



# Elstow-Waihou School

Reach for the Stars - *Totoro hoki nga whetu*

**SUCCESS TEAMWORK ATTITUDE RESPECT**



December 2nd

**Tena Koutou, nga mihi nui,**

### Waihou Community Hall

Last Friday was a wonderful example of how talented our children are. The children were truly fantastic. They put on a great show for our school community. I think it is important not to lose sight of the fact that we are nearing the end of a very busy year and still our children and teachers do amazing things that set us apart, as a great school delivering quality education. A special thank you to Ms Manktelow who gave up many lunch times to hold practices with our choir children and Mrs Gregory who is an extremely talented and valued music teacher in our school community.

I was talking to our new cleaner Janet who commented about how courteous, caring and inquiring our children are. Janet belongs to a large cleaning firm and has worked in many schools. It was heartening as a principal and I am sure for you as parents to know just how good our children are and can be. Tino pai tamariki!

### Car Park – Help keep our children safe!

Too many children are walking out of the gates unassisted. We ask parents and caregivers to come to the bus shelter gate to collect your child or children. It is all too easy to worry about an accident 'after' the event. We want your children safe especially in our busy car park!

### Softball Tournament

Thank you to the parents who provided transport to the softball tournament in Te Aroha. It turned out to be perfect day. Special thanks to Mrs Strickland, Mrs Storey and Ms Kivets who were team managers for the day.

### Kiwi Families (for passionate parents)

During the primary years your child's development will slow compared to their preschool years, but there are still a lot of changes that occur. There are guidelines of what the average child is developmentally capable of learning at a particular age. They will still need to be taught how to do many of these things – you wouldn't expect your 7 year old to ride a bike with no training wheels if they have never been on a two-wheeler before at all! The numeracy and literacy milestones below are based on [New Zealand's National Standards](#). Check out the childhood milestones on

<http://www.kiwifamilies.co.nz/articles/child-development-for-aged-5-12/> as your child grows and develops.

### Bible in School Classes

Reminder to parents that Bible in School is an optional programme, please let us know if there are any changes to your decision at the time you enrolled your child. This programme only concerns children in Rooms 1, 2, and 5.

**Swimming Pool:** A big thank you to Duncan Morris, who has spent many hours at school cleaning and preparing the pool ready for filling. He has also been carrying out some much needed maintenance on the chlorine pump system to ensure that everything is up and running safely and smoothly. Duncan will be overseeing the care of the pool over the summer and will be helped by Adrian Daines, thank you both for volunteering your time for us.

### Thames Valley Primary School Athletics

*Mrs Legg writes:* Unfortunately I made quite an error in last week's newsletter, I had the complicated job of reading spreadsheets to find the winners and place getters (oh Mr Conder I needed your expertise!!)

These are the correct results:

**Jayden Darby:** 1<sup>st</sup> 10yr boys High Jump  
2<sup>nd</sup> 10yr boys Long Jump

**Ashton Carter:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 9yr boys Shot Put

**Caitlyn Hannah:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 9y girls Discus.

Well done to you, you are our STARS this week .



### FROM THE CLASSROOMS:

**Room 1:** Hi everyone! The end is nigh! That's right you heard it here first...it is nearly the end of the year. This means that it is time to start doing some end of year housekeeping and stocktake. As of next week we will need to start collecting in any school resources that you have at home; this includes any school readers or library books that may be lying around the house...so make it a fun game for the kids to do a scout around the house and see how many they can find! Check under beds, under tables and tablets, under cats, under pillows, behind the dog and anywhere else that they may be lurking! I'll give 10 house points for every book that they bring back to school! As of next week the usual class programme will go out the window a bit as we prepare for the end of the year. This may mean that the children will not be bringing home any more readers, library books or homework. But never



fear the library in town has a great selection of books to keep those enthusiastic readers humming along over the Christmas break and the cheap \$2 type shops have a great variety of reasonably priced work books should you want any learning activities for your children to keep them occupied.

**Room 5:** This week our back table has been filling up with materials in preparation for making our musical instruments. The children have planned their instruments and I look forward to seeing their end results next week. We have continued our explanation writing and the children have written a piece based on our inquiry about sound. We've also started looking at fractions and talking about halves, thirds, quarters and fifths in maths. This week was our final cricket session which everyone has enjoyed. Our excitement is starting to build up now that the countdown to Christmas is on!

**Room 2:** This week with Mrs Nicholson, the children in Room 2 have been making Advent Calendars and musical instruments. They are all working towards putting on a performance using their home made instruments and they will continue this today with Mrs Jenkins.

**Room 3:** Welcome to end of week 8. The children have been busy making cartoon crocodiles, Advent Calendars and having fun while I have been at home sick. It sounds like they have had a great week with relief teachers. I am looking forward to next week, we have science experiments to complete which will be a real highlight. We can use the science lab jackets from the production and really look the part. Bring on next week and feeling awesome.

**FLOAT PARADE:** Unfortunately there wasn't enough support for the Santa Parade float to go ahead this year. Thank you to those parents and children who did volunteer.

**Cricket Results and Draw**

Week 7 Results:

The Yr 2-4 Rebels had a loss against Stanley Ave.

The Yr 4-6 Renegades had a loss against Matamata Ramblers.

The Yr 7/8 Te Aroha Tornadoes had a great victory over Rototuna Junior High 1<sup>st</sup> XV, bowling them out for 79 then getting the required runs to win in 20 overs.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

Rebels have a bye.

Renegades v Stanley Ave Super Kings at Herries Park:

10.30am start

Tornadoes v Cambridge Year 7 / 8 at Leamington Rugby Club:

9.00am start



**Regards:** Heather, Wendy, Deane, Donna, Maree, Sarah, Tessa, Anne, Gordon, Janet & Jocelyn

**FINALS NIGHT TeAroha Basketball Year 7 & 8**  
Thursday 8th December

**6.15pm**

Court 1: Elstow Rebels vs T.A.P.S Titans

Court 2: Stanley Bears vs St Joes Saints

**Playing for the Pat Gleeson Basketball Cup**

**6.50pm**

Manawaru Magic vs T.A.P.S Tornadoes

**7.25pm**

Court 1: St Joes Legends vs Stanley Packers

Court 2: Stanley Giants vs Elstow Stars

Any enquires phone: Sheryl Gleeson: 8891996 or 0212010160



**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.

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:**

**Our last day of school is 15th December.  
Parents may collect children from  
12:30pm.**

**For Bus Children: There will be one bus  
which will do both bus runs. To help  
ascertain what size bus is needed could  
you please let Jocelyn know on Monday if  
you intend to collect your child or if they  
are to go home on the bus.**

	COMING EVENTS
7th	Open Day Room 1 Volunteers Afternoon Tea 2:30
8th	Y8's Rainbows End Trip
9th	<b>Prizegiving Assembly 11:00am</b>
12th	Basketball Prizegiving 12:30 - Rm 6 Y7&8 Dinner 6:00pm start
13th	School Music group playing at Te Aroha Community Hospital
14th	PTA Christmas Lights and Disco By ticket only / NO DOOR SALES
15th	<b>Last day of school 12:30 finish</b>