

# ELSTOW-WAIHOU STAR

REACH FOR  
THE STARS

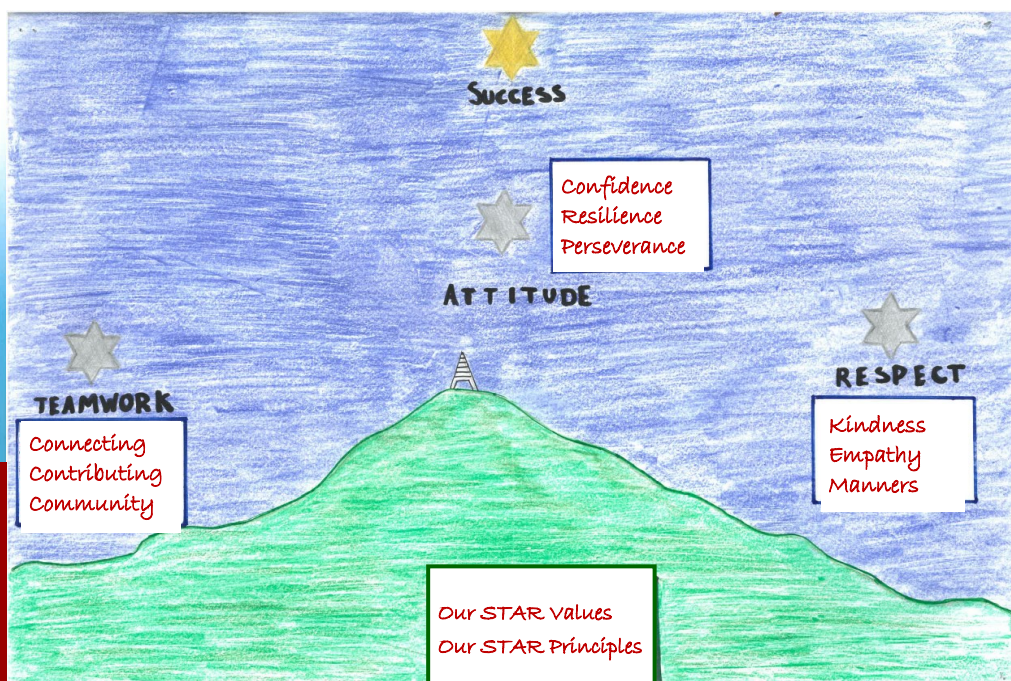


TOTORO HOKI  
NGA WHETU

## NEWSLETTER

8th June 2018

Term 2 Week 6



### Kia ora koutou katoa,

I hope everybody had a fantastic Queens Birthday weekend even though the weather was not the best. The break was certainly well positioned in the middle of what has been an action packed term.

This week I have been spending a lot of my time undertaking my SENCO duties, one of my favourite roles in my job. I am passionate about special education and making sure that we are providing all our children with the learning support they need to grow and thrive in their learning. On Wednesday we hosted a special education workshop at our school for our Te Aroha cluster where the main topic of discussion was around autism. And yesterday I had a fantastic afternoon at Parawai School where I was involved in a workshop around dyslexia. There has been so much new learning for me and I can't wait to start working with the EWS team and our tamariki.

Today is Mrs Simmons' last day at our school and on behalf of the school I would like to thank her for all her efforts and dedication to our children over the last 3 terms. It has been great having her on the EWS team and we wish her all the best for the future. We are delighted to share the news that Ms Kang will be our new Year 3 /4 teacher from next week. Given that she has already spent the best part of a term in the class completing her university studies, it already feels like she is an established EWS teacher! We are all really looking forward to seeing her begin her teaching journey.

Great mahi tahi everyone.

Sandy

**PLAYGROUND UPGRADE:** Once again, with thanks to the PTA's support the playground has been upgraded and is now in safe running order. The muscle buster has been repaired and is back up for the children to play with. We are so fortunate to have a PTA which organises many events and fundraisers, and it is only with your help they can do this.



**SCHOOL BUS:** On Wednesday Mr Stirling talked to all the children to re-enforce the rules about the end of school and bus. We hope they shared with you all they were told. Parents are required to come to the Bus Shelter gate to collect their children. If the children usually go on the bus please remember to let the Duty teacher know so they can be marked of the bus list.

### FROM THE CLASSES:

**THE BEEHIVE Room 1:** Kia ora whanau, Busy buzzy week in the Beehive. We have been practising our songs for matariki. We have even started making our purerehua and have cut them out of wood this week. They are all ready for shaping and sanding. Please come and see our learning through play inspiration wall. We are always looking for new resources and materials that we can make things out of, you may have stuff lying around at home that could help us. Have a great weekend I hope the sun comes out.

**THE HUT Room 5:** This week we have been learning about friendship and how to be a good friend. Whaea Elaine came in and we made playdough. We learnt about negotiating about what we wanted to make. We learnt about talking about how we are feeling. In the Star room we have been finishing off our good copy of our sewing projects. We would like to thank Ms Manktelow and Rachel for bringing in all the sewing equipment. By Haedin, Seth, Eden and Syesha

**THE LIGHTHOUSE Room 4:** Kia Ora.

In the Lighthouse we have had a great week. On Tuesday we started our work on "forces" in STEAM HQ. It was a great session with students focusing on their experiment and then explaining what they had discovered. Wednesday was another great day learning about Zero Waste within our school. Brooke and Lucy did a great job presenting their findings after completing a "waste audit" within our school. Moving onto Thursday; Mrs Barker continued with the usual programme within our class. Thank you to the students who made fantastic boats for their



homework project. They all passed the most obvious test; buoyancy! Great effort everyone.

**STEAM HQ:** "Millions saw the apple fall but only Newton asked, 'Why?'" set the tone for our exploring in STEAM HQ this week. It was exciting to see students asking deep questions as they explored the forces behind the movement of everyday objects and the not-so-everyday floating ball experiment! Junior students made cars and planes powered by potential energy, not petrol. We are also gearing up for our **STEAM HQ Official Opening on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**, when you will get the chance to experience STEAM HQ in action! Have a great weekend everyone.

**STAR KIDS Room 3:** Good bye Mrs Simmons, we have enjoyed having you as our teacher.



**NETBALL:** This weeks draw:

**9.00 am**

Ct 1 & 2: Mother Earth Future Ferns – Years 3 & 4

Ct 5 & 6: Mother Earth Future Ferns – Years 1 & 2

**10.00 am**

Ct 3: Elstow Waihou A vs St Mana A

**11.00 am**

Ct 3: Stanley Ave B vs Elst Mana B

Elstow-Waihou School duty weeks are June 16th and July 28th.

### FROM THE BOARD:

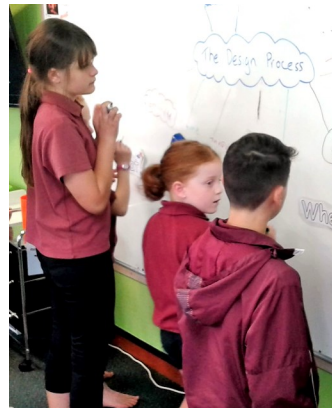
- The Board have recently reviewed the Fire and Bomb Alert procedures. Please note that should there be an incident the parents will be notified and updated via the website and facebook.
- The Concerns and Complaints procedure has also been reviewed.
- All policies and procedures are available at the school office.
- We are looking for a volunteer to vacuum our pool through the winter. This will keep it in a reasonable condition and make the summer start up easier.
- NZEI Paid Union Meeting: This will be held on the 25th June. The school will be closed for instruction from 1:00pm. A note will be sent home with all the details.



### READ ME:

19th	Life Education Truck will be here 19th-21st
22nd	STEAM HQ Official Opening
25th	NZEI Paid Union Meeting
28th	<i>EPro8 challenge</i> <i>Year 5&amp;6 Semi Final in Morrinsville</i>
July 2-6th	<b>MATARIKI FESTIVAL WEEK</b> <b>END OF TERM</b>
July 23rd	<b>Term 3</b>
	<b>Regards:</b> Sandy, Wendy, Deane, Donna, Darren, Angie, Laura, Elaine, Sarah, Rachel, Hayley, Gordon, Ann, Aroha & Jocelyn

### CELEBRATING SUCCESS:



### GRAND OPENING OF STEAM HQ:

This promises to be a great afternoon. Please come along to see all the interesting and exciting things your children are learning about Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths.  
June 22nd  
starting at 1:30pm



### FROM THE COMMUNITY:

#### Edventure Outdoors- School Holiday Camps

These July school holidays we are running 2 awesome camps. Tramping, rock climbing, possum trapping, team building challenges, hot pools & much more. Pick up/drop off AKL, BOP, Waikato Edventure Outdoors Camp, Mt Pirongia, July 9-13 and Winter Camp, Aongatete lodge, July 16-20. For 8-14 yr olds - OSCAR available Book

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directed by  
**PHILLIP LEGG**

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based on the novel by J M Barrie

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For more info: [www.tads.org.nz](http://www.tads.org.nz) or FaceBook Te Aroha Little Theatre

# June 28 - July 7

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# MATARIKI

## FESTIVAL WEEK

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July



Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>: Community breakfast

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>: Matariki “Stories and Stars” starting at 6pm  
At 7:30pm the disco will finish and we will all go  
outside for some star gazing  
Followed by a shared supper

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>: Kite Flying

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>: 12:00pm Special Assembly  
12:30pm Family Hangi



# MATARIKI

## FESTIVAL WEEK

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July

As a conclusion to our week long MATARIKI FESTIVAL we will be having a hangi at 12:30pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

We invite children, parents and extended whanau to be here to join the celebration and enjoy the great food. All our school children will be provided a



hangi lunch. In order to manage catering we need to have confirmed numbers of **extra people** attending.

Could you please fill in the attached slip to indicate numbers:

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Numbers Attending the Hangi:

Children: .....

Adults:.....

Family Name:.....