



Elstow-Waihou School

Reach for the Stars - *Totoro hoki nga whetu*

SUCCESS TEAMWORK ATTITUDE RESPECT

April 15th

Tena Koutou, nga mihi nui,

Thank you to all those parents and community members that have helped in anyway in our school this term. We wish you all a relaxing holiday.

Education Review Office (ERO) Visit - 9th – 13th May

You may be aware that the school will be audited by the Education Review team in the second week of Term 2. ERO will primarily be evaluating our ability to lift achievement and accelerate the learning of Maori and Pacifica students.

This focus is driven predominantly by National trends of achievement. While Elstow-Waihou School does not reflect this national data we do have to show what we do and how we lift achievement for Maori, Pacifica and all children. The teachers, Board, PTA, you and I do our best for all of our children. However, we must also follow Ministry priorities that we will be evaluated on. While we have improved the achievement of all children (please see attached table and graph) in relation to National Standards, Reading, Writing and Mathematics we have new challenges every year for children to achieve 'at' and 'above' standard as measured against National Standards. We also work hard to provide a well-rounded education supported with good family values and the best educational developments.

Our challenges for 2016 are many and varied and we look to work with you to help support your child's learning, we work hard to provide excellent resources and facilities to give your child the best education that we can.

'Kahore taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini'

'We cannot succeed
without the support of those around us.'

National Standards and Maori Consultation Survey Results – Term 1 2016

Thank you to all the parents who completed our National Standards Reporting and Maori Consultation Survey last week. For the purpose of clearly understanding the context of this survey it is helpful for parents to know that our school has; 73% European, 21% Maori, 4% Pacifica and 2% Indian children. Many parents responded that our school was like a big family, very family orientated with good family values.

The National Standards and Maori Consultation Survey 2016 was a clear reflection of the 60 families in the school with 35 surveys completed, thus a 58% representation of parent's views. Maori parents had a slightly lower response in the section that sought Maori Consultation. There were also some non-Maori parents who also answered this section and while their comments will be given due consideration they cannot theoretically be included in this survey.

Question 1 – Is your child's report easy to understand?

Answer: 100% Yes

There was overwhelming support for the schools National Standard Reporting system that was introduced in mid-2014. Respondents commented on the; improved layout, comments that were clear and easy to understand, and that information about their child's learning was explained well. Parents recorded positive responses about the 'plain

language' of reports. Parents specifically liked the; General comments, next steps and how you can help at home with regards to; Reading, Writing and Mathematics. They also commented that information about other curriculum areas were defined and informative. There were three comments about clarifying the use of data and comments and will be consider for future improvements.

Question 2 – Are you satisfied with your child's education at Elstow Waihou School?

Answer: 0 – Not at all satisfied, 0 – slightly satisfied, 8% - Somewhat satisfied, 60 % - Very satisfied and 32% - Completely satisfied

Question 3 – Therefore would you recommend Elstow-Waihou School to friends and family?

Answer: Common comments made by parents were that they were particularly happy with friendly, caring, approachable, committed and supportive teachers and staff. Parents recognised that Elstow-Waihou is a small, rural, family orientated school that promotes good values. Some parents noted that they were particularly impressed with the way that children treated each other in a caring and helpful way. Parents noted "no bullying policy, child's progress, individual and great school results. They also stated that 'that there are nice facilities with good educational programmes on offer.'

Question 4 – If you are Maori or identify as Maori can you please also answer the following questions. Do we meet the education needs of your children?

Answer: 100% Yes

As indicated in the introduction, some non-Maori families also answered this question.

There were comments asking about the possibility for Kapahaka, more teaching of Maori culture (tikanga) and language (reo). While we would love to have Kapahaka in our school however, it is a great expense \$200 for one hour plus travel costs. If there is anyone in the community that would like to provide Kapahaka for our children at a lower rate than given we would be happy to talk to you. In the meantime teachers work to improve their professional development in te reo, tikanga and the teaching of Maori culture through organised units of study.

We agree that we would like to do more, below are the programmes and activities that we have done from mid-2014 and plan to do this year.

kapahaka - stopped at the end of term 4, 2014 due to tutor being not available

- The school motto 'Reach for the Stars' - now includes 'Totoro hoki nga whetu.'
- The introduction of the four values of Ako. Mahi Tahī, Manaakitanga and Whanaungatanga in the 2016 Charter and in classes.
- signage of classes (Room numbers)
- waiata during some assembly times and in classes
- increased signage in classes of: numbers, greetings, names of items in the class
- more reo is being used in classes (greetings, counting, conversations)
- more reo used in newsletters by principal and teachers
- Whole school Matariki unit (term 2 2015)
- Whole school visit to our local Waitoki Marae (term 2

2015) and trip to Rotorua's Whakarewarewa for junior classes

- Children learning mihi for Marae visit in Term 2 2015
- Juniors performed Kapahaka at the end of year prize giving 2015
- Senior girls performed a poi dance at the end of year prize giving 2015.
- Karakia each morning in one class
- We also plan to have another Matariki Inquiry unit in Term 2 and have arranged this to coincide with a native tree planting project.

Thank you Mrs Simmonds: Recently our school was host to the Library Services meeting and workshop which drew a number of librarians to our school from the Mata-mata Piako district. The visiting area co-ordinator was very impressed with our stock of library books and the way that they were so well displayed. We agree with the National Library of New Zealand co-ordinator that said what an impressive job that Sarah Simmonds does in making our library look top notch.

"I was so impressed with the work Sarah has done with your library." Vicky Stephens, Facilitator National Capability (National Library of NZ)

After my visit in the library this week I would also like to say that Mrs Simmonds has done a marvellous job of collecting and displaying an impressive range of ANZAC historical fiction, picture books and history books for our children to read.

Thank you Mrs Simmonds your voluntary work in our school library it is much appreciated.

ANZAC Day Parade: As ANZAC Day is on the second week of the school holidays we will not be holding a ceremony at school however, children and their families wishing to commemorate this years' ANZAC parade can do so by meeting at the Te Aroha RSA at 10.15 am on Monday the 25th of April. The parade will begin at 10.30 am. We ask if children attend that they please wear their school uniform. Thank you to those children that have indicated that they would like to attend.



STARS OF THE WEEK: This week our stars spent the afternoon approaching parents with clipboards and questionnaires. Thank you to Braye, Emma, Claire, Josh and Maia for showing leadership and being very helpful, you are all stars !!

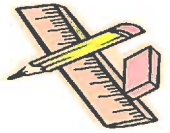
BOARD ELECTIONS: Please visit the School Trustees Association website www.nzsta.org.nz or pop into the school for more information. We will call for Nominations by 6th May. WHY DON'T YOU COME ON BOARD !!

FROM THE CLASSROOMS:

Room One: Tena koutou, how is everyone this week? We are all fantastic in Room 1 as per usual. We have had a great week of learning this week. We have carried on with our awesome momentum in writing. The children are all doing so well. All the children have got the hang of basic facts now and are making great progress. We are in the middle of creating some awesome fish pictures which will be up on our classroom walls momentarily. So please feel free to come in and check them out. Have a great holiday everyone!

Room Two: Kia ora whanau. It's been a cracking week as we head towards the Term 1 holidays and I know you all can't wait to have your wee darlings home for two weeks. Room 2 have been super busy finishing off work this week so that we can start off fresh next term. We created an awesome piece of sea creature art involving

pva glue and pastels, wrote some instructions for someone else to follow to create their own piece of art and also made split pin cardboard sea creatures.



Our number strategy learning in maths is having great results, with most children showing huge improvements in confidence and the ability to add / subtract larger numbers easily. Have a great break everybody and see you next term!

Room Three: This past week in Room 3 has seen the children winding up their learning and reflecting on the opportunities that it has presented them, in the format of a digital recording. This is an authentic way to capture student voice, and will be available to share with the wider learning community next term after some technical editing by the children. The importance of readying our children to cope with the demands of the 21st century is real as we see technology is a driving force in most workplaces. Have a great holiday everyone, and enjoy your tamariki.

Room Four: Kia Ora. It is hard to believe that week 11 of Term One has arrived. It has been a busy term with many students being involved in a variety of activities. I am very pleased to date with Room 4. Their work ethic is improving and they are beginning to form goals to improve their learning. We have had a fun week of "funny" money using a banking website that encourages them to be responsible for their "fake" money. Next term I am hoping to develop this further in consultation with the class. Thank you to all parents who attended parent interviews. It was great to catch up and discuss learning goals for the rest of the year. Next term we will concentrate on our fund raising for our Wellington Camp. Have a lovely holiday and we will see you all next term.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Jayden B, Blair, Breanna, Seth, Molly, Koby, Charlotte and Lucas who all celebrate a birthday before we get back to school. We know you will have had a had a great day !



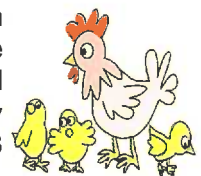
BOT WORKING BEE

STARTING AT 10:00 ON SATURDAY 23RD APRIL
Just bring yourselves !!

PTA NEWS:

PTA will be having its next meeting 10th May 7pm in the Endeavour. New faces and ideas are more than welcome. For more information about PTA please contact **Anna-Lee Bell** or any of the **PTA members**.

One of the major ongoing fundraisers for the PTA is the **Chicken Run**. The coordinator for this is Rachael McGaw. She has the unenviable job of getting helpers for this. Every six weeks or so a large truck arrives at local chicken sheds and trays of tiny chicks have to be unloaded from the truck and put into the sheds. This is a very simple job which can be done by 3 or 4 children and a couple of adults, (no heavy lifting required) and only takes about one hour of your time. Please say yes when Rachael contacts you, this is such an easy way to make money for our school, but we need your help.



Regards: Heather, Wendy, Deane, Donna, Darren, Sarah, Tessa, Anne, Gordon, Justin & Jocelyn



Elstow Playschool Presents

Mum's Market

A local market showcasing a collection of local Mum's and small businesses selling their goods

30 April 2016

10-2pm

St Joseph's Hall

Te Aroha

Contact Louise if you are interested in holding a stall.
\$15 Stall fee. Limited Spaces. 021414467

For more info...

www.facebook.com/elstowplayschool

KIDS SECTION!

We will have an area dedicated to Kids Only. Come and sell your goods and earn some pocket money.

Limited Spaces, \$5 Stall fee.

**TE AROHA ARTS CENTRE INC
REWI STREET**

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY ART AND CRAFT PROGRAMME

**TUESDAY APRIL 26 - FRIDAY
APRIL 29**

9AM - 12 NOON

\$3 per child per session

ages 5 - 12 years

EARLY BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Ring 884 7796 or 884 9841
evenings

TE AROHA NETBALL REP TRIALS: Rep Trials will be held on Sun 1 May at 2pm - Y8 (please note this is the last day of the school holidays) & Tues 3 May at 3.30pm. Y7 - Tues 17 May at 3.30pm & Thurs 19 May at 3.30pm. All trials held at Te Aroha netball courts. please register your interest with Debbie Darby on 0276365800 or darbs@xtra.co.nz. Coaching applications need to be in by 25th of April.

MORRINSVILLE LITTLE THEATRE: Auditions for "Oliver" on the 1st May contact Deb 022-673-1776 for more info

NUTRITION SUPERHEROES!

EGG-CELLENT EGGS

Eggs contain 11 different vitamins & minerals!

Health guidelines say 'an egg a day is ok', so find ways to include them in your meals or snacks.



Developed by Sport Waikato 2015

**Have a restful
and fun
holiday!**

COMING EVENTS	
15th	End of Term 1
23rd	BOT Working Bee 10:00am
25th	ANZAC Day parade. Be at the RSA by 10:15 Clean and tidy uniform please.
May 2nd	Term 2 Starts
4th	Board of Trustees 7:00pm everyone welcome
9th -13th	Education Review Office Will be in the school for the week
10th	PTA meeting at 7:00 everyone welcome



Elstow-Waihou School National Standards Comparative Data 2011-2016

NATIONAL STANDARDS READING							
2016 Target 90%	Whole school	Gender		Ethnicity			
		Girls	Boys	European	Maori	Pacifika	Indian
	88%	87%	89%	88%	95%	100%	100%
2015 Mid-Year	88%	87%	89%	88%	95%	100%	100%
2014 End of Year	92%	91%	93%	90%	100%	100%	100%
2014 Mid-Year	86%	81%	88%	83%	92%	100%	100%
2013 End of Year	82.6%						
2012 End of Year	73.6%						
2011 End of Year	74%						

NATIONAL STANDARDS WRITING							
2016 Target 85%	Whole school	Gender		Ethnicity			
		Girls	Boys	European	Maori	Pacifika	Indian
	82%	79%	84.5%	78%	92.3%	100%	100%
2015 Mid-Year	76%	77%	76%	75%	70%	100%	66%
2014 End of Year	85%	88%	87%	88%	86%	75%	100%
2014 Mid-Year	65%	64%	65%	65%	53%	80%	80%
2013 End of Year	68.8%						
2012 End of Year	71%						
2011 End of Year	77%						

NATIONAL STANDARDS MATHEMATICS							
2016 Target 85%	Whole school	Gender		Ethnicity			
		Girls	Boys	European	Maori	Pacifika	Indian
	82.6%	82.6%	85.7%	80.3%	100%	100%	100%
2015 Mid-Year	72%	70%	73%	67%	80%	75%	100%
2014 End of Year	86%	80%	93%	87%	86%	75%	100%
2014 Mid-Year	64%	62%	76%	76%	54%	80%	80%
2013 End of Year	78.1%						
2012 End of Year	80%						
2011 End of Year	75%						

Since the introduction of National Standards in 2011 the school has seen an overall improvement in student achievement in relation to National Standards in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Within this time there has also been an improvement of teacher professional practice across the school.

Therefore, if we compare the four year span of End of Year 2011 with End of Year 2015:

- Reading student achievement..... +14%
- Writing student achievement..... + 5%
- Mathematics student achievement + 9%

Maori achievement has the steepest trajectory of achievement as indicated in tables above by the end of 2015

- Maori Reading Achievement 100%**
- Maori Writing Achievement 92.3%**
- Maori Mathematics Achievement 100%**



Ethnic and gender data is not available prior to 2013

All other ethnic groups have achieved excellent and well above National average results.

Report compiled by Mrs Heather Tanner April 2016