Elmgrove School

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Message from The Principal

This week has been another week of trips in the junior school. Yesterday the Rimu hub had an awesome adventure on the Monarch out to the Albatross Colony and back and today the Rata Hub are away on the same trip. Next week our middle school and year 6 students have end of year trips.

On Wednesday night we had our annual Christmas carol evening. Thank you to the Elmgrove fundraising group for again organising this event. This serves not only as a performance opportunity for our students but also as an opportunity for the community to get together and share over some food. The weather did not really play its part and we had to shift the carols inside the hall. This did not diminish the performances, well done to all the children who took part in this event.

I want to again take this opportunity to remind you that school finishes for the year at 12.30pm on Wednesday 16th December. We are this year finishing with a final leavers assembly at Taieri College and are asking that parents collect their children from Taieri at 12.15pm where possible. For children who walk home we will walk children back to school and they can leave from here at 12.30pm. School starts back on Tuesday 2nd February next year.

School reports and class placement notices will come home next Friday. Make sure you check your children's bag for these. We will have our transition visits to 2021 classes on Monday morning the following week.

Chris McKinlay
Principal

RESPONSIBILITY | RESPECT | CARING | PERSEVERANCE

WOW Look who has earned a school values badge this week!

- Johnson Griffith - Responsibility
- Alexander Hasaka-Purton - Responsibility
- Jetson Bell - Respect

And these children get Morning tea with Mr McKinlay for getting 15 Tumeke Cards!

- Spencer Aitken
- Stella Pomeroy-Corfield

For demonstrating our school values the following children have achieved 10 Tumeke Cards this week!

- Lily Williams
- Tyler Gable
- Ryan Mitchell
- Benjamin Reynolds

For demonstrating our school values the following children have achieved 5 Tumeke Cards this week!

- Andreas Knox
- Charlie C Morrison
- Nixon Mellon-Macgillivray
- Isla Aitken
- Chloe Hiri
- Lycan Cuff-Willman

- Kallin Spence
- Liam Smith
- Freya Stevenson
- Rose McLeary
- Esther Griffith
- Riley Stichman
- Michal Przbyla-Astbury

Pohutakawa Hub

In Pohutukawa Hub we love all of our different options for choosing. We can work by ourselves or with a friend. Some of our favourite choices are: LEGO, farms and playing school. It is fun to be the teacher.

We have been having fun getting in the Christmas spirit. Lachlan and Eli have really enjoyed making our class beautiful with paper chains - they are getting really long. We made Santa and a Christmas Tree. We also made some cute little elves!

Holiday Programme

Hi All,

Christmas is just around the corner. We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support during 2020 and wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

Just a wee reminder that we will be running a Before Christmas programme for two days on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December 2020. We will do Christmas art and craft and just be having a fun time. Please make sure you bring togs, towel, sunhat and a drink bottle everyday as we will go to the school pool, have water fights and water games, weather permitting.

Our 2021 Christmas holiday programme will run from Monday 11th January 2021 till Friday 29th January 2021. **Please note there will be NO care available on Monday 1st February – Elmgrove School commences 9am on Tuesday 2nd February 2021.**

We have a fun filled program planned. Children are welcome to bring technology but it will only be used under staff supervision and we accept no responsibility if it is lost or damaged. Please bring along bikes and scooters so you can have fun on our new bike/scooter track. It's awesome!!

There will be a $5 charge for our trip days that will be added to your account.

If you are interested in joining us for the above programs please click on the links below. Enrolments for the Before Christmas will need to be in by December 8th and our New Year Program by 31st December 2020.

If you have any questions please contact Irene on 027 696 1240 or email **irenec@elmgrove.school.nz.**

Please note (as per email sent out 1st September) that from Monday 28th September 2020 our hourly fee will increase to $6 per hour capped at $40 per day, additional charges for trips and bought lunches still apply. Occasionally we have children booked into our programme who fail to arrive on the day without any notification. This has caused some families to miss out especially on trip days. This has also cost the programme, as we are required to provide correct staff to children ratios and pay for children booked on trips rather than those who actually attend. Failure to attend booked sessions in the holiday programme that have not been notified by 8am on the day will incur a three hour charge as well as the cost of any trips booked on that day.

Kids West Holiday Programme Enrolment Form 2020
Term 1 Holiday Programme
Parent Information

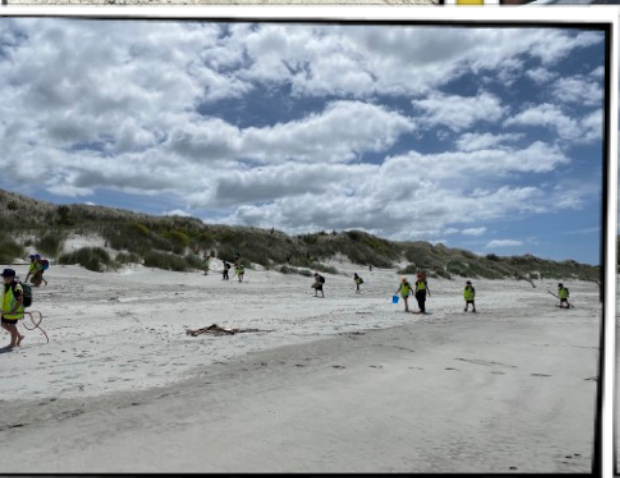
We look forward to seeing you in the holidays.

Thanks
Irene and Kids West Staff

Waldronville Beach Clean up

The Sea clean up

Wow that was a very long and exciting trip! We started by getting on the bus, It really was stuffed and really noisy because there were 50 of us on each bus. When we got there we got into groups of 8 and walked along a narrow sandy track to get to the beach. When we got there we got our gloves and sunscreen on and set off along the beach. We were all surprised how clean the beach was so we didn't find much rubbish.We kept walking along the beach until we spotted a baby seal sunbathing.We rang D.O.C and told them about the abandoned baby seal. They were going to sort it out for us.We carried on walking along the beach and then decided to stop for lunch.We just started our sand sculptures and soon realised there was a sea lion trying to find its baby but it was racing towards us so we had to run up a big sand dune and wait till it went away.Everyone was screaming and yelling but we were fine. We finished our sand sculptures. They turned out really cool. After that we packed up and went on the bus back to school.we had an awesome time and thank you to all the helpers.



WILDLIFE ALERT
Sea Lions, fur seals, yellow-eyed penguins & sea birds
WHAT: SEA LION (FEMALE)
WHERE: on beach/dunes/track
Dogs on leads along track
FROM: 20/11/20 until 5/12/20
or until further notice
Some tips:
• Always carry a leash if you are walking your dog
• Give our wildlife space
• Take care and be cautious around our coastal wildlife.

Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

Important dates - *(mark these on your calendar)*

Week 8 - 30th November - 6th December

4th December	Rata / Pohutakawa Albatross / Monach Trips
4th December	Family Time Assembly - Hosted by Rimu

Week 9 - 7th December -13th December

All Week	Junior Swimming
8th December	Pukeko Trip to Salt Water Pool/Dino Park
9th December	BIG day out - Seniors
10th December	Thank-you Morning Tea - Helpers
10th December	Sausage Sizzle available today

Week 10 - 14th December - 16th December

14th December	Junior Hubs walk - Ross Creek to Woodhaugh
16th December	Leavers Assembly
16th December	Last day - Term 4

School Resumes for 2021 on Tuesday 2nd February

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.

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MITRE 10

Fri 11th December 7pm

Sat 12th December 2pm

Sun 13th December 2pm

Fri 18th December 7pm

Sat 19st December 2pm

Sun 20th December 2pm

$5 per seat

Adult | Child

Adult with child on knee

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Season October - April

Bendigo Valley Sports & Charity Foundation

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The Santa Parade is needing children to be on the floats. The parade is being held on Sunday 6 December. You need to be available from 12.30 until 5.30 and an adult needs to accompany the child for the duration of the afternoon. We particularly need little kids and big kids If you are interested please email dnsantakids@gmail.com