



Elstow-Waihou School

Reach for the Stars - *Totoro hoki nga whetu*

SUCCESS TEAMWORK ATTITUDE RESPECT

September 11th

Tena Koutou, nga mihi nui,

LEGACY AND LEARNING

Last week I spoke to the senior school about the term 'Legacy'. I asked them to think about what their legacy would be and how they would like to be remembered from their primary school years? If they were to meet a classmate in five, ten or twenty years time what would their overall impression or enduring memory of them be? Would people remember you for your abilities? The way you treated others or the things that you did that made a difference in other people's lives good or bad? It served as an opportunity for the children to think that they are remembered for the way that they make others feel. We want children to come to school to feel good about learning, feel good about themselves and to make other people feel good too.

The teachers and I spoke about respecting others, making other people feel included, helping others, being a good citizen, the social skills that are fundamental to a compassionate, caring and highly functioning society. We want these skills and attributes for our children. We model these at school.

We want children to ask questions - but to do so respectfully. We want children to be agile and adaptable in their thinking so they understand that learning is flexible and organic and that we should be always looking to improve. It is important that children learn the ability to be reflective and learn from their successes and from their failures.

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." - Winston Churchill

PARENTS AND FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AN OPEN DIGITAL LEARNING DAY

On the 24th of September there will be an **Open Digital Learning Day** in all of the classes in the morning from **10.00– 10.30 am** and then again later in the day from **12.00 – 12.30 pm**. These times slightly differ from last week's newsletter, apologies for any inconvenience.

Your child will be able to share their digital learning with you.

If however, you cannot make these times remember you can always ask your child's teacher to inform you about the digital learning that happens in your child's class.

BUS

We would like to inform you that the current 'direct to town' bus trial is will cease on the last day of Term 3, the 25th September 2015.

The Board has been subsidising this bus as an extra charge had been made to the school by Turley Buses. This bus run was made available over Term 2 and Term 3 to ensure that students were able to attend winter sports practices held in Te Aroha at 3.30 pm.

We would like to remind parents that even though the 'direct to town' service will not be available in Term 4 that the Term 1 bus service will be re-instated. Therefore students can take the bus from school at 3.20 pm via the Elstow bus run to arrive at Te Aroha College at 3.50 - 3.55 pm. The morning service is also available directly to Elstow-Waihou School with the pick-up time from Te Aroha College at 7.50-7.55 am to arrive at school at 8.00-8.05 am. Turley's buses continue to charge \$1 per child each way as students residing in Te Aroha are deemed as 'out of area' school zone.

In summary;

- ★ A Turley's bus service will continue from Te Aroha to Elstow-Waihou School return each day
- ★ **Morning bus:** Te Aroha College 7.50-7.55 am to arrive at Elstow-Waihou School at 8.00-8.05am
- ★ **Afternoon bus:** Leave Elstow-Waihou School via the Elstow bus service at 3.20pm arriving at Te Aroha College at 3.50-3.55 pm.

There will be a standard rate of \$1 per trip per child

ASTRO-TURF

Astro-turf will now be laid during the first week of the holidays. Parents and children please be advised to keep clear of the court area during this holiday period. Many thanks.

LOCKDOWN DRILL PRACTICE

There will be a Lockdown Drill held next week so that the students, teachers, staff and any parents on the grounds at the time have a practice drill if there were to be a need for a Lockdown in the school.

DISCO

The senior school will be organising a Disco for the end of Term 3. The disco will be held on 23rd September from 6-8 pm.

PTA

PTA Meeting will be held on the same night as the disco – so boogie on down to school with your children and meet us in the staffroom for a great PTA gathering.

3 PM PICK UP – HELP US TO HELP YOU

Parents please inform the bus duty teacher if you are going to be taking your child home and they are not travelling home on the bus. It is far better for teachers to be told by you that you are taking your child home, rather than getting the information second hand. We have a roll that we indicate how your child has left the school.

UNIFORM

Please ensure that your child is wearing the school correct uniform each day for instruction. Children are encouraged to have a change of clothes for lunch play (only).

THANK YOU: Huge thanks for the support from our **PTA, Grassroots Foundation, Lion Foundation, Pub Charity, and NZCT (New Zealand Community Trust)**. Support from these organisations has meant that we are able to provide Astro Turf and new fences on the courts.



FROM THE CLASSROOMS:

Room 1: Kia ora koutou, In Room 1 this week we have been focusing on using descriptive language features in our writing. We are trying to make sure that our writing contains at least some of the following features; similes, adjectives, onomatopoeia. We have been particularly focused on using sound words this week. We wrote some night time stories this week inspired by our book of the week which is called Night Noises written by Mem Fox. I was impressed that all of the children had a go at using sound words in their writing. Well done Everyone! Tino pai rawa atu!

Room 2: Kia ora whanau. It has been a very creative week in Room Two, with our class working hard on their "Book Creator" projects. The storylines are developing more complexity and the children's photography skills are improving with each effort. Clearly Sir Peter Jackson had better watch his back! The class have also been working on a nice piece of clown art with Mrs Nicholson and over the next few days we will begin creating our calendar art, a piece of "pacific" printing and our new school sign will get underway.

Room 3: Last week I was asked to watch our year 5/6 Basketball final. I was very pleased to come over to Te Aroha College and support these fabulous children. Jayden Darby, Benji Bell, Kian Wilson, Emma Nicholls, Claire Morris and Maia Wahanui. I was very proud of these children and want to thank Steve Darby for taking the time to coach them over the past seven weeks. The result was a third place for the season. Which towards the end got a bit nail biting for their teacher. Congratulations guys on the fabulous teamwork and inviting your teacher!

This week I would like to congratulate all the gymnastic children. Last Thursday we went to Morrinsville and competed in the Gymsports day. We came away with some placing's and some very proud children who got to meet other kids from around our district and see some wonderful Gymsports skills. Well done everyone and a big thank you to Mrs. Spice and her helpers who were here every Wednesday for the last two terms, very dedicated supporters. Thank you also to the parents who offered transport on the day. The children would not be able to participate if these people didn't offer their time.

The rest of Room 3 have all been researching science experiments this week and we will present these next week and even trial a few in class. We have some great little scientists amongst us and the response has been very positive from all.

Room 4: Week 8 has disappeared ! A great week for learning, getting back into normal routines after our busy schedule over the last 3-4 weeks. We have started a Mathematics unit on Statistics. We are learning how to make pie graphs using Google sheets on our chrome books. This week Mrs Barker has prepared a technology unit where students designed a car. The big test will be next week when they have to test run their cars using the "power" of wind. We are currently working on argument writing and reading newspaper articles about issues the world is facing. Our recent work was about the Rena shipwreck in Tauranga and we have also learned about a young man from the Netherlands, who has created a machine that will clean up the plastic pollution in the ocean. As a result we have been involved in interesting discussions about the issues in the world and in New Zealand. Our spelling experts; Zoe B, Paige Adamson and Arna Morris will compete in the "Spelling Bee" competition which is being held in Hamilton on Saturday. Good luck girls.

BIRTHDAYS: Birthday wishes this week to Abby Millar and Kian Wilson. We hope you both had a wonderful day. 

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Te Aroha / Paeroa Day Camp - Te Aroha Springs Trust. Monday 28th Sept to Thursday 1st Oct. Lots of fun things to do during the holidays. \$90 for four days. Information at the office or phone 0274-884-037

FREE EAR CLINIC: The next clinic will be on the 18th Sept at St Josephs School car park, Te Aroha 9:15-noon and at the Band Rotunda , Belmont Street, Paeroa on the 22nd Sep 9:30am - 2:00pm.

LAMB: If you would like a lamb for calf club please contact Jade Walker 027-255-7409



Congratulations to our gymnastic team and especially to the children who gained placings.
Emma Nicholls 3rd , Lucy Spice 4th , Teagan Garmonsway 4th = Charlie Buckton-Dalley 7th and Claire Morris 8th



COMING EVENTS	
14th	Please have all Yummy Stickers , and Calf Club Entries back to school today.
16th	Board of Trustees meeting 7:00pm Junior Room Open Day - everyone welcome Year 8 Te Aroha College Enrolments Inter Schools Science Fair at Morrinsville College- closes 18th
17th	Calf Club Judge to visit
18th	Bowls Tournament Assembly Hosts Room 3
Oct 23rd	Calf Club
25th	Assembly Hosts Room 4
29th	Group Day

Regards: Heather Tanner, Wendy, Deane, Simone, Darren, Sarah, Heather, Mareike, Anne, Michelle, Gordon & Jocelyn