



# Elstow-Waihou School

Reach for the Stars - *Totoro hoki nga whetu*

**SUCCESS TEAMWORK ATTITUDE RESPECT**

## October 30th

Tena Koutou, nga mihi nui,

### **KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE PROGRAMME**

Parent Meeting 3.15pm 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Over the next few weeks there will be a whole school Health and Safety Programme called 'Keeping Ourselves Safe.' Each class will have subjects and content covered specific to their age. Keeping Ourselves Safe or KOS is an education programme that is supported by the New Zealand Police. During this programme Constable Brett Otto will talk to the children about how they can keep themselves safe during class visits on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of November. In introducing this programme Constable Otto will also hold a Parent Information meeting at 3.15 pm on 4<sup>th</sup> November in the school library to inform parents of the content and purpose of the KOS programme. We look forward to seeing you there. If you cannot make this time and would like more information about the content of the programme please feel free to see your child's teacher who will talk you through the programme.

**SCHOOL ATHLETICS** will be held at Herries Park on the 6th November. All children to be there by 9:00am and are asked to wear their house colours for the day's event. There will be a sausage sizzle at lunchtime.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUR YEAR 8 STUDENTS**

I had a visitor who expressed how capable, articulate, mature and inquiring our students were during the interviews for the Te Aroha College. This is a great honour considering the number of students that feed into Te Aroha College.

### **CONCRETE BLOCK WALL**

You would have noticed that we have cordoned off an area on the astro-turf. This is a precautionary health and safety measure while we await a structural sign off of the wall.

### **YEAR 8 IMMUNISATION**

Year 8 immunisations will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November. You should have already signed and returned your parent permission form.

### **ALiM (ACCELERATED LEARNING IN MATHEMATICS)**

A huge thank you to Mrs Oliver for her extra work with a group of ALiM students this term and all of term 2. Children from Room 3 and 4 have been given extra and accelerated support in understanding mathematics, this programme has been a great success with all students involved progressing at a much faster pace than they would have otherwise.

### **ELSTOW-WAIHOU SCHOOL HISTORY**

Many thanks to Mrs Sarah Simmonds who collated and compiled an historical account of Elstow, Elstow School then the merger of Elstow-Waihou School, this will be available for you to read in the A-Z section under History.

### **CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS**

A copy of the Concerns and Complaints Procedure has been added to the school website in the A-Z section. If you have any concerns or complaints in the first instance please see the person directly involved so

that a resolution may be sought early. In many instances a chat and clarification of message will be all that is needed.

### **ENROLMENTS FOR 2016**

We encourage you to enrol your pre-school children at the school. It doesn't matter how old your children are, as we have to predict numbers four years in advance, it helps with the schools future planning.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** wishes go to Cooper Spice, Amelia Simmonds, Ben Morris, Shaniya Nand, Amber Walker and Thomas Pettigrew who all celebrated their birthdays. We hope everyone had a great day.

**COUNTRY FAIR:** There will be a Country Fair meeting is Monday 2nd November at 9.15in the Endeavour and anyone with exciting ideas or interested in helping and being involved is welcome to come along. This is a school wide fundraiser (not just the PTA) so the more ideas and helpers we get the better.

ALSO – 1 of our most popular activities at the Country Fair is the PAINTBALL station, do we have any families in our school that own their own paintball guns and would be willing to let us use them, and would be even better if you were happy to run that activity? Please let Jocelyn know to pass onto the committee.

### **THANK YOU FOR RAISING A CALF**

Andrew McGiven and Todd Nicholls spent a day this week collecting all the calves raised for the school. On behalf of the school we would like to make a very special thank you to the Masons, Kings, McGivens, Nicholls, Dykzeuls, Morris (Duncan and Louise), Dickeys, Daines and the Spooners. The school would also like to say thank you to Mr Don Allison from Waikato Farmers for his continued support in this fundraising initiative.

### **CALF CLUB**

We were very lucky with the weather last Friday and had a fantastic day. Group Day was at Te Aroha Primary School yesterday. We now have some children going through to the Waikato Show today, we wish them well. All results will be published in next weeks Community Newsletter. Could all children who received cup at the school please return it to the office as soon as possible for engraving.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

We would like to extend to Andrew McGiven our sincerest congratulations on his recent graduation from Waikato University with an MBA (Master of Business Administration) Well done!!



**BADMINTON COMPETITION:** Last term's lunch time badminton competition was a huge success and the children involved enjoyed it greatly! After 4 weeks of intense competition the results were:

Year 5/6 section: Benji Bell / Kian Wilson won over Josh Saxon-Aliifaalogo / Jayden Darby 15 – 4.

Year 7/8 section: Hamish McGiven / Ethan Morris won over Hollie Storey / Paige Adamson 21 – 20

**CRICKET NEWS:** This term's cricket season gets underway on Saturday and we are lucky to have lots of children enthusiastic to play our great summer game.

Year 3/4: Elstow-Waihou Rebels v Ngatea Knights at Elstow-Waihou School - 9am start.

Year 5/6: Elstow-Waihou Renegades v David Street School at Herries Park – 10.30am start

Year 7/8: R & P Stainless Te Aroha Tornados v Ngahinipouri Young Guns atNgahinipouri – 9.am start

**BASKETBALL:** Y7 & 8 on Tuesday 4th November St Joes Saints vs Elstow Rebels at 6.05 pm and the Elstow stars have a bye.

**FROM THE CLASSROOMS:**



**Room 1:** Tena Koutou everyone, I hope everyone had a superlative long weekend, I know I did.

It was a great weekend in the garden. The children have all come back rested and enthusiastic. We have had an awesome week as usual. We have had Mr. Muir in this week for his last of three sessions teaching us athletics skills. This week his focus was on long jump technique. We have been busy practising our skills daily and the children are all doing very well. We have been busy focusing on our core subjects of reading, writing, and maths in preparation for our end of year testing which will be taking place over the next few weeks. We are starting our Respect unit this week where we will be exploring the meaning of respect and what it looks like in our classroom and at Elstow-Waihou School. Well done Room 1 another fantastic week had by all, keep trying hard and GO THE ALL BLACKS!

**Room 2:** Kia ora whanau! It's great to see all the children in Room Two have come back to school full of energy and enthusiasm for their learning after the long weekend. I have been lucky enough to have had a CRT day this week and after conducting some reading assessment am very pleased with the progress being made throughout the class, especially with their comprehension. Maths assessment will be done next week. We have been busy trying to finish our RWC country studies and have been practising "hard out" for the school athletics coming up next Friday. Next week we will begin our unit around respect and what it means and looks like to us, with the Keeping Ourselves Safe unit starting the following week. Have a great weekend and enjoy watching the All Blacks bring home the William Webb Ellis trophy for another four years!

**Room 3:** Kia ora everyone! I hope everyone had a great long weekend. Another busy but fantastic week in Room 3. The children have really enjoyed getting outside and practising for athletics – I'm sure next week's event will be great! This week we have been learning about different types of graphs such as bar graphs and dot plots. We have also discovered how electricity works! Room 3 have had a lot of fun experimenting with batteries, wires, and light bulbs to create circuits as part of our electricity unit. We have also been busy with our new reading programme. Room 3 seem to have enjoyed working through the literacy activities and are particularly enthusiastic about a website called Free Rice. For every question that is answered correctly, 10 grains of rice are donated through the World Hunger Programme. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

**Room 4:** Kia Ora. It is hard to believe that we have completed Week 3. This week we have focused on sharpening our reading skills; answering questions fully and using a dictionary to cross reference the meaning of words. We are also working on personification poems. Many children attended group day on Thursday. It has been great to see so many of them being committed and taking on responsibilities when caring for their pets and have taken this event seriously. We have entered another phase of testing for our end of year data. So far the results have been favourable. Keep working hard Room 4 to achieve your goals. Hope everyone can watch "the" most popular rugby match during the weekend. It will be exciting! Have a good weekend.



**WANTED TO RENT:** A four/five bedroom house in the Elstow area for a family to rent. Please phone 027-375-0072.

**WANTED TO BUY:** a rabbit hutch or run, anything considered. Please phone 884-5777

**MINI BASKETBALL COACHING:** For Years 3 & 4 on Mondays 3.20 to 4.30pm starting next Monday 2nd Nov for 4 week at Stanley Ave Rec Centre. Free! Ph: Laura Wade 021 133 2535

**MORRINSVILLE DOG WALK:** On Sunday 15th Nov, 10am – 1pm (*Dog walk starts at 10.15am*) at Morrinsville Polo grounds Dog Obedience & Agility Demo • Best Dressed Dog • Best Dog Trick • Spot Prizes • Face painting • Meet our vets • Coffee & food available.

**PAEROA LIONS CLUB :** 26th Annual Fireworks Display at Paeroa Domain, Saturday 31 Oct gates opening at 6.00pm. It will be a night of fun with a great display at an affordable cost \$15 for a family ticket covering 2 adults and 2 children. We will have an Auckland fireworks provider, and food stalls, and other entertainment on site. NO alcohol or personal fireworks are allowed on the grounds .This year our Display falls the same night as "Halloween" and we will encourage children to wear their Halloween outfits.

LUNCHBOX RECIPES

## MINI FRITTATAS


**100g chopped tomatoes**  
**1 chopped onion**  
**410g canned corn kernels**

**2 cloves crushed garlic**  
**4 eggs**  
**1/3 C milk**  
**1/3 C grated Edam cheese**


Divide vegetables evenly across muffin tins. Pour whisked milk and eggs over vegetables. Top with cheese and bake at 180°C for 10 minutes.

Adapted from healthyfoodguide.co.nz

Developed by Sport Waikato 2015



Try these hot or cold!



	COMING EVENTS
Nov 2nd	Y7 & 8 Vaccinations
4th	Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent meeting 3:15pm
6th	School Athletics at Herries Park
10th	Keeping Ourselves Safe visit from Constable Brett Otto
11th	District Athletics
17th	Keeping Ourselves Safe visit from Constable Brett Otto
18th	Junior Room Open Morning
25th	Life Education Truck
24th	Keeping Ourselves Safe visit from Constable Brett Otto

**Regards from:**

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

