

Enriching, Encouraging, Empowering

Message from The Principal

We have now had two short weeks of school and it is definitely making the weeks go quickly. This week the bike shed opened and each hub got the opportunity to take out the school bikes during the breaks. This was very popular and it was great to see our school bikes getting well used. We will look to add the fleet of scooters to the bike shed roster in the coming weeks.

Last week you will have seen a large number of children and staff who have joined Elmgrove this year featured on the front page. I want to officially welcome our new staff members who have started with us this year. Megan Pelvin, Karen Reid and Emma Tilbury have all taken up full time teaching positions and Fiona Broad and Poppy Broad have joined our support staff team. We are all very pleased to have you as part of the Elmgrove staff. I also welcome Aimee Ballanayne, Ben Affleck and Laura Cannons who are our final year college teachers this year. They will be with us throughout the year with regular visits and a couple of longer postings.

It has been great to see the high level of correct uniform over the last two weeks. We have plenty of uniform in stock if you need some larger sizes after the holiday break. I remind everyone that Term 1 is a compulsory sunhat term and that children not wearing hats are restricted in their available play areas. These hats should be clearly named and should stay at school at the end of each day so they are not forgotten and left at home.

Next week is Year 6 camp week. Our senior children will be very excited about this adventure. I will be attending camp each day next week so will not be around school, if you wish to contact me I recommend email which I will check each evening.

Junior swimming has been in full swing this week and our junior children are enjoying their daily swimming lessons. It is great to see the confidence and skill gains these children get in such a short time frame. Swimming and water safety are very important in New Zealand and we encourage parents to keep up the practice in this area while the weather is suitable.

I wish you all a good weekend

Chris McKinlay Principal





Reporting Absences

We have several ways for parents to advise that a child is not attending school

- 1. Use the Skool Loop App (Download this in your App Store)
- 2. Ring and leave an absence on phone line. 03-489 6252
- 3. Text 0274622920
- 4. Email office@elmgrove.school.nz

Please make sure your absence is sent by 9.00 am Also, please advise the office if your child is going to be away on holiday or away for an extended period.

Please don't forget to let us know if your child is going to be absent. Here are all the ways you can let us know.

Elmgrove School's annual baking stall at the Party in the Park is on Sunday 21st February.

The baking stall is really popular on the day so we are in desperate need of lots of yummy things to sell. Biscuits, slices, cakes and loaves are all very popular sellers. Please support this fundraiser by baking something for our school!

Baking can be donated in icecream containers or on wrapped throwaway plates. If you wish to donate in a plastic baking container please name it and we will pop in the office for pickup on the Monday.

We will be collecting baking at the following times:

Friday 19th February - please drop off to the school office before 3pm

Saturday 20th - please drop off to 21 Forth Street between 2 - 3 pm.

Thank you for your support.

Kauri Hub

An awesome start to the year in the Kauri Hub!

We have had a fantastic first two weeks of learning in the Kauri Hub!

Our main focus has been on getting to know our new classmates and work in groups. We have had a great time playing with our new class equipment and chess and lego are very popular!

Learning names, taking turns, saking friends, mastering routines and feeling happy in our new hub have kept us busy in the first two weeks! We can't wait for our camp and activity weeks next week



Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

Important dates - (mark these on your calendar)

Week 2 - 8th February - 14th February

12th February Family Time assembly hosted by Totara

All Week Junior Swimming

Week 3 15th February - 21st February

15th-18th February Year 6 camp - Waihola 16th-18th February Year 5 activity week All Week Junior Swimming

Week 4 22nd February - 28th February

26th February Family Time assembly hosted by Kauri

Week 5 1st March - 7th March

3rd March Walk and Wheels day

5th March Family Time assembly hosted by Matai

Week 68th March - 14th March

All Week Senior Swimming
10th March Dunedin Triathlon

12th March TSSA Swimming Champs

12th March Family Time assembly hosted by Rata

Week 7 15th March - 21st March

All Week Senior Swimming

18th March Year 5/6 Girls Multisport day

19th March Family Time assembly hosted by Kowhai

Week 8 22nd March - 28th March

22nd March Otago Anniversary day - No School

All Week Senior Swimming

19th March Family Time assembly hosted by Manuka

Week 9 29th March - 4th April

2nd April Easter Friday - No School

Week 10 5th April - 10th April

5th-6th April Easter Monday & Tuesday - No School 9th April Family Time assembly hosted by Rimu

10th April Otago Swimming Champs

Singing Lemons & Vocal Coaching

(Modern Styles like Pop, Rock, R&B, Gospel, Jazz)



- Learn to sing without limitations
- Unlock your voice to discover its full potential
- Extend your range and sing high notes with ease
- Overcome vocal problems like singing out of tune
- Learn healthy vocal techniques.

FREE initial appointment

All ability levels welcome from ages 7 and up.

(Group classes available by arrangement)

Letitia Lindeque Vocal Coach

0211 396 297 / letitialindeque@gmail.com



Air Fitness here,

We are currently taking registrations for **Kidz Fit Term 1, 2021**. We have limited spaces available and bookings are essential!

At Air Fitness we run a Kidz Fit Program for **8-13 year olds**, every **Monday 4pm**. Focusing on fun, agility, cardio, balance and coordination with equipment, games and our unique aerial silks!

Parents / caregivers may use our gym facilities while the sessions are running for a casual fee of \$10.

The program for Term 1 will begin on **Monday 15**th **February**, with registrations taking place from 1st Feb.

If you would like further information about the Kids Fit program, or know someone that would, please feel free to contact us with any questions or queries.

Ph: 03 479 2825

Email: Info@airfitness.co.nz

Kind regards,

The Air Fitness Team



Children's Taekwon-Do in 2021! Dunedin NZ

Beginners only Class on Monday at 4pm.

- Designed for 5-10yrs
- Focus on mindset, motivation, leadership skills
- Increased discipline and self control
- Self Esteem and confidence

Located at 441 Princes Street, Dunedin NZ Starting Monday 1st February 2021.

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contact: queensaerobics@gmail.com

join our team

At Queen's Aerobics we have a huge emphasis on fitness and strength training! We work hard to ensure that all athletes are fit enough to perform the choreography with intensity and can execute the skills required.

LESSON INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON REQUEST







SUPERSTAR CRICKET & GIRLS SMASH Taieri (Brooklands Park)

Where: Brooklands Park, Mosgiel.

When: Tuesday 23rd Feb - Tuesday 23rd March

Who: Boys & Girls School Years 3-8.

Cost: \$60 per team of six.

- Play in school or mixed teams!
- No cricketing experience required!
- All cricket gear supplied!45-minute long games!
- Inclusive & engaging format!

To register, please fill out the team or individual registration form, and send to wkindley@otagocricket.co.nz.















WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A GO AT **DIVING**?

Want to try before you sign up for a term of lessons?

Register for one of our FREE, NO OBLIGATION Have a Go days:

Children - Wednesdays 4pm - 5pm Children - Saturdays 1pm - 2pm Adults - Wednesdays 6pm - 7pm

If you can swim in deep water, you can have a go - give it a try!

Where? Moana Pool, diving well



Register now with Coach Aimée:

Txt: 022 406 4865

Email: divingotakou@gmail.com Web: divingotakou.org.nz

