



Elstow-Waihou School

Reach for the Stars - *Totoro hoki nga whetu*

SUCCESS TEAMWORK ATTITUDE RESPECT

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER September 4th

Tena Koutou, nga mihi nui,

RURAL SPEECHES

Congratulations to the children who participated in this years Rural Speech Competition, as usual it was a hotly contested competition. We are thrilled to report that Elstow-Waihou School did very well in the competition with **Amelia Simmonds – first place** and **Jessica Rayner – third place**. Well done all competitors. Thanks to Mrs Oliver for organising this competition for our children and neighbouring rural schools.

THANK YOU JUDGES

For School Speeches - Mr Paul Worsley and Mrs Val Diprose.

For Rural Speeches –Mr Phillip Legg and Mrs June Wyatt.

JUNIOR SPEECHES


At the same time as the Rural Speech Competition the Junior School had their Speech presentations – Tino pai children, fantastic work. It was great to see so many parents turn up to listen to the speeches.

SCIENCE FAIR –WOW

I had the pleasure in viewing our Science Fair entries. Well done to **Braye Stewart, Ethan Morris, Lochlan Bolstad, Madison Darby, Paige Adamson** and **Ben Pettigrew** for their **Highly Commended** placings in this competition. **Commended** awards go to **Ana Nicholas, Arna Morris, Jade Garmonsway** and **Amelia Simmonds**.

All experiments and displays looked really impressive.

STARS OF THE WEEK

 **Jack Daines, Braye Stewart, Makenzie Graham, Amelia Simmonds** – We had educational visitors to the school on Tuesday. These children were asked to show our visitors around the school and to talk about the school and their learning, **these children were all wonderful ambassadors for our school.**

DAFFODIL DAY – DRESS IN YELLOW – GOLD COIN DONATION

Thank you to all children that dressed up in Yellow for this special day. It is important that the children see themselves as contributing citizens who demonstrate their care and awareness of other people.

THANKS COACH AND MANAGERS

Thank you to our parents who have offered their time and skills to coaching and managing our winter sports teams. You have all made a significant contribution to the sporting and social growth and development of our children.

CRICKET PRACTICE

Thanks to Mr Conder for organising Cricket NZ practice skills for our children on Tuesday, the children really enjoyed the opportunity to learn and build on their ball skills.

TE AROHA COLLEGE VISIT

On Monday 7th September the Principal, Deputy Principal and ex-Elstow-Waihou Students will visit our school to meet with Year 8 students in preparation for 2016.

PARAWAI SCHOOL VISIT

On Wednesday the 9th of September the management team of Parawai School in Thames will be visiting us to find out about our implementation of Digital Learning with chrome-

books and Hapara. Our teachers and students will be able to showcase their skills. It is fantastic that after a year of learning that our school is now seen as a school to learn from by other larger schools.

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 9.30 – 10.30 am and then again in the afternoon from 2.00 – 3.00 pm. Your child will be able to share their learning with you.

DISCO

The senior school will be organising a Disco for the end of term 3. The disco will be held on 23rd September from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

WEBSITE

Last night I went on to our website to see the latest Facebook updates. Thank you to all that contribute to the updates they look great!

ENROLMENTS FOR 2016

With the end of the 2015 year approaching rapidly, we encourage you to fill in application forms 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 if we have numbers of enrolments for future years.



THE LION FOUNDATION

THANK YOU:

Huge thanks for the support from our school PTA, **Grassroots Foundation, Lion Foundation, Pub Charity Foundation** 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 school courts.

BOARD REPORT

Todd Nicholls stood down from his position of Chairperson. The board thanked Todd for his work and commitment to the school and we welcomed Lynsey Spice into this role.

The astro turf project is well underway with the fencing nearly completed. The astroturf has been scheduled to begin installation on the 21st of September, weather permitting.



As the project has progressed it has become evident that the stays (the concrete at the ends of the brick wall that stick out onto the court) pose a risk of injury to the children while they play on the astroturf. The stays would need to be taken down and this would result in the wall itself being unsafe. Unfortunately as a result of this the whole wall needs to be taken down and will be replaced with either a wire fence or with a new brick wall.

We approved the school lockdown procedure and want to remind our community about some key points in this procedure. A lockdown is a procedure that is initiated when school staff believe that there is a threat to student and staff safety, for example, an intruder in the school. In the event of a lockdown the children will be directed to their classrooms or another safe room and locked inside the room with their teacher until such time as it is declared that the lockdown has ended. Should you hear of a lock down or evacuation at the school, we ask that you do not attend the school or phone into the school, as we will not be in a position to respond. Your presence or contact may make it more difficult for us to manage a situation. Any information pertaining to an emergency occurring at the school will be updated on our website and our facebook page as regularly as possible.

Following our course on Hautu - A Maori cultural responsiveness self review tool, we reflected on how our school currently showcases our Maori culture and discussed ideas from the course that we could implement. We plan to consult with our Maori community and ask for their thoughts on what we currently do well and ideas they may have for our school going forward to ensure we are reflecting our Maori culture throughout our school.

WANTED: Thank you to those families that brought in spare supermarket bags, we would be happy for more if you have some at home. We could also do with any old towels. They are constantly used for cleaning up messes around the classrooms, so if you have some that need to be out of your linen cupboard we would appreciate them. Thank you.

FROM THE CLASSROOMS:

Room 1: Tena koutou, I have been so impressed with the Room 1 children this week. We all shared our speeches on Wednesday. I was so impressed with the confidence that all of the children displayed whilst presenting their speeches. They all knew their speeches well and were keen to share them with everyone. We have also been learning some ICT skills on the ipads this week. The children are publishing their self-portrait simile writing on the book creator app. We are continuing to talk about being organized each day for their learning and making sure that they all have everything that they need for their day at school. Tino pai (great stuff) Room 1 you are all miharo (wonderful)!



Room 2: Kia ora whanau. Well with speeches now finished we can get back to a normal routine. We have finished our Algebra unit and have just started a Problem-Solving unit in maths. This week the children have been very excited to create their own stories using the Book Creator app on the ipads. They first had to create a storyboard using some toys from home as characters and props, then sketch out a rough storyline and scene to follow. The next step was taking photos on the ipads before downloading them to the app, adding text and editing colours, fonts etc. Hopefully we can download these onto their google drives so they can share them at home.

Room 4: Room 4 has worked very hard in the last few weeks. Both school and rural speech competitions have been a great success. Jessica Rayner won the school speech competition and Amelia Simmonds won the rural speech contest. Thank you to Mrs Legg who prepared the programmes and worked in the background to support and assist Room 4 when staging the speeches. We also did extremely well in the interschool Science Fair. Four teams received the "Highly Commended" placing and these teams will go forward to the Waikato Science

Fair being held in Morrinsville on Wednesday 16 September. We also had 3 teams who received a "commended" placing. This is a fantastic effort from everyone in Room 4. Thank you to Mrs Barker who helped each team prepare their science board. Thank you also to Mrs Simmonds for transporting and setting up the displays and to Mrs Stewart for bringing it all back to school. Thank you to the parents who went out of their way to support their child during this busy time of the year. With only 3 weeks before the end of the term Room 4 still have a "mountain" of work to do!

FUN RUN!

The Adidas Fun Run was held last Friday and was again a great success! The weather was fantastic and the children involved had an awesome time. Thank you to the parents who came along to support the children. It was obvious that the fitness levels of all the children have improved with our focus on cross country training this term and as a result the school ran a combined total of 1330 laps of the course, which amounted to a staggering 399km! Ka mau te wehi tamariki! Can we please have all money raised and booklets returned to school next week so the children's prizes can be ordered.

BASKETBALL: Congratulations to our Y6 Basketball team the Elstow Eagles came 3rd over all in the recent competition. Well done!!

FREE EAR CLINIC: The next clinic will be on the 8th September at the Band Rotunda , Belmont Street, Paeroa 9:30am - 2:00pm.

PARTY IDEAS

IT ALL ADDS UP!

Lollies are packed full of sugar and no goodness. Did you know?

1 Jet Plane = 1 tsp sugar
1 Lollipop = 2 tsp sugar

Sugar adds up during a party, so look for naturally sweet goodies. Frozen blueberries and grapes taste great!

Have Energy

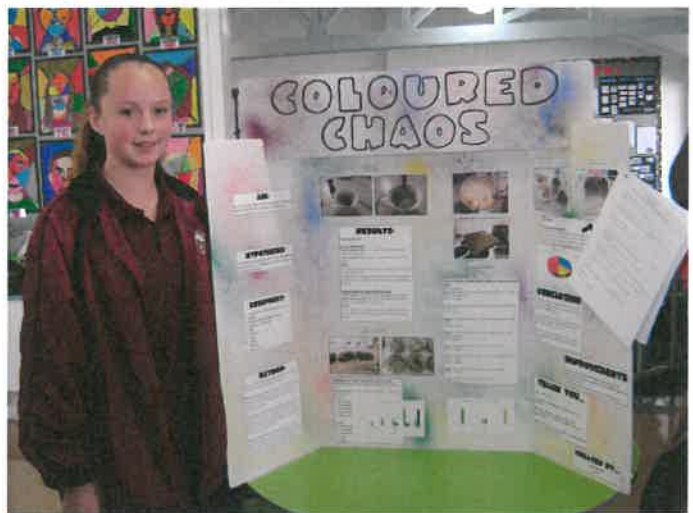
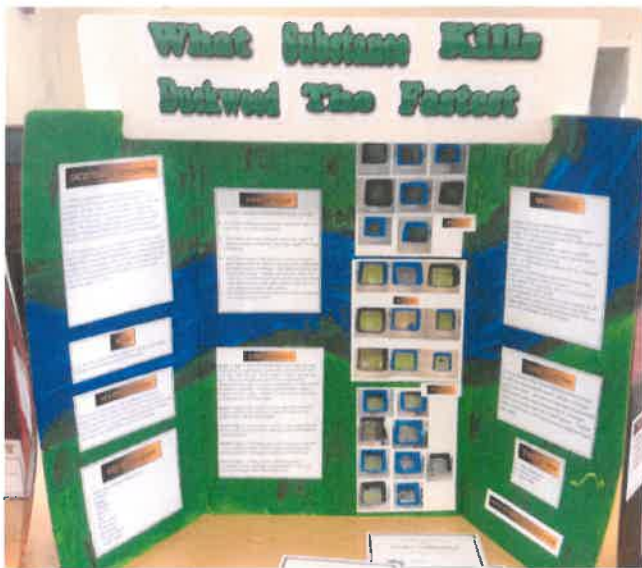
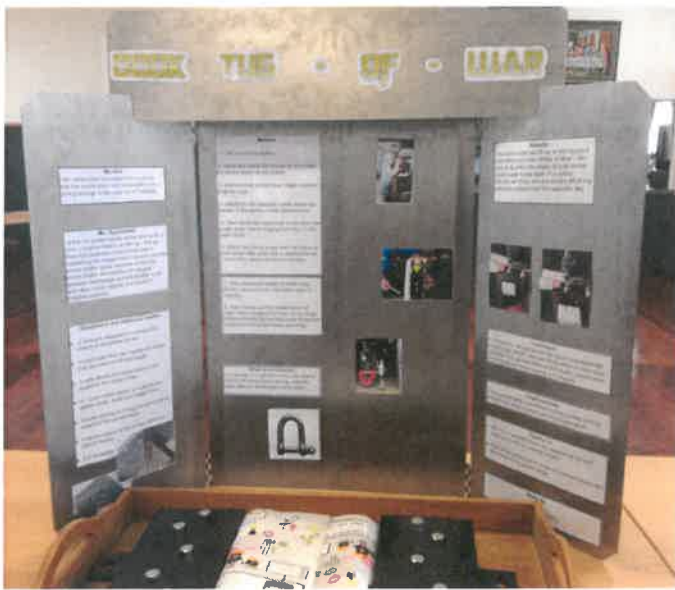
Developed by Sport Waikato 2015

Into Music!

Beginner Music Lessons- Guitar & Keyboard, Students learn in a fun, group setting. On Monday & Tuesdays 3pm and 3:45pm at Elstow-Waihou Combined School. \$10 per lesson. **Contact:** Laura Gregory 021 2099 031 Starting Term 4, spaces are limited.

COMING EVENTS	
4th	Assembly Hosts Room 1
7th	Te Aroha College to visit Y8's
11th	Assembly Hosts Room 2
16th	Board of Trustees meeting 7:00pm Junior Room Open Day - everyone welcome Te Aroha College Enrolments
17th	Calf Club Judge to visit
18th	Bowls Tournament Assembly Hosts Room 3

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

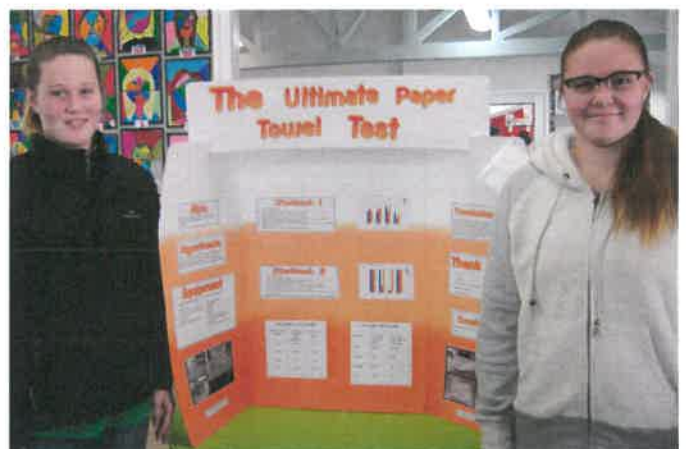


**Room
Four
Science
Fair
Success!**

Inter School Science Fair 2015

Highly Commended (in no particular order!)

<i>What Substance Kills Duckweed the Fastest?</i>	Madison Darby Lochlan Bolstad Ben Pettigrew
<i>Coloured Chaos</i>	Paige Adamson
<i>Modern Solution to Watering Pot Plants</i>	Ethan Morris
<i>BookTug-of-War</i>	Braye Stewart
Commended (in no particular order!)	
<i>The Ultimate PaperTowel Test</i>	Ana Nicholas Jade Carrumonsway
<i>Family Finger Print</i>	Arna Morris
<i>Milo Madness</i>	Amelia Simmonds





Paige



Charlotte

Room 1 Paint Daffodils



Jayden



Shayden



Room Two "Pacifica" Art with Mrs Barker





Netball !

Thanks to our lovely coaches Maree, Debbie and Sara. A great season girls.



Mrs Oliver was delighted to present the Sport Maker Award from Sports Waikato to our Netball and Basketball Co-ordinator, **MAREE STEWART.**

Thank you Maree for all your hard



Fun Run !



Cross Country !



Rugby !

School Speech Finalists!



Rural Speech Winner Amelia!



Celebrating Success !