

Tips For Parents

It would be helpful (but not necessary) if your child could:

- ⇒ Write their name and recognise it.
- ⇒ Listen to a story and talk about it. The greatest preparation a child can have for reading/writing learning is book experience.
- ⇒ Recognise some letters possibly at least those in their own name.
- ⇒ Handle pencils/crayons. Be able to draw a simple picture.
- ⇒ Dress and undress him/her self. (Swimming in summer).
- ⇒ Recognise colours by name.
- ⇒ Count to ten.
- ⇒ Use scissors to cut simple shapes from paper.
- ⇒ Recognise basic shapes.
- ⇒ Be able to express their needs to the teacher.
- ⇒ Can share, take turns and play nicely with others.

For more information about how you can help your child:

www.parents.education.govt.nz



Gymnastics with a visiting instructor.

Enrolment Procedures

Enrolling at our school is a simple matter of contacting our friendly office administrator Jocelyn Legg and she will guide you through the process.

When enrolling your child you will need to provide your child's birth certificate/Passport for proof of age and any immunization details you might have.

You will also need to inform the school of any medical conditions or allergies that your child may have and any other special arrangements (such as custody arrangements).

We have a uniform policy at school and all uniform supplies can be purchased through the school office as well as stationary packs that contain all of the items that your child will need in the classroom.

All of these things can be done prior to your child turning 5 to ensure that they are well prepared for

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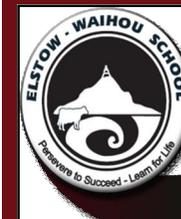
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Reach for the STARS
Success ★ Trust ★ Attitude ★ Respect

New Entrant Information Booklet



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About Us...



Children enjoying a language experience activity. Making a volcano.

Welcome to Elstow-Waihou School. We are a rural school with a warm and inclusive community.

We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is crucial to ensuring the children's success.

We have a strong focus on education and learning. We believe in creating a safe and

fun learning environment that caters for the whole child and their needs and interests.

We are lucky to have a friendly rural aspect to our school which provides unique opportunities such as participation in calf club, enviro-schools, and a range of other sporting and extra curricular activities.

Our motto at our school is 'Reach for the Stars'. We encourage our students to be STAR's and reach their potential in all of their pursuits. STAR stands for Success, Trust, Attitude, and Respect; which are the values that we instill in our children and is incorporated into all of our learning programmes.

We encourage and welcome all new enrolments. Feel free to pop in and have a look around.

Transition from Home to School

The purpose of pre-school visits is for both child and parental familiarisation. They give the child the opportunity to become used to the environment and socialise with peers, whilst parents have the opportunity to get a feel for the school.

It is a good time to become familiar with where classroom equipment is located, room number, teacher name, class routines, where to put bags and shoes, library, toilets, bells ringing, office and playground.

We realise that all children are different some needing more parental support than others. Your child may experience a variety of emotions when starting school. Keep expectations realistic and encourage confidence. Your positive attitude helps your child's adjustment.



Young children enjoying our school pool.

We encourage 4-6 visits before your child starts school. Visits are generally on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:55am-1:30pm. Visits can be scheduled by contacting our friendly office administrator Jocelyn.

Parents as First Teachers

Children learn from the people in their environment. It is important to converse with your children about the world around them and encourage them to ask questions and be curious about the world around them.

The development of their oral language and their ability to talk to others and understand and follow conversations is important to their learning and their social interactions with others.

At school we encourage students to be independent and do things (and think) for themselves. Therefore it is important that you encourage your children to do as much as possible (within reason) for themselves.

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