



Elstow-Waihou School

Reach for the Stars - Totoro hoki nga whetu

SUCCESS TEAMWORK ATTITUDE RESPECT

March 17th 2017

Chromebooks – Model number

We remind parents that there is a BYOD policy if they choose to purchase a Chromebook for their child to use at school. The school recommends that parents check with us first before their purchase, we recommend an HP Chromebook Model number 11-2101TU.

Chromebooks allow children to only access the internet through a safe portal. Our priority is to be a cyber safe school and chromebooks meet these criteria. This also allows children to be connected to Hapara teacher dashboard, which is another in class safety feature of our school.

The board has purchased desktop computers for the children to use if they do not have access to a chromebook. All children should be able to participate in the curriculum and be fully engaged in the digital learning opportunities the school has access to offer.

Swimming Season

There is a definite chill in the air in the mornings now. But if we have a bright sunny day it is a wonderful opportunity for our children to continue to practice their swimming lessons (even if it is for a shortened period). We will continue to swim for as long

as the weather and the water stay warm.

Go Girls Cricket

Well done to our girls who represented us in the 'Go Girls Cricket' held in Seddon Park, Hamilton. Thank you also to Todd Nicholls for being team manager and to the parents who transported our girls to the event.

Keeping Ourselves Safe

The whole school is learning about how to keep themselves safe in a range of social situations. These are great life skills to help children navigate their way through a number of social contexts.

Bible in Schools

A reminder that Bible in Schools began this morning for Rooms One and Two students.

Chicken Run

Since first starting at Elstow-Waihou I have heard about the 'Chicken Run' finally, today I got to experience first-hand what it is like. I encourage parents if you haven't already, to go along and find out what it involves. It only takes about half an hour. It is a fun and sociable way to support the school and the baby chickens are so adorable! No previous experience is required!

Over my 23 years teaching experience and hours of helping with fundraising, it is by far the most enjoyable fundraiser, with great financial benefits for the school. I urge you to ring Racheal Mcgaw on 884-5777 and ask her if you can come along to the next 'Chicken Run' and give it a go. The senior students at times, are also rostered on to help, which is fantastic. I would like to acknowledge many thanks this week to; Mel Wilson, Mark Dyer, Robyn Dibble, Gwen and Nikia Graham and of course a big thank you to Racheal for taking me under her wing.

Star of the Week

This week's star award goes to Shelby Nicholls for being a hard worker who is positive about her learning.



Congratulations

To Mrs Tessa Jenkins and Mrs Sarah Simmonds for completing 'He Papa Tikanga' through Te Wananga o Aotearoa! Kotiro pai mahi. If you are in the community and completing this course we would love to know how you are getting on too.



Hockey Big Day Out

The Hockey Big Day Out will be held on the 29th of March. Thank you to Mr Conder for organising this activity for our children. More details of the day will follow.

Lost Property: There is a huge amount of lost property at school at the moment and unfortunately a great deal of it is unnamed. With the cooler mornings children are arriving with sweatshirts and jackets and leaving without them, so if you are missing something we may know where it is. This is also a timely reminder to all parents to please name ALL items of clothing brought to school. Thank you.

CAMP FUNDRAISING:



SPRING BULBS: Unfortunately, due to higher than expected demand, our Bulb order will not be delivered on the 17th as indicated on the order form. We will let you know as soon as they arrive. We apologise for any inconvenience.

SWEETS & CHOCOLATES: This fundraiser is going so well, thank you to everyone who have sold their bags so quickly. We do still have a few bags left in the office to pass out if you want to sell more! If you haven't done so already, we remind everyone to please get selling (or eating) and return the money back to the office as soon as possible.



Saturday Cricket: Week 6 Results:

Unfortunately all cricket was cancelled last weekend due to the weather.

Week 7 Draw

Year 3 / 4: Elstow-Waihou Rebels v Springdale Stars – 9.00am@Springdale School

Year 5 / 6: Elstow-Waihou Renegades v Morrinsville Stags – 10.30am@Wisely Park

Year 7 / 8: Te Aroha Tornadoes v Cambridge 2nd X1 – 9.00am@Cambridge Middle School

FROM THE CLASSROOMS:

ROOM 1: Week 7! Gosh time is flying! What a week it has been. We have had a visit from Constable Brett Otto who is doing a series of lessons with the children from the Keeping Ourselves Programme. We have been writing about feelings lately and what it feels like to be happy and angry. This has inspired some great ideas and some great writing. Oh and we have made some traffic light jelly for a language experience lesson which will hopefully inspire some wobbly jelly writing. Camp is progressing now that we have most permission slips back. We will be advising you of costs and other information over the next week so look out for notices in school bags and book bags. Mr. Conder and I have been kept busy at lunchtimes with tennis challenges from the senior children. It has been fun interacting with the other students in the school and getting some much needed exercise! Well done to all of those students brave enough to challenge the Kings of the Tennis Court!



ROOM 2: It's been a very productive week in Room 2 and the children have been working really well. Our maths unit based around learning and applying different addition strategies is going well. We have used last week's dreadful weather to create a piece of descriptive writing, the results of which are very good. I had the pleasure of attending the Thames Valley Primary Swimming Sports on Wednesday and it was fantastic to see our children swimming to such a high level. Good luck to the three teams playing cricket this weekend (weather permitting)... and of course the Chiefs and Black Caps!

ROOM 3: A week of sunny days has been an absolute pleasure, we have enjoyed not being blown around getting wet! Our KOS programme is underway and I have been impressed with students and their sensible approach to learning around this topic. The Go Girls Cricket day was held today in Hamilton, with many of our students taking this wonderful opportunity to 'have a go' at a sport that they might not normally play. Thanks to the parents who drove cars etc, as always we are very appreciative of help that we get. A sunny weekend is on the cards, I hope you enjoy it while it lasts.

ROOM 4: Kia Ora everyone. There is so much on at the moment that it is hard to have a full class. Eight students participated in the Thames Valley Swimming event and I believe they had a good day. Today some of the girls participated in the Go Girls cricket tournament. Hopefully they have a lot of fun. This week we have worked on our sketched portraits and I am pleased with the final results. Constable Brett Otto has taken one lesson in the class about different types of abuse. Good discussions were held around this topic and most students were aware of the different types of abuse. We will continue with this programme highlighting how we keep ourselves safe. Have a great weekend. The sun will be out!

ON-LINE BANKING: Just a reminder that I am more than happy for all payments to the school, for sports, camps, stationery, etc to be paid online. If you make you reference your child's name and what it is for, it is all very easy. The only exception is when we offer Sub-way sandwiches. Although we do intend to do this occasionally through the year as a treat for the children, it is not a school fundraiser, simply a service that Sub-Way offers, so please when you order a sandwich, could you please pay **cash** for it. Thank you.

A BIG THANK YOU to John Jackson, Katelynn's grandfather, who works for the Thames Valley Rugby Union. John has donated 12 rugby balls to our school. Thank you so much, we know the children will really enjoy playing with these.

LIP-SYNC The school intend to enter an Elstow-Waihou School Parent/Staff act in the Te Aroha Primary School's Lip-Sync competition on May 27th. Please Jocelyn know if you would like to be involved, the more the merrier!



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

DIET OR ZERO DRINKS

Diet or zero drinks don't contain any sugar, although some will still contain caffeine.

Caffeine can affect sleep and isn't recommended for children.

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FROM THE COMMUNITY

RUGBY Training this Thursday at Boyd Park 3.30 - 4.30pm. Bring boots/sneakers and a water bottle. Although the registrations were already held, we are still struggling a bit for numbers, especially 9 & 10 year olds. Children (girls and boys) can still register at the first training this Thursday. If you want to play and can't make this, please contact us through our Facebook page, or Cassie Warburton 021 114 4002 or Meegan Dare 027 307 4308

TE AROHA COUNTRY MARKET

Held in the Te Aroha Domain
 Saturday 25th march 2017
 10am - 2pm
 Come along for fun, produce, stalls, sausage sizzle
 And bouncy castles

	DATES TO REMEMBER
24th	Assembly Room 2
27th	Lucky Book Orders due back to office
29th	Hockey Big Day Out Junior Room Open Day
April 7th	Farewell Assembly for Mrs Tanner 1:30 in the Endeavour
11th & 12th	Junior School Camp
13th	LAST DAY OF TERM 1 NO SCHOOL- (Teacher only day)

FACEBOOK

We are keen to get the school **FACEBOOK** page up and running more efficiently.

These messages and posts may include photographs and we need to know if you are happy for this to happen.

If you **DO NOT** wish your child's photo to be on our Facebook page, **please let Jocelyn know.**

