

ELSTOW-WAIHOU STAR

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THE STARS

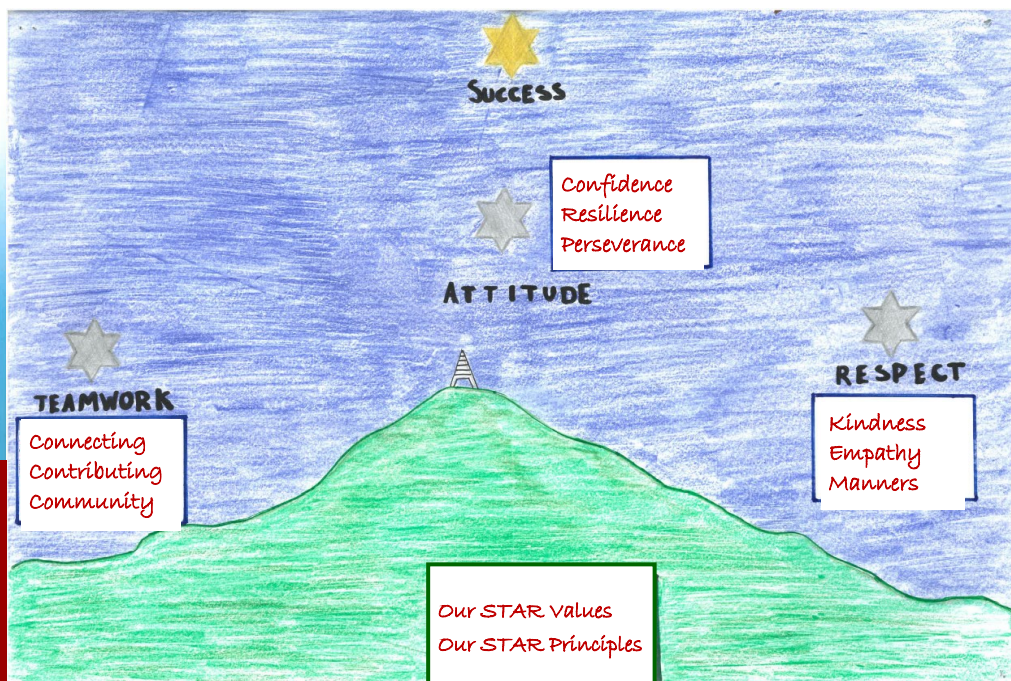


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NEWSLETTER

15th June 2018

Term 2 Week 7



Kia ora koutou katoa,

It's amazing to think that we have just completed week 7 of term! It seems like each week at EWS gets busier and busier.

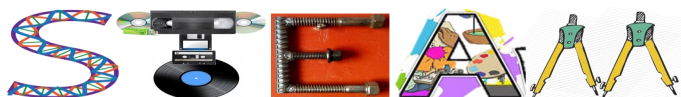
Firstly I would like to offer a warm welcome to Ara Kang who joins the teaching team in The Star Kids - Room 3. Congratulations on a fantastic first week! It has been so great to see Ara put her teaching style and ideas into practice.

As the weeks fly by we move closer to some really important dates for our school. Coming up next Friday we are so excited to be opening our amazing new learning space, **STEAM HQ**. All our community are invited to come and join us from 12:45pm with the opening taking place at 1:30pm. Come along and find out more about how the STEAM curriculum is being integrated into our school programmes, how the room works, and the amazing learning experiences being offered to our tamariki.

We are also working really hard to prepare for our Matariki festival which will be held throughout the last week of the term (2nd - 6th July). I was so impressed as I walked around our school yesterday afternoon to see all our classes working so diligently and carefully on their numerous Matariki projects. On Tuesday I also had the great pleasure to listen to our amazing PTA's ideas for the community breakfast and Matariki disco. We are passionate about the importance of mahi tahi at our school. The big plans we have for the coming weeks will be successful because of our amazing ability as a school to work together as one. Therefore I thank you all; our children, teachers, support staff, parents, PTA, Board of Trustees, and wider community in advance for all your efforts, support and time, no matter how big or small. These school events will inevitably be hugely successful. I can't wait to make some more amazing memories!

Great mahi tahi everyone!

Sandy



FROM THE CLASSES:

THE BEEHIVE Room 1: Kia ora whanau, We are cruising along pretty nicely in the Beehive this week. We have had some fantastic writing effort by the children. They are really trying to challenge themselves and improve their writing. It was nice to have a mild week with a bit of sun here and there. Happy days!

THE HUT Room 5: This week in Room 5 we have been busy reinforcing our te reo and using correct Maori pronunciation by learning and practicing our Pepeha's in front of the class. We also finished our Enviro projects, and presented them to the class. We graded each other on our presentations, and by how well our projects reflected environmental sustainability.

THE LIGHTHOUSE Room 4: Kia Ora. It must be Fieldays week; wet weather and a little cold, and we are heading to the shortest day of the year next week. Throughout this week we have worked on our pepeha art, explanation writing and reading about aerodynamics. Our STEAM session this week was very successful with many great questions being asked. I am very pleased with the learning that is happening within The Lighthouse. Thank you to Mrs Barker who has been job sharing for one day a week. The programme has continued to tick along, whether I am there or not. Mahi tahi pays off! Have a great weekend.

STEAM HQ: THE COMPETITION is on! Who can design and engineer the most aerodynamic kite? Or, will you try for the most creative or aesthetic kite? This is one of the many exciting hands-on activities at our **STEAM HQ Official Opening next Friday 22 June**. Students are excited to be sharing their learning with you and leading activities. All materials and equipment will be provided but if you have a specific material you want to make your kite out of, bring it along! Any small glass jars with lids would also be greatly appreciated. I'm looking forward to catching up and celebrating with you all!

STAR KIDS Room 3: Kia ora whanau. This was our first week with Miss Kang being our new teacher, and we made her so happy and proud by keeping our

classroom spotlessly clean and organised throughout the whole week! We have been studying geometry and learning the names of different 2D and 3D shapes and we discovered that geometry is actually all around us. We have also been doing more reading and hand-written exercises - well done everybody for your awesome efforts!

NETBALL:

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9.00 am

Cts 4-6 Mother Earth Future Ferns – Years 3 & 4

Cts 4-6 Mother Earth Future Ferns – Years 1 & 2

10.00 am

Ct 1 Elstow Waihou A vs Stanley Ave A

11.00 am

Ct 2 St Taps B vs Elst Mana B

Game times – 4 x 10 minute quarters, 2 minute intervals 1st & 3rd quarter, 3 mins half time

Duty School – Elstow Waihou

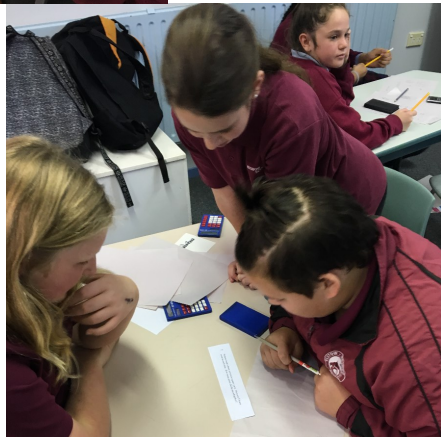
Duty Member: D Darby/T Collins

CELEBRATING SUCESS:

MATHS CHALLENGE:



15 children (5 teams) went to Te Aroha Primary School on Tuesday for the annual Inter Schools Maths Challenge Competing against all Te Aroha schools they all did well, with one of the Y5&6 teams coming 2nd= . Well done everyone.



MATARIKI FESTIVAL WEEK

Monday 2nd: Community breakfast

Wednesday 4th: 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 5th: Kite Flying

Friday 6th: 12:00pm Special Assembly

followed by the Family Hangi

Regards: Sandy, Wendy, Deane, Donna, Darren, Ara, Laura, Elaine, Sarah, Rachel, Hayley, Gordon, Ann, Aroha & Jocelyn

FROM THE BOARD:



CARPARK: It is time again to re-visit the protocol regarding the school carpark. There was a time when almost every child at school came on a bus, but that is now not the case. As a result we are getting quite a traffic jam in the car park and we are very concerned for the safety our children. The area of the car park directly in front of the school office is designated staff car parking only. Parents and Caregivers dropping off and picking up children are asked to park in the carpark beside the courts. There are 7 parking spaces in the middle and about 8 on the farm fence line. Once parked please come to the bus shelter gate to collect your child. If the carpark is full you are free to park across the road at the Elstow Hall.

SCHOOL PROCEDURES: For your information this is the Fire Procedure which we would use in the event of a fire or other emergency situations. We draw parents attention to the item # 10 as parents would need to stay away from the school and keep the area clear for emergency vehicles, etc.

- 1) An evacuation alarm is activated.
- 2) All teachers are to assist students to evacuate to the field.
- 3) Teachers to assemble students on the field.
- 4) Safety Wardens to check the library, all student toilets and ancillary buildings.
- 5) Administration manager to check administration block and bring visitors book to the field assembly point.
- 6) Principal will check hall.
- 7) Teachers will call class roll.
- 8) In the event of a child being missing after the roll is taken, Safety Wardens to safely search school buildings.
- 9) Administration officer to take a copy of parent's phone numbers and the visitors book. Principal to bring mobile phone to enable parents to be contacted (if necessary).
- 10) School community to be informed of event and required procedures through the school website and facebook page by the principal (if necessary).
- 11) Children to return to classrooms when the all clear has been given by either the principal or emergency services.

READ ME:

19th	Life Education Truck will be here 19th-21st
21st	EPro8 Yr 7/8 Semi Final in Tauranga
22nd	PTA PIE orders must be in today STEAM HQ Official Opening
25th	NZEI Paid Union Meeting
28th	EPro8 Yr 5&6 Semi Final in Morrinsville
July 2-6th	MATARIKI FESTIVAL WEEK END OF TERM
July 23rd	Term 3