



## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

**March 3rd 2017**

Welcome to our first Community Newsletter of the year. We have had a positive start to the year with children settling into class routines and expectations quickly. We have held 'Meet the Teacher' afternoons where parents have had an opportunity to learn about class organisation and how they can help their child at home and at school. We have an open door policy. We encourage clear and open discussions about how we can help any concerns that you may have about your child's learning. Teachers are currently assessing student achievement in reading, writing, mathematics and swimming. We will send out student portfolios near the end of this term. In term two we will have parent/ teacher interviews and the mid-year written report. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us and make a time to meet.

We encourage children to come to school every day and be prepared to learn. We appreciate you contacting us if your child is absent due to sickness or family matters. If there are concerning patterns of absenteeism we will contact a truancy officer or request that you seek further medical advice for your child.

It is great to see so many children in the correct uniform of plain black pants/skirts/shorts or shorts. Jewellery and nail polish are not permitted. We think it is important that children are in the correct uniform and tidy. We hope you do too.

I will be taking up a new position as principal at Kelvin Road in Papakura at the start of term two. The board are currently working through the process of recruiting a new principal for Elstow-Waihou School. We will keep you posted.

### Teaching and support staff 2017

Mrs Heather Tanner - Principal  
Mr Deane Scott - Room 1  
with Mrs Rachel Smith (teacher aide)  
Mr Darren Conder - Room 2  
with Mrs Tessa Jenkins (teacher aide)  
Ms Donna Manktelow - Room 3  
with Mrs Sarah Simmonds (teacher aide) part time  
Mrs Wendy Oliver - Room 4  
with Mrs Sarah Simmonds (teacher aide) part time  
Mrs Jocelyn Legg - School Secretary  
Mrs Heather Thomas - Volunteer Teacher aide  
Mrs Rachel Barker - Relieving Teacher  
Mrs Ann Spence - Grounds person  
Mr Gordon Maisey - Caretaker

### Board members 2017

At our board meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 the following delegations of roles for board members are as follows;

Mrs Louise Morris - Chairperson  
Mrs Debbie Darby-Deputy Chair/Communications  
Ms Tania Horne - Secretary  
Mr Todd Nicholls - Property  
Mr Andrew Bell - Finance  
Mrs Wendy Oliver - Staff elected representative  
Mrs Heather Tanner - Principal

### PTA members 2017

The PTA meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Roles of PTA members were moved and accepted as;  
President: (vacant) please express your interest  
Vice President - Sheree Watkins  
Treasurer - Michelle Richards  
Secretary - Sheree Watkins  
Chicken Release Coordinator - Rachel Megaw  
Patron - Jeff Bolstad  
Uniform Coordinators - Robyn Dibble  
& Anna-Lee Bell  
Staff Representative - Donna Manktelow  
BOT Representative on the PTA (this meeting) -  
Debbie Darby

### Annual Targets in relation to National Standards achievement for our students for 2017 are;

90% in Reading achievement  
85% in Writing achievement  
85% in Mathematics achievement  
2016 end of year results were;  
82% in Reading achievement  
74% in Writing achievement  
78% in Mathematics achievement

Our school achieved very favourable 2016 National Standards results compared to other local and regional schools. While the actual results for National Standards did not meet our targets, our board and teachers are ambitious and aspirational for our children. We want the very best for our students and want to achieve the very best results. We know that we can achieve more together, working as a team and in partnership with our families.

Our teachers, staff, board, PTA and parents want our students to '**Reach for the Stars - Totoro hoki nga whetu.**' We look forward to working with you and the wider communities of Elstow, Waihou and Te Aroha to achieve our curriculum targets. We want our students to love coming to school every-day, to work, enjoy setting and achieving their learning targets. We want our students participating to their full capacity and give new learning 'a go.' Our **STAR values** of **Success, Teamwork, Attitude** and **Respect** are the

cornerstone to learning at Elstow-Waihou School. If you are not already involved in the school with; coaching, fundraising, supporting learning or in other ways, we welcome and encourage you to see how you can contribute.

### **School Swimming Results**

We had a wonderful clear and very hot day for our school swimming last week and all the children participated enthusiastically. The standard was very high which has enabled us to send a team of twenty one children to the Districts Swimming Competition. We know these children will do their very best and represent our school with pride.



The results of the House Relays: 1st: Miro  
2nd: Tanekaha, 3rd: Rata and 4th: Kahikatea

House Championship: 1st: Miro – 3765 points, 2nd: Rata – 3150 points, 3rd: Tanekaha – 2300 points and 4th: Kahikatea - 1910 points.

Well done everyone, you are all **stars**.

**Thank you very much** to the hard working PTA who have provided a sausage sizzle and stall with drinks, juices and goodies at both swimming events.



### **Whole School Professional Development – Writing**

We have made a commitment to join with all other Te Aroha schools to raise student achievement in writing. As part of this professional development we have also had the Literacy Resource Teacher – Judith Woodham working with our teachers. We will be attending workshops to enhance teaching and learning specifically for our boys in writing. The last day of full instruction this term will be Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> April as the 13<sup>th</sup> April will be Teacher Only Day and school will be closed for instruction.

### **PTA – Generous Contributions to our children's learning:**

We would like to thank the PTA for supporting our children's literacy and mathematics skills with the purchase of 'Reading Eggs' licences (at \$28 plus

GST per student) for Rooms 1 and 2 and Mathletics licence (at \$24 plus GST per student) for Rooms 3 and 4. It would be a great help to your child's understanding and skills if you were to encourage them to use these programmes at home to help them boost their literacy and mathematics skills. By now the children of Room 1 and 2 should have received their passwords. The children of Room 3 and 4 will be able to start using Mathletics once passwords have been distributed.

### **FROM THE BOARD:**

#### **Community Report**

At our February meeting Louise Morris was re-elected as board Chair. All other positions remain the same and can be found on our school website. Our website also has all newsletters and a calendar of events.

The Board advise that we have accepted our Principal, Heather Tanner's resignation. Heather has accepted a Principal's position at Kelvin Road School, Auckland, which will be a great opportunity to further her professional career. Heather starts her new position on 1 May, the beginning of Term 2, 2017. On the 11th of April, Board members Louise and Tania, along with a few students will represent Elstow-Waihou School at the Powhiri for Heather at Kelvin Road School, where they will officially welcome Heather as their new Principal. We wish Heather all the very best for the future and thank her for her many contributions to our school in the last two and a half years.

**We welcome the community to join us for Heather's farewell assembly on Friday 7 April 1.30pm, followed by afternoon tea provided by the PTA and BOT.**

The board have been busy working through the new Principal appointment process, with the support of an education consultant. Applications have now closed and we will be interviewing the shortlisted applicants very soon. We thank the teachers, parents and students for your input about what you are looking for in the next Principal. The Post It Note feedback on swimming sports day was valuable. We are committed to finding the right person for our school community.

The board are currently working with an MOE advisor and Waikato School Property Services to complete our next 10 Year Property Plan. Later this year we will be doing a few upgrades to the school, including our water system, security system, toilet blocks, windows, lighting and heating, computer server, bus shelter windbreak, Room 3 learning spaces, and completion of autex wallcoverings in all classes, administration block and the Endeavour (hall).



Our 2017 Charter is now complete and will be sent off to the MOE. This year our student achievement targets for achieving 'at or above National Standards' are 90% for reading and 85% for writing and mathematics. Our very able teachers have strong support from great Teacher Aides, which helps us to accelerate the learning of our priority learners. The teachers appreciate your support with learning at home.

The board have recently undertaken community surveys and staff workplace satisfaction surveys, as part of our ongoing review process. Thanks to everyone who gave us their feedback. We are now reviewing the results and looking at ways to improve.

Welcome to our new families this year. I saw heaps of new faces at our swimming sports day and biathlon/triathlon. Thanks to all parents and extended families for supporting our school events so well. If you want to introduce yourselves to the Board or PTA members, just ask any teacher to point us out - we'd love to meet you.

Many thanks to Adrian Daines and Duncan Morris for time they spent maintaining the school pool over summer. It is a daily commitment, and without their generosity of time, we could not have had the pool open.

Room 1 are holding Open Mornings again on 8 and 29 March. We welcome all pre-schoolers to come and visit Mr Scott and his students and check out the fun learning happening in Room 1.

I encourage all families to LIKE and FOLLOW our facebook page **elstow-waihou combined school**. Facebook is the quickest way we can get a message out to people about things such as postponed school events, change of dates or times or unforeseen news. There is also a facebook closed group called **parents/caregivers of elstow-waihou school** which is intended more as a social page eg: suggesting a coffee morning, or asking about something that's going on if you missed the notice etc.

Our next board meeting is 15 March 6.30pm in the Endeavour. If you are interested in becoming a board trustee sometime in the future, please come along to a meeting or two to see what it's like. All welcome.

Regards

Louise

#### **SATURDAY CRICKET: Week 4 Results:**

Year 3 / 4: Elstow-Waihou Rebels lost to Ngatea Primary Ninjas. Year 5 / 6: Elstow-Waihou Renegades lost to SAS Superkings and Year 7 / 8: Te Aroha Tornados lost to Berkeley 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

#### **Week 5 Draw**

Year 3 / 4: Elstow-Waihou Rebels v Matamata Crowes – 9.00am @ Pohlen Park

Year 5 / 6: Elstow-Waihou Renegades v Morrinsville

Knights – 10.30am @ Wisely Park

Year 7 / 8: Te Aroha Tornados v Saints Development –

9.00am @ Innes Common #4

#### **FROM THE CLASSES:**

**ROOM 1:** Kia ora whanau, the students in Room 1 have all shown how awesome they are this week. I have had a couple of days out of the classroom and they have continued to be as focused and as engaged as ever. They have worked hard this week writing their swimming sports recounts over a couple of days. We have also started the Reading Eggs programme in the junior school. The children have all brought home a login name and password so that they can access it at home as well. This is a great programme that gives the children lots of opportunity to practise their reading skills whenever they want. This programme can be used on a computer, laptop, or downloaded as a free app on a tablet or ipad. We are lucky to have access to such great resources at our school. On top of all that great learning we have been practising our biathlon. The children have all had such good fun and have had great attitudes towards everything. Nice work team!



**ROOM 2:** Wow, what a week it has been! In maths we have been working hard to improve our basic facts and the results are really starting to show in the scores that children are getting. We have been working on and nearly completed a piece of descriptive writing based around a summer experience and the results are pleasing, with many children showing their nice writing skills. This week I was lucky enough to attend the District Swimming Championships with our team of swimmers and the day was a great success. We also had the annual school biathlon / triathlon on Friday and it's always great to see the children having fun competing against their friends. Good luck to the three teams playing cricket this weekend...and of course the Chiefs and Black Caps!

**ROOM 3:** We are busy climbing that mountain called testing and boy what a climb it is! It is important to get an accurate analysis of the children's strengths and weaknesses which will help shape teaching and learning for the next two terms. Today we started planning our unassisted writing sample and I was impressed this morning by Ashton Carter, and Damien Hohaia; both Year 6 boys who are really focused on their learning - well done both of you. It is always rewarding as a teacher to see the effort my students are putting in towards their learning.

**ROOM 4:** Kia Ora. Another week has disappeared so quickly. This week we have children participating in the Districts Swimming event. We have trained at lunch time in preparation for this event. It is great to hear that some of our senior students are setting a good example as I have heard a few positive comments from parents. This week we have also started PAT testing and this generally takes about a week to complete. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the senior camp meeting. It was a successful meeting where everyone discussed their thinking and supported yet another camp for our students. Have a good weekend.

#### **# FROM THE COMMUNITY #**

#### **WAIHOU RIDING FOR THE DISABLED**

**FARMERS MARKET:** Held at the Waihou Tavern carpark on Sunday March 12th 2017 - 9.30am - 1.30pm

Food, fun, stalls, bouncy castles and more

**A DAY IN THE DOMAIN NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY**

**5 MARCH 2017 TE AROHA DOMAIN:** We shall be celebrating Children's Day on Domain Day from 2017. An extension to the children's activities will be a Penthlon. Children will register be included in a group and take part in no less than 5 planned activities. Development in fun and meaningful ways, Stall Holders will ply their homemade or NZ produced wares and music will be heard live or canned, throughout the whole day.

**THE EVENTS**

1. Dress Up – Photoshoot/ Make Up. Wear a costume around the domain for 10 minutes.
2. Kai Serve- Cook and serve bbq sausages & Butter bread and fold serviettes
3. Te Aroha Croquet Club- Through the hoops
4. Swim Zone Wyborn Pools-/Cards 11
5. Sing a Song with Stan/Ukestration song When a Child is Born.
6. Make a Badge/ Make a Mural
7. Mountain View Church Activities

**ENTERTAINERS**

Featuring the New Zealand Ukulele Trust Development Squad 12 noon

Open Microphone with Stan -Any child entertainers, Pop Up AMUSEMENTS

Rockin Robin Ice Roller Skating, Bouncy Castle M.C.

Greg Marshall/Mapuna Turner

STALLS- Food, Fundraising, Arts, Crafts, Flax

**AUTUMN FUNDRAISER with SPRING BULBS**

Help us grow by beautifying your garden and raise funds for Senior and Junior School Camps. 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!! A planting guide will be enclosed with each order. To order please return this form, either drop it into the office or you can scan and e-mail it to [admin@elstow-waihou.school.nz](mailto:admin@elstow-waihou.school.nz). You can pay in cash to the office or online to Elstow-Waihou School: Westpac Bank: 03-1573-0013372-00 (Please reference payment with your name and "Bulbs") Orders close 10<sup>th</sup> March with delivery 17<sup>th</sup> March.



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

**Russell Player Memorial Hauraki Rail Trail**

**CHARITY FUN CYCLE RIDE**

in support of the Cancer Society's "Lions Lodge" Hamilton

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017

WET or FINE

**Four different rides all finishing at the Railway Reserve Paeroa**  
(Opposite Caltex Service Station)

10am start - **Waihi to Paeroa** (25km) Start at Goldfields Railway Waihi

10am start - **Thames Kopu to Paeroa** (26km) Start at Placemakers Kopu

10am start - **Te Aroha to Paeroa** (21km) Start at Old Te Aroha Railway Station

11am start - **Karangahake to Paeroa** (7km) Start at old Karangahake Hall site

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**Major Spot Prize:**

\$1000 Travel Voucher

Flight Centre Thames, 507 Pollen Street, 3600 328 426

**"ALL ENTRIES QUALIFY"**

**"PRE PAID REGISTRATION"**

PRE PAID SECTIONS

1. PRIMARY SCHOOLS teams of 6 people - ENTRY \$50  
(Must include 2 x Adults)

2. COLLEGE/BUSINESS HOUSE teams of 6 - ENTRY \$80  
(ALL TEAM MEMBERS INCLUDED IN INDIVIDUAL DRAWS)

[www.lionshaurakifunride.co.nz](http://www.lionshaurakifunride.co.nz)

**Registrations taken on day at start line**

ENTRY FEES: **ADULTS \$15 · CHILD \$5 (5 TO 14 YEARS) · Family \$35 (2A+2C)**

Every rider will be allocated a number to participate in Spot Prize Draws at finish line

**Prizegiving at 1pm - Must be present to claim prize**

Organisers: Combined Lions Clubs of Paeroa, Thames, Te Aroha and Waihi,

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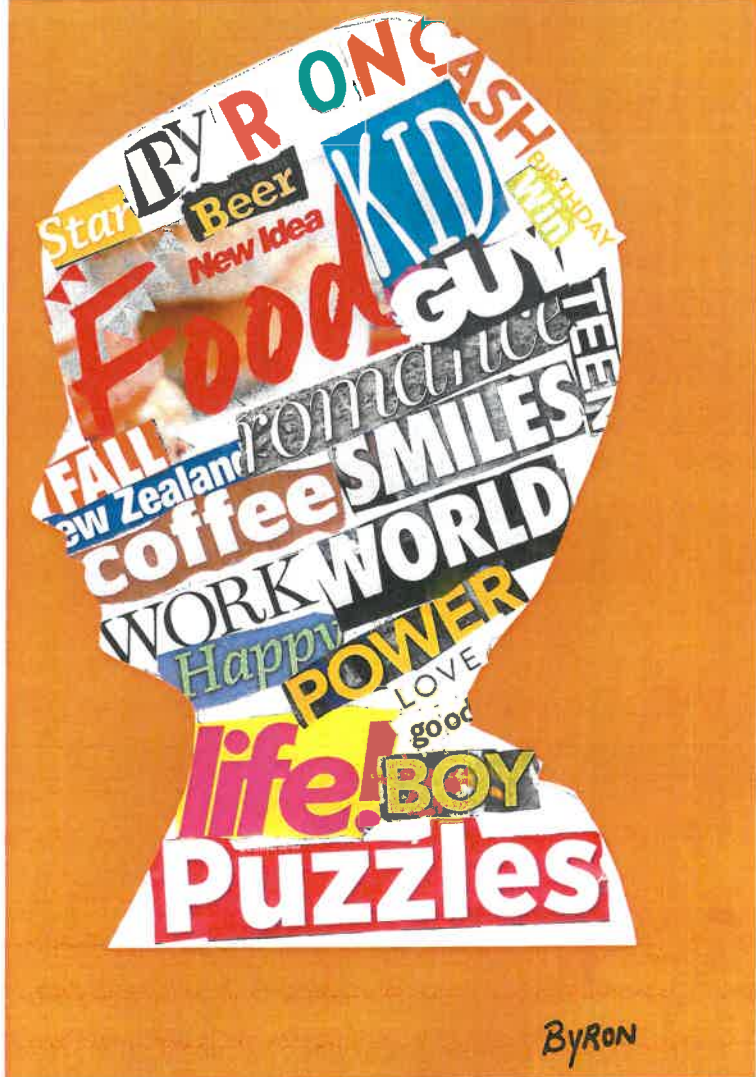
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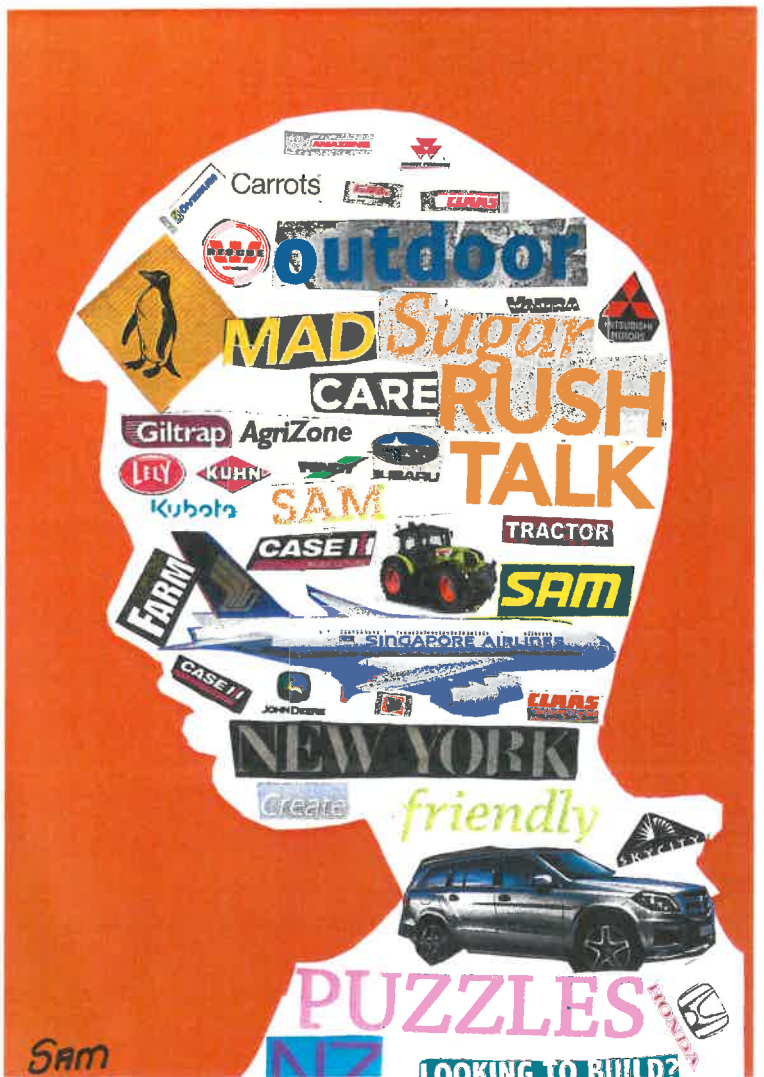




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## My Big Fall

I remember when I went to Country Kids and I grazed my knees and hands. I cried and cried so the teacher had to carry me. I tripped over the garden concrete when I was only walking.

Mum came in her white car and red blood was pouring out - it was like a waterfall! I was crying and crying and screaming. When we got home Dad had to make me some big plasters and they stayed on for one week.

By Naomi

Room 2



## My Rock Injury

My brothers and I were putting the high jump up at home one day. We used mattresses and we put a mat under them. It was windy so we put some rocks on the corners to make the mat stay. Ben didn't want the rocks so he threw the rocks away. It was big and heavy so I ducked down on the green, long grass and put my hands on my head. I was scared and suddenly the rock hit my head! The rock was so hard that my head started to bleed. It hurt a lot and I cried and cried. I went to the doctor's in Te Aroha. They didn't stitch it up, they just cleaned the blood off my hair and when I went home I had a shower. The day after my hair was dry with blood and I felt better.

By Sarah

Room 2

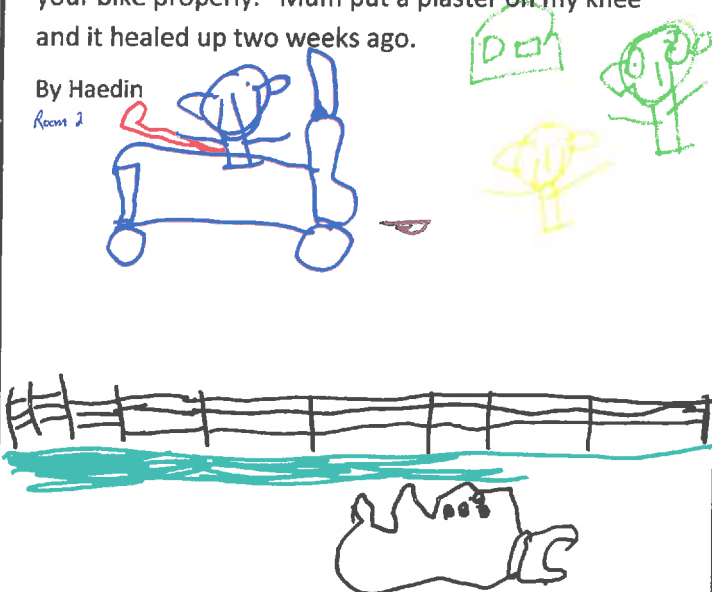


## My Accident

I remember when I was 9 years old and I hurt myself on my bike. I was riding my bike at home on the driveway but I wasn't concentrating and being silly so I nearly ran my little brother Bentley over. Suddenly I fell off my bike and my knee was bleeding. I was crying and Mum said, "You were supposed to concentrate on your bike properly." Mum put a plaster on my knee and it healed up two weeks ago.

By Haedin

Room 2



## Grazing My Knee!

Last year I had a bleeding knee. It happened at home when we were leaving for school.

Mum, Dad, Liam, Leah and Lacy were there. I got hurt being silly when I was pretending to be a duck and fell on the little moving rocks. I was crying very loudly and I was bleeding hard out. It hurt so badly that I was worried that I was going to die...I'm so glad I didn't!

So we got in the car and after a little while we got to school. I felt a little bit better so we got out of the car and went to Mrs Legg's office. We went into the sick bay, I sat on the bed, Mrs Legg put a plaster on my knee then we went into class.

By Brook

Room 2





Daffodil Double—Tahiti



Ranunculus Mixed



Sweet Pea - Early Multiflora Mix

**FUNDRAISING FOR SENIOR AND JUNIOR SCHOOL CAMPS 2017**

Name: .....

Contact phone number:.....

Bulb Type	Price	Number	Total
<b>10 Daffodils Mixed</b> 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	<b>\$8.00</b>		
<b>10 Fragrant Daffodils - Earlicheer</b> 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	<b>\$8.50</b>		
<b>10 Double Daffodils -Tahiti</b> 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	<b>\$9.00</b>		
<b>10 Tulips Mixed</b> 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	<b>\$10.00</b>		
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<b>10 Ranunculus Mixed</b> 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	<b>\$4.00</b>		
<b>Sweet Peas Early Multiflora - 20 Seeds</b> 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	<b>\$3.50</b>		
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Room 3: T-Shirts

