

ELSTOW-WAIHOU STAR

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THE STARS

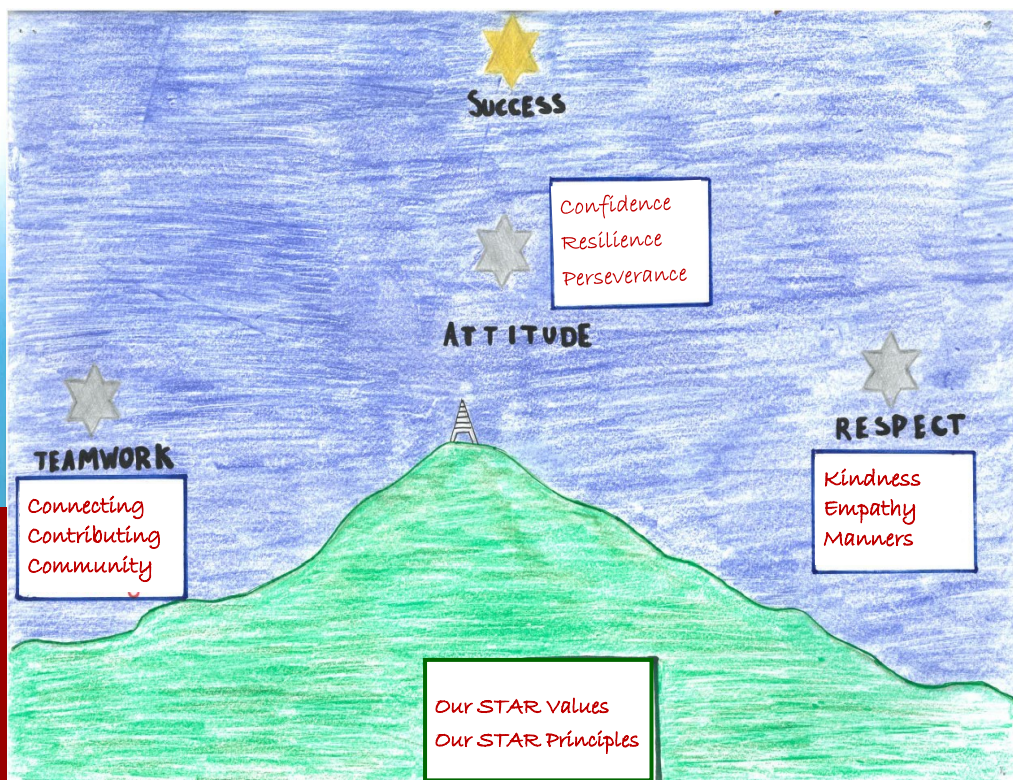


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NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 3



Kia ora koutou katoa,

What a rich educational week it has been at our school. School programmes are in full swing and it is so incredible to see the range of learning opportunities on offer.

I had the great pleasure of undertaking my first maths problem solving group session in the STEAM HQ this week which was a whole lot of fun. A selection of children from Year 3 - 8 joined me for an hour to work through some challenging maths problems that involved a great deal of mahi tahi to solve. I am really excited to take this weekly session throughout the year to assist in accelerating achievement at our school.

The STEAM HQ is in full swing now on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our tamariki have all been introduced into how the room functions and have begun creating and exploring within the space. A big thank you to all the teaching staff who have embraced this new collaborative approach to teaching. As a staff we are introducing more and more ways to team teach within our school so as to best meet the needs of our tamariki and have a lot of fun in the process!

On Wednesday I reported back to the board our progress as we move through the year. With all the goals and initiatives we are currently running we are well on track to meet our annual goals. These goals are published in our office area and you are more than welcome to come and take a look anytime. The support our school gets from both the board and the PTA is really amazing. For example the financial investment our PTA has made in our new sandpit equipment adds another amazing learning through play experience for our children, and the time investment our board chair recently offered to clean out our water tank on Mother's Day makes our school run that much smoother. We really appreciate your dedication and commitment.

Great mahi tahi everyone!

FROM THE CLASSES:

THE LIGHTHOUSE Room 4: Kia ora. On Monday 11 students participated in the Young Leaders Day in Hamilton. The day was jam packed with motivational speakers. The messages they heard were pertinent to everyone; young and old. These key messages to our young people were; **"Be brave to be different, Learn how to fail; failure is where we learn our lessons"**. We all liked the quote: **Whether you think you can, or can not, you're right!"**

The theme for the day was "Think like a Leader; Me Whakaro Rangatira". A great link to our Year 7 and 8 goals. The rest of the week was packed with new learning. We are about to launch into "personification" poetry and start out work on decimals. Our unit on Zero Waste is also gathering speed; so much to do and learn. Alongside of this, we are also enjoying our time in the STEAM HQ. Many thanks to our parents who continue to support our learning and school activities.

THE HUT Room 5: Another exciting week in Room 5 and the star room. This week we are focusing on the environment, creating environmentally friendly surroundings, and being aware of wastage and recycling. The children have written a haiku poem reflecting their personal feelings about plastic, which they are then transferring to a piece of plastic. They are also busy designing and creating a model sustainable school of the future. In the Star room they are making carry bags and aprons, using recycled fabric. Everyone is really getting involved with the work! Have a good weekend everyone.

STAR KIDS Room 3: Room 3 have had a great week. We have been creating some amazing koru art works. First we looked carefully at the work of NZ artist Raewyn Harris and then we used pencil to outline our work, sharpie to outline the patterns and dye to fill in. We have also been learning soccer skills at fitness time and everyone is getting better at

controlling the ball with their feet.

Our Multilit literacy programme is going well with many children improving their reading and writing skills. Last week we investigated our buried lunch waste and noticed what decomposed and what looks the same. This week we are investigating again and it will be interesting to see what has changed.

THE BEEHIVE Room 1: Kia ora whanau.

We have had a few busy weeks at school and a few interruptions due to me being sick for a day. This week we have focused on getting back into routines and revisiting our expectations of behaviour. We have done lots of talking in class about respect, what it looks like at home, at school and in our community. We are trying to create a better understanding of how our actions can affect others. We decided that we want to do things that make other people feel good and happy. Some of the things we talked about that we could do are saying nice words, listening to others, treating other peoples possessions nicely and using things properly so that they don't get broken.

STEAM HQ: There is nothing more inspiring than seeing students with a huge smile (or frown of intense concentration!) on their faces and I have seen so many of these this week in STEAM HQ! This week students were part of a STEAM TEAM and learnt the importance of effective communication during team work—there is going to be a lot of this in STEAM HQ as students explore experiments and design products! Juniors developed their measuring and numeracy skills while measuring their chair designs. Seniors began designing their own student-led inquiry and some students have planned to bring in their own ingredients next week. This is optional and if needed, other ingredients will be provided.

REMINDERS:

HOT LUNCH: Every Monday and Friday children can bring their lunch to school and have it heated in the Pie Warmer. Children can bring pies, toasted sandwiches, pizza, etc, wrapped in foil **with their name on it** to Endeavour kitchen before 9:00 am and come to the window at 12:30 to collect it.

PTA FUNDRAISING: Pasta Vera Real fresh pasta and Oxford Pies & Entertainment Books. Keep those orders coming in.

SPORTS TOPS: Did your child play Cricket?? Or Basketball?? We have had half a dozen handed back...but there are still more...please keep looking !!

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

11.00 am

Ct 1 TAPS B vs Elstow Mana B

Ct 3 Stanley Ave A vs Elstow Waihou A

FROM THE COMMUNITY:

RELIEF MILKER/WORKER: Available for shifting stock, feeding out and general farm work. Phone Bruce on 027-6433-988



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DATES TO REMEMBER:

25th	School Assembly - Room 2
31st	EPro8 Challenge for Y7-8
June 1st	School Assembly - Room 1
4th	QUEENS BIRTHDAY NO SCHOOL
8th	Enviro Day Working Bee School Assembly - Room 4
25th	NZEI Paid Union Meeting School will be closed for instruction from 1:00pm—more details later
Regards:	Sandy, Wendy, Deane, Donna, Darren, Angie, Sarah, Rachel, Hayley, Gordon, Ann, Aroha & Jocelyn