dynamic decile 7 school
- High student literacy and numeracy achievement
- Digitally rich modern learning classrooms
- Experienced, caring and innovative teachers
- Respectful, highly motivated students
- We work in partnership with children and parents so that every child achieves his or her personal best.

Please feel free to come along and to invite friends and family to come along.

### COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL:

Friday 31 July 9:00-9:30 if you would like to come and have a chat and coffee with the principal. To talk about our school and / or your child.

### BIRTHDAYS: Belated Happy Birthday wishes go to

Payge Dickey and Braiden Richards who celebrated their birthdays in the holidays. This week we wish Azra Harrison, Zoe Botha Teagan Garmonsway and Baljoban Singh all the best birthday wishes for their special day.



**STAR OF THE WEEK:** This week the award goes to



Ana Nicholas who comes to school early every morning. When she arrives she willingly helps with all sorts of little jobs, fetching and carrying, and all with a big smile. A real STAR attitude Ana!

**HELP REQUIRED:**

**Painting:** Would you like to assist with the preparation and painting of our new Elstow Waihou School sign to go on the Tautiti Road fence? Please contact the school if you can help during the day next Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

**Calf Club:** For anyone interested in finding out more about calf club and/or helping to organise the day, there will be a quick meeting at 9am Wednesday 29th July.

**Dental Nurse:** We have been notified that the dental nurses stationed at Morrinsville will not be available for the next month. If you have any issues with your children's teeth please phone 0800 Talk Teeth (0800-8255-83384) and they will be able to help you.

**FROM THE CLASSROOMS:**

**Room 1:** Kia ora everyone, we are back into it and have dived into our learning head first. We are busy practicing for our school cross country event. We are focusing on algebra in maths for the first part of the term. We are looking at patterns; how to recognize and create patterns. This week the children have a brainstorm about what they want their speech topic to be and we will start writing them in week 3. Just a reminder for all of those children doing early words could we have your early words books and zip lock bags at school everyday please. I hope you all had a great break.



**Room 2:** Kia ora whanau. It's great to be back in class again and to see all the eager faces of Room 2 who are excited about the learning that will take place this term. We have lots going on with School and District Cross Country, Adidas Fun Run, science experiments, school speeches, school calendars, a school art project, school photos and to top it off, our class will be making a natural skin balm from calendula and beeswax. Speeches are our first major focus so next week we will be trying to help your child find a subject

that they are excited about as these always make the best speeches. I hope calving has started well for all of you and that things run smoothly over the next few weeks. Good luck to Waihou in the final tomorrow...and of course the A.Bs in South Africa on Sunday!

**Room 3:** Welcome back to term 3. We have had a great first week back. The children are really excited about the science experiments we are doing. This week we have used water and completed a couple of experiments. The children have all started working on their speeches and this will continue for the next few weeks. It is a busy term with the gymnastics teams getting ready for their performance in Morrinsville.

**Room 4:** What a crazy week! So much happening and it is only week one. Room 4 has a very full agenda for this term. They are currently making headway with their speech preparation; some are considering and thinking about their science fair projects which can be started any time. Next week on Thursday, I have Jenny (RTL teacher) visiting the class to support the class in preparation for the Science Fair. She will give them some ideas of what the judge will be looking for in this competition. The science programme is underway within the class. This week we focused on water; surface tension and the function of water molecules. The students enjoyed the experiments and they are also learning how to write up an experiment.

Just to top it off, we have the annual cross country race in just a few weeks, so we are preparing for this event. Just a reminder about school uniforms; all children must wear black shorts or long pants. Colours and patterns are not permitted on these. Have a good weekend.

**NETBALL:** Draw for Saturday

- 10:00 Ct 3 Stanley B vs Elstow B
- 10:50 Ct 5 Elstow C vs ST Mana C (short goals)
- 11:40 Ct 1 Elstow A vs TAPS A

Please go along to support our netball teams.

**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.

**THANK YOU:** A big thank you to Mark Simmons from NORWOOD Farm Machinery Centre who just popped into the school and gave us six lovely new rugby balls. The children will be thrilled to see these.

**COMMUNITY NEWS:** Free Ear Clinic: 29th July at St Josephs car park, Te Aroha and 31st July at the Plunket rooms in Morrinsville 9.15-12:00

**Agri-Kids Competition:** Congratulations to our team of Year 7/8 students, Ben Pettigrew, Arna Morris and Ethan Morris who represented our school and the Waikato/BOP region in the Agrikids National Grand Final in Taupo recently. They had a tough day of agricultural problems to solve, including practical tasks and a written exam. They finished in 7th place which is a huge credit to them. Well done Elstow Waihou School Cookies.



COMING EVENTS	
July 29th	Board of Trustees meeting 7:00pm in the Endeavour
31st	Assembly Hosts Room 4
August 3rd	Lucky Book orders due back
5th	Room 1 Open Day 9:00-10:30
7th	Assembly Hosts Room 1
14th	School Cross Country Assembly Hosts Room 2
18th	Hearing and Vision Testing

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