

ELSTOW-WAIHOU STAR

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THE STARS

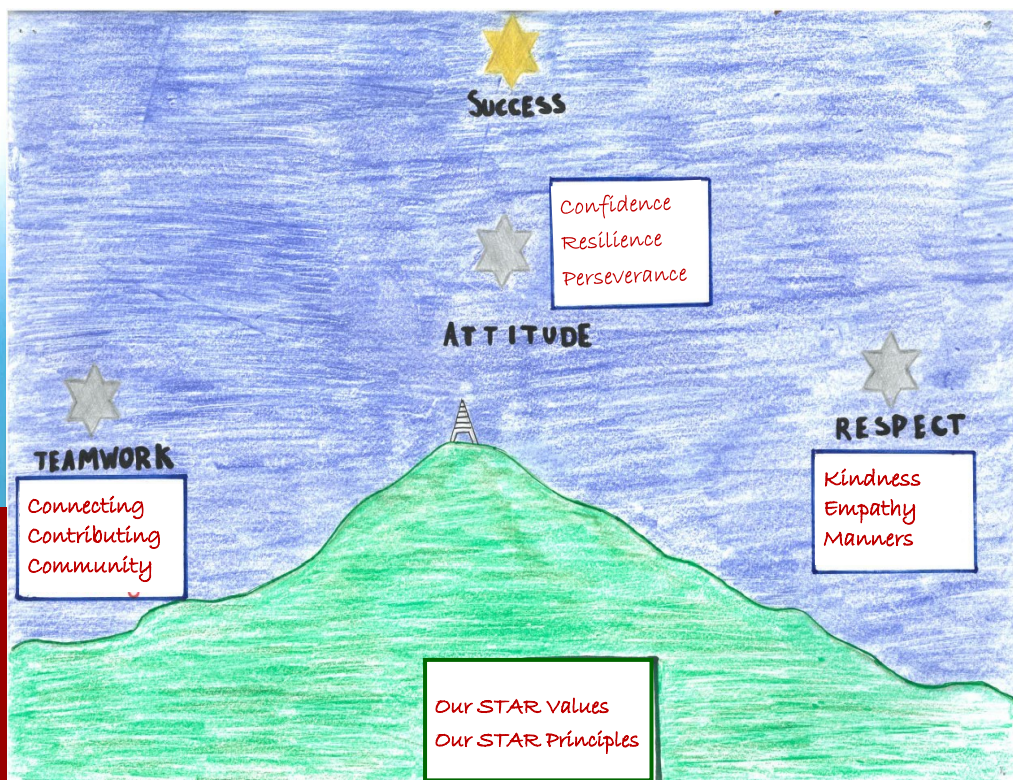


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NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 2



Kia ora koutou katoa,

This week I have really enjoyed learning more about, and working with our STAR value of **respect**. The word respect is one that I can remember from my own time at school as having an almost negative meaning. I remember some of my old teachers telling my peers and I that we must show all adults respect, which of course they were correct in saying, but it was mostly said in a very harsh way. I also remember being confused as a child by the idea of respecting myself. How could I do that if I didn't know what respect meant in the first place?

Respect is one of our four guiding school values and thanks to our community, teachers, board, and tamariki we are really lucky to have a clear understanding of what respect at Elstow-Waihou School looks like. Respect at Elstow-Waihou school is:

- showing kindness to all people and things
- always using our best manners
- being empathetic to others

I decided this week to have an experiment with this respect ideas and started in The Beehive. During my time in class we talked about how using kindness to all people and things was so important. The children really quickly got the idea and produced some great role plays that highlighted being respectful through being kind. The next experiment I undertook involved a rather injured snail a group of children had seen on the playground at lunchtime. What a great opportunity to test out our respect value I thought! However, before I even had a chance to discuss with the children what we should do with the injured snail between themselves they showed amazing respect for it by deciding that they should move it away from the busy playground. They then began a discussion about where the injured snail should be put and what kind of home it would need. I was blown away by the respect these children had shown the snail and their empathy.

Respect is such an important value at our school and can be shown in so many cool ways. I can't wait to investigate more!

Great mahi tahi everyone!

Sandy



FROM THE CLASSES:

THE BEEHIVE Room 1: Kia ora whanau, I would just like to say a big thank you to the parents of the beehive and the Elstow-Waihou community for your support and well wishes over the last week it has been amazing. It just goes to show what an amazing community of people we have here. It was great having a week at home with Scarlett and Maree and enjoying some family time. Thank you to Mr Stirling who took my class for a week to allow me that time. The children all had a fun time with plenty of action and laughs. Me te mihi nui mō ā koutou manaakitanga

KIKORANGI UA ROOM 2: Kia ora whanau! Wow the term is already flying by and I have already noticed all the keen young learners in Kikorangi Ua are taking a huge step forward in their work habits, quality and progress. Our maths unit around measurement is progressing really well and we will move from non-standard units into centimetres and metres next week hopefully. Our reading programme is humming along and again, all children are showing great progress and their confidence is building. Daily reading at home is the key! I hope you all have a miharo weekend and enjoy spending Mother's Day with your whanau. Ngā mihi me te aroha nui mō te Rā o te Whaea.

STAR KIDS Room 3: This week we say farewell to our wonderful Student Teacher Miss Kang. We have really loved having Miss Kang in our class and wish her well for the future.

THE HUT Room 5: Kia ora koutou, Rachel and I

have been lucky enough to spend 3 days this week in Hamilton, at the Tips for Autism course. We are thankful for the opportunity to attend this training and have left with numerous skills and strategies to bring back to our teaching and learning programme and environment. These approaches will support good practice for all students, and we are so excited to get back into class and start our journey with our tamariki. Wishing everyone a restful weekend, Donna.

THE LIGHTHOUSE Room 4: Kia Ora Whanau

Another great week has finished. Everyone is working hard and wanting to achieve their goals and more. In Mathematics we are learning how to work with fractions. If you are able to help your child with fractions please do support their learning. We are writing free verse poetry using Wellington for our theme. Following on from this we will learn how to write explanations using science as our focus. This week we have had some fun learning new games in fitness. All games have been adapted slightly by the children to make them more challenging and competitive. We are nearly finished our optional illusion art and had fun on the way creating interesting photos of ourselves. On Monday 11 students and 4 parents will join me at the Young Leaders Day in Hamilton. Have a good weekend.

STEAM HQ: "Kia Ora Whanau, Our second week in STEAM HQ was all about exploring students' questions and curiosity from last week. This was exciting as all classes branched off in different directions. Star Kids explored how the brain learns and grows and what causes synapses to fire! The Hut explored the impacts of using different ingredients in our catalyst experiment and The Lighthouse began exploring the movement of milk molecules in the experiment. Meanwhile, The Beehive and Kikorangi Ua tested their Goldilocks chair designs and began to explore the different ways we could measure our chairs. It is so inspiring seeing our students questioning and exploring!"

PTA FUNDRAISING: It is coming up the crazy,

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busy season for farmers and families involved with winter sports, etc. To help make these next few months easier you will find attached order forms for "Pasta Vera" Real fresh pasta and Oxford Pies. We tried this pasta for the first time last year and everyone who bought it was very impressed. The Oxford pies are a regular offer at this time and they are always worthwhile, tasty and very good value. So fill in the forms and return to the office as soon as you can.

SPORTS TOPS: Did your child play Cricket?? Or Basketball?? Please check at home we are still missing lots of school sports tops. Thank you.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS:

Don't forget...now is the time to get your new 2018 Entertainment book or Digital membership. These books allow you to enjoy thousands of 50% off or 2 for 1 deals at dining, travel, movies, and many more activities. Ask at the office for details.

NETBALL: This Saturday's draw:

9.00 am

Ct 1 & 2

Mother Earth Future Ferns – Yrs 3 & 4

Ct 5 & 6

Mother Earth Future Ferns – Yrs 1 & 2

10.00 am

Ct 2 Els Mana B vs TAPley B

11.00 am

Ct 3 TAPS A vs Elstow Waihou A

Duty School: Elstow-Waihou

Duty Member: Tania Collins/Deb Darby



Mothers Day

What a great way to share our school.



READ ME:

14th	Young Leaders Day
16th	BOT Meeting 6:30pm
18th	School Assembly—Room 3
Regards:	Sandy, Wendy, Deane, Donna, Darren, Angie, Sarah, Rachel, Hayley, Gordon, Ann, Aroha & Jocelyn