



# Elstow-Waihou School



Reach for the Stars - *Totoro hoki nga whetu*

**SUCCESS TEAMWORK ATTITUDE RESPECT**

December 13th

## Tena Koutou, nga mihi nui,

The end of the school year is fast approaching. Prize giving was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> with reports and portfolios going home to parents. Our pool is up and running and in good use. Thank you to Mr Morris and Mr Daines.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the work of this great community that give so much in time, effort and support for our children. It really is very much appreciated. I would like to thank board members for their hard work and dedication to the school to ensure that the strategic plan is reflective of the school community's aspirations for our children. Thank you to the PTA for their fundraising efforts which support the learning opportunities for all of our children. I would especially like to thank Mrs McGaw who organises the Chicken Run. I would like to acknowledge our hard working and committed teachers Mr Scott, Mr Conder, Ms Manktelow, Mrs Oliver, Mrs Barker and our relief teacher Mrs Nicholson, our teacher aides Mrs Simmonds, Mrs Jenkins, our school secretary Mrs Legg, our caretaker, cleaner and gardener, Mrs Ogden, Mr Maisey, and Mrs Spence. A special thanks also to Mrs Thomas who volunteers her help every week to keep the book room tidy and organised.

The year has been very busy and very full and the children have learnt and contributed a great deal to their own academic, physical, emotional and social development. Good luck to our graduating Year 8 children. I wish you well for your future learning. I wish our school community a very happy, safe and relaxing school holiday and we look forward to seeing you all back in 2017.

## FROM THE CLASSROOMS:



**Room 1:** Kia ora whanau, I would just like to say thank you to everyone for another amazing year at Elstow-Waihou School. Thank you to the parents for your hard work and support and thank you to the students for being so awesome every day. Have a great summer break everyone.

**Room 4:** Kia Ora. Another year has passed and it is hard to believe that 14 Year 8 students are off to college. I wish them all the best for the future and I look forward to hearing about their achievements. We had a grand finale at the Year 7 and 8 dinner. I do hope the students took on board from our guest speaker Adrian Worsley, that they too can reach their potential and follow their dreams regardless of the pitfalls in life. Thank you to all parents who have supported and guided our young people in the right direction throughout the year. Have a great holiday and a lovely Christmas

**Room 5:** What a fun week we've had making our musical instruments, painting them and then choosing a song to perform. It's great to see the children having such fun with their creations – a great way to end our sound inquiry unit. I have had a fantastic term with the amazing children in Room 5. I'm going to miss all your bright smiling faces each day and the stories you bounce in to share with me. I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday.

**Room 2:** Term Four has been another very busy term. I have taken over the class teaching while Mr Conder recovers from his shoulder surgery. We have been working

on time, it would be great if they keep practicing at home to consolidate their learning. Over the last couple of weeks we have been planning and making musical instruments out of recycled materials. The children have all worked very hard this term and are looking forward to a very happy Christmas and lots of fun in the holidays with friends and family. *Maree Nichol森*



**Room 3:** My first year at Elstow-Waihou school has come to an end and what a year it has been! The children and their families are what make this school so special. I have met so many parents and siblings, and feel a real connection to them all. As we wind up for the year it is a good time to reflect on what we have done, and plan ahead for our exciting adventure of learning next year. I wish my Year 6 students all the best for their intermediate schooling (most I will get to see next year) - remember your manners, work hard and be kind to all! My new Year 6 students will be the leaders in the room and together we look forward to welcoming and nurturing the group of children coming up to Room 3. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to our classroom this year, learning takes place when children are happy and feel welcomed in their classroom, and I think we have more than achieved that this year. Nga mihi nui - Donna.

**COMMUNITY SURVEY:** Please remember to complete your Community Surveys online.



Everyone was given a password a couple of weeks ago which would have come home with your child. If you can't lay hands on it, just send Jocelyn an e-mail [admin@elstow-waihou.school.nz](mailto:admin@elstow-waihou.school.nz), she has the list. The Board would really value your feedback.

**BASKETBALL:** Our basket ballers played their final games last week. The Stars won and the Rebels lost but everyone had a great time. Congratulations to all the award winners.

**A very big thank you to Maree Stewart and Steve Darby for coaching these teams, we couldn't do it without you.**



2016 PRIZEGIVING RESULTS	
Year 8 Merit Awards	
Diligence	Azra Harrison
Information Technology	Braye Stewart
Dedication to Sport	Madison Darby
Personal & Academic Achievement	Tania Hohaia
<b>Champion Junior Vegetable Cup</b>	Koby Bell
<b>Champion Junior Flower Garden Cup</b>	Enya Andersen
<b>Challenge Senior Vegetable Cup</b>	Lochlan Bolstad
<b>Champion Senior Flower Garden Cup</b>	Braye Stewart
<b>Best Optional Garden Cup</b>	Wyatt Foster
<b>Elstow-Waihou Citizenship Cup</b>	Hollie Storey
<b>Miss S Rasmussen Award / Arts</b>	Benji Bell
<b>Tracy Athletic Cup for Girls</b>	Brooke Carter
<b>Tracy Athletic Cup for Boys</b>	Daniel Watkins
<b>Overall Junior Athletics Cup</b>	Riley Baker
<b>Principal's Most Improved Junior Swimmer Cup</b>	Molly Daines
<b>Most Improved Senior Swimmer Cup</b>	Tania Hohaia
<b>MacDonald - Champion Girl Swimming Cup</b>	Madison Darby
<b>Blackford Memorial – Champion Boys Swimming Cup</b>	Braye Stewart
<b>The Hill Sport Cup</b>	Lochlan Bolstad
<b>Rugby Player of the Year Cup</b>	Lochlan Bolstad
<b>Bolstad Cricket Cup</b>	Lochlan Bolstad
<b>The Hill Overall Academic Cup</b>	Braye Stewart
	Madison Darby
<b>Strange Memorial Cup – Girls</b>	Hollie Storey
<b>Strange Memorial Cup - Boy</b>	Lochlan Bolstad



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Jayden D, Bella , Brooke G, Tania, Sarah, Toby, Logan D, Emma Richards, Logan R, Benji, Arcadia, Cody W and Enya. All these children celebrate their birthdays at this very special time of the year. We hope you all have a wonderful, special birthday.



### WAIHOU RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

**FARMERS MARKET** - Sunday 11 December 9.30am - 1.30pm at the Waihou Tavern carpark. Come along and enjoy some food, fun, Entertainment, produce & crafts. Ho Ho Ho Santa will be there too.

**swim zone**

**POOL PARTY**

**MONDAY 19 DECEMBER**  
MATAMATA, TE AROHA, MORRINSVILLE

**12PM - 2PM | \$4 PER CHILD**

GIVEAWAYS, GAMES, POOL TOYS,  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$2

swimzonepools.co.nz

**Congratulations** to the children who have worked so very hard to achieve success and have been awarded prizes this year. You are all **STARS**.



We also had a great showing at the Te Aroha College Junior Prizegiving held last week with many ex-pupils being awarded prizes:

- Technology Year 8 Award - Braye Stewart
- Elstow-Waihou School Primary Award - Paige Spooner
- Year 10 Co-Operation Award - Ashleigh Megaw
- Outstanding Application to Schoolwork Year 9 - Paige Adamson and Amelia Simmonds
- Outstanding Application to Schoolwork Year 10 - Paige Spooner

It is wonderful to see our past pupils going on to bigger and better things. WELL DONE EVERYONE !!

**SCHOOL CAMP 2017:** In 2017 the Y5-8 children all go on camp in Term 2 Week 1, May 3rd-5th. A booking has been made for Lakewood Lodge and will cost approximately \$200 per child. More details next year.



### Merry Christmas to all:

Heather, Wendy, Deane, Donna, Darren, Maree, Sarah, Tessa, Anne, Gordon, Janet & Jocelyn

### COMING EVENTS

15th	<b>Last day of school 12:30 finish</b>
<b>2017 January 31st</b>	<b>FIRST DAY OF TERM 1</b>
February 6th	Waitangi Day
April 13th	Last day of Term 1
May 1st	First day of Term 2
July 7th	Last day of Term 2
July 24th	First day of Term 3
September 29th	Last day of Term 3
October 16th	First day of Term 4
December 14th	Last day of Term 4



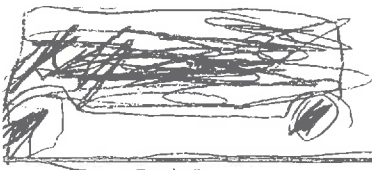
**Room 1, 2 & 5 BIBLE IN SCHOOL'S Concert was enjoyed by the school.**



**Cayden Carter**

Thump, thump,  
Stomp, drrrrrrrrrr.  
Click, click,  
Swish, swosh,  
CLICK!  
Brrrrrrrrrr, brrrrrrrrrr!  
Off we go...FINALLY!

Now we can go. We were nearly late for school.



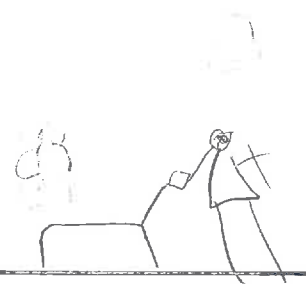
**Blayne Lawton**

Sssssshhhhhhhhh!  
Plonk, plack,  
Coc-coc.  
My bullet hooks in the gun.  
Chechette.  
"RRRRRRRR" moaned Dad.  
Crack, crack,  
Chhhh, sssssshhhhhhhh,  
Plonk, plack.  
The bullet sticks on the window.



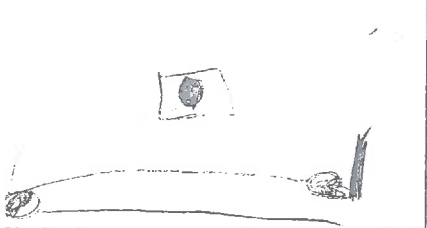
**Venna Laimbeer**

Vroooooom, vroooooom,  
rrrrrrrrrr, rrrrrrrrrrr,  
skrrriiiiiiIIII, skrrriiiiiiIIII,  
clang, clang,  
clong, clong,  
bump, bump.  
The lawn is finished.



**Arabella O'Reilly**

Click, click,  
BRRRRMMMM, BRRRRMMMM.  
Drop, drop,  
Slide, slide... srrrrrrrrrrrr.  
Beep, beep, beeeeeep.  
Rrrrrrrrrr, sssssssssss,  
Bump, bump, bump.  
Off we went to town.



**Mercedes Allen**

Bang, bang, bang, bang,  
Clang, clang...  
SLAM!  
bang my drum!



**Toby Farmer**

Shshsh,  
Click, click.  
Zzzzzzzzzzzzbuzzzzzzzzzz,  
Plip, plopp,  
Spit.  
Chchsh,  
Bzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz  
Splish!  
My teeth are clean!





**2016 PRIZEGIVING**





A life sized portrait is a picture of a person. I'll tell you what it is. You can draw a person on a piece of paper. I know a portrait is a picture of a human. I love it. A life sized picture is the size of me.

Charlotte Smith - Rm 5



A life sized portrait is when you paint a picture of your body. The picture is on a big piece of paper. We made our faces with pastel. I had lots of fun doing my body.

Diego Buot - Rm 5





**Year 7 & 8 Dinner**

