



Enriching, Encouraging, Empowering

Message from The Principal

We have reached the end of the school year for 2019 with school finishing at 12.30 today following our assembly. Many children are missing from classrooms today and those who are here are scrubbing desks and moving furniture. Today we farewell 4 of our staff with Grant, Denise, Margaret and Georgina finishing up at the end of today. I would like to thank them for their service to the school over all of the years they have worked here. It is a big change for us and we will miss their input and collegiality next year. We wish them well with as they move on.

We have appointed Blair Liffiton as a teacher in the Rimu Hub and Kendall McGuire has been appointed as our new teacher aide and will be working in the Matai Hub next year. We look forward to having them join our team.

This week has been full of trips for the students with all of the teams going out into the community at least once. Check out some of the photos from these trips in this final newsletter.

I hope you have a restful break and make the most of what ever time you have off from work. I remind those who use the kids west programme holiday programme that this starts up on Monday 13th of January and runs for the last three weeks of the holiday period. School returns for all students on Monday 3rd February.

Have a very Merry Christmas

Chris McKinlay
Principal



FINAL FAREWELLS

It is with a mixture of excitement, sadness and anticipation that I am finishing my time at Elmgrove. Excitement – looking forward to Christmas with my family and the holidays. Sadness, at leaving my Elmgrove family, including my colleagues, Elmgrove families and the kids! Anticipation – of beginning a new job, including new challenges and establishing new relationships with children and their families. I began teaching at Mosgiel West in 2002 and carried on through the merger when Elmgrove was formed. There have been lots of changes – no glue sticks back then – we mixed up paste and brushed it on and waited half a day for it to dry. I had only just learned how to use a computer and my first digital camera was a big square almost cube that used a floppy disc. I had to put the disc into the tower of the desktop and wait 20 minutes for one photo to print – so different to taking photos on my phone, using airdrop and printing a page of photos in one second. I really appreciate all that I have learned in my time at Elmgrove. I have had many professional development opportunities, learnt heaps from working with children and their families and from my colleagues. Thank you for the support you have provided in my years here and I wish you all well as Christmas draws near. Have a wonderful holiday with your families! Merry Christmas

- Denise

Kia ora Whanau Elmgrove,

The role of a teacher is a privileged position in our community. As parents you place a great deal of trust and responsibility in us to work with your children and support you in nurturing their development. Thank you for the confidence and trust you have shown me.

Elmgrove School has been the longest tenure in my career and I believe this testifies to the safe, positive and progressive environment to be found in the school. Elmgrove also realised a milestone for me where, after 23 years of teaching in the same community, I began teaching the second generation of families.

In recent times, some educational reforms have focused parents on measuring their children's progress against a narrow set of standardised norms. While it is important to have a guide for academic progress, I would encourage you to place greater importance on the whole child, identifying and fostering the wonderful uniqueness there is to be found in every individual. Celebrate their differences, for it is these that will set them apart and ensure their success.

Three weeks ago I was looking forward to another year in the Kiwi Team, consolidating the learning I had done as a new Junior School teacher. Now I can identify closely with the many Year 6 cohorts I have supported as they moved on from Elmgrove School. I am excited to be able to take this next step in my career and leave in the confidence that the children of Elmgrove are well served by the teaching and support staff here and knowing I have served you to the best of my ability.

E noho rā
Grant Peacock

Kids West Holiday Programme

Hi All,

Only a couple of weeks of the term left and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting our holiday programme and to Wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

Just a little reminder that we are not running a programme before Christmas as Elmgrove School finishes on Thursday 19th December 2019 at lunch time. Our 2020 Christmas programme will run from Monday 13th January till Friday 31st February 2020.

We have a fun-filled programme planned. Please make sure you bring togs, towel, sunhat and drink bottle everyday as we will go for a swim at the school pool, have water fights and water games etc. Children are welcome to bring along technology, bikes, scooters etc but we hold no responsibility if it gets lost or damaged.

There will be a \$5 charge for each trip and a \$10 charge for the Oamaru trip, that will be added on to your account.

Any queries please ph/txt on 027 696 1240 or email, irenec@elmgrove.school.nz
We look forward to receiving your enrolment. When they are received your child/ren's place in the programme is guaranteed. If you need WINZ forms filled out, these will need to be done before Wednesday 18th December 2019 or on the day that care starts.

Please bring EVERY DAY a drink bottle and sunhat.

Cell phones will be locked away and if your child needs to use it they will have to ask a leader.

We look forward to seeing you in the holidays.

Please click on the link's below too enrol or see our programme for upcoming holidays.

[**Enrolment Form**](#)
[**Programme for Term 1 - 2020**](#)
[**Parent Information**](#)

Thanks

Irene and Kids West Staff

Trips around the school this week!!

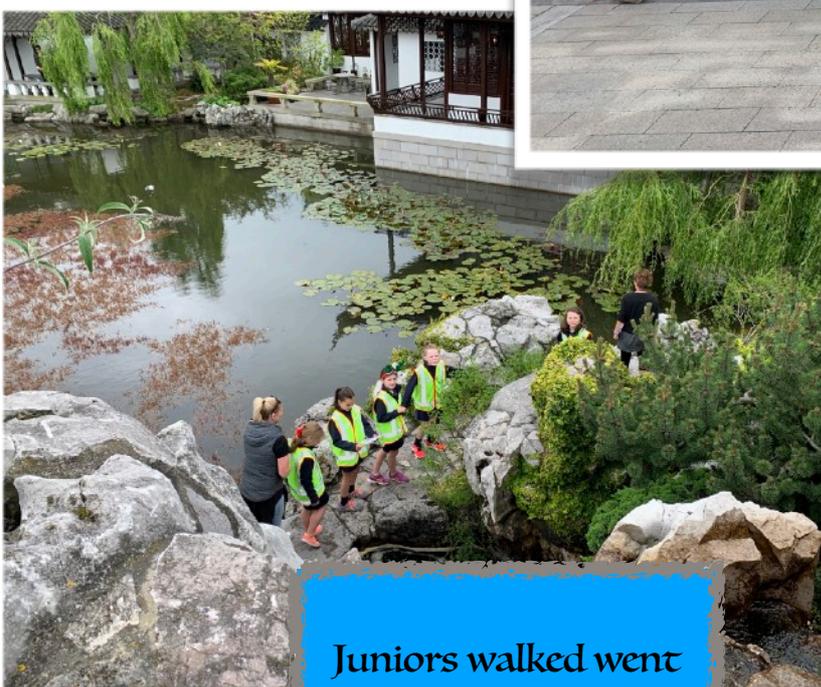


Juniors went to
Dosgiel Central
Kindergarten and sang
Christmas carol's



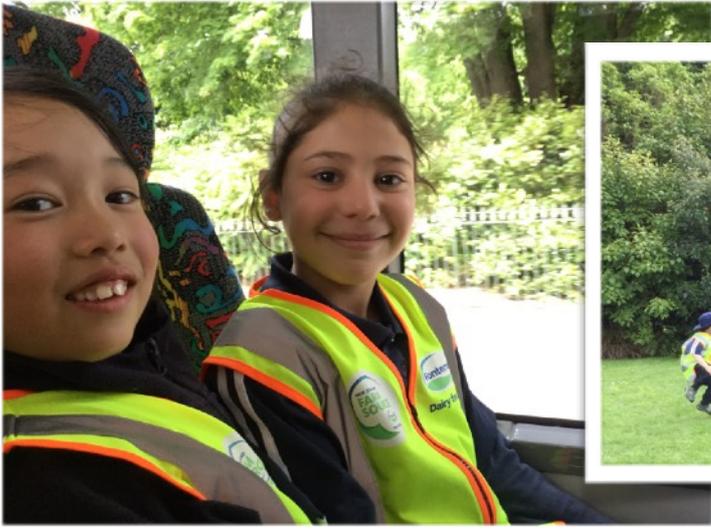
It was to wet
to go to the
library, so the
library story-
man came to
us!!

Middles went to Pixie town and the Chinese Gardens



Juniors walked went to Ross Creek, Walked to Woodhaugh gardens and then walked to Botanic Gardens.





Seniors went to
Dosgjel Pool



Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

Important dates - (mark these on your calendar)

Week 10-16th December - 20th December

- 19th December LAST DAY OF TERM - **12.30 FINISH**
- **19th December** Assembly 11.30am!

School Starts back Monday 3rd
February 2020

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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

POOL KEYS NOW AVAILABLE



Mosgiel West Community Pool

Argyle St - Mosgiel

Keys available from the Elmgrove School
Office for \$70

Phone (03) 489 6252

Season October - April



"A heated, covered pool, warm and safe for children and all the family"

Dunedin Ice Skating Club Presents

A JUNGLE CHRISTMAS on ice

3 SHOWS

FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER 6PM
SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER 12PM
SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER 4PM

ADULT \$10 | CHILD \$8 | FAMILY \$35
(2 ADULTS, 3 KIDS)

DUNEDIN ICE STADIUM
101 VICTORIA ROAD

DRESS WARM!
BRING A BLANKET!

DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL | Dunedin
ICE Skating
OTAGO Community Trust
THE LION FOUNDATION Here for good
DUNEDIN ICE STADIUM

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Christmas at East Taieri Church
12a Cemetery Rd, Mosgiel

Christmas Eve 2019

4:30pm & 6pm
Family Service with drama, dance & carols

8:30pm
Reflective Service with Carols

FREE BBQ following 4:30pm & 6pm
FREE Café following 8:30pm

Christmas Day 10am Family Celebration Service

FIREFORMATION THEATRE TAIERI DRAMATIC SOCIETY INC. proudly presents

RUDOLPH

THE RED NOSED REINDEER

COLOURING COMPETITION

ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE FROM

- ♦ Download from our website www.firestationtheatre.co.nz
- ♦ Plain Health, Gordon Rd, Mosgiel
- ♦ Aurora Cafe, Gordon Rd, Mosgiel

ENTRIES CLOSE 6th DECEMBER 2019

ENQUIRIES
Phone 027 589-3088

AGE GROUPS

6 years & under
7-10 years
11-15 years

Each age group winner will receive four tickets to our Christmas production Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

A fun **CHRISTMAS** show for all the family to enjoy!

Fire Station Theatre
3 Cargill Street, Mosgiel
13th-15th & 20th-22nd December

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\$5
adult

\$2
child

Free
under 5

BOOKINGS
www.firestationtheatre.co.nz
Plain Health, Gordon Rd, Mosgiel (cash only)

ENQUIRIES
Phone 027 589-3088

Fri 13th December 7pm

Sat 14th December 2pm

Sun 15th December 2pm

Fri 20th December 7pm

Sat 21st December 2pm & 7pm

Sun 22nd December 2pm

Booked to you by **DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL** kaunihera a-rohe o Ōtepoti