



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2019



WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora and welcome to our first community newsletter of the new year. Here you will find a snapshot of what's been happening at our school as we start our 2019 journey. We are so excited about the year ahead as we aim to spark our children's enthusiasm for learning with amazing learning experiences.

As our roll has grown we have been able to open up more learning spaces and tailor our curriculum delivery to best meet the needs of all our learners. We are running six classrooms this year all with small class sizes. This commitment by our school is a real show of intent as we work towards greater educational outcomes for all our students. In addition to our permanent classrooms we are really excited to be running our STEAM HQ for a second year. This innovative working space has just flourished since we opened it in 2018. The focus on team teaching around hands-on learning based on our local curriculum has really taken off and we are so proud to have this cross-curricular space for all our children to get inspired and spark their enthusiasm for further learning.

We are having a big focus on literacy at our school this year. To support this we have relocated our library and created two targeted library spaces. We have a junior library that caters for our Year 0 - 4 learners and a senior library that caters for our Year 5 - 8 tamariki. We are really pleased to be able to offer these fantastic spaces to greater meet the needs of our children and have some fantastic fun with our reading and writing. Our overarching area of study for 2019 is centered around "Our Special Places" in Term 1 and "Our Special People" in Term 2. The research and mahi we undertake in these terms will help us create the Elstow-Waihou School Production about our history, present, and future at the end of Term 3. We would really like to hear from you, our community in the coming months. Our Community Hub has been set up as a place for you to come and share your stories about our special places people. If you can help us out please give me a call or drop by the office. We are

so excited to explore with our children what makes us so special and unique.

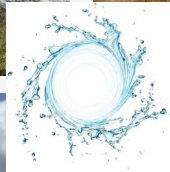
Great mahi tahi everyone! Sandy

FROM THE BOARD:

- * To our old and new families at EWS, welcome to 2019!
- * Follow us on our **Eltow-Waihou School facebook** to keep up to date.
- * Please pay your **family donation** either in full or over multiple payments to help us fund the little extras that increase student's learning here at EWS.
- * **Let Mrs Legg know if you can help** with chicken releases, hay pick ups, silage stack covering, or want to meet the PTA or BOT parents. Thanks to families who pitched in during the holidays to help our fundraising efforts.
- * **HUGE THANKS to our PTA** who have funded an upgrade to our swimming pool chlorine/acid pump.
- * **Chat to board trustees** whenever you see us, about what we do and ask questions. It is only **three months until Board Elections and we're looking for new trustees.**
- * Thanks to **Adrian Daines and Duncan Morris** for keeping the pool open over summer.
- * Thanks **Mr Gordon Maisy** for taking on the groundsperson role as well as your current caretaking duties.
- * The BoT express their thanks to the PTA for running a fun Splash Mania which was a great community start to the year.
- * Te Aroha offers so many different **sports clubs** and interest groups. Look on facebook to find details for activities that suit your children.
- * **Next meeting 20 March 6.30pm.** Come along and see if being on the Board interests you. **Elections are in June 2019.** Visit www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee

Happy New Year, from Louise, Debbie, Andrew, Tania, Todd, Sandy and Wendy

SPECIAL EVENTS: SPLASH MANIA:



SWIMMING SPORTS:

