



Elstow-Waihou School

Reach for the Stars - *Totoro hoki nga whetu*

SUCCESS TEAMWORK ATTITUDE RESPECT

6th May 2016

Tena Koutou, nga mihi nui,

Welcome back to the new Term. Welcome also to Mercedez Allen who joins her brothers and sisters at school. We know you will enjoy making new friends and learning from Mr Scott.

THINKING OF STANDING FOR OUR SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES? Thank you for your interest! We need people like you involved.

By now all parents have received a green nomination form. Please give this serious thought, would you like to be on the Board or do you know of someone else that would be an asset to our Board. All nomination forms must be returned to school by noon on the 12 May. Be a part of your school's governance, have your say !!

What is a School Board of Trustees? School Board's are responsible for the school's performance and ensuring that all legal requirements are met. Trustees are elected to ensure the best possible outcomes for all students at the school. Parent trustees, whether they are parents of students at the school or not, are there to bring a parent perspective to the board table.

Please view the 3 minute video on Becoming a Trustee-
<http://resources.nzsta.org.nz/videos/becomeatrustee/html5video.html>

A folder is also available at the school which provides more details so you are better informed about your potential role.

EXPECTATIONS

- We have 10 meetings a year, on Wednesday's at 7pm (Feb-Nov).
- We have almost paperless meetings. We each bring our own laptop / Chromebook / tablet and the Agenda, Principal's Report, Policies and any other reading is all in our shared Google Drive to view and edit before, during and after meetings. All policies and recent minutes are here too.
- All Board members participates in ongoing Professional Development. Most often run by the School Trustees Association (NZSTA) with courses held in Matamata, Hamilton and Thames, usually at 7pm. You can expect to attend between 3-5 courses per year, depending on our needs as a Board. These courses include modules on Governance, Finance, Student Achievement, Health and Safety, Role of the Chair, Treaty of Waitangi and current educational topics.
- Each trustee will hold one portfolio and support another. For example you may oversee Property as well as supporting the Health and Safety person. Or be Treasurer and support the Communications role. These roles will be designated at our first meeting following elections. In saying this we work as a team and all take shared responsibility for all roles.

Please feel free to talk to one of the current Board Members; Chair - **Andrew McGiven**: Property - **Todd Nicholls**: Health and Safety and Communications - **Debbie Darby**: Finance and Secretary - **Louise Morris**: Teacher Elected Representative - **Deane Scott** or the Principal - **Heather Tanner**.

ANZAC DAY PARADE: Thank you to Ari and Blayne Lawton who represented the school at the town Anzac Day parade. It was also great to see Seth with the St John Penguins, Fynn with the scouts. A big thank you again to Mrs Lesley Berry who made beautiful wreathes one for us to take to the town service and two to be laid at our school Memorial gates. There was also one more wreath with a



photo attached of the Thistle Dump Cemetery, Somme, France and a note which read:

"In memory of A.A 'Bert' Wagstaff who is buried here after the battle of the Somme 100 years ago. He is the Uncle we never got to know. Remembered by Barry and Bev Wagstaff and Family."

WORKING BEE: Thank you to Andrew McGiven, Todd Nicholls and Robyn Dibble who helped with a big school clean-up in the holidays. This included in the Native Grove, and as a result we need to remove some concrete posts which are there. If you want them they are yours – as is - where is - for a small donation help yourself.

ERO PARENT MEETING: this meeting is open to all parents who would like to meet with the ERO team and will be held on Tuesday the 10th May from 2:00 to 3:00pm in the Endeavour. Please come along to share your views.

There's no time for a siesta because on this night we **Fiesta**

DRESS CODE: caliente

SATURDAY 14TH MAY

NACHO ORDINARY ... 7 PM PARTY

TICKETS \$10 PP

@ Elstow Waihou Hall

TACO TIME!

Mex inspired supper

BUS CHILDREN: Just a friendly reminder to parents, that you must let Jocelyn or the teacher on bus duty know if you are collecting your children, so we are not all looking for them when the bus comes.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: As part of the school Health and Safety it is important that if you are visiting the school for any length of time, coaching, help with lunches, etc that you come into the office and sign in and out.

NETBALL: Opening day for all netball is this Saturday May 7th at 9.30am.

Year 1 to 4 netball: All year 1 to 4 children as asked to be there for the opening at 9.30am and then their netball will begin at 10am. This is **JUST FOR THIS WEEK.**



All other Saturday netball for years 1 to 4 will be 9am to 10am each week.

If you haven't registered to play yet through school please come along on the day to register your interest.

FROM THE CLASSROOMS:

ROOM 4: Kia Ora. Another term, another week into the year. The students have all arrived back at school ready for another term of hard work. I believe that we have got off to a good start with focused learning and understanding the importance of completing work on time. This week we focused on Anzac and the importance of the memorial gates that are placed at our school entrance. In mathematics we are working with fractions. This term I would like the students to articulate their learning in mathematics and justify their thinking with equipment or diagrams. Good luck for those who play sport on Saturday.

Congratulations to Braiden's family on the arrival of a new baby brother. Have a lovely weekend.

ROOM 3: Kia ora tatou, It is lovely to come to school and see all the smiling faces of Room 3, children refreshed from the holidays and ready to get stuck into learning. We have enjoyed a busy week settling into our classroom routines and catching up with everybody. A big thank-you to Benji, Daniel and Blair who have successfully run a week of 'Capture the Flags' for our fitness program. It is really rewarding as a teacher to see our students taking on responsibility and doing a really good job of it. Healthy heart fitness is very important and we intend to keep active right through winter, we are really lucky at Elstow-Waihou school with the Endeavour to use when the rain arrives. - bring on the bad weather, we don't mind!

ROOM 2: It has been an excellent start to Term 2 and the children have come back full of enthusiasm. We started a new mathematics topic this week and will be spending the next few weeks learning about describing position and giving directions. Our unit about the ocean has changed direction slightly and we are now looking into different marine habitats and types of marine pollution and the effect it has on the marine environment. We have also talked about the importance of all children learning their spelling words and reading at home every night and the expectations that all homework is completed and returned to school on Friday mornings. Have an excellent weekend!

ROOM 1: Welcome back to another new term everyone! I have been so impressed with the way the children have started the term. They all have such positive attitudes and have approached their learning with enthusiasm and

gusto. The children have all been practising using descriptive language in writing this week. The children are experimenting with using adjectives and similes. We will be finishing off our ocean unit for the first 2 weeks of this term. We are focusing on the different habitats that the ocean creatures live in. Home work has started this week so all of the children should have brought homework and spelling home on Monday. Have a great weekend!

The *entertainment* Book **OR** The *entertainment* Digital Membership

The PTA are offering these books for sale again this year...you can order online at <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1570g67> or contact Jocelyn at the office.



DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE?

Child, Youth and Family are currently looking for people in this area who can offer safe, caring, stable homes for young people in need of short term care, time out over weekends and/or holidays, or a home for life.

Our team will support you to understand and manage the challenges of fostering a young person, and we will be there with you to celebrate the successes.

You may be surprised; you could be just the right person to offer your care to a young person who needs you!

If you are interested in finding out more, or know someone who may be interested, or if you think you might be able to help in some other way then we would love to hear from you!

Please call Johnson Taoho, Care Services Manager, on 07 957 4740 or email johnson.taoho001@cyf.govt.nz

COMING EVENTS	
9th -13th	Education Review Office Will be in the school for the week
14th	PTA Social "FIESTA" At Elstow Hall - \$10
16th	Return Book Club orders please
18th	PTA meeting at 7:00 everyone welcome
20th	Nominations close at noon today
23rd	Young Leaders day for some Y8's
June 3rd	Board of Trustees Voting day.
9th	Board election results notified
10th	The new Board takes over

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

