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Cool Choice Winners

Tayla Edwards	Rm 9
Brya Hodge	Rm 8
Maringirangi Waitere	Rm 12

These children will receive a "caught being good" Duffy book.

MVP Awards

Most Valuable Pupil

Rm.5	Tylah Ooink-Graham
Rm.6	Donnell Wood
Rm.7	Ngawharau Apaapa
Rm.8	Brandy Phillips
Rm.9	Jaden Petersen
Rm.10	Connor Giblin
Rm.11	Greer Dickson
Rm.12	Jarvis Gotty

Values Award

Rm.5	Rangipo Toa
Rm.6	Ngaiana Millar
Rm.7	Ebony Walker
Rm.8	Emily England
Rm.9	Karl Peck
Rm.10	Jack Rossiter
Rm.11	Taison Cassidy
Rm.12	Santasha Shelford

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Eltham Primary School "Creating Future Achievers"

From the Principal

The Office staff and I are moving into our new office block—the library—this week. On **Wednesday 6th September** (this week) there will be no phone into or out of the school as Telecom will be re-locating our services from one building to the other. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. From Thursday things should be back to normal in our offices in the Library.

The school has purchased a mobile phone so that parents may now text children's absences. Please do not phone us on this unless in an emergency. The number is **027 367 8742**.

Safety Reminders: Toll/TranzRail have contacted the School about children "playing chicken" on the railway lines with their bikes. Police will be travelling with the train drivers to monitor this as well as people stopping vehicles at railway crossings. Please talk to your children about the hazards of playing near the tracks.

Parents crossing High Street with their children are reminded to use the crossing to ensure that the children are getting the right message about safely crossing the road.

Winter Sports: Congratulations to our Rugby team who beat Ngaere on Thursday 55-5. They were unbeaten in all games. We will be playing Oakura in the final, date and venue to be confirmed.

Parent Teacher Interviews: Reminder that school will **close from 1.00pm** on Wednesday for interviews. Please ensure that you pick your children up at 1.00pm **not 3.00pm**.

There will be a Special Assembly on Tuesday 19th September to officially farewell A Block which will be demolished during the school holidays. All parents and past staff and students are invited to attend. More later.

Pet Day: We will have to cancel Pet Day this year because of the building work at the school from 25th September. A building site is no place for animals—it's going to be difficult enough with just the children! We apologise for any disappointment this may cause.

X Country: Friday 8th September. Juniors start at approx 11.30—1.00pm. All welcome for lunch. Seniors start at 1.00pm. Parent helpers needed please, otherwise events can't be held safely.

Roald Dahl World Day: 13th September would have been Roald Dahl's 90th birthday so the staff and children are asked to celebrate this event with some eccentricity like wearing their clothing backwards or odd shoes etc.

COMING EVENTS

- 6th Sept—Parent Teacher Interviews
- 7th & 14th Sept—next Let's Go Meetings for Y0/1 parents

Community Notices

Rugby Junior Rugby Prize Giving—September 9th at the Gym on Railway Street starting at 11.00am. There will be a Pot Luck Lunch. Please bring \$14 for photos'

Children's Input

Room 7

Room 7 have been learning to write procedures. As recipes are a great example of procedural writing we decided to 'invent' some of our own. Here is an example—

Ice Cream Pizza by Teresa Sou

This ice-cream pizza is a favourite with all our families and can be enjoyed after any meal.

Ingredients:

2 packets of Vanilla Wine biscuits

50g Unsalted butter, melted

2L Ice-cream of any flavour

1 Bottle of chocolate sauce

Plus any other toppings desired

Method:

1. Open the packets of biscuits and put into food processor and crush.
2. Add melted butter and mix again.
3. Press into a circle on a lined baking tray/sheet to make the base of the pizza.
4. Refrigerate the base for 2 hours until firm.
5. Take ice-cream out of the freezer about 15 minutes before the base comes out.
6. Spread the base with ice cream and add any other toppings desired like lollies etc...
7. Freeze until needed then pour the chocolate sauce on.
8. Cut into pieces and enjoy.

As part of our 'Discover It' theme we investigated the properties of 'Popcorn' (both popped and unpopped). Here is an example of an Acrostic poem to show what we found out.

Physically changed with intense heat

Observing carefully, the rate of change

Pressure mounts as steam is heating

Creating salty, buttery perfection

Outer skin of kernel alters state

Releases moisture to the point of exploding

Natural sugars known as starch held within the kernel.

By Timothy Stanners