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## Message from The Principal

Kia ora

This week I spent three days at school camp and shared in the activities with our Year 6 students. It was a fantastic week with lots of new experiences. I really enjoyed getting to know some of our kids in a different environment and took the opportunity to shoot them during archery tag and join them on the zip line. A special thank you to our camp teachers Mr Langley and Miss Donaldson as well as the parents who came and made all of the activities possible. There are a number of children missing today due to tiredness after a full on few days.

While our Year 6 students were away our Year 5 group took part in activity week with Mrs Clark and Mrs Heller. I have seen photos of their trips out to the Marine Centre and Quarantine Island and am confident they also had a great week.

This week is the last week for swimming for the Juniors and the Middle syndicate start swimming next week. I am sure you will have received reminders about bringing swimming togs of this.

I have left in the newsletter the information about our school Health programmes for another week and invite any feedback on this via email.

Next week is your first Board meeting for the year and the Board will be confirming the school targets and annual goals. I will update you on news from the Board next week after their meeting.

Last week I gave a heads up about the early finish on 1st March due to a paid union meeting. Please note this date.

The school has a teacher only day scheduled for Monday 24th April. This has been allocated by the Ministry of Education for all teachers across New Zealand to undertake some professional development on the revised curriculum. As this is the day before Anzac day, Term 2 will start for students on Wednesday 26th April rather than the 24th as originally advertised.

I hope you all have a great weekend

Nga Mihi  
Chris McKinlay  
Principal



# Term 1 Ambassadors



Makai



Adalyn

## After School Care

Hi All,

We hope everyone has had a great Holiday Break. Now is the time to enrol for our Before and After School Care Programme. This enrolment form needs to be filled out by ALL New AND Existing families. This is to ensure we have updated details to start the new year with.

Please read over the Parent information and fill out the updated Enrolment form.

If you have any questions please contact Irene on 027 696 1240 or email [irenec@elmgrove.school.nz](mailto:irenec@elmgrove.school.nz).

We look forward to seeing you again soon.

Thanks  
Irene and Kids West Staff

# School Reminders

## School Lunches

Ours website has all the information you need in regards to ordering School lunches and menus.

Subway - Wednesday  
Sushi - Thursday  
Monto Carlo - Friday

## SKOOL LOOP

Our School uses The Skool Loop application to communicate and send important information. Please make sure you have this application downloaded on your phone and updated so you receive any important updates.

## MUSIC LESSONS

Click on the link above to read about our music lesson options

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Click on the link above to see upcoming events

## ABSENCES

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

1. Use the stool Loop App
2. Ring and leave an absence on 03-4896252
3. Text 0274622920
4. Email [office@elmgrove.school.nz](mailto:office@elmgrove.school.nz)

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

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# Health Education Consultation

“In health and physical education, the focus is on the well-being of students, other people, and society, through learning in health-related and movement contexts.” (*The New Zealand Curriculum page 22*)

Four independent concepts are at the heart of this learning area.

- Hauora
- Attitudes and values
- Socio-ecological perspective
- Health promotion

The four strands are:

- Personal Health and Physical Development
- Movement Concepts and Motor Skills
- Relationships with Other People
- Healthy Communities and Environments

The seven key areas of learning are: mental health, sexuality education, food and nutrition, body care and physical safety, physical activity, sports studies, and outdoor education.

At Elmgrove School we are a health promoting, water only school, we deliver health education using the Inquiry approach and integrate this throughout our termly topics. The physical education and sporting components are on-going throughout the year. These are skill based and feed into our sporting programmes for students.

Over the last two years the school has had a major focus on our school values which incorporate many aspects of the health curriculum. We also had a focus on Positive Behaviour for Learning and looking after our environment. These have fitted well with the school's vision and direction. This year we will be again participating in the Police assisted programmes Keeping Ourselves Safe and Lockdown training.

Extra initiatives regularly offered by the school in the health and PE curriculum area include:

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| ● Seasons of Growth programme         | Fire, ambulance, police led programmes                 |
| ● Fire safety                         | First Aid with St Johns                                |
| ● Keeping Ourselves Safe              | Outdoor education camps                                |
| ● Zone Sports/ Championship Sports    | Swimming lessons                                       |
| ● Kapa Haka                           | Road safety  |
| ● Visits by sporting representatives  | Water only programmes                                  |
| ● Soccer skills                       | Miniball coaching sessions                             |
| ● Netball coaching sessions           | Athletics skills development                           |
| ● Gymnastics skills development       | Sports teams: netball/hockey/miniball/teeball/touch... |
| ● Walk n Wheel week                   | Community planting and beautification projects         |
| ● Physical Activity leaders - PALs    | Peer mentor programme                                  |
| ● Healthy eating                      | Food and Nutrition                                     |
| ● Sun smart                           | Enviro schools   |
| ● Parent and Daughter night (puberty) | School based counselling services                      |
| ● Mindfulness coaching                | Oral Hygiene with Otago Dental School                  |

Having read this summary of the Health Education programmes at Elmgrove School please feel free to submit any questions or comments you may have about these programmes.

Are there any other Health Education needs you would like us to consider for your children?

If you would like to provide comment, suggestions or just gain further information about our programmes please use the link below to email me [chrism@elmgrove.school.nz](mailto:chrism@elmgrove.school.nz)  
Chris McKinlay



# RATA HUB

In Rata we have started the year revising our knowledge on Shape and Patterning. The children have been enjoying showing their teachers what they can do. We have been doing fun activities like shape bingo, outdoor shape hunts, and pattern making to share our thinking with each other. It's been lovely to see the children working together and learning from each other too. Some children could even make a repeating pattern with more than two colours or shapes, can you spot any here?



The Kiwi Team have been swimming the past two weeks and having a great time doing it. Rata has seen great improvements and lots of confidence building. Some groups have been building confidence in the water to safely move around and be comfortable getting their heads wet. Other groups have worked on confidence when back floating or diving to the bottom. No matter the focus, everyone has had a smile on their face!





# RATA HUB

This week Cricket Otago came and took us for a training session. It was so much fun that we used the experience to start some amazing writing focussing on using action verbs. Here are some the Rata students came up with: run, bat, throw, catch, and freeze.







Year 6 Camp was full of exciting new challenges for both children and adults. Here are a few of the activities we participated in over the week. We will have some further photos for you over the coming weeks.





Year 5 students spent three days out exploring the community while the Year 6 students were on camp. This included a visit to the Portobello Aquarium and Quarantine Island.



# Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

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

### Week 4- 20th-24th February

All Week

Swimming for Middles

21st February

Board Meeting

24th February

Assembly - Hosted by Matai

### Week 5- 27th February-3rd March

All Week

Swimming for Middles

1st March

Paid Union meeting school closes 12.30pm

3rd March

Assembly - Hosted by Kowhai

### Week 6- 6th-10th March

1st March

School finishes at 12.30 due to Paid

Union meeting

for teachers

10th March

Assembly - Hosted by Kauri

### Week 7- 13th-17th March

17th March

Assembly - Hosted by Totora

### Week 8- 20th-24th March

21st March

Board Meeting

24th March

Assembly - Hosted by Rata

26th March

Otago Primary School Swimming Champs

### Week 9- 27th-31st March

31st March

Assembly - Hosted by Manuka

### Week 10- 3rd-7th April

6th April

Last day for Term 1

7th April

Easter Friday

## TERM 2 STARTS BACK- WEDNESDAY 26th April

Please note Elmgrove will return after the holidays on 26th April 2023 as 24th April is a Ministry allocated Teacher only day and 25th April is Anzac Day.



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### Term Dates 2023

**Term 1**  
Weds 1 February - Thurs 6 April

**Term 2**  
Mon 24 April - Fri 30 June

**Term 3**  
Mon 17 July - Fri 22 Sept

**Term 4**  
Mon 9 Oct - Tues 19 Dec


# SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC CLASSES 2023

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- ★ For primary school children
- ★ Small group lessons
- ★ A wide variety of instruments to choose from
- ★ Instruments available for very affordable hire
- ★ Orchestras and ensemble groups for second-year players to advanced level
- ★ Five school centres - George Street Normal, Bathgate Park, Elmgrove, Mornington and Tainui
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03 477 2296

 Saturday Morning Music  
Classes - Dunedin

ENROLMENT DETAILS ~ SATURDAY 11 FEBRUARY at GEORGE STREET NORMAL SCHOOL MAIN BLOCK 9:30-11:00 or BATHGATE PARK SCHOOL FOYER 9:30-10:30, and WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY at ELMGROVE SCHOOL 3:30-4:30

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## Come join the Elm Grove Fundraising Committee **WE NEED YOU!!!**

We are only a small group of volunteering parents and would love some more helpers and fresh ideas for this year.

**We would love to see some new faces at our AGM on the  
21st February at 7pm in the Kowhai Hub.**

This is always a lovely get together to go through fundraising ideas and make events happen for the children.

As a parent at Elmgrove you are already a member... come and join us!

Any questions please contact:

Lyn 021 254 6454 or Angela 020 409 343 79







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## LESSONS FOR KIDS

### JOIN THE CLUB IN 2023!



Be active. Gain skills. Play with friends!  
Amazing coaches! Racquets and balls provided.

**HOT SHOTS SUMMER: 11 Feb - 1 Apr (Sat mornings)**

**Ages 3 - 12. Four age groups. \$60/child/term**

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