



Elstow-Waihou School

Reach for the Stars - *Totoro hoki nga whetu*

SUCCESS TEAMWORK ATTITUDE RESPECT

June 17th

Community Newsletter

Tena Koutou, nga mihi nui,

Welcome to Willem Grond Holmes who has joined Room 4, we welcome you and your family to our school.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Shaniya Nand and her family. We wish you well in your new school.

Board Notice: The newly formed Board held its first meeting on Wednesday 15th at 6.30 pm in the Endeavour. We would sincerely like to thank Mr Andrew McGiven and Mr Deane Scott for their three terms of service to the school community.

Your new Board members are; Louise Morris, Todd Nicholls, Debbie Darby, Tania Horn, Andrew Bell, Wendy Oliver and Heather Tanner. We hope to have an effective and warm relationship within and for our school community, so that our children can 'Reach for the Stars – Totoro hoki nga whetu.'

27th June – Matariki Tree Planting Day: Parents and whanau are welcome to our **Matariki Tree Planting Day on the 27th June at 12.00 pm.** We are fortunate enough to have been donated \$500 worth of plants from the **Keep New Zealand Beautiful Society.** After the tree planting, the **PTA will provide a sausage sizzle for the school community.**

29th June – Junior Room Open Day: Pre-schoolers are welcome to pop in a visit our amazing Junior Room on Wednesday the 29th June. Feel free to bring along a morning tea so that you can sit with your new friends in Room 1.

4th July – Mid-Year Reports: We are excited to share our newly formatted Mid-Year Reports with families. We hope that you will find them easy to understand and a helping guide to how you can support your child's learning.

6th July – Interviews: The Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on 6th July, starting at 1:30pm. A notice will be sent home to all parents with times for their interviews in a couple of weeks.

Community Breakfast: Parents, friends and whanau are welcome to attend our **PTA Breakfast.** Please come along with your children and enjoy a breakfast menu designed by our PTA. It is another great way to mix and mingle with people in our wonderful school community.

Gymsports: All the best to our Year 7&8 Girls who will be attending the Gymsports School Festival held in Hamilton on Wednesday 22nd at the Hamilton City Gymsports centre.

FROM THE CLASSROOMS:

Room 4: Kia Ora, a busy term and week in Room 4. This week we have focused on our scene in the school production. We have many keen people who would like to be on the stage! Our next unit is about Matariki where the students will complete the tasks independently. Hopefully during this month we will be able to see the 7 stars that represent Matariki. Mrs Barker has completed some great art work using landscapes as the theme. While I have been on classroom release Mrs Barker has also completed some technology challenges in the class. These are always fun! Sport continues to be an enjoyable activity. It is great to see so many involved in different sports; whether at the weekend or after school. I am impressed with their attitude and sportsmanship when I



have watched the odd game or two. So good to see Room 4! Keep this up and keep smiling! Have a safe weekend.

Room 1: Tena Koutou, The children in Room 1 have all been very focused this week. We have lots to do and they are rising to the challenge beautifully. We have started our Matariki unit this week and the children have been busy learning about the 7 stars of Matariki. A big thank you to Kate Fairhurst who came into school on Wednesday morning and taught the tamariki the Matariki Macarena. The children are having fun learning the words and the actions. We have been busy testing in preparation for end of term reporting. This week we have been testing spelling and constructing a writing sample for their portfolios. We have started back on number this week with the focus being back on basic facts addition and subtraction. Stay warm everybody. Ma te wa.

Room 2: Kia ora whanau. Another busy week is coming to an end and once again Room Two is humming along nicely. Most children seem to be over the bout of sickness that struck us a couple of weeks ago and we are back to mainly regular attendance. This is really important for a child's progress as most of our learning is sequential, so if you miss out one step it can affect your understanding of the next step. This week we have begun our next Number unit in maths and the children have worked on creating some really good pieces of writing. We have started learning one of our production songs and will start putting together our scene over the next few days. The class completed some lovely pieces of autumn poetry with Mrs Barker this week and these will be on display next week. Have a great weekend and... **GO ALL BLACKS!**

Room 3: Kia ora koutou, we have enjoyed another fantastic week in Room 3. We were lucky enough to have Mrs Tanner in this week to show us how to make Poi. We are getting organised for production and have finalised our scripts, please look out for a letter coming home about help that we require. Grace and Zoe have kept us fit this week with a range of fitness activities every morning - this is a important part of our day as it gets our heart rates up and warms us up for learning. This Friday I have CRT and the children will have another teacher for the day. I hope to make the Fieldays on Saturday, townies day I have been told? Have a great weekend.

Stars of the week: this weeks Stars are Benji, Daniel and Jayden D. They participated in the Interschool Maths Challenge and came third. Well done boys !!

CAMP FUNDRAISING: Congratulations to the Wilson family who won the firewood raffle. Kian, Mel, Brad and the boys will all keep nice and warm now. Thank you to Todd Nicholls for this generous donation.

Congratulations also go to Holly Coombe from Paeroa who won the Tupperware containers.

Thank you to everyone who has supported and continues to support us with our fundraising efforts.

Still for sale: Kindling \$15 a box and Mandarins \$2 for 20

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Cooper Bell who celebrated his birthday last week and to Zoe who celebrates this week. Best wishes from all of us!

RUGBY: A reminder to all children who won a Rugby Trophy/Cup last year to return them to the school office.



BASKETBALL: The final game was played on Tuesday night. Elstow Stars played TAP's and had a great win. Our teams did well against some stiff opposition and had fun. Special thanks to Maree Stewart for all her hard work and dedication to our basketball children.

NETBALL: 10:00 Ct 1 Elstow B vs TAPS C
10:50 Ct 3 Elstow A vs St Mana A

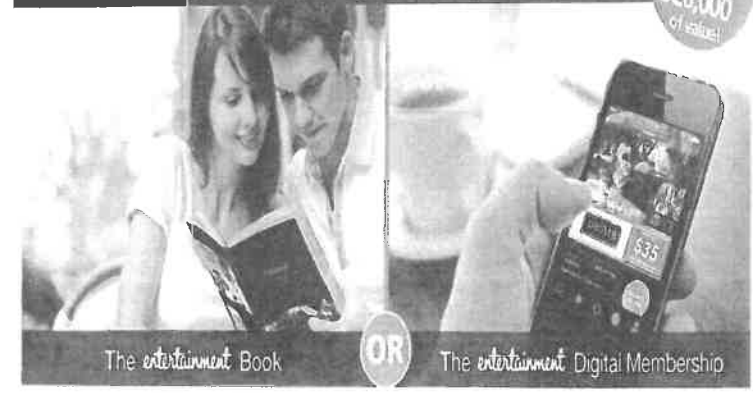
The 0-4year children's team plays every Saturday too. We wish you all well with your games.

From the PTA meeting:

- ◇ A subcommittee is underway to create a PTA Procedures and Policy Manual
- ◇ The PTA is running a free sausage sizzle for all children and families on the Native Tree Planting on Monday 27 June at 12.30pm - come along and support this event.
- ◇ Oxford Pies: A great way to feed the family through the "Crazy" time, please fill in the order form and get it back to the school office.
- ◇ Family Breakfast Fundraiser very soon, all children will get an invitation to bring home. Very exciting!
- ◇ Next PTA meeting is 27 July at 7pm - all welcome

Last year's Entertainment book has expired! It's time to purchase a new one for this year! The PTA are offering these books for sale again, you can order online at <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1570q67> or contact Jocelyn at the office.

Still just \$60 giving you over \$20,000 of value!




FROM THE BOARD: Your new board met for the first time this week and the elected roles are as follows:

- Chair: Louise Morris
- Secretary: Tania Horn
- Finance: Andrew Bell
- Staff Trustee: Wendy Oliver
- Deputy Chair: Debbie Darby
- Property: Todd Nicholls
- Health & Safety: Debbie Darby


Congratulations and thank you to this group of dedicated people. We farewell Andrew McGiven and Deane Scott from the board. A huge thank you to you both for your valuable contributions to the governance of our school. All trustees are registered to attend a NZSTA Professional Development Course 'Governance Essentials' on 29th June. We look forward to the upcoming community events, Native Grove Beautification, Family Breakfast and Working Bee and strongly encourage your family to come along and enjoy the fun with your children. Our next meeting is on 17th August.

FREE EAR CLINIC SERVICE FOR CHILDREN
For enquiries regarding this service, please phone: 07 838 3565. The next clinic is at Paeroa on Wednesday 29th June at the Plunket Rooms, cnr Whark & Marshall Streets 9:30-12:00 & 1:00-2:00



COMING EVENTS	
22nd	Gymnastics at Morrinsville
24th	Room 1 Assembly—all welcome
27th	Matariki Tree Planting 12:00pm
29th	Room 1 Open Day
July 1st	Room 4 Assembly—all welcome
6th	Parent Teacher Interviews
8th	Room 3 Assembly—all welcome LAST DAY OF TERM 2
25th	TERM 3 STARTS

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



OXFORD PIES

Lunch Size Pies, Sausage Rolls & Lamingtons Fundraising

Students Name _____
Phone Number _____
Room Number _____

RETURN FORM & MONEY TO ORGANISATION BY: Friday 8th July 2016
DELIVERY DATE: Thursday 28th July 2016
PIES CAN BE COLLECTED FROM: Room 5, Elstow-Waihou School
Please enclose cash/cheque with your order and make any cheques payable to Elstow-Waihou School

5 PACK LUNCH SIZE PIES \$10.00

Name & Phone No	Mince (5 pack)	Mince & Cheese (5 pack)	No of Packs	Total Cost
Total Number of Packs				
Total Cost of Packs	\$			

6 PACK LAMINGTONS \$5.00

Name & Phone No	Chocolate	Raspberry	No of Packs
Total Number of Packs			
Total Cost of Packs	\$		

5 PACK SAUSAGE ROLLS \$7.50

Name & Phone No	Sausage Rolls	Total Cost
Total Number of Packs		
Total Cost of Rolls	\$	

Total Cost Family Pies (page 1)	\$
Total Cost Lunch Pies	\$
Total Cost Sausage Rolls	\$
Total Cost Lamingtons	\$
Total Amount owing to Org	\$

ORDER FORM Elstow - Waihou School - Pies Fundraiser



Student Name:

Phone Number:

Room Number:

NOTE: Please enclose payment with your order and make cheques payable to Elstow-Waihou School

Price per Family Pie: \$7.00

Name & Ph No	Mince	Mince & Cheese	Curry Mince	Steak	Steak & Cheese	Steak & Onion	Steak & Kidney	Pepper Steak	Bacon & Egg	Creamy Veg(4)	Apple	Apple Crumble	Apricot	Boysenberry	Blackberry & Apple	Lemon Curd	Rhubarb & Apple	No of Pies	Total Cost	
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My Bedroom

Every day I wake up to a rooster sound crowing in my face I love it because it wakes me up in time for school.

My Bed has a warm and fluffy pink sheet on it. With a purple and white hello Kitty blanket. My bed has warm pillow cases that make me fall asleep easier.

My Windows are big, black and bold. They hang from the centre of my wall to the bottom. I like my windows because they bring light in my room.

My dresser has all my pretty and private things, it has all of my clothes in it. It has my shoes, my clothes, my case and my make-up box on it. My dresser has all the things a girl should have.

My cat comes in every night after she feeds her kittens. She sleeps by the top or under my arm. I love it because it makes me extra warm at night. It's like having a warm marshmallow.

I love my room it is my special place.



ROOM 1:

Today Charlie Kerr's mum came to the school to teach the children how to do the Matariki Macarena and yesterday the children started on a new art project with Mrs Barker making the stars of Matariki.



* Room 4's Monday's *

Monday Morning

"Beep beep beep." I woke up to the horrible sound of my black square clock telling me to get out of bed. Like any other morning I slowly lifted my droopy head and turned my alarm off. "Finally some peace and quiet", I thought to myself. I laid in my pink, blue and white cozy bed for a few more minutes gazing at my black and white fat cat who was sitting right beside me. Then I heard Mum say, "You can't be late for your first day at school."
"AGHHHHH! it must be Monday".

Slowly creeping out of my bed I had my activities for the day ticking through my mind when mum yells at me. "Don't forget to feed your chickens".

Stumbling down the old concrete steps and standing before me on the new wire fence were two of my chickens, Poppy and Oreo, waiting for their breakfast.

Not long after my own breakfast I can hear my mum shouting orders: "Get in the car! Jumping into the blue car, Mum follows me with a bucket of warm water to wash the glimmering ice off the windows. Starting the cold car engine, the misty white fog lifts and the warm sun comes out and brightens my day. Finally the bus arrived and I'm ready to start the day with any challenges that may come my way.

17 May 2016
Teagan Garmonsway

IT'S MONDAY
Don't FORGET
TO BE
AWESOME.

MONDAY MORNING

My irritating alarm wakes me up as I open my tired droopy eyes. Mum walks into my bedroom and opens my old dusty curtain. I am greeted by my soft dog sniffing and licking my face, forcing me out of bed.

In no time I'm ready. Mum and I tumble out the door. We freeze to the bone on this winter's morning. Stumbling up the path to our awaiting silver car, we opened the door to the freezing cold atmosphere which had taken over the interior.

As we drive along the road I begin to feel warmer as the heater pumped out hot air. Finally the sun came out from it's hiding spot behind the misty clouds. The dewy grass glistened in the sun.

It was so peaceful when travelling to school. The cows grazing in the paddocks and the clear blue sky staring down at the world.

By Abby Millar
Year 8
2016

MONDAY MORNING

"Are you serious?" I grumbled to myself as my annoying sister stumbled into my room repeating my name as if she was a broken record and waking me up from a deep sleep.

Finally I flopped out of bed with a thud and I hit the hard ground, and I found myself face to face with a neatly wrapped present. Thinking to myself why is there a... Then I remembered Mum's birthday. Instantly I jumped up and got into action.

After gathering a lovely bouquet of flowers, Enya and I placed them carefully into her present which was a lovely vase. I mentioned to my sister that we did a pretty good job of those flowers considering it's winter.

After giving our present to Mum, we did the usual dreadful routine of getting ready for school. Enya is like a slowcoach but I am super quick! Eventually we were all ready and we fled into the muddy white ute and began our boring journey.

By Lochlan
Year 8
May 2016



Monday Morning Memoir

I wake up to a door slamming. My eyes fling open to see the time on the clock. 5:30am. I close my eyes again for what feels like ten seconds and open them to the sound of my alarm ringing in my ears. 6:30am. This is my typical Monday morning.

Still half asleep I drag myself out of bed and stagger around the room. I force my eyes open as I gaze out the window. The misty fog covers the mountain like a soft warm blanket. Cows are softly mooing in the distance, it must be milking time. Suddenly I snap back into reality. I drag on my uniform and head straight for the kitchen.

I rush around the house searching for my netball gear, mum waits patiently in the car with the engine purring. I juggled my breakfast and netball gear. Sam follows close behind, struggling to get himself sorted. We zoomed down the road reaching our destination. Mum shoves us out of the car quickly like she has urgent matters somewhere else.

The fog that was once smeared over the mountain is now lifting as the sun comes up from its hiding place. The bus rattles around the corner.

17th May 2016
By Hollie Storey

Name: Brook

Awesome yellow Leaves fall off the trees

Unique Leaves zig Zag to the ground

The red and yellow Leaves flying off the trees

Ugly blown trees have No Leaves

My red Leaves fall off the trees

Naked trees Swing their Branches

Autumn Poetry created by Room Two and Mrs Barker

Name: Alex D

Awesome Trees are slowly losing all their leaves.

Ugly trees losing all their unique leaves.

Tall trees swaying in the windy wind.

Under all the leaves is brown grass.

Magical leaves fluttering in the breeze.

NOW it is getting a bit foggy.