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## Message from the Principal

We have had our first late start this week and we understand that for many the late notice may have been an inconvenience, the decision to have Dunedin-wide late starts or closures is out of our hands and is decided by the Otago Primary Principals Association (OPPA). In this cooler weather, it is a good idea to check our school Facebook page or Skool Loop for all the latest information.

This week we have been lucky enough to celebrate Matariki the old-fashioned way and wasn't it wonderful to all be back together celebrating in the hall. The children's performances and singing were a joy to hear and the ever-popular street walk was enjoyed by many. A special thanks to Quality Bakers for donating all the bread to go with our soup, and a huge thanks to Maart Heller for making all the soup on her own, that was a big job but she battled on with a smile.

Today our whole school took part in the Jump for Heart and clearly all the practice has paid off, it is wonderful to see so many children taking part, some of whom could not skip at all when they first started, well-done everyone!

A reminder that school interviews are next week, if you have not already done so please book your interviews on the Skool Loop app. If you have more than one child at school you can choose both your children's hubs within the app so that you can select interviews that line up with each other. We encourage you to use this app as it is a great way to keep track of what is happening at school, and is a great way to log absences etc.

A wee reminder that regular classes will finish early next Tuesday 28th June to allow interviews to start at 1pm. We ask parents to pick children up early on this day or contact their child's teacher to let them know they will need supervision during this time.

Finally, could we ask that if your child is not going to be at school that you notify us before 9 am either via email to [office@elmgrove.school.nz](mailto:office@elmgrove.school.nz), on Skool Loop, via text on 027 462 2920 or call Nicola and Annette on 489-6252. Thank you so much for your support in this matter, with so many children absent at the moment using one of these options makes it easier for the lovely office ladies.

I hope you have a lovely long weekend celebrating our first Matariki holiday with whanau, take care and we look forward to seeing your tamariki back next week refreshed and ready to go.

Nga Mihi

Jenny Ryalls  
Deputy Principal



# PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent teacher interviews are scheduled for Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th June. Interviews will be 15mins in length and held in the school hall.

On Tuesday interviews will start at 1 pm and therefore formal classes will finish early on this day. Parents are invited to collect their children at 12.30 pm on this day. Children who are still at school after 12.30 pm, will be supervised in one of the senior classrooms by the teacher aides until they are collected. There will be no after-school care this day.

Bookings for Interviews are now open. You can book these by going to the interview tab on the Skool-Loop Application.

If you have any difficulty using this, please give Nicola a ring in the office.

Reports will be sent home on Thursday. Children are welcome to attend interviews if you wish for them to be present but this is not compulsory.

## **Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide**

- Download Skool Loop App, Via either your Google Play or App Store.
- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the "Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the "select schools' button in the top right corner.

## JUST A HEADS UP

DOWNLOAD THE SKOOL LOOP APP TODAY  
AND NEVER MISS OUT ON IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION AGAIN.

DOWNLOAD FREE TODAY!



# Winter's Chilly Breath

By Teagan Robertson, Kauri Hub

She stepped outside into the wild winds,  
Her teeth shattered in the chilling fog,  
Her hands felt like a thousand pins,  
Were violently stabbing them at once,

The ransacked cottages where she lived,  
Were dusted in snow,  
Like flour being gently sieved.

Icicles dangled, pointy and sharp,  
From the roof above,  
Threatening to drop and crush her,  
But the cottage was what she loved,

The old wood of the shack,  
Wobbled from side-to-side,  
And the freezing winds sent shivers along her back,

She skipped across to the edge of the cliff,  
Her ankles sinking deep in the snow,  
Her eyes glistened as she looked,  
Down, down, down far below,  
The towering mountains,  
Far away,  
Glistened in the moonlight, like every day,

The roaring winds snatched her breath,  
If she were to stay outside for much longer,  
She might freeze to death,

That thought sent another shiver down her spine,  
She stared up at the rickety mine,  
Where, every time,  
One of her family members stepped inside,  
They died,

Perhaps she SHOULD freeze and die,  
Right now, she wanted to try,  
No,  
She whipped around with a sigh,  
It's not today that I will die,  
She buried her face in the snow and started to cry.

# Ripper Rugby Finals

Hi we're Sophie & Sara. We went to Ripper Rugby Finals on Monday. It was a very cold day but we quickly warmed up when we started playing our game.

We had 4 games & won the fourth game.

We all enjoyed participating in the games.

It was a great learning experience.



# School Holiday Programme

Kia Ora,

We hope everyone has had a great term and keeping warm now the colder days are here. Our program will run from Monday 11th July through until Friday 22nd July 2022.

As winter is also upon us – Please listen to The Hits and The Breeze Radio stations or check out our Facebook page for late starts or cancellations due to the weather. With the weather being unpredictable there may be changes to the program. Parents/Caregivers will be updated through our Kids West Facebook page and on the whiteboard outside the hall.

Entry to the Elmgrove School Hall is via the Ayr Street entrance (there will be a flag at the gate). Our hours are 8 am – 5.30 pm.

Please note - Our hourly fee is \$6 per hour, per child, capped at \$40 per day, per child. Additional charges for trips and bought lunches still apply. Occasionally we have children booked into our program 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 program, 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 program that have not been notified by 8 am on the day will incur a three-hour charge as well as the cost of any trips booked on that day.

We have a fun-filled program planned (see attached link). There will be a small charge for our trip days (these prices are on the program). On Thursday 21st July children 9+ years will be going to Resistance climbing while the children 8 years and younger will be going to Leap.

Children are welcome to bring along bikes, scooters, skateboards etc but please remember helmets! We hold no responsibility if it gets lost or damaged.

We also have hot lunches available on the days we are at school. Hot chips \$2, mince pie \$2, Noodles \$1. These need to be paid in cash on the day.

We always welcome new ideas and activities. If you or your children have any suggestions please email them to me

Please click on the attached link to link to enrol your children. Once enrolled you should receive a copy of the enrolment back for your records and that is your confirmation. Please check your spam mail in case it goes there or if you are unsure please email [irenec@elmgrove.school.nz](mailto:irenec@elmgrove.school.nz)

If you have any questions please phone/text me on 027 696 1240, email [irenec@elmgrove.school.nz](mailto:irenec@elmgrove.school.nz) or message our Facebook page.

Please ensure your child/ren has EVERY DAY - A DRINK BOTTLE & A JACKET.

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

[Kids West Holiday Programme Enrolment Form](#)

[Term 3 Holiday Programme](#)

[Parent Information](#)

We look forward to seeing you in the holidays.

Irene and Staff

# Mataraki Celebration

It was really nice to be able to reunite again to have our annual Mataraki celebration. It was another fantastic turn out.



# Mataraki Celebration





# Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

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

### **Week 8- 20th June - 26th June**

24th June

Matariki Holiday - No School today

### **Week 9- 27th June-3rd July**

28th June-1st July

Parent Teacher Interviews

### **Week 10- 4th July-8th July**

8th July

Assembly - Hosted by Rata

8th July

Last day of School for Term 2

### **Term 3 - Starts back 25th July**

#### **Term 2**

Monday 2nd May - Friday 8th July

#### **Term 3**

Monday 25th July - Friday 30th Sept

#### **Term 4**

Monday 17th Oct - Wednesday 14th Dec



## Get on board!

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school board member



**Annette Reynolds**

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## 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](mailto: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.**