



Elstow-Waihou School

Reach for the Stars - *Totoro hoki nga whetu*

SUCCESS TEAMWORK ATTITUDE RESPECT

November 27th

Tena Koutou, nga mihi nui,

Retirement: We are sad to announce that at the end of the year, Mrs Heather Thomas will be retiring. Heather has been a Teachers' Aide with this school since 2001 and we will all miss her very much. We will have the opportunity to celebrate the contribution Heather has made to our school at the end of year prizegiving.

Coming Events: With less than a month till Christmas Day there are plenty of activities and social engagements for everyone. Rainbows End for Year 8 students on the 1st December, the Staff/BOT/PTA Dinner held on the 4th December at the Green Shed and the Year 7-8 Dinner held on the 9th December.

Leadership: With the end of the year very near and it being such a busy time we look to our older students particularly to show leadership. Thank you to those students that are helping our younger children.

Congratulations to:

* Athletes, Jack Daines, Cody Walters and Ben Pettigrew who have participated in the Waikato Full Primary Athletics this week.

* Artists from Room 1, Maia Bell, Alex Walker, Koby Bell, Riley Baker, Aiden Richards, Seth Seerup-Johnson and Breanna Darby who all won prizes for the artwork which was entered into the AP&H show last week. Well done, everyone.

Schedule of Reporting: Just a reminder to parents of the schedule of Reporting to Parents

Term 1– Parent/teacher Interviews and Term 1 Portfolios

Term 2– Parent/teacher Interviews, Written Reports and Term 2 Portfolios

Term 3– Whole School Open Day i.e. Digital Learning in each class

Term 4–Written Reports and End of Year Portfolios

Ministry of Education: If you would like more support with understanding some of the terms used by teachers in their reporting with relation to National Standards progress for your child please feel free to approach your child's teacher or go to <http://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/National-Standards/Supporting-parents-and-whanau/Reporting-to-parents-and-whanau>

Chromebooks for 2016: All of our chromebook stock has been sold. We are looking to see if we supply chromebooks again next year in a package similar to this year how many families would be interested in taking this up? Could you please inform the office of your intention on purchasing a chromebook next year, also if there is any Year 8 student from this year who is likely to have to change their digital device for their secondary education next year we would be interested at possibly purchasing your chromebook for re-sale? Please complete and return the slip on the bottom of this form.

Prize giving: Reminder that Prize giving will be held at 6.30pm on **Monday the 14th December.**

Santa Parade: There have been a number of children who have offered to 'Star' in the Santa Parade on the 19th December. Please remember to register your intent of joining us. It would be best if children, particularly junior children could be assisted by a parent or caregiver.

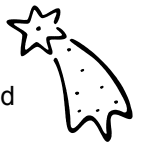
Beach Education Day - 9th February: We are asking for expressions of interest to help with Beach Education Day. We need 15 adults to support us to do this. The older two classes will participate in the Beach Education Programme run by the Waihi Surf Club while the younger two classes will participate in beach activities. The Waihi Surf Club determines the number of students to take part in their programme thus there will be two different programmes for that day. Parents will be required to get into their togs to help out with the water activities.

Due to compliance with Health and Safety requirements unfortunately no pre-schoolers will be able to attend this Beach Day.

School Swimming: is underway and there is an expectation that every child bring their togs & towel for swimming every day.

Enrolments for 2016: Enrol your child now for school next year. Our classes are filling up quickly. Please enrol your child at your earliest convenience.

STAR OF THE WEEK: This week our star of the week is Cody Walters. He attended the Waikato Full Primary Athletics competition and competed so well. During his downtime Cody organised for himself a practice space and as a result managed to achieve a personal best. He showed commitment and diligence, congratulations **Cody, you are a real STAR!**



Waikato Full Primary Results 2015: Jack Daines 4th in long jump 4.74m .Ben Pettigrew 8th in 1500m. Cody Walters 5th in shotput and 9th in discus. What a fantastic effort!



CHROMEBOOK

I intend to purchase a Chromebook bundle from the school for the 2016 year. Yes No

I have a Chromebook to sell back to the school at the end of this year. Yes No

Family Name:.....

THAMES VALLEY ATHLETICS RESULTS 2015

Boys

100 Metres 8yrs: Daniel Watkins – 2nd
200 Metres 8yrs: Daniel Watkins – 4th
 11yrs: Ben Pettigrew – 4th
800 Metres 11yrs: Ben Pettigrew – 3rd
1500 Metres 11yrs: Ben Pettigrew – 1st
Discus 11 yrs: Cody Walters – 2nd
Long Jump 12yrs+: Jack Daines – 2nd
Shot Put 8yrs: Ashton Carter – 3rd
 11yrs: Cody Walters – 2nd

Girls

60 Metres Kerrie-Leigh Ramsden – 4th
100 Metres Kerrie-Leigh Ramsden – 4th
Discus 8yrs: Shelby Nicholls – 2nd
Shot Put 8yrs: Shelby Nicholls – 1st

CRICKET:

Week 6 Results: Unfortunately due to the weather all cricket was cancelled last weekend.

Week 7 Draw

Year 3 / 4: Elstow-Waihou Rebels v Springdale Stars @ Springdale School – 9.00am start

Year 5 / 6: Elstow-Waihou Renegades v Matamata Idlers @ Herries Park, Te Aroha – 10.30am start

Year 7 / 8: R & P Stainless Te Aroha Tornadoes vs Maeroa Falcons XI @ Maeroa Intermediate –9.00am start

BASKETBALL: This week the finals of the Year 7 & 8 basket ball were played. Our Elstow Stars played very well against T.A.P.S Tornadoes and won. This put them in Third place overall. Well done everyone!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: to Alicia Norton who celebrates her birthday this week. We hope you have a great day Alicia.



RED NOTES: Is your name on my list? Thank you to the children who have paid for their stationery this week. We do still have many outstanding notes, **five** Room 4 children, **five** Room 3 children, **three** Room 2 children and **eight** Room 1 children! Please check your children's bags and send the money to school !!

FROM THE CLASSROOMS:

Room 1: Tena Koutou everyone. Oh Happy Days! We had some great results at the AP & H show after the weekend with 7 of the Room 1 children winning a prize. We have had such a busy and awesome week this week. We have had the life education truck here teaching us about being unique and about friendships. We have also had Constable Brett at school teaching the children about what information they need to know if they get lost. We have discovered that a lot of the children only know part of their addresses or phone numbers and could do with some more practise memorising this information.



Room 2: Kia ora whanau! Our Pacifika theme has continued this week, with the children completing their siapo artwork and now working on a report into the history, making and meaning of tapa cloth from around the pacific. Thank you to Mrs Tanner who brought in a lovely sample of a huge piece of tapa for us to look at. We are also still perfecting our siva for presentation of the final assembly. Now the pool is open we are able to have an afternoon cool down, which is being enjoyed by most of the class. We are focusing on pool safety in preparation which will

roll over into next year's beach education trip. The children have really enjoyed the visits by Constable Brett and his talks around personal safety and who to talk to if something goes wrong. It was quite concerning to me however the number of children who didn't know their address or phone number, so there is a bit of holiday homework.

Room 3: Kia ora! We have had a jam packed week! We have finished our Keeping Ourselves Safe programme with Constable Otto. The children are now well informed about what to do if they get themselves into bad situations: stop, think, act, report! We had two sessions in the Life Education truck with Harold. During our time in the truck, we learnt about the definition of a bully, what makes a good friend, and to ALWAYS tell the truth. The children's Kiwiana art is coming along well. I can't wait to see their completed masterpieces. On Wednesday, we learnt some valuable softball skills from Mr Muir in time for the softball tournament on Friday! Room 3 have loved swimming in the hot sun this week! Let's hope the beautiful weather continues this weekend!

Room 4: Kia Ora everyone. It has been full on this week. We have completed the programme, Keeping Ourselves Safe with Constable Brett. This programme presented the senior students with issues to think about; one being stress and being aware of the stresses in life and how to cope with these. His advice to the senior students was to listen to advice and work hard. Nothing new!

This week we had the Life Education programme.

We discussed how to deal with peer pressure and the pressures that are placed on us as we grow older. Understanding our own identity and knowing that it is Ok to be "ourselves". We don't need to follow our peers. Our peers are people who are the same age but not necessarily our friends. On Thursday we discussed "cyber safety" which at this age is important to understand. I hope they took on board the ideas and suggestions discussed during the session. The Year 8 students all said their final "Goodbye" to Harold! Have a good weekend and hopefully the sun is shining.

WANTED TO RENT: We have a lovely family at school looking for a large 3-5 bedroom house in the Elstow/ Te Aroha. Ph 027-375-0072.

FREE EAR CLINIC: The last clinic for the year will be at the Plunket Rooms, Anderson Street, Morrinsville on Friday 4th Dec 9:00am-Noon.

KIWANIS SUMMER READING PROGRAMME: this will be at the Te Aroha, Morrinsville and Matamata libraries during the school holidays. Registrations open on 7th Dec. Phone Lorraine 884-7047 for details.

2016 AgriKids Regional Final: Entries are officially open, so get in quick to secure your spot. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the co-ordinator at isabelle.hobbs@youngfarmers.co.nz
Murray Oaks Craft & Fun Day: Murray Oaks Reserve, State Highway 26 (Morrinsville – Te Aroha Road) Saturday 28th Nov - 9am – 2pm

COMING EVENTS	
Dec1st	Year 8 trip to Rainbows End
2nd	Flouride Treatment for children
9th	Junior Room open morning 6:00pm Year 7 & 8 Dinner
14th	6:30pm Prizegiving
15th	Last day of School
2016 Feb 2nd	Term One begins

Regards from:
 Heather Tanner,
 Wendy, Deane,
 Lauren, Darren,
 Sarah, Heather,
 Marieke, Louise,
 Anne, Gordon &
 Jocelyn

