

# ELSTOW-WAIHOU STAR

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THE STARS

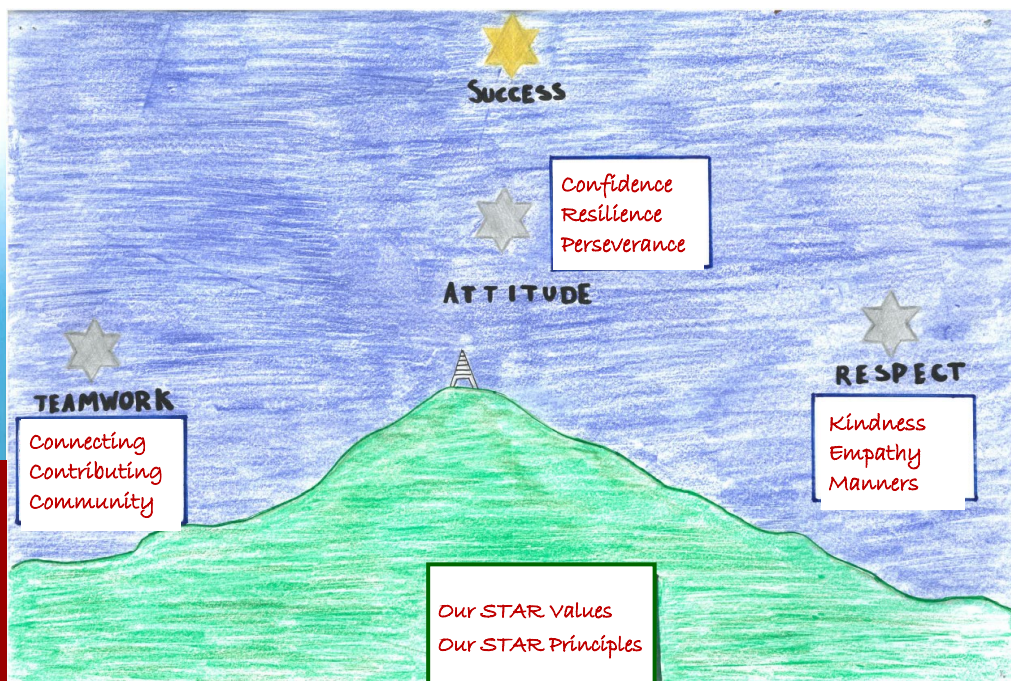


TOTORO HOKI  
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## NEWSLETTER

1st June 2018

Term 2 Week 5



### Kia ora koutou katoa,

We've reached that time of the year when it's beginning to feel really wintery around our school. Winter officially starts today and we have experienced our fair share of winter temperatures this week. Clear skies at night have led to very cold mornings which have certainly made it very challenging to get to school. However there has been many mornings this week where I have felt so lucky to be living and working in our slice of Aotearoa.

On Wednesday I was blown away by how wonderful our school looked in the early morning. A frost covered the back field which served as an icing sugar blanket for the ground below. The cloudless sky enabled the sun's early light to enhance all the rich colours of our school. And the long shadows drew amazing patterns all over our courts and playgrounds. As I walked around the school I was so thankful for our amazing environment and felt invigorated for the day ahead.



These amazing weather days have enabled our children to get outside and feel equally invigorated in their learning. Our junior children have been having a fantastic time at our Tinker Table, the latest edition to our learning through play area. Our middle and senior tamariki have taken every opportunity to take their reading and writing activities outside, and all our

children have had wonderful STEAM HQ sessions experiencing amazing forces around our school.

We are so lucky to be able to use our amazing outdoor spaces to enhance our learning.

Please come along to school next Friday the 8th June, for a shared morning tea at 10:30 followed by our Enviro Working Bee, many hands make light work.

Great mahi tahi everyone,

Sandy

### FROM THE CLASSES:

**THE BEEHIVE Room 1:** Kia ora whanau. This week in the Beehive we have been talking about waste in preparation for our waste audit that the Enviro team will be carrying out next week to see how the school is dealing with its waste. We are continuing to show respect in everything we do at school. We have been great at using our manners and practising our listening skills. We have started learning our songs for Matariki and we have been busy trying hard to learn the actions. As usual we have done a great job practising our literacy and numeracy skills. Have a great long weekend. We will see you all on Tuesday!

**KIKORANGI UA ROOM 2:** Kia ora whanau! Another amazing week has come to an end and Kikorangi Ua has really picked up momentum heading into the second half of the term. Our unit around measurement comes to an end this week and we will finish off the term by focusing on our number knowledge and strategies. We are all really excited about our upcoming Matariki festival at the end of the term, and have been practising our waiata and ti rakau skills so you can all be assured of a polished performance. This term we have been really focusing on everyone working hard to achieve the best results possible and it is awesome to see so many children really stepping up their efforts and working really hard to achieve this goal. Ka mau te wehi Kikorangi Ua! I hope you all have a lovely Queen's Birthday weekend and...GO CHIEFS!

**THE HUT Room 5:** Winter has arrived in style and the children in The Hut are keeping warm in the



mornings doing Go Noodle. Exercise delivers oxygen and nutrients to your tissues and helps your cardiovascular system work more efficiently - the health benefits are endless !! We say beat the winter blues and keep moving. During our weekly health lessons we are discussing healthy lifestyles ask you child about our scenarios from this week and the difference between the two children.

**THE LIGHTHOUSE Room 4:** Kia Ora. What a cold and frosty week. However, "The Lighthouse" has continued to work regardless of the cold days. We are now entering the decimal phase of our mathematics learning. This week I started the Gloss testing which indicates where each child is placed within the NZ Curriculum levels. Most children were able to articulate how they solved the problems; this showed their understanding of their learning. We have been working on Zero Waste within our school and also what happens to the waste around the world. In our reading programme we read an interesting article about the impact plastic straws have on our environment. I am sure we all have a different view on the use of these straws now! Enjoy the long weekend. Have some early nights Room 4 and stay warm.

**STEAM HQ:** What an immense challenge it is to summarise the diversity of exploring and inquiry which has filled STEAM HQ and flowed into classrooms this week! The words *force*, *potential* and *energy* have been rolling off the tongues of The Beehive and Kikorangi Ua students. *Protons*, *electrons* and *atoms* have been bantered around by some senior students as Starkids, The Hut and The Lighthouse shared their stop-motion animations and explanation writing. Look out for a bit of kinetic energy exploration next week! I hope you all have a safe and relaxing long weekend with family and friends.

**STAR KIDS Room 3:** In Starkids room we have been learning about Zero Waste and to finish our topic study we created some great posters to encourage people to reduce, reuse and recycle our rubbish. You can see them on our windows. We had a fun day with Mr Ronald on Thursday when we learned how volcanoes form and created experiments where we made and tested volcanoes outside. We also learned how to create pick a path adventure stories using Google Slides.

**WANTED:** Our STEAM HQ student project team are currently working on 2 up-cycling projects. We would be very appreciative for any donations of wood or materials which would be suitable for a table top (1250 x 720) or building shelves/legs for stools and coffee tables. Please see Mrs Gregory or the office if you are able to contribute. Thank you

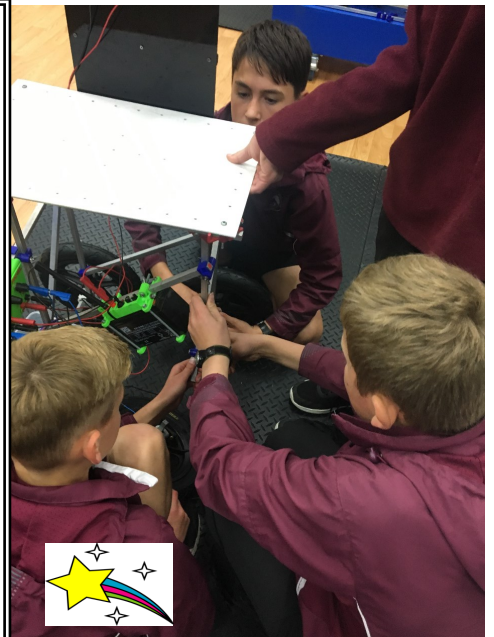
**PTA FUNDRAISING:** Don't forget to send in your orders for "Pasta Vera" Real fresh pasta and Oxford Pies. We tried this pasta for the first time last year and everyone who bought it was very impressed. The Oxford pies are a regular offer at this time of the year and they are always worthwhile, tasty and very good value.

**NETBALL:** Due to the long weekend there is no netball this weekend.

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS:



Our Year 7-8 Epro8 team won last night. That's the Year 5-6 and the Year 7-8 with wins now! How wonderful. This shows our culture of Mahi Tahī in action. You are all STARS !!



## 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. Edventure Outdoors Camp, Mt Pirongia, July 9-13 and Winter Camp, Aongatete lodge, July 16-20. For 8-14 yr olds - OSCAR available Book [www.edventure.co.nz](http://www.edventure.co.nz) or [mark@edventure.co.nz](mailto:mark@edventure.co.nz)

## READ ME:

4th	<b>QUEENS BIRTHDAY NO SCHOOL</b>
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
28th	<i>EPro8 challenge</i> <i>Year 5&amp;6 Semi Final in Morrinsville</i>
July 2-6th	<b>MATARIKI FESTIVAL WEEK</b>
<b>Regards:</b>	Sandy, Wendy, Deane, Donna, Darren, Angie, Sarah, Rachel, Hayley, Gordon, Ann, Aroha & Jocelyn