



Elstow-Waihou School

Reach for the Stars - *Totoro hoki nga whetu*

SUCCESS TEAMWORK ATTITUDE RESPECT

20th May

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Tena Koutou, nga mihi nui,

Last week's incident in Te Aroha concerning an attempted abduction of a primary school age child is yet another reminder of how precious our children are, how quickly lives can be turned upside down, and the absolute importance of our children's safety. Within moments insidious acts such as this can create a significant ripple in the community. We stand strong with our neighbouring schools and community to ensure that there is a nil tolerance to any kind of violation of children. Last year our children successfully worked through the 'Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme' with our teachers and in conjunction with the police. Constable Brett Otto taught our children the skills to keep themselves safe in a variety of situations. We have asked Constable Otto back to our school this week to remind our older students and to teach our younger children strategies to keep safe.

PTA – FIESTA NIGHT (last Saturday): A huge thank you to the PTA for organising the Fiesta Night held in the Elstow Hall – it was a great success with everyone attending having an absolute ball.

UNIFORMS: We would like to remind all families that children must wear correct uniform to school every day. The uniform consists of Maroon polo shirt, long sleeve polar fleece sweatshirt and jacket. Students wear black; shorts, skirts, skorts, bike pants or pants – no jeans, scuffs, bright coloured socks or other non uniform clothing allowed. Winter footwear will consist of black, grey or white socks with black shoes or sports shoes. We have new stock in the uniform shop now. All **students are to have a change of clothes every day for fitness and PE.** Jacket \$55, Polar Fleece \$43, Black Track Pants \$35, Maroon T-shirt \$25, Black Shorts \$27 and Girls Black Skorts \$27

CALF CLUB COMMITTEE: Are you a great organiser and passionate about the rural culture of our school? If so, please let us know, we need a committee to organise this year's Calf Club in September. Please contact the office to let us know if you are interested and able to help.



CERTIFICATE IN TIKANGA MAORI (LEVEL 3): We have all signed on as a staff to the Tikanga Maori Level 3 Certificate through Te Wananga o Aotearoa. If you would like to join with us and start the free course on the 1st of June, the Certificate will take approximately eight months to complete with two hours per week of study time. Please feel free to call in at the office if you would like more information.

MEASLES WARNING: Your children have all been given a red paper regarding the recent outbreak of measles. There has been one case at Morrinsville College and one at Fairfield College in Hamilton.

The first symptoms of measles are a fever, and one or more of a runny nose, cough and sore red eyes. After a few days a red blotchy rash comes on and lasts up to one

week. The rash usually starts on the face and spreads to the rest of the body. Measles can be very serious.

Measles is spread from person to person through the air by breathing, sneezing or coughing. Just being in the same room as someone with measles can lead to infection if you are not immune. All students and staff who are immune (have documentation of 2 MMR vaccines, or born between 1969 & 1991) do not need to go into isolation at all and can remain at school.

Students and teachers with measles are infectious from 5 days before to 5 days after the onset of rash and must stay away from school and follow the advice of the local Medical Officer of Health.

What should you do today?

- ◆ Ensure you and your child are up to date with their immunisations.
- ◆ Locate you/your child's immunisation records, either in a Well Child book, or from the GP. This documentation would be required if there was a case of measles in your school in the future
- ◆ **If you or your child develops symptoms of measles:** Phone your GP or call Healthline on 0800 611 116 for advice or seek medical attention depending on severity of illness. It is important to call first because measles is highly infectious, and people with measles can infect others in the waiting room.
- ◆ Stay at home and away from public places (such as sports events, gatherings, parties, school, work, child care, shopping centres, public transport and so on).

Further information

If you require further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Population Health (**07 838 2569** or **0800 800 977**) or visit **Waikato DHB website:**

<http://www.waikatodhb.health.nz/measles/>

STARs of the Week: Lucy, Shaniya, Bella, Kerrie-Leigh were all STARS OF THE WEEK last week. All of these girls have a great positive attitude to their learning.

BOT REPORT:

At our last meeting, long standing Board member Andrew McGiven stood down from the Board. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Andrew for his contribution to our school over many years and to wish him well in his new ventures.

ERO have been and gone and we should be expecting a report on their visit by the end of the term. Thank you to all the staff for their hard work before and during the ERO visit and to the parents who attended the parents meeting. ERO commented on how happy and engaged the children were in the classrooms which was great to hear. Thanks also to the children who spoke with ERO about their learning.

Andrew and Heather have been applying for grants to help subsidise our senior camp to Wellington. As well as this the students and parents of the senior class have been organising fundraising initiatives such as selling kindling, a firewood raffle, a tupperware party and raffle, Friday lunches and a disco!

You may have noticed a lot of work getting done on our septic tank over the last few months. Unfortunately it has had a number of issues, however we are hopeful that these

have now all been sorted.

The Keep New Zealand Beautiful society in Te Aroha have donated \$500 worth of plants for our native grove. We are very grateful for this donation. The planting will be done at the end of this term.

Winter sports are now well under way. Its great to see so many children competing in their chosen sports. A big thank you to the coaches, managers and referees who help out with the teams and also to the parents/caregivers who ensure their children get to practices and games.

From the PTA:

The 2016 Mexican Mingle was a big success. Thanks to all that attended and supported our event. It was so great to see so many people having a great time and catching up with the local community. Not to mention the great food and dancing. Keep your eyes peeled for the next one!

From the meeting held Wednesday 18 May 2016

Fundraising:

Entertainment books are out and available for purchase – there is a copy in the school office for anyone who would like to look at a copy.

Oxford Pies will be out soon – an order form will be sent home shortly – great for those cold nights and to stockpile for the busy season ahead.

Projects we are supporting:

The PTA will donate \$5000 to the BoT annually to support their efforts in buying educational equipment.

PTA has agreed to donate \$1000 towards the senior camp (and will support the junior camps when the time comes)

The new Gazebo will be here soon – look out for it at our next event!

We are proud that our fundraising directly benefits the children of Elstow-Waihou School. Any help and support for the PTA is greatly appreciated!

Thanks to our Principal Heather Tanner, Board Reps Debbie Darby and Louise Morris, Teacher rep Wendy Oliver, Patron Jeff Bolstad and our wonderful PTA members for attending the meetings.

Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month – all welcome.

FROM THE CLASSROOMS:

Room 4: Kia Ora. This week we have focused on our writing about a personal experience. Most students have enjoyed writing about one of their "Monday Mornings". Getting students to focus on one part of their day has been a challenge for them but the results are pleasing. During reading we have focused on stories about life during WW1. The information they have read will be useful when we visit the Gallipoli display in Te Papa when on our camp in September. Learning how to work with fractions continues to be a focus in Mathematics. Mr John Muir is back to share his skills and knowledge when playing netball, basketball and rugby. Have a good weekend.

Room 3: Kia ora Koutou. We have enjoyed another fabulous week of learning here in Room 3. The students are busily working on their individual inquiry projects about a local history topic of their choice, which we look forward to sharing in the coming weeks. Our first piece of poetic writing is developing nicely, with many students already up to the publishing stage. The fitness team for this week of Jayden, Sam & Ashton certainly lived up to their reputation of fast action sport lovers - indoor hockey has been a blast every morning and I must congratulate the boys for their organisation and management of our class. Bring on next week, new trainers and another fitness regime. Have a great weekend everyone.



Room 2: Kia ora whanau. It's been a pretty full-on week in Room Two and I've been impressed by the effort and thinking that has gone into a lot of the children's learning. We have moved on from "left, right" directions in our Geometry unit and have just started investigating compass directions. We have begun our wall mural, which will be based around marine pollution and the children have been busy drawing their sea creatures and collecting samples of rubbish they have discovered that litter our oceans. Mr Muir came in on Wednesday for large ball skills and the class really enjoyed his session as always – even in the wind and rain. This week I signed Room Two up for a trial "Reading Eggs" Programme and they have all taken a levelling test to evaluate which level they should start on. It would be great if they could practise using this website / app at home as well as in class. Have a great weekend!

Room 1: Tena koutou, Great weather huh? It might not be very good for doing anything other than staying inside and reading books but it did inspire some great descriptive writing in Room 1 this week. The thunder storms have let us practise using onomatopoeia and similes in our writing. Constable Brett paid us a little visit on Wednesday to talk about keeping ourselves safe while we are out and about. The children all had a great time learning some large ball skills with Mr. Muir they enjoyed playing an accuracy game called duck hunting. Our geometry unit is in full swing and we have been practising using positional language to describe the position of objects. Have a great weekend everyone, ma te wa.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Nathan is the only one celebrating his birthday this week. We hope you have a great day Nathan C.



BASKETBALL:

The draw for next week 24th May is: Bye: Elstow Stars; 6:05pm Elstow Rebels vs St Jo's Saints.

NETBALL:

10.50 Ct 3 Elstow A vs St Mana A BYE: Elstow B Please go along to support our teams.

COMMUNITY FREE EAR CLINIC SERVICE: The next clinic will be at Paeroa on Tuesday 31st May at the Plunket Rooms, cnr Whark & Marshall Streets 9:30-12:00 & 1:00-2:00. For enquiries regarding this service, please phone: 07 838 3565.

BATTERY & SCRAP METAL DRIVE : St Joseph's School Morrinsville Fundraiser . Car/Truck Batteries, Farm Machinery, Fridges, Ovens, Anything with metal – The heavier the better! **Sunday 22nd May** Please phone to arrange collection , Janine 021 238 8999 / Abbie 8894961 or 022 069 3394 or St Joseph's School Office (07) 889 5306 Or use the Drop Off Zone At: DEMITRY'S PET SUPPLIES & MOTORCYCLES 15 Thames St, Morrinsville. Phone Sue for details 889 778/027 552 6955
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT .

Regards:

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



	COMING EVENTS
23rd	Young Leaders day for some Y8's
26th	DISCO 6:00-8:00pm \$2 entry
June 3rd	Board of Trustees Voting day.
6th	Queens Birthday—No School
8th	Room 1 Open Day
9th	Board election results notified
10th	The new Board takes over

SEA CUCUMBERS

The scientific name for a sea cucumber is **Holothuroidea**. A sea cucumber has an elongated cylindrical body and depending on the species, the sea cucumber can be red, black, blue, green, brown or multi colour.

Sea Cucumbers normally live in the deeper parts of the ocean and mainly found on the seafloor. Only a very few species live near the surface of the water to avoid being thrashed around by the waves in the shallow waters.

A sea cucumber can grow up to 1 metre long depending on the species. Some species can be as small as 2 cm but most species are normally 9 - 30 cm.

Sea cucumbers are scavengers that feed on small food items in the seafloor, such as plankton, aquatic invertebrates, and waste particles. These all make up their diet and they play a big role in keeping the sea floor clean by removing any dead creatures.

Sea Cucumbers are mainly eaten by sea turtles, crustaceans, many types of fish and are also eaten by humans and are hunted and used for traditional Asia medicines.

Sea cucumber protect themselves by squirting their inner organs out with a toxic substance called holothurin. It will regenerate its inner organs within 1.5 - 5 weeks.

The sea cucumber can live up to 5 - 10 years in the ocean wild.

Another fact about sea cucumbers: Cucumbers do not have a brain but they have a poorly developed nervous system and sensors which makes them an easy target.

By Brays

Pufferfish

Did you know that pufferfish have two names, blow fish and porcupine fish.

How does it go about getting food?

Pufferfish catch their food by crushing and softening with their strong jaw and then suck it into its mouth.

Do pufferfish have any predators?

Yes they do. Their predators are humans, sharks and large fish.

What does it eat?

Pufferfish eat algae, seaweed and even some seaweed.

Do pufferfish have anything to protect them self?

Yes they do. They inflate their body and have many poisonous spines which are very sharp. The spines are very pointy.

What is the scientific name?

The pufferfish scientific name is **Tetraodon**.

Where does it live?

Pufferfish live in tropical and subtropical areas and they live in warm, shallow water. They are found in the Pacific, Indian and Atlantic Oceans.

How big does it grow?

The pufferfish grows up to 10 cm long.

By James Morrison

HERMIT CRAB

What is a hermit crab?

A hermit crab is a crustacean that lives in a shell. It is not a crab, but it is called a hermit crab because it lives in a shell like a hermit.

How does it grow?

Hermit crabs grow up to 10 cm long.

What does it eat?

Hermit crabs eat algae, seaweed and other small organisms.

Where does it live?

Hermit crabs live in tropical and subtropical areas.

How long does it live?

Hermit crabs can live up to 10 years.

By James Morrison

Cushion Star

Did you know that cushion stars have two names, sea stars and sea cucumbers.

How does it go about getting food?

Cushion stars catch their food by extending their arms and then suck it into their mouth.

Do cushion stars have any predators?

Yes they do. Their predators are humans, sharks and large fish.

What does it eat?

Cushion stars eat algae, seaweed and other small organisms.

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By Claire Morris

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Room 4 completed their marine studies at the end of Term One. They chose a sea creature that was of interest and completed an information report. While completing these studies they learnt how to research information to answer questions they had formed.

Room 1's Stormy Weather Descriptive writing

<p>BOOM! I am hugging my mum. She is warm like the warmest mum in the world. She is not scared of the thunder but I am scared of the thunder. By Naomi Dibble</p>	<p>BOOM! Rumble! Rattle! The thunder sounded like a bomb exploding in my lawn. My brother jumped out of his bed. By Koby Bell</p>	<p>BOOM! Rattle! There was lightning. I was watching the lightning in my mum's bed and I fell asleep. By Shayden</p>
<p>BOOM! BOOM! The thunder sounded like a giant monster! Are you scared? Said Mum and Dad. I screamed. By Charlotte Smith</p>	<p>The rain is pouring like a waterfall. Shhhhhhhhhh goes the rain. By Jayden Baker</p>	<p>Shhhhhhhhhhh! On the way to school the wet sparkly water dripped like plip, plop. The sparkly water is slipping on the big truck. I said Oh...No! That is not good. The rain is so strong for us but Mum said, "It is blue." I said "Oh it is!" My Mum said, 'I love it so much.' By Maia Bell</p>

END?

My bedroom holds my memories and my best kept secret - my love of books.

MY

4. In the bottom right corner of my room is my little light brown desk the shape of my window. It has lots of books stacked inside of it, like a squirrel saving nuts for the winter in a tree.

BED

5. If you look to the left a bit you will see my two sets of drawers packed full of clothes. One is light brown like a deers fur and the other one is dark brown like the bark off a tree. They are as big as the eiffel tower.

ROOM

6. As I turn around you will see my bed, and above my bed is my big bright wight book shelf. It has like one hundred books in it. It is as strong as a crane.

I wouldn't even be able to carry all these books. It looks like it would weigh 20 tone!!!

start My gummed eyes open and the sun gleams through my bullet grey curtains.

1. Crawling out of bed I glance over at my colourful cuboid bed. It is as spongy as a lamington and as warm as the sun. Bright blue silver leather blankets are weighted down by the bossy dovet cover, that doesn't let them move.

2. The tall wardrobe stands still like a soldier refusing to move. The cupboard ~~xxx~~ above it holds all my treasures from when I was a baby. Inside the cupboard my clothes hang in the darkness. Black like a tractor tyre, it is hard to see.

3. Beside my wardrobe there is a little box with all my calf club ribbons from my sheep named Jake and my goat named Nike. Jake died in April in my arms I haven't forgotten him. Nike on the other hand is as loud as a dinosaur. She lives in a padock at the cow-shed with Bebok. They call out to us and sometimes its really hard to sleep.



Our Classroom

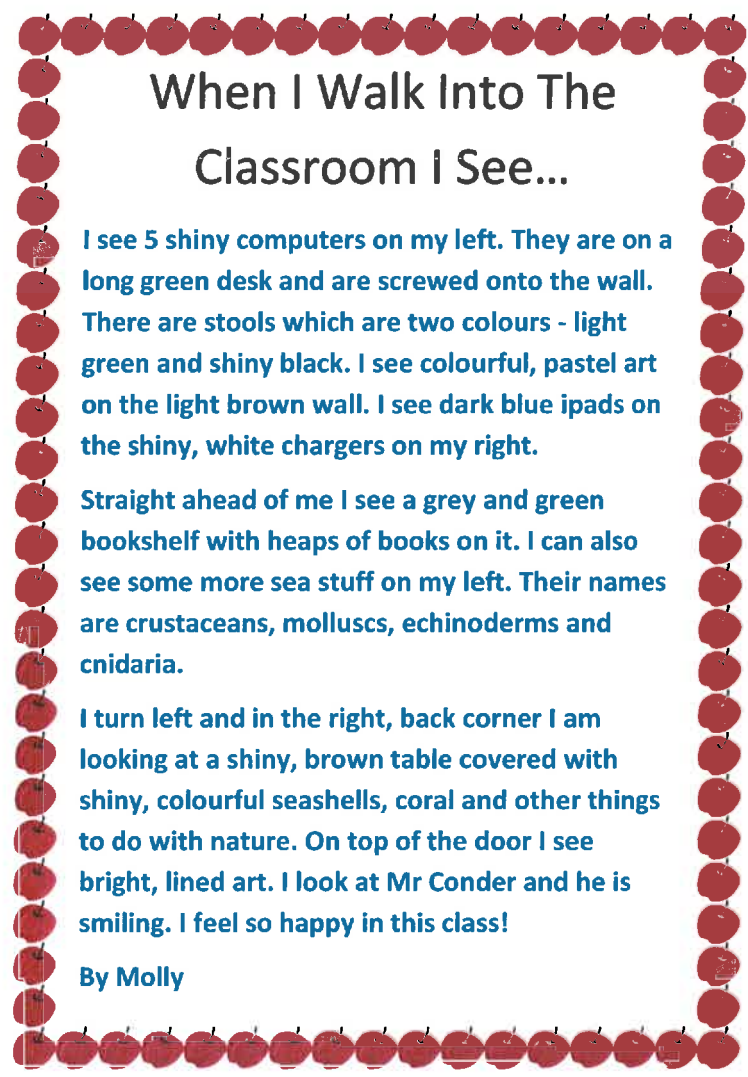
When I walk into the classroom I see 6 colourful tables. There are 2 green ones and 4 grey ones. At the back there are 4 computers sitting on a green desk and one sitting on a grey table.

Behind the computers there are pictures of some things that are in the ocean.

There is also some art that we made using pencils and pastels on black paper.

On my right is the whiteboard. It is big and attached to a blue wall. I feel happy in my classroom.

By Payge



When I Walk Into The Classroom I See...

I see 5 shiny computers on my left. They are on a long green desk and are screwed onto the wall. There are stools which are two colours - light green and shiny black. I see colourful, pastel art on the light brown wall. I see dark blue ipads on the shiny, white chargers on my right.

Straight ahead of me I see a grey and green bookshelf with heaps of books on it. I can also see some more sea stuff on my left. Their names are crustaceans, molluscs, echinoderms and cnidaria.

I turn left and in the right, back corner I am looking at a shiny, brown table covered with shiny, colourful seashells, coral and other things to do with nature. On top of the door I see bright, lined art. I look at Mr Conder and he is smiling. I feel so happy in this class!

By Molly



My Favourite Room

When I come to my lounge I look at my family's big, massive, black couch. It is a bit broken because our cat Boots made holes in it just before she died. On our wall is a pattern which goes...rose, flower, rose, flower. Also there are pictures of my mum and dad getting married when my mum was 21.

We have a massive black sky tv and we have orange curtains. When it gets pitch black at night it gets maroon and yellow like the Waihou jersies.

When I am on my couch I am as lazy as a sloth.

By Cooper Bell



Our Classroom

When I walk in the classroom I see the sea animals on my left. I am looking at the shiny whiteboard. On my left I see 5 computers sitting on the green stand. On the blue wall I see posters. I see 2 green tables and 2 grey, square tables and a grey circle table.

I see a green book holder stand a 1 tote tray stand with 8 book boxes on top. Beside that is a whiteboard with drawers under it. There are 3 piles of books on top of the drawers. Beside it, there is a little whiteboard on the left. Behind it are grey shades. They are see-through. Beside that is Mr C's clean desk. It is wooden.

The ipads are blue and white. Their cords are white and long.

By Eden