



Elstow-Waihou School

Reach for the Stars - *Totoro hoki nga whetu*

SUCCESS TEAMWORK ATTITUDE RESPECT

1st May 2015

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

WELCOME: We welcome four new entrants to our school this week. Emma Rodger who is Jayden's sister, Jayden Baker who is Riley's brother, Breanna Darby who is sister to Jayden and Madison and to Koby Bell who is Benji and Cooper's brother. We know you all will enjoy your time with us at Elstow-Waihou School.



FAREWELL: It is with sadness that we say good bye to Ash and Ella Duthie, Sera Martin and Makayla Greenwood who all finished at our school at the end of Term 1. We wish them well at their new schools.

The students are continuing their learning about WW1. There is a wealth of literature, art and history for our children to explore. I enjoyed the ANZAC remembrance ceremony held in Te Aroha on Saturday it was a humbling, moving and patriotic experience which reminded all present of the burdens borne by our servicemen and women and their families.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Laurence Binyon

Road Safety Week May 4-8

Road safety is an important aspect of keeping our kids safe. We need to be vigilant and mindful of the dangers of our rural roads and particularly the safety of our children when using the bus and riding their bikes.

Bike Day – Friday 8th May

Children are encouraged to bring their bikes for bike day on the 8th of May. Constable Brett Otto will put the children through their paces with bike safety, skills on checking that their bike and helmet are safe, and then get them to navigate their way through an obstacle course of activities. It will be a fun day. Constable Otto said – “no helmet, no ride!!” So don't be disappointed and make sure you bring your helmet to school and check brakes at home before bringing your bike on Friday.

Bus Safety

On a foggy day insist that your child wear their high viz vest – it could save a life. Our children are too precious and it is difficult for drivers to see children on our rural roads on foggy days.

Volunteer Van Driver Requested

The Board is currently investigating the viability of a van for school use. We seek expressions of interest for a van driver. This position would only require a standard car licence and be for approximately 1.5- 2 hours a day.

Reminder – Coffee with the Principal – 8th May

Parents and community members are reminded that if you wish to have a coffee with the Principal please come along to the office at 9:00 - 10:00am.

Reminder of parent email addresses

If you would like information about your child, or you would like us to be able to contact you please email us your email address to admin@elstow-waihou.school.

BUS/VAN SERVICE

The direct Bus/Van service is at a cost of \$1 per trip per student. This service means that your child travels directly to school from Te Aroha College in the morning and directly from school to Te Aroha College in the afternoon.

Effectively this is an extra bus/van that has been provided for families for efficiency of time and therefore is at an extra charge. This service is particularly useful for children to attend training or meet parents in town before the regular bus route gets there in the afternoon. The bus/van service is also part of a strategic plan to generate more students for our school roll. This is already having a positive effect and trust that you will encourage other parents who are thinking about sending their children to Elstow-Waihou School in the future. **Please send \$10 for your child to get a ticket.**

Reminder of Chromebooks for sale

We still have a few chromebooks left to purchase \$495.

Thank you

A warm thank you to the Board of Trustees that acknowledged the work of our teachers and staff with a delicious morning tea, it was much appreciated.

Birthday Wishes: I am sorry to say that with Easter and

the school holidays arriving at the beginning of April and now it is May, I have managed to miss all April birthdays!!! With my apologies, we would like to extend very belated birthday wishes to: Eden Shaxon, Blair Watkins, Amelia England, Molly Daines

and Seth Seerup-Johnson who all celebrated their very special days in April. Current birthday wishes go to Lucas Adamson who celebrates his birthday this week. We hope you all had wonderful birthdays.



FROM THE CLASSROOMS:

Room 1: Kia ora everyone. What a busy week we have had. It is exciting times in Room 1 at the moment as we have a number of new children joining us. We have been hard at work this week. We have completed a piece of Autumn writing looking at using adjectives in our writing and using more descriptive language. We are continuing with our World War 1 unit, particularly looking at the animals and mascots that were used in the war. Next Friday will be a bike safety day at school with Constable Otto. The children will need to bring their bikes, helmets and a pair of shoes. Have a great weekend. Good luck to anyone playing sport this weekend.

Room 2: Kia ora whanau! Another exciting week is nearly over and there has been some great learning taking place in Room 2. Our ANZAC / WW1 unit is progressing nicely and the children are now beginning to focus on the roles animals played in the "Great War". It has been great to see some children doing their own research at home and coming to school with some interesting facts. In maths we are still focusing on a variety of addition and subtraction strategies, which are improving rapidly. We are learning how to write a persuasive letter and our first efforts should be completed today.

Room 3: Week 2 a short week but still we have achieved so much. This week Room 3 have been learning about the game of rugby. We have had some fantastic teachers (students) sharing the rules and how the game works. This learning has come from learning about large ball usage. We have had players teaching the skills of basketball and we will continue learning other large ball games. We followed up our learning around Anzac day and this continues for another couple of weeks looking at WW1 facts. This is a great unit of learning, we have been able to incorporate this into our reading and writing programme.

Room 4: Thank you to the students and their families from Room 4 who represented our school at the Anzac parade in Te Aroha on Saturday. Well done to the students who took part in our school ceremony for this special day. Our Inquiry Unit about World War One is in full swing. The students have asked many interesting questions which helps them to form their own opinions about war. We have just completed a reading unit where the students were learning how to answer a question correctly and they also focused on learning new vocabulary. In Mathematics we have revised addition and subtraction strategies. We will move onto our next unit which will focus on multiplication and division. Last week many students created interesting power-points and charts about Anzac Day. Continue the focused learning Room 4.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Change of season "WE'RE MOVING" Garage Sale
 *Waihou Hall Sunday 10th May from 9:00pm - \$5 a stall
 *If you are interested, book a spot by contacting Kelly: 021 136 1613 or Tania: 027 499 8510
 *Bring change for your float and you must remove all unsold items at the end.

ONE VOICE PRODUCTIONS: is a Music school specialized in providing tuition for singing and stage presence with qualified teachers. Lessons for children: Singing & Stage performance, Guitar, Ukulele, Piano, Keyboard, Drums, Bango's & Cajon.

WINTER WARMERS

ProJoe's Healthy Nachos

Feeds a family of FIVE!

1 diced onion	1 can kidney beans
1tsp oil	1C stock
400g beef mince	2C veges (frozen or grated)
2tsp paprika	6 wholemeal wraps
1tsp cumin	
1can tomatoes	

Cook onion in a pan with oil, add mince, paprika and cumin. Pour in tomatoes, beans, stock and vegetables. Simmer for 20-30 mins.
 Cut each wrap into 8 wedges, place on tray and bake until crisp.

Developed by Sport Waikato 2015

Tauhei Combined School
WILD GAME HUNT & FISHING COMPETITION

Sponsors: Kilwell, Wright Bait & Tackle, Rushbrooke Building Services, and NZ Fish & Game

5th Annual Wild Game Hunt & Fishing Competition
 15th, 16th & 17th May 2015

Competition starts 1am Friday 15th May, and ends 4pm Sunday 17th May
 Weigh in—Sunday 17th May 3pm—4pm
 (must be in line to weigh your game by 4pm Sunday 17th May or you will forfeit your weigh-in)

\$6000 value in prizes —be in to win
 Wild Food Delicacy's and Refreshments available,
 Cash Only, No Eftpos

\$30 per Open / \$20 per Junior Hunter / \$5 Junior Eeling

Check us out on Facebook, email tauheiwildgamehunt@hotmail.com, or phone Tauhei Combined School 07 887 6844 for registration forms, rules and conditions of entry or download from www.tauhei.co.nz or Collect from Wright Bait and Tackle
 Postal entries close Thursday 14th May 2015. Cash entries can be delivered to Tauhei Combined School or Wright Bait and Tackle until 14th May 2015

QUIZ NIGHT \$40 per team of 4

CASH BAR

Saturday 9th May at **COBRAS Clubrooms**

Doors open 7pm – 7.30pm start

Great prizes to be won including:
1 months membership at Healthfit Te Aroha for winning team!

Plus: **Awesome prizes in quickfire raffles held throughout the night!**

COLLEGE OLD BOYS RUGBY & SPORTS

This is a fundraiser for **COBRAS netball**

COURTESY VAN AVAILABLE

To register your team call Tiara on 021-064-4535 by Friday 1st May

* Coming Events *	
MAY	
4th	Young Leaders Day for Y 7 & 8's
6th	Open morning in Room 1 for New Entrants
8th	Coffee with the Principal 9:00 – 10:00am
14th	PTA meeting at 1:30pm
20th	Board Meeting 7:00pm
<p>Regards: Heather Tanner, Wendy, Deane, Darren, Simone, Sarah, Heather, Anne, Michelle, Gordon & Jocelyn.</p>	