

ELSTOW-WAIHOU STAR

REACH FOR THE STARS

TOTORO HOKI
NGA WHETU

NEWSLETTER Term 1 Week 5 3rd March 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Kia ora koutou,

This week on Tuesday we had a curriculum expert come and work with the teachers. We are building rich tasks around our school visits this year and I know that the Studio and the Lab are looking forward to their overnighter at school next week. I'm looking forward to it too!

It was hard to cancel the tramp for the Senior school but keep your diary open as on the 24th March we are hoping to go ahead.

Please take note that we have a **teacher only day** on Monday the **13th March**. We are working hard at building a new curriculum at school based on the types of rich tasks we are building onto our trips. Thanks for your understanding around this.

Finally some sun! It has been a long time coming but we are delighted to welcome some sunshine to our school this year!

This is a good chance to remind you that we do need to be sun safe at school. We keep hats at school for the children. If they are lost we will contact you and ask you to replace them. Children are not allowed to play in the sun at break times without a hat. It is also a good idea to smother your children in sunscreen before they come to school.

Finally from me, I wanted to acknowledge our teachers. They work incredibly hard to support our children and I know they always appreciate a bit of manaakitanga from our lovely community. You may have heard that there is currently a little bit of friction between the Ministry of Education and the teaching union around a new collective agreement. We are all hoping that a quick solution can be found: I will keep you posted.

Ngā mihi nui, Doug

Music Lessons started for some children this week. All music pupils will get a letter today.



DISTRICT SWIMMING: If your child is attending District Swimming on Wednesday could you please let us know if you would be able to help on the day. We are a little short of help and in need of: 3-4 time-keepers, a marshall, someone to help in the office and possibly do the loudspeaker announcements.



MUFTI DAY FUNDRAISER !

The Glowworm Cave are raising money for our local Volunteer Fire Brigade.

We want to thank them for helping people in the storms we have had recently.

Please wear mufti and bring \$2 to show your support next **Thursday the 9th March**.

IT'S COMPETITION TIME!!! Registrations are open for both Tackle and Rippa Rugby. Register your child and pay fees by Friday 10th March to be in to win your fees back. Click on the link below

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/.../2023-junior.../Tab-1>

*Training Starts for Tackle Rugby on Tuesday 14th March 3.30pm to 4.30pm *

One of our regular families who have been connected to EWS for 14 years are currently urgently looking for a contract milking position in the local area. If you know of someone who can help you can contact Nat on 027-816-2115.

EWS PTA AGM

Many hands make light work.
Please consider joining the Elstow-Waihou School PTA

COME TO THE AGM AND HAVE YOUR SAY!

MARCH 14, 2023

7PM AT ST JOHN'S HALL IN TE AROHA

DATES	TO REMEMBER
Wednesday 8	District Swimming
Monday 13th	Teacher Only Day NO SCHOOL for children
Tuesday 14th	PTA AGM
Thursday 16th	Thames Valley Swimming
Wednesday 22nd	Hockey Big Day Out Piako-WaiBop Football