



February 17th 2017

This has been the first full week since the start of the year and already it has been extremely busy. Besides all of the teachers discussing class routines and expectations with children we have established our reading and maths programmes.

Thank you to those parents that were able to attend our two 'Meet the Teacher' meetings held on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. It gave us an opportunity to express to you our class expectations, programmes and information about how 'we' together can best help your child learn at school and home. I have had a number of parents talk to me about how happy and settled their children have been since returning to school. That is wonderful!

Reading Eggs is coming soon..

We are so thankful to the PTA who have kindly and generously agreed to fund Reading Eggs for our two junior room classes. The cost of the programme is \$1120.00. The benefits for our junior readers are;

Benefits of Using a Program for Reading

Programs for reading like ABC Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress are designed to teach children the core literacy skills needed to be successful at school with a progressive sequence of interactive and motivational lessons. Some of the benefits of the ABC Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress program for reading include:

One-on-one Learning

ABC Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress provide children with a one-on-one learning environment, which means that they can learn at a rate that suits their level of ability and progress. Children are also able to repeat lessons in order to overcome any difficulties.

Focus on core literacy skills

ABC Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress lessons focus on developing the core literacy skills children need for success at school. These include:

- **Phonemic awareness** – the ability to hear, identify and manipulate the individual sounds in words.
- **Phonics** – the ability to link sounds to letters, also known as the alphabetic principle.
- **Vocabulary** – building the bank of words a child can automatically recognise.
- **Fluency** – reading automatically, accurately, with appropriate tone and accounting for punctuation.
- **Comprehension** – reading for meaning and making inferences from text

Making Learning Fun

Children learn best when they're having fun. The online lessons and activities in ABC Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress make learning enjoyable and highly engaging for young children. Children stay keen to learn with the vibrant animations and visuals, colourful



characters, catchy music and sing alongs that feature in the lessons.

Tracking Progress

ABC Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress provide parents with a detailed progress dashboard details how many lessons their child has completed, their percentage of correct answers, learning milestones they have achieved, rewards they have earned and the estimated reading age of their child. Parents can also receive regular progress updates via email.

Cyber-attack!

If you are wondering why our newsletters look a little different these days it is because our server and backup computer systems have been hacked. Fortunately anything in google docs including all of the children's work on Google Drive is safe. Unfortunately anything historical or in Microsoft Word, Excel Spreadsheet etc such as teachers work, administration, financial records or library records have been encrypted by hackers. We are currently working on solutions.

School Swimming Sports

Start time 9.30 am on **Thursday 23rd February** (not the 24th as previously published)

We look forward to seeing you all there. The children are encouraged to wear their house colours for school sports days. Just a reminder for our new children and families;

Mira - Yellow	Tanekaha - Green
Kahikatia - Blue	Rata - Red

The PTA will be running a sausage sizzle for lunch.

Bacon Sandwiches	\$2	Sausages	\$1
Fizzy Drinks	\$2	Water	\$1
Juicies	\$1	Moosies	\$1

ELGREGO – YOU'VE GOT THE POWER SHOW

March 10th A show with a strong message of values and to how children can make good social choices. Please pay \$4 per child to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

TEACHER ONLY DAY – Thursday 13th April

School will be closed for instruction, children are not to come to school.



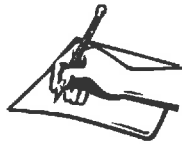
SATURDAY CRICKET: This term we have a Year 3 / 4 and a year 5 / 6 team playing in the Waikato Valley competition and have combined with Stanley Avenue to make a year 7 / 8 team playing in the Hamilton Cricket

competition. The season started last Saturday with the Year 3 / 4 Rebels defeating the Springdale Stars.

Week 3 Draw: Year 3 / 4: Elstow-Waihou Rebels v Matamata Sutcliffes – 9.00am@Elstow-Waihou School
 Year 5 / 6: Elstow-Waihou Renegades v Ngatea Primary – 10.30am@Ngatea Domain #1
 Year 7 / 8: Te Aroha Tomatoes v Gordonton Knights – 9.00am@Te Aroha College #2

FROM THE CLASSES:

ROOM 1: Kia ora whanau. What a wonderfully wet few days we have had this week. It did make swimming in the pool an enjoyable experience for the children (swimming in the rain makes the pool warm as the children found out this week). The children have all been working hard in class. We are looking at chance and probability this week and whether games are fair or unfair. Thank you to the parents who came to the meet the teacher meeting this week it was great to see you all. If any parent needs to contact me this year feel free to email me:



deane@elstow-waihou.school.nz or feel free to pop in and come and see me. Have a great weekend.

Room 2: Another busy week has come to a close and Room 2 is happily humming along. Our unit on chance and probability is progressing nicely, with lots of learning happening through game-playing. We have completed several pieces of recount writing and the children are now crafting a story about a time they were hurt. This is bringing back lots of good memories and leading to some fairly gruesome stories! Swimming sports is fast approaching and we are making the most of the lovely weather – although I’m sure many of you are welcoming the rain we have had with open arms. Good luck to the three teams playing cricket this weekend – let’s hope the rain clears so you get your games played.

ROOM 3: Swimming in the rain.... we are training hard for swimming sports, even in the rain, with all children bringing their togs daily readying for the school competition next Thursday. I am also starting our testing next week, and will be out of the classroom on Monday. Remember to email me, or pop in for a chat if you need to catch up, my door is always open. Well not when the air conditioner is on !!! Have a great weekend, smile, relax and enjoy whatever you do :)

ROOM 4: Room 4 continue to focus on their learning. We are "brushing up" on our knowledge of number place value and extending our understanding in problem solving. Our leadership posters are nearly finished and these have been a challenge as they were mostly completed by hand (no computers!). We now understand the importance of layout and how to add interest using colour, different lettering and shapes. Currently we are working on improving our swimming techniques and pushing the "boat out" to reach the goals we have set. I have seen a great improvement in all swimming strokes. Have a good weekend.

FREE to a good home: We still have a large number of File boxes which the children’s stationery came in. If you would like some pop in to the office.



FROM THE COMMUNITY

FUTURE TE AROHA
HAWAIIAN DISCO! 24th Feb at 13 Boundary Street
 Year 0-4 students- 5pm – 6pm: \$3
 Year 5-8 students- 6:30pm – 8pm: \$5
FUTURE TE AROHA PROGRAMME
 MONDAY-Acting Classes/TUESDAY-Arts & craft,

Drumbeats, Ukulele and Film Making / WEDNESDAY- Teen Beats (Teenagers come and chill) and Violin / THURSDAY - Hip Hop Classes, Bubble-gum Dance Crew, Loyal-T Dance Crew, Lego making, Puzzles, fun & games. **PIANO:** Would you like a small upright piano? Free? Talk to Jocelyn.

PRIMARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL: Years 5, 6, 7 & 8 Coaching and 3 x 3 Basketball League. Starting Thurs 23 at the Te Aroha Events Centre. Contact Laura Wade 07 884 8250 / lwade@tearohacollege.school.nz

2017 TERM 1 FUTSAL Futsal is a form of indoor soccer. Starting 3/1/17 come down to the new event center. Bring court shoes/ trainers YOU CAN REGISTER AT <https://membership.sportstg.com/regoform.cgi?formID=65023>

TE AROHA SWIMMING CLUB "Swim Safe lessons". Contact Tasha 0276367619 / Steve 0279116959.

PIAKO GYMNASTICS CLUB Enquiries DEE 027-939-9983 piakoqym@gmail.com

TE AROHA TENNIS CLUB Junior Tennis - Tennis coaching. Clem Apted 8844548 or Natalie 027202 6548

	DATES TO REMEMBER
23rd	School Swimming 9:30am
24th	Room 1 Assembly
March 2nd	District Swimming 9:00
3rd	Bi / Triathlon 11:00 start
6th	Keeping Ourselves Safe meeting
10th	Elgrego "We Have The Power" 9:15
April 13th	NO SCHOOL-(Teacher only day)

PRESEASON SHOOTOUT
25 FEBRUARY 2017 2PM



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COME AND SEE YOUR TEAM AT
 Silver Fern Farms Event Centre Te Aroha

Adults \$20
 Children \$15

Members only presale 15 February 9:00 am
 General tickets on sale 20 February 9:00 am
 Tickets available from the Te Aroha Council Office
 and the Waikato Bay of Plenty Netball Office
 Cash or EFTPOS available

Waikato Bay of Plenty Netball Office
 Phone: 07 858 5396
 Address: Level 2, Gateway Building
 University of Waikato, Gate 5, Hillcrest road, Hamilton
 Cash or EFTPOS available

Te Aroha Council Office
 Phone: 07 884 0560
 Address: 35 Kenrick St, Te Aroha 3320

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Daffodils Mixed



Daffodil Fragrant Erlicheer



Tulips Mixed



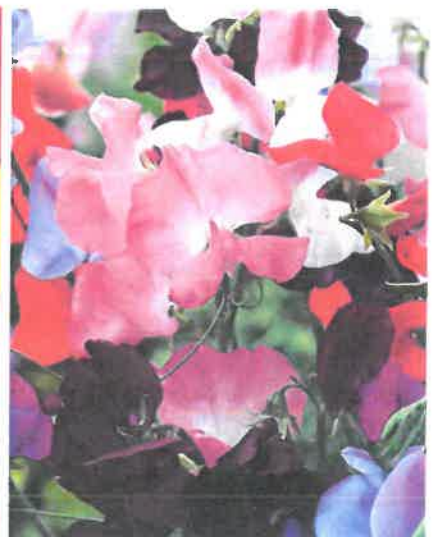
Freesias Mixed



Daffodil Double—Tahiti



Ranunculus Mixed



Sweet Pea - Early Multiflora Mix

AUTUMN FUNDRAISER with SPRING BULBS

Help us grow by beautifying your garden

Fund Raising for Elstow-Waihou School Camps

Here is a great opportunity to purchase spring flowering bulbs and seeds to show your support. Bulbs are easy to plant, fun to grow and will reward you with gorgeous flowers year after year. We have some great choices here, why not try them all!! Bulbs are supplied by GardenPost who source the bulbs from NZ's best growers. Prices offered here are less than normal retail and our organisation will make 30% profit on all sales. A planting guide will be enclosed with each order.

To order please return this form with your payment no later than: 10th March 2017

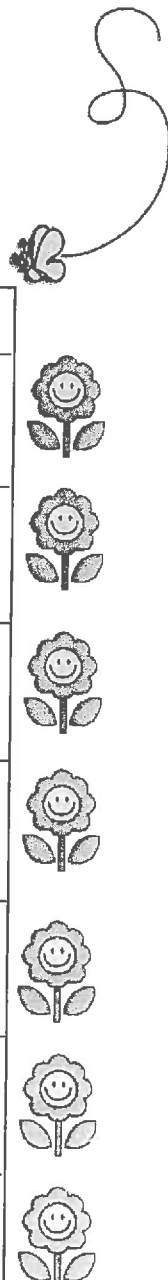
Delivery will be on: 17th March 2017

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser. Enquiries to Jocelyn at the office.

Name:

Contact phone number:.....

Bulb Type	Price	Number	Total
10 Daffodils Mixed An exceptional assortment of superior varieties blended for continual blooming throughout spring. Each top quality bulb will produce bright, long lasting, picture perfect flowers. Height 40cm	\$8.00		
10 Fragrant Daffodils - Earlicheer A delightful and popular variety for picking. Bunches of highly scented, double flowers in a soft creamy yellow make this a favourite, must have choice. Flowers for a long period early in the season. H 40cm	\$8.50		
10 Double Daffodils - Tahiti Large double blooms with deep golden yellow petals interspersed with smaller centre petals of orange/red. Very popular flowers for late season. Great for picking. H40cm	\$9.00		
10 Tulips Mixed Tulips are spectacular late spring flowering bulbs with colourful and attractive cup-shaped flowers. Top quality bulbs in a wide colour range will give an unsurpassable garden display. So easy to grow. Height 40cm	\$10.00		
10 Fragrant Single & Double Freesias Mixed For the true scent of spring try this mix of popular single & double Freesias. They will give a long lasting, dazzling display and have long stems for picking. Height 30cm. Protect from heavy frosts.	\$6.00		
10 Ranunculus Mixed A profusion of fully double, ever-so-sweet flowers in a wide colour range. Large clumps of these showy flowers are hard to beat. Ideal for borders or pots. H30-40cm	\$4.00		
Sweet Peas Early Multiflora - 20 Seeds A vibrant and striking mix of early flowering Heirloom sweet peas. Lavender, pink, purple, white & red flowers all with that old fashioned intoxicating fragrance. Climber to 2m	\$3.50		
GRAND TOTAL:			



Please make payment to: **the school office or online**

Elstow-Waihou School: Westpac Bank: 03-1573-0013372-00

(Please reference payment with your name and "Bulbs")

School Swimming Sports 2017

This year's School Swimming Sports takes place next THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY at our school pool.

**Start time: 9.30am – 8 years and older
11.30am (approx) – 5, 6 and 7 year olds.**

Children are encouraged to wear their house colours to support their swimmers.

The P.T.A will be selling food on the day to fundraise for upcoming school camps so please come along and support the children on the day.

We are also desperately in need of parents to help timekeep some of the races. This is an easy job so if you can possibly help out, please let Jocelyn know or see me on the day.

**Many thanks,
Darren Conder**