



Elstow-Waihou School

Reach for the Stars - Totoro hoki nga whetu

SUCCESS TEAMWORK ATTITUDE RESPECT



April 10th 2017

Welcome to week 11 of term 1 our final week for the term.

My sincere thanks to Mrs Oliver and the children of Room 4 who prepared and presented my farewell assembly last Friday, I would particularly like to thank Kian for his IT skills, Josh did an amazing job with his speech and presentation in Samoan. Maia and Teagan were excellent presenters and my thanks to Maia for the saying the kai karakia. My thanks to, Louise Morris, Tania Horn and Mrs Oliver for organising the proceedings of the assembly, the waiata, opening and closing karakia was all wonderful. Thank you to the parents who attended and brought food to share.

It was quite overwhelming – there was such a lot to take in!

Over the weekend I read all of my cards and letters – they were simply wonderful (real treasures) thank you everyone. The kauri tree is such a wonderful gift – we have a lot of native trees on our block but no kauri, it was a perfect choice!

As it is the final week of term we ask that you return your child's portfolios to school this week so that we can continue collating information and samples of your child's learning to share with you in term 2.

The last day of school this week/term will be Wednesday the 12th April.

Happy Easter and best wishes to you all for a safe and relaxing time with your families and friends during the holidays.

POPPIES FOR SALE: Bring a coin to school tomorrow, we have Poppies at the office.

The ANZAC Day Parade will be held on Tuesday 25th April at 10:30am. We encourage children and parents to come and march in the parade to represent our school. If you want to join the march, we all need to assemble at the R.S.A. by 9:50am. Children please wear your uniforms for this event.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW PRINCIPAL:

Tēnā koutou katoa,

My name is Sandy Stirling and I am so thrilled to be appointed the new Principal of Elstow-Waihou School. I am really excited to be starting my career as a Principal at such a well-established, dynamic, community school. It has been fantastic to start the process of learning all about the school, and I must thank the staff and board members for sharing their wealth of knowledge over the last few weeks. I am so excited about the future!

Before I became a teacher I worked for many years in the music industry, managing a record label. I decided to pursue a career in education after the birth of our first child and it has been an amazing journey ever since. I have been involved in education for the last 6 years and have taught at Redoubt North School in Manukau, and most recently Mauku School in Franklin where I have held the position of Deputy Principal. I have enjoyed being an active participator in all school areas from writing and producing school plays, to coaching football and basketball teams, to overseeing Ag Days. I currently live in Patetonga with my wife Sarah and we have four wonderful children. Rafferty (8), Daisy (6), Lennox (4), and Matilda (2).

I cannot wait to meet all the Elstow-Waihou school children, school staff, family and whānau on the 6th June.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Sandy Stirling



See you all
for the start
of Term Two
Monday
1st May



TE AROHA ARTS CENTRE Rewi St
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
Arts and Crafts for 5 - 12 year olds
April 24, 26, 27, 28 9am - 2 noon
\$3 per child per session Booking
Essential. Ring 884 7796
NO PROGRAMME ON ANZAC DAY