

ELSTOW-WAIHOU STAR

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THE STARS

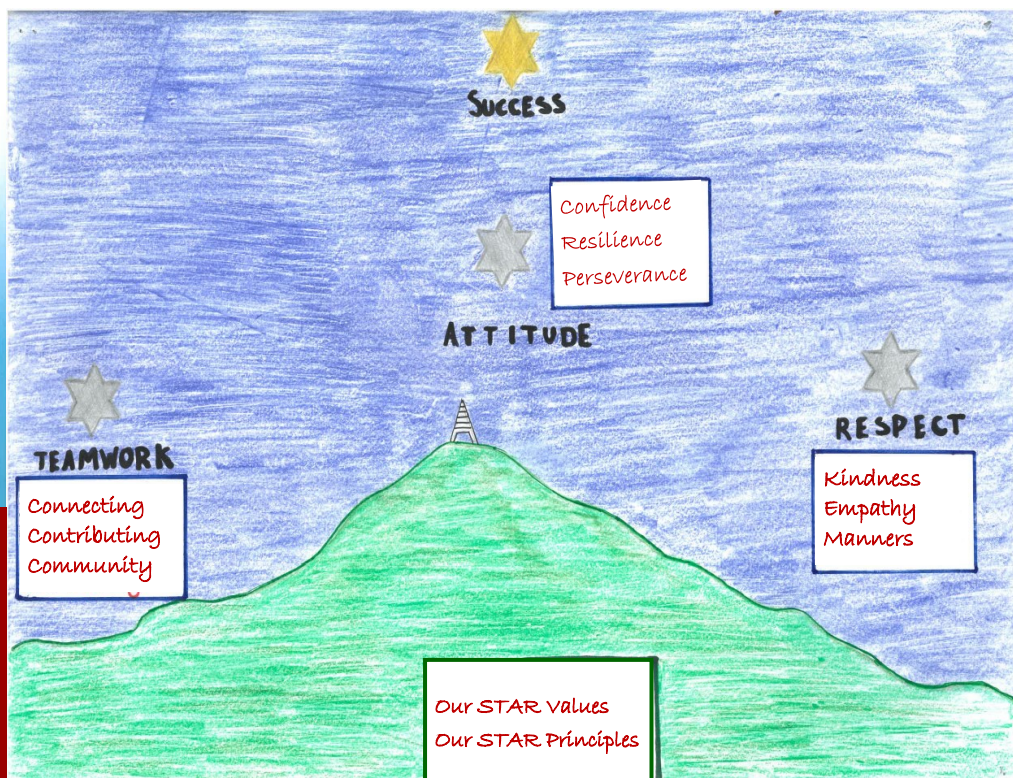


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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 1



Kia ora koutou katoa, Welcome back to term 2. I hope everybody had a fantastic holiday. Like our tamariki we as a teaching team are ready and raring to go for another fantastic term!

Firstly I would like to congratulate Mr Scott and his partner Maree who in the holidays welcomed baby Scarlett. I have had heaps of fun relieving in The Beehive - Room 1 while Mr Scott has been enjoying those special first few days at home with family. It was really important for us to keep continuity for our school's youngest learners and I've had so much fun jumping in.

We are really excited to welcome Laura Gregory to the EWS teaching team for two days a week. She will be based in the STEAM HQ where she will lead our school STEAM project. STEAM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, The Arts and Maths) aims to ignite students' curiosity, creativity, critical thinking and innovation through authentic, experiential learning opportunities. This term's concept is Wind: renewable, useful and forceful. All our children have had their introductory session this week. A big thank you to Laura and her family who worked tirelessly through the holidays to get our amazing new learning space ready. We will be having an official opening of the room later in the month when family and whānau can experience STEAM education for themselves!

Unfortunately I have the sad news to report that Angie Simmons will be leaving EWS at the end of Week 6 to pursue new challenges and adventures. I would like to thank her for all her hard work with our Year 3 and 4 tamariki and the contribution she has made to our school particularly with digital technologies. We are already shortlisting candidates to be the next teacher in Room 3.

To celebrate Mother's Day we will be having a special **Mother's Day morning** at school **next Friday** from

10:30am. More information will be shared early next week.

Great mahi tahi everyone.
Sandy

CELEBRATING SUCCESS:

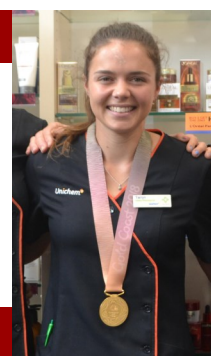
Past Elstow-Waihou student
TARRYN DAVEY
WINS A GOLD MEDAL
at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

What a **STAR!**

FROM THE CLASSES:


THE BEEHIVE Room 1: It's been a buzzy few days in the Beehive this week! I have had such fun filling in for Mr Scott. Our youngest learners are so musical and artistic and we have really enjoyed having a sing, a dance, and a play of the ukulele. We have been investigating with measurement for maths and exploring our beautiful school environment for games and Enviro jobs. Our big ball focus has led to lots of fun throwing and catching in the amazing weather we have been experiencing. Welcome to Miriam and James to the Beehive. It is a real pleasure to have a new family at our school! Have a great weekend and I will be in the Beehive again next week on Monday and Tuesday! Sandy

KIKORANGI UA ROOM 2: Kia ora whānau! What an amazing first week of Term Two it has been in Kikorangi Ua. On Tuesday we harvested the fruits (well vegetables) of our labour with The Beehive and dug up our hangi garden, which we planted last term. We managed to grow about 28 beautiful pumpkins and about 8 kgs each of potato and kumara, which you will get to taste at our Matariki hangi in Week 10. We have begun looking into linear measurement, comparing things that are short, tall or long. This will be our focus until the end of Week 4 then we will



move into Number for the rest of the term. Our daily reading, writing and handwriting is continuing with momentum and it is great to see the children all making good progress. You should notice your child's home readers getting more complex as we move through the term. Have a great weekend and ...GO CHIEFS!

STAR KIDS Room 3: We have had a great week, Miss Kang is our teacher this week and next week. We have been busy on our Star Values and our focus this week has been on Respect. We discussed what it means in our classroom, at home and in the playground. We had a great time at the Science Roadshow and made helicopter whirligigs to show how air acts as a force that can move things. We are practising our recorder music and getting much better at playing together. At digital exploration time we have been creating Scratch coding stories, making infographics in Google Draw and creating stories using Storybird. We like sharing our work on See saw too!

THE HUT Room 5: Kia ora whanau, on Wednesday the Rm5 Clever Kiwis team attended the Yr 5 / EPro8 Challenge in Thames. The team members were Ben, Caitlyn, Charley and Macy. The competition involved engineering, problem solving and innovation. Our team chose their tasks and completed them fully, and just happened to **WIN** the competition !! Congratulations from everyone in The Hut - we are so proud of you all.  You obviously used ALL of our school values and were successful - a great effort. We look forward to supporting you as you head to the next competition in Morrinsville.

THE LIGHTHOUSE Room 4: Kia ora and welcome back. Our Wellington Camp is behind us and what wonderful memories we all have of a successful camp. For some students it was their first time in Wellington. What a week! There wasn't one dull moment during the day with so many activities organised. Not only did they visit some important places but they had fun on the way. A huge thank you to the parents and our community for supporting this great camp. This term has started really well with everyone on track and focusing on their learning. We also have the added bonus of working in STEAM HQ which adds another dimension to their learning. Winter sport is about to begin if not already started. Good luck to the netball girls for their first game this Saturday. Enjoy the weekend.

STEAM HQ: Kia Ora Whanau, I can tell we are in for an inspiring term of exploring and creating in STEAM HQ!! This week all students began exploring what a catalyst is through hands on experiments and design challenges. I can't wait to see where their curiosity takes them next week.

PLEASE RETURN:

PORTFOLIO'S: Handed out at the end of last term, these all need to be back at school next week.

SPORTS TOPS: There are still a large number of these tops which children are loaned when they play sport for the school, cricket, basketball, etc. Please check under the bed, in cupboards, in cars, they must be somewhere and we need them back at school. 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: Starts this Saturday. The Future Ferns need to be at the courts ready to start play at 9:00am all other girls are to arrive at 9.20am for the official opening at 9.30am.

9 am - 10 am:

Ct 5 & 6 Mother Earth Future Ferns – Yrs 1 & 2

Ct 1 & 2 Mother Earth Future Ferns – Yrs 3 & 4

10:00 Ct 1: All Yr 5 & 6 teams to report to Court 1

11:00 Ct 1: St Mana A vs Elstow Waihou A



ANZAC DAY 2018: On Wednesday the 25th April a group marched to the town clock to represent the school at the Memorial Service. Daisy Stirling and Blair Watkins laid a wreath. Thank you to Lesley Berry who provided this wreath along with two more which are laid at the school's Memorial Gate.

READ ME:

May 8th	PTA Meeting 6:30pm
11th	MOTHERS DAY MORNING 10:30am
14th	Young Leaders Day
16th	BOT Meeting 6:30pm
Regards:	Sandy, Wendy, Deane, Donna, Darren, Angie, Sarah, Rachel, Hayley, Gordon, Ann, Aroha & Jocelyn