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NEWS LETTER

Kia ora Whānau,

What a fantastic couple of weeks we have had here at Elsthorpe School. It has been wonderful to see our tamariki getting involved in different activities, showing enthusiasm, determination and a willingness to give things a go.

School Athletics

A huge congratulations to everyone who participated in school athletics. It was a wonderful day competing against Omakere school. It was awesome to see the children trying their best and competing with determination and positive attitudes. You all did a fantastic job. Its fair to say we have some great athletes.

BOT Report

Kia ora Koutou,

It has been a busy year for our Board, with several challenging but successful leadership transitions. After Tim Waite's departure in Term 2, we welcomed Gina Smith as Interim Principal in Term 3, giving us time to complete the permanent principal appointment process.

Gina brought a wealth of experience and energy to her leadership, and the Board received many positive and encouraging commentsabout her impact in such a short time. Our sincerest thanks to Gina for her hard work and for preparing the way for our permanent principal. We wish her all the best at her next school on Lake Taupo. Enjoy the fishing!

Following a comprehensive employment process, the Board appointed Luke Rosvall to be our new Principal. Luke was appointed out of a strong field of applicants, and comes to us from Kimiora School in Flaxmere. Luke and his family have moved out to Elsthorpe showing a strong commitment to our school and community.

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It was excellent to see them involved in the auspicious annual Elsthorpe vs Omakere Netball and Rugby fixture back in September. Elsthorpe being the victors!
We thank Luke for the strong and positive start he has made and we look forward to a bright future at Elsthorpe School under your leadership.

Our staff deserve special recognition. Leadership changes can be unsettling in any environment. We thank all staff for working with us and stepping in where needed to maintain consistent education for our children throughout these transitions.

Chanel Paku, has stepped down from the BOT, as a parent representative, to pursuit other endeavours that will occupy this time space. Chanel has been an excellent presence and voice on our Board and we thank her for her service to our school. We now have a Board Vacancy. Please see the latest notice on how we plan to fill the vacancy on our School Whanau Page and Community Page (Facebook).

Recent school maintenance is due to finish within the next two weeks, giving us our space back with improved resilience. Thank you to everyone for your patience around the construction site and workers, and to Nga Iti Kahurangi (MOE) and the BGIS team for their work. Once the work is complete, some clean-up will be needed to get the school back in order. Please join our working bee on Sunday 6 December, from 1–3pm, if you can. A BBQ and refreshments will be provided.

A bit of work has also gone into getting our pool back up and going again. We are now ready to reopen the pool to students during school hours. We will also be opening the pool to our community for use after school hours. Please lookout for community pool notices on our Facebook pages and Skool Loop or talk to our office about how to obtain access for the season.

Please join us for our School Community Information Evening on Thursday 12th November at 5.30pm, as part of our strategic planning for 2027. We hope you have seen the advertised notice. We will outline the planned structure for 2027 and discuss the strategic plan, including what matters most to us at Elsthorpe School.

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The Principal and BOT will also answer questions. Please come along if you can - the more input we receive, the better our decisions will be.

As always we value our whanau input. If there are any communications around the operations and management of the school please contact your Teacher or our Principal. And if there are any communications at a governance level please reach out to one of our Parent Reps or contact the presiding member directly. Our next BOT meeting and our last meeting for the year will be on the 7 th December, 2026 @ 6pm.

As we close out the year, let's do so well.

Ngā mihi Mahana,

Ray Munn
Presiding Member
On behalf of the Elsthorpe School BOT

ATHLETICS DAY













ELSTHORPE SPORTING EXCELLENCE

On Sunday, a few Elsthorpe students who are part of the CHB Athletics Club, attended the Athletics competition in Waipukurau. All Elsthorpe kids came away with ribbons and had a fantastic day. Lola, Jordan, Evie and Riley with their winning ribbons



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To find out more; Contact Alana Overton, 027 870 9986

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