

# Elstow-Waihou School

## Newsletter

### 29th August 2025



We have had a bit of everything this week in the Weather - but we are starting to see some clouds parting and some blue skies - hoping that stays for next week's AIMS games.

I have been really interested in the work going on in the LAB. The team have been setting up pet traps and learning about some of the critters and pests that live in Elstow alongside us. If you get a chance, have a chat with one of the LAB kids about their work.



Finally, thanks to everyone who came to school in yellow. We raised \$216 for daffodil day so thanks everyone!

See you soon!

Ngā mihi nui,

Doug

## Good Luck AIMS games - Netball and Basketball

Next week we have our first team AIMS games for EWS. We have a girls netball team and a boys basketball from Y7 and 8 entering with games all week in Tauranga - the teams are going to have an amazing time with lots of support from Mums and Dads, coach Michelle and Mr. C and Mr. B. Good luck to everyone involved!!

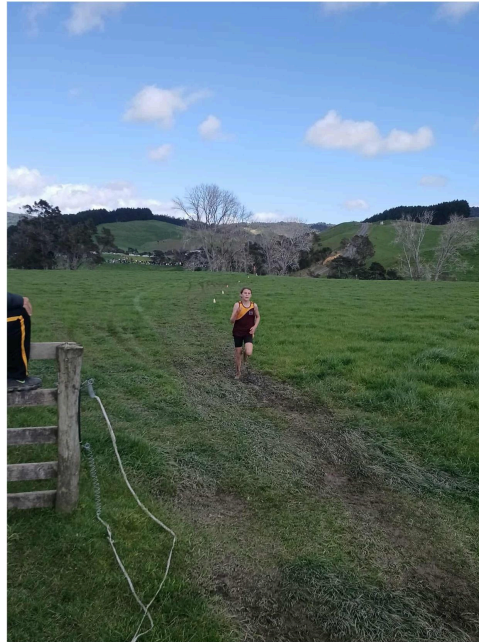


## Well done TV Cross Country runners

Congratulations to all of our Cross Country runners who had a great day in Ngatea on Tuesday.

In particular well done to Jessie who won her race (with Darcie not far behind in 3rd) and to Corbyn who completed a great day for the Mangin family finishing in 2nd. Catherine Whiting placed 2nd in her race too - well done there!

Lastly well done to all of our Y8s who completed their last ever TV competition for Elstow Waihou! Ka pai!



## Bull Calf Donations

**This year we are hoping to restart our bull calf donations to help us to raise money to resurface our school car park.**

We are arranging for someone to come and pick up the calves around weaning time and take them to the sale yard - I will let farmers know that date in plenty of time so that you can arrange things. We already have 7 commitments of bull calves and **we are hoping to find a few more farmers able to donate** so if you know someone please ask them to contact me or Jocelyn at the school by the end of this month.

This year the school has been fundraising to resurface the car park at school (the 'old' car park). The Hay Pickup team have generously donated over 7k towards the project and we have had a donation of 10k from Grassroots Trust. We are hoping to raise over \$5k with bull calves and the remaining cost will come directly from school operations - the total cost of the resurfacing is around \$32k so any money that we raise from bull calves will have a significant impact on the school.



Thanks in advance to everyone that can help us to improve our school!

## Save the date!

We have an exciting adult social coming up - Beats by Bingo - run by our PTA - is coming up on **Saturday 15th November** in the Elstow hall. For those of you who remember we had a great time 4 years ago and want to have another great evening! Put the date down now, with more details soon.

## Calf Club

Calf Club has been scheduled for Thursday 9th October. Last year the committee had asked you your preference and the majority preferred the first week after the holidays - hence this date.

**If you can help with committee please let Doug know or Kate Torrens directly.**  
**PLEASE RETURN ALL CUPS ASAP**



## ♻️ CAR, TRUCK & TRACTOR BATTERY RECYCLING ♻️

Fundraiser for Elstow-Waihou School

Got an old battery lying around? 🚗🚚🚜

We'll take your car, truck, and tractor batteries off your hands – and turn them into funds to support our school!

- ✅ Safe recycling
- ✅ Helps the environment
- ✅ Supports local kids' education

📞 Call Justin Slattery – 027 600 6766 to arrange pick-up or drop-off.

Every battery counts – thanks for supporting Elstow-Waihou School!

## Uniform Reminder: Uniform Update

We are focussing on tidying things up a little but with our uniform at school. Nothing has changed but we do want to remind you to help your child with the following uniform expectations:

- School uniform shirt with shorts, skirt or pants in plain black.
- Undershirts should be plain black only if you want them to have one. We have sweatshirts available if you are worried about cold.
- No jewelry other than a plain set of earrings. A pounamu or taonga necklace is fine but nothing else please.
- No skins or other visible undershorts
- Any shoes are fine but no gubbets in Crocs

We do have for sale at school 2 x New T-Shirts Size 12 \$35 each. Please see the office if you are interested (A parent purchased wrong size)



# OCTOBER



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

22 SEPTEMBER - 4 OCTOBER

MATAMATA LIBRARY	MORRINSVILLE LIBRARY	TE AROHA LIBRARY
 <p style="text-align: center;">Make an Alien in a Flowerpot Monday 22 September, 10.30am</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Design a Galaxy in a Jar Tuesday 23 September, 2pm</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Create a Kaleidoscope Tuesday 23 September, 10.30am</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Create a Parachute Rocket Wednesday 24 September, 10.30am</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Make Your Own Planet Friday 26 September, 10.30am</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Craft a Clay Space Light Thursday 25 September, 10.30am</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Build a LEGO Spaceship Monday 29 September - Saturday 4 October</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Create and Launch Bottle Rockets Tuesday 30 September, 2pm</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Passive Space-themed Activities Monday 29 September - Saturday 4 October</p>

**RSVP AT [MPDC.NZ/OCTHOLIDAYS](https://mpdc.nz/octholidays)**



**Cheer up Mrs. Legg - please come in and check out the Lost Property pile in the office**



AIMS Games (Y7/8 Basketball and Netball teams)	From 31st August - Week 8
Senior School visit to Blue Springs	Tuesday 9th September
Whole School Assembly	Thursday 11th September
Indoor Bowls Comp	Friday 12th September (AM)
College Enrolment Interviews	Friday 12th September (PM)
Last day of Term 3	Thursday 18th September
Teacher only Day	Friday 19th September

## 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.

Please note that we will have a teacher only day to complete our MOE maths allocation on the last Friday of term - Term 3 will therefore end on the Thursday of Week 10.

## Cross Country and Change of Clothes

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 as a change of clothes. You can use [this link](#) for the shirts (and any other school uniform!).



## Elstow-Waihou School

Let's Reach for the Stars

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