



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER December 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Kia ora e te whaanau,

As the Christmas holidays fast approach us with the hope of quality family time and a chance to catch our breaths, it is with great relief and a sense of pride that we can say we made it through 2020. It has been a year quite unlike any other. We have all had to adapt, make sacrifices, and generally get through as best we can to counter the COVID-19 pandemic which has shaped our year. It is difficult to remember the plans and goals we had set at the beginning of the year such has been the requirement for us all to change and adapt to the ever-changing environment around us.

What the school has achieved this year has been nothing short of remarkable. As a community team, we have been able to keep the learning going for our children who remain to be at the centre of everything we do. On behalf of the school I would like to thank the EWS staff, Board of trustees, PTA, and



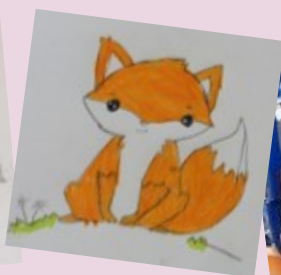
parents, family, and whaanau for the integral part everybody has played in keeping the learning going and enabling our children to achieve happiness and success in their learning.

And as I come to the end of my time at Elstow-Waihou School, I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to the whole EWS community for your support, guidance, advice, input, and many amazing times you have offered to me over the last three and half years. Principalship has a very steep learning curve and I could not have asked for a more embracing school to learn and grow as a principal.

It has been a privilege to be responsible for the educational growth of our amazing children and I really look forward to remaining connected to the school.

I wish you all a very merry and safe Christmas.

Sandy



The Glowworm (Y2) children have been doing some Fantastic Mr Fox drawing.



The Y8's trip to
Rainbows End was
great fun !





CALF CLUB DAY OCTOBER 2020



Artwork from The Rocketship (Y1&2):

The pictures on the white background are painted and inspired by the famous impressionist painter Vincent Van Gogh. The ones on the red background are done using chalk pastels



**Our School COLOUR RUN
was a huge success,
so much fun and so much mess!!
Then children collected
sponsorship from family and friends and
raised over \$2,500 for our school**





EWS Little Free Library

Our Term 3 Enviro Group is excited to announce the opening of our Little Free Library. They worked hard on painting this last term and are super excited to



see it ready for use. Huge thanks to Mr Bill Mace from Morrinsville Menzshed, Mrs Rosalie Williams and Mr Duncan Morris for their support with this project. We hope the community enjoys this wonderful resource we have made. **Whose Library is this?** It belongs to everybody - students, teachers, families, neighbours, friends, and people we don't even know yet. Anyone can use it. That's why we want to take care of it. **Take a book.** If you see something you'd like to read, take it. You don't have to give a book at the same time as you take one. After you've read it, share it in any Little Free Library book-sharing box, bring it back here, or pass it on to a friend. Be a friend of all libraries, big and small. Share books whenever you can.

Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity through neighborhood book-sharing boxes. Visit the Little Free Library website to see our Elstow-Waihou School Library pinned on to the world map alongside the other Little Free Libraries around the world. There is another one in front of the Te Aroha Community Gardens you could check out. <https://littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap/>

Proudly brought to you by: Olivia, Isabella, Jordyn, Aston, Jackson, Reid, Regan, Leighton, Britta, Liam, Toby, Jono, and Zeke.



FROM THE COMMUNITY:

ELSTOW HALL AGM

Wednesday 9th December 2020
7:30pm at the HALL.
Please show your support for our Hall
by attending this meeting.
Chairman: John Osborne



The Lab (Y5&6) have been working on creating great art pieces for their 2021 calendars.

	DATES TO REMEMBER
Monday 7th	Y7/8 Dinner 6:00pm
Tuesday 8th	Pou whenua working bee 9:30am (to set Pou in the ground and concrete)
Wednesday 9th	Children's Farewell Assembly for Mr Stirling 2:15pm
Thursday 10th	Y8 Pou Ceremony 12:00 Prizegiving 2:00pm
Friday 11th	Last day of 2020 finishing 1:00pm
Tuesday 2nd February 2021	First day of Term 1 2021



With regards:

Sandy, Wendy, Deane, Lydia, Darren, Laura, Louise W, Rachel, Louise M, Kat, Colleen, Sarah, Gina, Nic, Te Wai, Gordon, Aroha & Jocelyn

