



# Elstow-Waihou School

Reach for the Stars - *Totoro hoki nga whetu*

**SUCCESS TEAMWORK ATTITUDE RESPECT**

## March 18th

Tena Koutou, nga mihi nui,

This week our newsletter has been written by Benji Bell.

If you were at the Country Fair on the 19<sup>th</sup> February you would know that Benji Bell won the 'Principal for the Day' auction. As principal, Master Bell spent yesterday going through each of the classes noticing the teaching and learning or 'Ako' that was taking place. Master Bell has also been on playground duty on Friday. Like every good principal he was available to help children or make sure that they were having fun and keeping safe. Principal Bell will select Star of the Week and present certificates on Friday's assembly.

### Master Bell Reports:

**Inquiry Unit:** Beach/Sea Study : This week the classes have been learning about sea life and have been writing poems and sketching about things that have come from the beach.

**Testing:** Room 1 and 2 this week have done the reading test for their portfolio.

**Witnessed in class this week:** This week Room 1 have been doing lots of counting in Maori to 20 forwards and backwards. Keep it up Room 1. Room 2 have been learning different Maths strategies. Ka pai! In Room 3 they have been learning about longfin eels. Great work. Learning about marine life and writing about things found on the beach has been keeping the students busy in Room 4.

**New House Leaders:** Last week the year 7 and 8's made a presentation of their S.T.A.R values and why they should be a house leader for 2016.

The kids voted for who they wanted to be the house leaders. This week the house leaders have been revealed.

Rata- Hollie and Abbie

Miro- Kian and Josh

Tanekaha- Maia and Tania

Kahikatea- Lochlan and Madison

Hockey Big Day Out: On the 22nd of March in Ngatea some of the students are going to the hockey big day out. Best of luck to the students that are playing.

### Being kind to each other at school:

Why it is important to be kind to each other:

\*The person may be sad, sick or depressed.

\*To make each other feel important.

\*So everyone feels happy and safe to learn at school.

\*You don't know what's happening at their home.

That's it for this week - have a good weekend and see you next week.

Benji Bell Principal for a Day



**STAR OF THE WEEK:** This week our stars are Charlie Buckton-Dalley for organising the breakfast club and Lochlan Bolstad for being a good role model and always being nice to everyone. Well done to you both for showing responsibility and leadership !



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Emma Rodger is the only student to celebrate a birthday this week. We wish the very best wishes for your special day.

## Interviews Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April

Your interview times will be coming home next week, interviews begin at 1.30 pm.

### Rippa Rugby cancelled

Due to the parent/teacher interviews being held on the same day Rippa Rugby is cancelled.

### Sports Events

Over the past few weeks we have held or attended a number of sporting events. I would like to congratulate our children for their success and thank the parents and teachers that assisted them to participate and compete.

### Uniform Shop

We have a vacancy for managing the uniform shop. If you are available to volunteer an hour of your time once a week to open and manage the uniform shop each Monday and some basic accounting we would be incredibly grateful. Please contact Jocelyn to indicate your expression of interest in this position.

### Easter Holiday Break

Reminder to parents that the school will not be open for instruction on **Good Friday, Easter Monday or Easter Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March (observed)**.

**Pool Closing:** The pool will be closing at Easter. Please return all keys to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

## PTA AGM

**TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OF MARCH**

**HELD IN THE ENDEAVOUR**

**AT 7PM**

**COME ALONG AND JOIN THIS GROUP OF  
DYNAMIC PEOPLE MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE IN OUR SCHOOL**

### FROM THE CLASSROOMS:

**Room One:** Kia ora! This has been a very busy week this week. Swimming is starting to tail off now and next week will be the last week for swimming. We have been busy in Room 1 completing some assessments on reading and spelling. The children have done some awesome writing this week and they have even written a sample piece of writing which will go into their achievement portfolios. Great work everyone have a great weekend!

**Room Two:** This week has seen us complete the last of our standardized testing, with a STAR Reading Assessment and a Peters Spelling Assessment. These results will be discussed with parents at the upcoming Parent / Teacher interviews in a few weeks. This week we also completed a piece of recount writing which will be analysed and graded against set benchmarks and have continued our daily writing in class. All of this information and other work samples will be put into your child's

learning portfolio for you to look through toward the end of this term.



# The Great Manawaru Trivial Pursuits Challenge

Saturday, 9th April 2016 at 7:00 p.m.  
MANAWARU HALL

TEAMS OF 4 – COST: \$60.00 PER TEAM

Teams are strictly limited so get your entry in quick

B.Y.O. Drinks and glasses, Light supper and nibbles provided  
BEST DRESSED TEAM COMPETITION—FANTASTIC PRIZES  
HUGE AUCTION WITH \$000'S OF GOODIES

Entries to:

Manawaru School, Manawaru Road, R. D. 1. Te Aroha.  
or email [office@manawaru.school.nz](mailto:office@manawaru.school.nz) by 1st April

Cheques payable to Manawaru Fundraising Club  
One cheque per team and payable with your entry  
Or Internet banking to: 03 1573 0029972 00

**Room Three:** The cooler weather this week has been a welcome for those students playing rugby at lunchtime. Students need to bring a change of clothes and a fair play attitude to be involved in these games. With testing complete we are back into our classroom routine, science learning in the Living World this week has seen us researching Longfin eels - ask us what we know !

**Room Four:** Kia Ora. Term One is disappearing and there is plenty to learn. However, we do have new House Leaders. Congratulations to the students who were selected as leaders. the following students were elected.

**Kahikatea** Madison Darby and Lochlan Bolstad,

**Tanekaha:** Tania Hohaia and Maia Wahanui

**Miro:** Josh Saxon-Aliifaalogo and Kian Wilson

**Rata:** are Hollie Storey and Abby Millar

This week we have been gathering information about marine animals for our independent studies. Everyone has chosen some animals that are very unique and interesting. Hopefully we will be able to share these by the end of the term. Have a good weekend.

### Week Six Cricket Results

Year 3 / 4: Elstow-Waihou Rebels lost to Matamata Sutcliffes.

Year 5 / 6: Elstow-Waihou Renegades defeated the Springdale Stars by 11 runs.

Year 7 / 8: R & P Stainless Te Aroha Tornadoes lost to Otorohanga King Crushers by 13 runs.

### Week Seven Draw

Year 3 / 4: Elstow-Waihou Rebels v Ngatea Knights @ Ngatea Domain, 9.00am

Year 5 / 6: Elstow-Waihou Renegades v Ngatea School @ Herries Park, 10.30am

Year 7 / 8: R & P Stainless Te Aroha Tornadoes v Southwell 2<sup>nd</sup> XI @ Southwell School, 9.00am

### **CALF FUNDRAISING:**

\*Do you send Bobby calves away?

\*Do you want to make easy money for the school?

AFFCO are willing to give 40 cents for every Bobby calf for our school! It costs you nothing and fundraisers money for our children. So parents, grandparents, neighbours and friends of the school can nominate us!

Last year we made over \$700 - but other schools in our area are making twice that!

Please contact Mark Petersen AFFCO 021 971 964 to sign on. It's really simple! Thanks for supporting our school!

### **LOST ON BEACH**

**TRIP:** A pair of black Nike scuff shoes. Please check that your child hasn't taken the wrong pair home or you have two pairs by mistake. Please return to Ben Morris, Room 3, thank you.



### **COMING EVENTS**

21st	The big new Dental Van will be in school this week
22nd	Hockey Big Day Out
25th	Good Friday - No School
28th	Easter Monday—No School
29th	Easter Tuesday—No School
30th	Junior Room Open Day
Apr 6th	Parent Teacher Interviews
11th	Y7 & 8 immunisations
15th	End of Term 1
May 2nd	Term 2 Starts



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