



Elstow-Waihou School

Reach for the Stars - Totoro hoki nga whetu

SUCCESS TEAMWORK ATTITUDE RESPECT

June 2nd 2017

Tena Koutou, Tena Koutou, Tena Koutou Katoa.
Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

Believe it or not we have reached the half way mark of Term 2. Week 5 has ticked by and we all wonder where the time has gone. Life is so busy for our families this term. If children are fully involved in sport and most are, this means life can be tricky when trying to get each child to their sport. Our community is very lucky as we have many supportive parents and grandparents who help out with the sporting practises and games.

This week the whole school has been practising the powhiri for our new principal, Mr Sandy Stirling who begins his new position on June 6. We are on track and the staff are pleased with the performance so far. Thank you to Tania Horn who has supported us while learning the haka powhiri.

Boys Writing

Currently our school is taking part in professional development for teaching of writing. I have the pleasure of leading a group of teachers in this development. At times teachers are faced with the same challenge; how to encourage reluctant children to write. Unfortunately, the statistics suggest that some of our boys tend to be put off when learning how to write. We all have a role to play when educating our young people, particularly boys. It is important that we all understand that we are meeting their needs and supporting their educational achievement. Teachers continually find different ways to "hook" boys into writing. For this to happen boys need a purpose for writing and it needs to be on a topic that is of high interest. Once this has been established, the learning begins. We must not forget that practise will always improve the learning regardless if it is writing or in another learning area.

Teacher Aides

In the media recently there has been some talk that principals may need to reduce teacher aide hours if the Ministry of Education does not increase funding. We are lucky to have 3 teacher aides who are very supportive and are focussed on student achievement. Should schools have to face this dilemma of reducing hours for teacher aides, this would be a real blow! We need our teacher aides as they not only support our learners but the teaching staff too.

Thank you

I have concluded my term as acting principal and I would like to thank the Board of Trustees, parents, staff and the students for their support. The five weeks have gone quickly and without a "hitch". I leave the school in good spirits for our new principal.

Kind regards
Wendy



WELCOME to Heidi Morris who turned five this week and has joined her big sister and brother at school. We know you will have lots of fun learning in Room 1 Heidi.



NEWS FROM THE BOARD

• **POWHIRI TO WELCOME MR SANDY STIRLING, our new principal is 9am Tuesday 6 June at school, followed by morning tea. We warmly invite the whole community to come down and join us.**

• Huge thanks to all staff and parents who organised and helped out with our school camps before the holidays. Junior and Senior camps were both very successful with amazing learning and personal progress opportunities.

• Thanks to the PTA for organising our upcoming Winter social, **Barnyard Babes & Farmer Joes**. Sure to be a great community night and welcome for new families. Get your tickets and babysitter sorted. We are lucky to have secured the same band as last time!

• Many thanks to Mrs **Wendy Oliver** for so capably stepping into your role as Acting Principal for the first half of Term 2. Everything ticked over nicely. Also thanks to Mrs Rachel Barker for continuing the great learning in Room 4 in Mrs Oliver's absence.

• Big thumbs up to our fantastic team of **Teacher Aides: Sarah, Tessa and Rachel**. You make a tremendous difference to the academic achievement and progress of every child you work with and the Board would like to acknowledge this. You are all critical to our Elstow-Waihou School team.

• Thank you **Mrs Jocelyn Legg** for 10 years of dedication to our school in your role as office administrator. From sticking plasters to financial audits you've got it sorted, with a smile.

• We have adopted our new **10 Year Property Plan** and submitted this to MOE.

• We are currently reviewing EOTC and Child Protection Policies. It's important we can get the **Police Vetting done** on as many parents as possible while still free of charge, before July. After that, we will have to use school funds to pay for these.

• Our budget is tracking perfectly for the first financial quarter.

• Teachers have been busy collating their mid-year academic achievement data. **Student reports** will be out later this term. The board will report back on school wide achievement levels.

• **Our 2017 targets** are to have the following percentages of students achieving At or Above in National Standards by the end of the year: **90% in Reading, 85% in Writing and 85% in Maths**.

• Trustees completed their year of training with NZSTA advisor. Louise attended a 2 day Board Chair conference and a Funding/Grant Application workshop.

• The board wish families moving on from our school all the best and hope you have fond memories of your time here. We warmly welcome the new students and their families who have just arrived for the new season.

Kind regards, Louise Morris, Board Chair

The Board of Trustees, Staff and Children of Elstow-Waihou School
invite all parents, caregivers, grandparents, community members to attend the

Powhiri

for our new Principal, Mr Stirling.

6th June 2017 Starting at 9:00am

To be followed by morning tea.

As everyone must be seated by 8:45am all children to be at school by 8:30pm. Tidy dress please.

THE CLASSES:

Room 1: Kia ora whanau, We have had a super busy week in Room 1. We had another visit from the esteemed Mr Muir who has been working with the children on their large ball skills. We have continued to work on our subtraction skills in maths. We had a fun art day on Wednesday where we worked on our bird art all day. We completed our leaf birds and have started another birds nest art project which is still to be completed. Mrs Barker was in on Thursday and she did some great bird hand art with the students using their hand prints; which allowed me to get some testing done. Sadly we had to fare-well Arabella and her family from our room on Tuesday. We wish you well for the new job and location. Stay in touch!

Room 2: Kia ora whanau. Wow it has been a great week in Room Two this week! We have been working hard on our addition / subtraction strategies and everyone is now using these strategies much more independently. We are creating a narrative story based around a picture of an eagle snatching a fish out of the water, trying to use lots of descriptive language and building a clear picture for the reader. Mr Muir came in again to teach us large ball skills and we are very excited about next week's powhiri to welcome Mr Stirling to our school. Our waiata are sounding really good and we are sure all of the parents and visitors will be greatly impressed. Have a great weekend!

Room 3: Kia ora! What an amazing, creative week we have had in Room Three. On Tuesday we had a technology day where we used recycled materials to create models of our Planet Won characters. Miss Manktelow and myself were extremely impressed by all the alien creations that the students constructed! Our next step is to write character descriptions focusing on using million dollar words in our writing. We are also loving our science lessons about Planet Earth and beyond and can't wait to learn more about space. On Monday we started learning about the different planets in our solar system and ordering them from the sun.

Room 4: This week I have changed our programme a little to accommodate the needs of the students. As Room 4 is very sporty they are currently planning their own fitness programme and this appears to be working well. We have a few girls who are learning how to referee a netball game and they have been given the opportunity to test their skills when the class is playing netball. The boys have stepped up to the mark with their leadership in the powhiri. They have worked as a team and I must say they are very impressive! We are all moving in the right direction. Well Done Room 4.



PTA FUNDRAISING:

The PTA have been so busy organising quite a selection of fundraisers, the **OXFORD PIES** are sold every year and along with this year we offer the new **PASTA VERA** pasta dinners. These make a great addition to freezers at the very busy time coming up for our farming and sporting families. Simply fill in the order form, bring into the school office, post it or scan and email it to admin@elstow-waihou.school.nz **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** are also available to purchase. Discover thousands of valuable discount offers for café's and restaurants, shopping, leisure, hotels and much more. You can buy a book or a digital version for just \$65, pop into the office or give Jocelyn a call 884-5802.

BASKETBALL: Tues 6th June, the team have a BYE.

NETBALL: There is no netball this long weekend.

A HUGE THANK YOU to our wonderful neighbours Shannon Work, Ian Bockock and Rosalind Holmes who noticed the school fire alarm sounding and called the Fire Brigade. We really appreciate their concern and willingness to act so promptly.

Fortunately for us this was a false alarm, but a good exercise in co-operation and community. Thank you again.



| | DATES TO REMEMBER |
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| June 5th | QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY NO SCHOOL |
| 6th | WELCOME MR STIRLING |
| 12th | Bruce Potter (Book Illustrator) will be at the school 9:00am |
| 13th | PTA meeting 7:00pm |
| 21st | Firewise Programme - Rm 1 & 2 Bot Meeting 6:30pm |

Regards: Wendy, Deane, Donna, Baillee, Darren, Sarah, Tessa, Rachel, Gordon, Ann, Janet and Jocelyn

Lakewood Lodge Camp 2017



Lakewood Lodge Camp: 3-5 May 2017

Room 4 students had a fabulous time at this camp. Everyone participated in the challenging activities. Some conquered their fears and some learnt how to deal with new situations. Students showed empathy, confidence, teamwork and independence while participating in the activities.

The Troll in the Castle

It was a cold day and Maïa, Emma and I were walking along the path when we found this old dirty and ripped up door. We thought we could go in so we went in, and inside the old, dirty, ripped door. The door led inside a castle and there was a troll inside the castle.

The troll was in a bad mood and he tried to get us but we ran out the door and started to run around outside. The troll got inside the mum and dad but the troll potion and he it on me, my mum and dad. He said, "Yay, there are lots of people to test my potion on!" Then he realised he had forgotten to put something in it, so it didn't work. We escaped and my mum and dad drove us home and we lived happily ever after.



By Breanna Darby

Our Adventure

Once upon a time Emma, Macy and I were out exploring in the wild. We all had exploring outfits on.

"Look a bird." said Emma.

"What type?" I asked.

"A North Island Robin." said Emma, looking up at the bird.

"WOW!" I said

"SHH" said Macy

"Why" I asked "

I'm working" said Macy. I thought Macy can get a little bit mad sometimes.

We walked for hours and hours

"Are we nearly there" grumped Emma, "Nearly" said Macy.

I said nothing as I was too busy thinking. Then I looked up I saw a village. It looked small and abandoned.

"Guys look a village" I yelled, Macy and Emma looked at the village

"WHOA" said Emma "WOW" said Macy.

"We should explore it" I said "Yup" said Macy. "I agree" said Emma.

With a little voice I asked "What's wrong?"

"I miss my mum" said Emma.

"It's OK" said Macy.

Emma started smiling "Lets go" I said "OK" said Macy, holding her native bird book. We all started running to the village, soon we slowed down and

Emma looker on her phone "Its not on the map" she said.

"There's a sign" said Macy. I looked at the sign and it said "Welcome to Haller Village".

"Hmm" I said. Suddenly a rat came out of a hole. "EWWW!" said Macy.

"It's just a rat!" I said as I picked it up.

"EWWW!" said Macy. I put it on the ground and the rat ran away. "Calm down Macy" I said. "

That was gross!" said Macy, trying to calm down. Maybe we should camp for the night?" I said "Yeah" said Macy it was getting dark so we went back to our bags and Macy put the tents up. They were yellow and black.

"All done!" said Macy "Wow" I said. Emma was still thinking about home – her mum and dad and brothers felt sad

"Why are you so sad Emma?" I asked

The Mysterious Door

Once upon a time there was a small town and in that town there was a small house and in that house was a family – my family. We lived by an old house and one day I walked past that house on the way to school and I noticed that it looked different – and that is how my story starts.

So I was at the door and I gave it a big push. The house was big and dark so I opened my bag and reached for a torch. "I got it!" I said as I flicked on the torch and looked around. I heard a weird sound but I kept on moving. I heard the sound again so I moved in it's direction. The sound got louder and louder so I went faster and faster. I saw something out of the corner of my eye – it looked like a dinosaur! I took a photo of the dinosaur and ran out of the house.

The next day I grabbed my book of dinosaurs out from under my bed and looked at the photos...IT MUST HAVE BEEN A VELOCIRAPTOR!

I grabbed my torch, my bag on my bike and went back the door..."Oh seriously!" I then I looked right. I saw a dinosaurs anywhere.

I went back home and that so I put some in my bag for morning I went back to the steak through the window. noises then a burp. I home.

Days passed with me looking after the Velociraptors and then one night there was an earthquake. I fell off my bed and I crawled under my desk. In the morning I ran to the old house and jumped inside the window where all I could see was blood and skeletons. "Noooooooooo!" I moaned.



and my helmet, jumped to the old house. I got to moaned. I looked left, smashed window so I window, flicked on the look. This time I looked all couldn't find the

night we had steak for tea the dinosaurs. The next house and threw the I heard a lot of biting laughed a little then I ran

By Cooper Spice

"I feel bad" Emma said.

"Don't worry" said Macy, roasting the marshmallows. Soon Emma didn't feel so sad. We ate the marshmallows, got in the big yellow and black tent, played with the torch and fell asleep. Macy was snoring loudly. I kept quiet but I was still awake until at midnight I fell asleep. In what felt like ten hours it was morning. "Wakey, wakey!" I said in a loud voice. "Ahh!" Emma and Macy yelled.

"Calm down." I said.

"OK" said Emma, trying to calm down. Soon we were at the village again and we looked around. "Look" I said. There was one tiny house that looked like it was owned by a witch. At the front there was an old blue door and the house was brown. "I think we should go in" I said.

"Uhh!" said Emma, Macy pulled Emma in.

"Come on baby," said Macy.

"Who goes there?" said the witch in a loud voice. I got scared. "Ummm." said Emma.

"Who goes there?" said the witch again.

"It's me and my friends" I said as we walked in slowly.

"Get out" said the witch.

"Uh oh" said Macy.

The room looked dark and pale. We all held hands as the witch ran for us.

"Run!" I yelled. We ran for our lives! We ran around the pot, out the door and the witch ran after us, but she fell into a squishy puddle of mud. We packed up the tent, ran away and never came back.

By Brook Gibson



Room 1 - Chicken Run



Hello everyone! Room 1's recent visit to the chicken sheds was a raging success as you can see by the photos. The children all had a great time. A big thank you to Sue Morris for hosting us and Rachel Megaw for facilitating the visit. As you may or may not know the Chicken Run is a great fundraiser for the school. It requires a very small time commitment but comes with a great reward. Not only does it raise money for our school it is also a great way to get out and about and meet some great people. Rachel Megaw is the current organiser of the Chicken Run and she is always looking for new people that she can call on to help out. It only requires around 20 minutes every 6 weeks or so and it is a great experience. Rachel will welcome help from anyone in the community who may want to get involved and help out our school. The money raised goes back into the school so that we can use it to augment the already great classroom learning programmes. For those who are wondering what the chicken run actually is: in short it is simply just releasing the brand new baby chickens into a newly prepared chicken shed. If you are interested in helping out with the chicken run please fill in the slip below and send it back to school or contact Rachel Megaw directly on (phone number).

I _____ am
interested in helping to do the Elstow-Waihou Chicken Run Fundraiser.

Contact phone number: _____



Fundraising Price List
 20% to School, Club or Charity

Child's/Sponsor's name

Phone number

| Person's names - each individual order | | | | | Total order | Price per Item | Total Price |
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LASAGNE FREE FLOW PORTIONS - 6 x 270g portions per packet

Microwave covered until hot (approx 5 minutes per portion)

(6 in a pkt)

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| Beef Lasagne | | | | | | \$24.00 | \$ - |
| Roasted Pumpkin, Spinach & Feta Lasagne | | | | | | \$24.00 | \$ - |
| Smoked Chicken Lasagne | | | | | | \$24.00 | \$ - |
| Chicken & Mushroom Lasagne | | | | | | \$24.00 | \$ - |
| GLUTEN FREE Beef Lasagne | | | | | | \$25.00 | \$ - |
| GLUTEN FREE Vegetable Lasagne | | | | | | \$25.00 | \$ - |

LASAGNE CATERING TRAY (3 Kg)

Allow to defrost overnight, cover with foil and then bake on medium heat for approx 35 minutes or until hot in the centre (you can bake from frozen, just cover with foil and bake on low for 3 hours)

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| Beef Lasagne 3kg Tray | | | | | | \$37.00 | \$ - |
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FRESH EGG PASTA - FRESH (6 week shelf life)

Cook for 3-5 minutes from fresh in boiling salted water

You can freeze this pasta and cook from frozen - allow approx 10 min from frozen

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| Egg Fettuccine (Flat Cut 5mm) | | | | | | \$10.00 (1kg) | \$ - |
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FILLED PASTA - RAVIOLI, TORTELLINI (Supplied frozen free flow)

Cook from frozen in boiling salted water for 3-4 minutes

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| Ravioli - Chicken roasted garlic & Pesto | | | | | | \$15.00 (1kg) | \$ - |
| Tortellini - Spinach & Ricotta | | | | | | \$15.00 (1kg) | \$ - |

CONVENIENCE MEALS - Free flow frozen portions - 6 portions per packet

Microwave covered until hot (approx 5 minutes per portion)

(6 in a pkt)

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| Macaroni Cheese | | | | | | \$24.00 | \$ - |
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GOURMET PESTO - CHILLED 200g -

Our pesto has intense flavour & colour - delicious as a dip or folded through pasta

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| Basil Pesto | | | | | | \$8.00 (200g) | \$ - |
| Sundried Tomato Pesto | | | | | | \$8.00 (200g) | \$ - |
| Roasted Red Capsicum Pesto | | | | | | \$8.00 (200g) | \$ - |

Amount each customer is required to pay

Total of individual customer's payments

Fundraising discount

Net cost to Fundraiser

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