



# Elstow-Waihou School

Reach for the Stars - *Totoro hoki nga whetu*

SUCCESS TEAMWORK ATTITUDE RESPECT

8<sup>th</sup> May 2015

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

## Welcome

The junior room is a busy, bustling room with many new students starting welcome Maia, Nathan and Charlotte.

## Elstow-Waihou School – Where awesome learning happens

Last term the senior students went to camp at Camp Adair, they had a marvellous time, parents and teachers all said it was a fabulous experience. After personal experience of the muddy assault course and climbing the net I know that the children and parents were challenged and had great fun.

## ANZAC Day commemorations

This year we decided to dress up as soldiers, nurses or people as they would be in WW1 on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. We had a great deal of injured soldiers arrive on the day, thankfully though we had plenty of capable nurses on hand to care for them. The money raised from the day was donated to the RSA. The following day we formally commemorated our ANZACs with a mid-day ceremony.



## Thanks Coach!

On behalf of the children, parents and community I would like to sincerely thank the coaches of our cricket team who gave their time and skills to improving our children's development in cricket this year; Mrs Anna-Lee Bell, Mr Andrew Bell, Mr Steve Anderson and Mr Conder.

I would also like to thank Mrs Maree Stewart who coaches both our basketball and netball teams, and to Mrs Debbie Darby, Mrs Sarah Simmonds, Mrs Karen Thomas who manage the netball teams.

## Up and coming visits

### Waitoki Marae - 5<sup>th</sup> June

I believe that primary school should be the best time of your life. We have many great activities and learning opportunities for your child. We have planned to visit Waitoki Marae on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June. We are going to be kindly hosted by Mrs Ruby McCaskill.

### Junior Camp to Rotorua 18<sup>th</sup> June (sleep-over at school)

Rooms One and Two will be going on camp to Whakarewarewa in Rotorua for their Junior Camp on the 18<sup>th</sup> and returning that afternoon/early evening for a sleep-over at school. The following day the teachers have planned a fun day at school.

## Open Morning

We held an Open Morning on the 6<sup>th</sup> May, it was great to see new faces in the school. Our next scheduled

**Open Morning is the 27<sup>th</sup> May and 17<sup>th</sup> June from 9.00-10.30 am.** This is a wonderful opportunity for children and parents to come along and get a feel for Room 1 and our school. We welcome all, we are sure you will have a fun learning experience with us.

## Farewell

We are sad to say goodbye to the children who will be moving due to farm change-over. We thank you and your family for your contribution to Elstow-Waihou School and we wish you all the very best in your new ventures.

## 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 meeting 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.**

## 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. A big thank you to the parents that have expressed their support for this service, we encourage other parents in the community who are able to help to let us know as soon as possible.

## Reminder of Chromebooks for sale

There are only a few chromebooks left – if you want to take this opportunity to purchase a chromebook, case, headphones, mouse and three-year warrantee for \$495, please see us as soon as possible.

## Board Notices

### Delegation of Roles of Board Members are as follows:

Board Chair - Todd Nicholls  
Property - Andrew McGiven/Sue Morris  
Health and Safety – Lynsey Spice  
Funding Applications– Heather Tanner/Andrew McGiven  
Promotions/Communications – Debbie Darby  
Staff Representative – Deane Scott  
EEO Officer – Deane Scott  
Privacy Officer – Heather Tanner  
Board Secretary – Jocelyn Legg

## Board Activities

The Board meet every month to discuss and make decisions for the best governance of our school. Currently our Board is working on a number of developments in the school;

- Improving the health and safety of our children
- Making resources accessible for teachers
- Supporting the growth and development of the school with transportation to and from school
- Providing engaging, child-centred learning programmes both inside and outside of our school (ANZAC, WW1, Matariki, Marae Visits, Senior and Junior Camps)
- Supporting the development of new learning (Digital learning)
- Engaging our school learning community (coaches for our sports teams, RSA, Project Energize, supported learning in the junior room).
- Reviewing the operation of school to ensure that we are delivering 'The Best Quality Education to our Community.'

Board meeting takes place on the 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7 pm in the Endeavour - you are welcome to attend.

**Birthday Wishes:** Birthday wishes this week go to Jessica Rayner, Rebeka McCallum, Claire Morris, Brent Gilchrist, Sam Storey, Emma Nicholls and Fynn Megaw.



**FROM THE CLASSROOMS:**

**Room 1:** Kia Ora everyone, Boy have we had a busy week in Room 1 we have been heads down working hard on our learning. For maths this week we have been focusing on place value and learning some different strategies to solve addition problems. We had our first Open Morning on Wednesday and we had a lovely visitor to our class for the morning, the children were perfect hosts. We have been looking at the use of pigeons in the war and the role that they played in delivering messages and maps and other small items. The children have all had a great week and I am impressed with their attitude and enthusiasm towards their learning. Keep up the great work everyone!

**Room 2:** Tena Koutou whanau. Another week has flown by and we have been busy little learners! In maths we are still developing a variety of addition and subtraction strategies, which the children are mastering very quickly. Our first persuasive letters are being published as we speak and some of the children are really hoping to persuade Mrs Tanner to let them have a single desk! They have developed some good reasons for and against this proposal. We are starting to dig more deeply into our WW1 study and this topic is really capturing the imaginations of some in the class. We are planning to start using Google Docs for publishing our work so you can log in at home and view your child's writing. Start looking for that in about week 5 once the children have become familiar with how to use it effectively. "Te pupuri ake te mahi pai Ruma Rua!"

**Room 3:** This week in Room 3 we have started a sketch on either a soldier or animal depicted from the war. The children are using images to guide this process. The results will be amazing as always. These will be displayed in class when finished, call in to see their wonderful work. The children have also got into pairs to research any further topic about World War 1. We still have further questions and these will be presented in a poster format which we hope to share with you at next week's assembly. We are all enjoying the warm weather and are getting outdoors to play rugby when we can. We have had some great leaders running this and teaching others the rules and requirements. Have a great week!

**Room 4:** Last Monday, 15 Year 7 and 8 students attended the Young Leaders Day in Rotorua. The key notes speakers included, William Pike, Tony Christiansen, Buck Shelford, and Jamie McDell. Messages about leadership, how to realize their dreams and take control of their destiny was some of the advice they were given. The following messages from the presenters appealed to us and correlate with classroom leadership philosophy.

*"No one ever won a race by giving up", "Excuses are roadblocks," "Life is not all about you," appreciate the things we have", "Know your place in the world and take your stand", "Dream the dream", It is not about what you have, but what you can do," "Everyone had the power to make a change" and "Being young does not make you inferior".*

*While these are powerful words, the students have taken these seriously and hopefully they will remember these wise words in the future!* Tony Christiansen who is a double amputee was very inspirational. He spoke about the issues he has faced in his life but none of these have stopped him being the person he is today. I know that we can build on the messages we have

heard and hopefully realize our goals. Thank you to the generous parents who provided transport, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES:**  
**ELSTOW PLAYSCHOOL:**

**Come and have a look! Your first visit is free!** Elstow Playschool is a supportive friendly environment for children 0-5 years old and their families.

At Playschool we learn through play and exploration and we have a whole lot of fun! Session times:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.15 am – 11.45 am

Tuesday (Over 3's Session): 9.15 – 12.00 pm

You will find us at 371 Eastport Road, Elstow, Te Aroha.

For more information call 07 884 8242 or 021722211.

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**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 and remember to bring change for your float and you must remove all unsold items at the end.

* Coming Events *	
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	PTA meeting at 1:30pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting 7:00pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning for new pupils 9am
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school visit to Waitoki Marae
17 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning for new pupils 9am
18 <sup>th</sup>	Junior School visit to Rotorua then sleeper at school
<b>Regards:</b> Heather Tanner, Wendy, Deane, Darren, Simone, Sarah, Heather, Anne, Michelle, Gordon & Jocelyn.	



**Daniel Watkins with a photo of his Great, Great, Grandfather**



## Maui and Te Ra

Once upon a time there was a little Maori village but the people became annoyed because the sun was going too fast and they hardly got any sunlight. One day Maui had an idea. He told his brothers and every day Maui and his brothers collected flax so they could weave it together to make ropes. When they were finished Maui said a powerful prayer so the sun wouldn't snap the rope.

After they finished they walked at night so the sun wouldn't see them coming. Finally they got to the sun's resting place. Maui told his brothers to build a rock wall and they waited for Te Ra to rise. Soon after that Te Ra started to rise and Maui told his brothers to throw the rope over him. When Maui hit Te Ra with his lucky mere and the sun yelled out, "Don't kill me!" Maui said, "I won't kill you, I just want you to slow down." Te Ra promised Maui he would slow down and he keeps his promise even today.

By Alicia

## Maui and Te Ra

A long time ago there lived a boy called Maui. Every morning Maui had to do jobs but after Maui had finished his jobs he only had 5 minutes until night. Every night Maui would go home and moan at his mother. One day Maui realized that the sun was going too fast across the sky and said to his brothers "I have a plan."

Maui told his brothers to cut flaxes. After Maui's brothers found the flaxes they started to cut the flaxes and soon they had gathered enough flax and walked back to their village. Soon Maui and his brothers started weaving the flax into ropes and when they had finished Maui put a spell on them to be strong like me.

Maui and his brothers set off at night. Maui and his brothers walked for many hours and many days and soon they got to where Te Ra sleeps. Maui and his brothers built a wall out of rocks to hide behind. Suddenly as Te Ra started to rise and the ground started to shake. Maui told his brothers to get ready. Maui's brothers threw the ropes up into their and trapped the sun. Maui climbed up the wall and started hitting Te Ra with his mere. Te Ra started crying out "Oww, Maui! Why are you hitting me?" Maui said "It is because you are going too fast across the sky. I'll stop going fast, I promise." cried Te Ra. Maui said "Ok." And now he has lots of time and Te Ra still travels slowly across the sky.

By Amber Mackay

## The Awesome Ride

I was walking up the stairs and when I looked down I got scared. "I don't want to do it, I don't want to do it!"

So I told the man that I didn't want to go in but I had to go in. When I got in the globe they started off the countdown. I crossed my arms when I flew down the bottom of the slide. I was scared! When I got scared by going down the slide I was screaming. When I flew down the platform into the water I got frozen like an iceberg.

By Amelia Murray

## Summer

*Summer was having a water balloon fight on a hot day with my sister.*

*Summer was lying in a sand hole with warm water surrounding me at Waiki Beach.*

*Summer was sliding down the sand dunes fast, fast, fast!*

*Summer was cool ice cream dripping down my chin on a scorching day.*

*That was my summer!*

*Esin*



**Camp Adair Memories Room 4**

# W.W.1

The war had begun to fight. The guns were out and they went BOOM, BOOM, BOOM! Some of the New Zealand people got injured in the war and they got buried amongst the poppies. People were hurt but the nurses recognised that they were poppies after all. They said; "That is not blood it is just poppy petals."

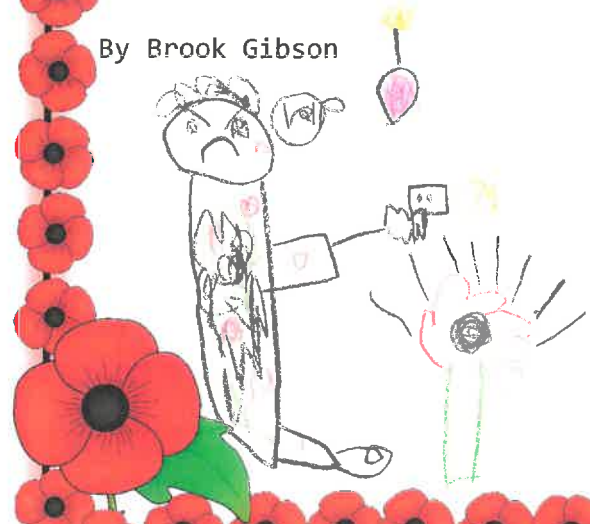
By Emma Richards



# W.W.1

In W.W.1 there were guns shooting. The guns shot loud. People got killed. They had animals to help them. We wear poppies today because the people have died.

By Brook Gibson



# W.W.1

The Shells were exploding when some poppies were growing. The men were shooting bullets. New Zealand were fighting Turkey. The poppies were pretty.

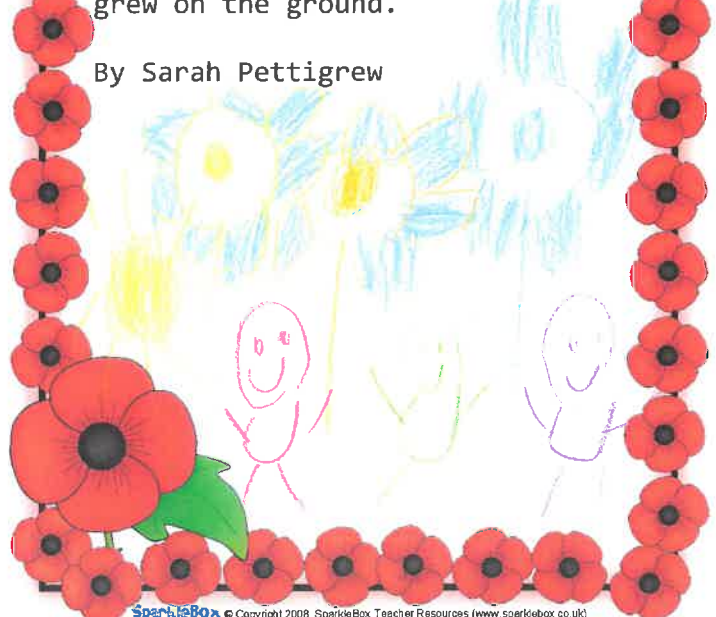
By Seth Seerup-Johnson



# W.W.1

Soldiers died in World War 1. Bang! The people went! Some people didn't die in World War 1. Poppies grew and grew when the people died. Red poppies grew on the ground.

By Sarah Pettigrew



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