



Elstow-Waihou School

Reach for the Stars - Totoro hoki nga whetu

SUCCESS TEAMWORK ATTITUDE RESPECT

May 26th 2017

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

Winter has arrived with a few frosty mornings and even some fog! I guess this is better than having more rain!

Farewell to our valued families:

In the next few days we will say goodbye to families that have been at our school for a while. On this note I would like to thank the Pettigrew family who will be moving out of our area to their new farming position at Tauhei. Claire and Sam have both been very supportive of the school and our children. Claire played a big part on the PTA and always had the children and school at heart. We wish the Pettigrew family our sincere best wishes and thank them for their generosity in and around our school. Farewell to the O'Reilly family who are moving to Kaiaua. Arabella was a delight to have in Room 1! We also say goodbye to the Ramsden family who are moving to Ngatea. Kerri-Leigh and Madisyn, we will miss your lovely smiles. We sincerely hope your new jobs and schools go well for you.



Police Vetting for all Parents and Caregivers

In last week's newsletter we asked parents to put their name forward if they are interested in supporting our school with transport, camps, coaching, day trips and supervision. Thank you to all parents who have been proactive and got this process underway. Once this procedure is completed you will be in our system for our activities that require parent supervision.

Bullying

Sometimes this word is bandied around in a meaningless way. At times we hear "stories" and we make judgements about the extent of the problem. Some bury their head in the sand hoping that it will go away as it is a problem that is not easy to eradicate. Most of us have seen or experienced some form of negative action which at times, can be brushed aside but for others it is hard to tolerate. This week I have been told of a number of bullying incidents where students have been particularly nasty to another child. This behaviour is unacceptable in our school. I commend the students who have informed me of these incidents, knowing that this behaviour is not tolerated.

It is hoped that our young people can talk to their parents or someone they can trust about a situation that is not ok. Should you as a parent, find yourself in a situation where your child is being bullied or is part of the bullying scene, please let the school know. From here we can contact agencies that can provide support.

We also need to teach our children to be resilient, and give them strategies that will enable them to deal with situations that are not pleasant. Wouldn't it be great if we live in a society where everyone worked as a team and supported all people, no matter who they are? But, we would be living in "fantasy land" if we were thinking like this.

I encourage every child in our school to "stay strong" (Kia Kaha) and seek support should they find themselves in a situation that does not feel right!

The following website is suitable for parents to gain information on bullying in school. There are many other worthwhile websites. Just google; "bullying in NZ schools". <https://parents.education.govt.nz/secondary-school/wellbeing/bullying/>

Another week has disappeared and we are heading towards the shortest day of the year in another month. Then we are over the hill and Christmas will be on our doorstep before we know it! Good luck to our sports teams for their weekend games. Play fair and most of all enjoy!

Kind regards, Wendy

STAR OF THE WEEK: This week the star of the week goes to Charlie Buckton-Dalley for showing empathy and caring about others. Well done Charlie, you are a real STAR



FROM THE CLASSES:

Room 1: Kia ora everyone,

We have had a fantastically busy week this week. The children had a special homework project this week to make their own bubble blowers. I was impressed with all of the children and their efforts. The support from home was amazing. We had a fun day blowing bubbles on Friday. We even had 3 bubbles escaping the confines of the school and heading out over the neighbouring farms! Very exciting! We have had such a fun week of learning this week I have been so impressed with the children's attitudes towards their learning. Have a restful weekend everyone!

Room 2: Kia ora whanau! It has been an excellent week in Room Two and the learning is really starting to accelerate. I had two CRT days this week and managed to test most of the children's reading and maths skills. It was great to see that all children showed improvement, although some children were surprised at just how much they had improved! We continued working on our paper mache birds today and now we have our first layer of paper on they should start taking shape pretty quickly. We created short biographies this week as a way of introducing ourselves to Mr Stirling when he arrives. Have a great weekend and enjoy your sport or spending time with your friends and family!

Room 3: Kia ora, everyone! This week Room 3 started our creation of our own fictional planet called Planet WON (World of Night). Each student created a character to live on the planet giving them funny names and characteristics. We then made a map of Planet WON and drew where our characters live. This is going to lead into lots of creative writing based around our characters and our brand new planet. We are all very excited about the different writing ideas this activity has generated. We also trialled a new online quiz programme called Kahoot using out Chromebooks and iPads. This was a fun and competitive way to see how much we have already learnt about Planet Earth. I know a few of the students are looking forward to making their own Kahoots at home!

Room 4: Kia Ora. This week I have started Mathematics testing. So far I have



noted good progress since the beginning of the year. Presently we are working on fractions and these can be tricky to visualise. With continued revision and using a variety of materials and methods to solve fraction problems, we will continue to move forward. Mrs Barker is doing a great job teaching the class on Friday. For art they are constructing paper mache fish which will be fabulous when finished. For Literacy they are writing narratives. Eight students attended the Young Leaders Day in Rotorua on Monday. Many thanks to Debbie Darby and Kelly Storey for transporting and supervising the students on this trip. Enjoy the weekend and good luck to all our sports teams.

REMINDERS:

- * All children need to bring a change of clothes everyday.
- * Please return all library and home reading books
- * Check that children are wearing their correct uniform and that all clothing is named.

NETBALL DRAW: Saturday 27th May

ANZ Future Ferns – Te Aroha Silver Stars start at 9am
 Year 7 & 8 Junior Umpires class from 9am – 9.30 upstairs in pavilion.

10:50am Ct 2 Elstow/Waihou B vs St Mana C

11:20am Ct5 Elstow Waihou A vs Stanley Ave B

Note There will be no Junior netball played on Queens Birthday weekend, Saturday **June 3rd**

BASKETBALL YEAR 7 AND 8

Tuesday 30th May Court 2 at 6.00pm
 TAPS Ave Combined vs Elstow Waihou - Boys



TE AROHA COUNTRY MARKET

Held in the Te Aroha Domain
 Saturday 27th May 2017 from 10am - 2pm
 Bouncy castle, sausage sizzle, stalls & more

AIR TRAINING CORPS

Are you Year 9 or aged 13 – 15 years old? Are you interested in: Flying? Bushcraft? Leadership Development? No 31, (Morrinsville) Squadron Air Training Corps
RECRUITING NOW!!!!



Come to our recruiting night on Wednesday 21st June, 6.45pm At the ATC Squadron Headquarters, Corner Lorne and Allen Streets.

Email us on 31.morrinsville.sqn.atc@gmail.com or phone Naomi Vowles on 027 774 0506

	DATES TO REMEMBER
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, Darren, Baillee, Sarah, Tessa, Rachel, Gordon, Ann, Janet and Jocelyn



The Board of Trustees, Staff and Children
 of Elstow-Waihou School
 invite you to attend the



Powhiri

for our new Principal, Mr Stirling.

To be held at the school on 6th June 2017 Starting at 9:00am

Everyone is invited to join us for morning tea after the Powhiri.

All visitors are to be seated by 8:45am

Dress code: Tidy dress please (any queries phone Jocelyn)

