

Elstow-Waihou School

Newsletter

14th July 2025



Welcome Back

Kia ora koutou and welcome back to Term 3.

This term we are particularly focussed on our core skills of reading, writing and maths. If you can try and have a read with (or to) your child every night - it makes a difference in their learning!

We have board elections coming up soon and need nominations from parents - see the notes below and if you think you might be interested or would like to learn more pop in and see me! It isn't a huge commitment but it is a big contribution to the school.

I hope you all had a great holiday - good luck to our rural families as they head into a busy time!!

Ngā mihi nui,
Doug



Survey - last chance!

Our board is conducting a survey to help with our strategic plan. People who fill it out are entered for a \$100 Grocery Voucher draw. Last date for entry is Sunday 20th July so please get your thoughts in there!

Link is [here](#)

Board Elections

Our board election date has been set for Wednesday 10th September.

Nominations for parent elected board members are open from 18th July until the 6th August. Nomination forms are available from the office - see the box right for some information about being a parent representative.

Parent Rep

Supports the school to be as good as it can be!

- Board usually has 10 meetings per year focussing on school strategic direction, achievement, finances and property. Meetings are usually around 2 per term and last between 1 and 2 hours.

- Almost anyone can be nominated by a parent of the school (you can also nominate yourself)

If you know someone who might be interested encourage them (and then nominate them!!)

If you think you might be interested but would like to know more, contact our current Board Presiding Member Natasha Sutcliffe on natasha.sutcliffe@elstow-waihou.school.nz or Principal Doug in the office for a chat.

- Great way to gain an insight into education and how and why the school does certain things
- Great way to upskill and good on your CV!
- Training available



Aims Games

Our Year 7 and 8 students have the AIMS games coming up for basketball and netball in Week 8 of this term (first Week in September). Look out for some more information coming out at the start of next week for AIMS.

Thursdays, fortnightly from this week at 2.30pm	School Assemblies
Reuben Safety Bear for Jnr School	Wednesday 16th July
Beehive Parent Interviews	Thursday 17th July
Board Meeting	Tuesday 22nd July at 6.30pm
PTA Meeting	Wednesday 23rd July at 7.00pm
Māori Whanau Hui	Thursday 31st July, 6pm at School

Coming Up

We are going to continue to use our Google calendar on our website to share upcoming events. This is your one stop shop for the latest information and is available to view on our What's on Section linked [here](#). To help out I have listed a few of the items to the left - you will be getting more details from your classroom teacher on these.

Cross Country and Change of Clothes

For the first few weeks of this term we are preparing for Cross Country. Please send in with your child a **named change of clothes** so that we can keep them nice and dry after a muddy run. We will also use these clothes for break times.

If you are interested you can choose to buy a school sports shirt in your child's house colours. They can use this for cross country and also as a change of clothes. You can use [this link](#) for the shirts (and any other school uniform!).



Māori Whanau Hui

We invite all of our whanau who whakapapa to Māori to come in and join us on **the 31st July at 6.00pm** to share some kai and korero about our work as a school from a whanau perspective.



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Let's Reach for the Stars

Totoro hoki nga whetu

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