



Enriching, Encouraging, Empowering

Message from The Principal

Welcome back to the new term. It has been nice to start with a short week to ease our students back into school. I hope that the term break was a positive one for you all. We have had a number of new enrolments throughout the school during the term break and I give a special welcome to our new students.

On Monday we had a teacher only day and the staff spent the day working on curriculum practice with our facilitator from the University of Otago, Cheryl Pym. This was a productive time with lots of new thinking and work on practices within the school. We spent time discussing the school vision and moderation of student assessment. We have had a number of new staff join us in recent years and this was a great chance to ensure everyone was on the same page about our approaches and purpose. We look forward to continuing this discussion in further meetings.

Starting from last Monday, Primary Principals have undertaken further industrial action as part of their pursuit of a new employment agreement that addresses the disparity in conditions with our secondary colleagues, the need for funded management support and the difficulty of attracting principals to smaller schools where they often get paid less than they do as management team members in larger schools. Principals have withdrawn their support of Ministry of Education projects, programmes and panels as well as restricting their work hours to between 8am and 5pm. While this is still at least a 40 hour week it will mean some of the usual tasks completed by principals may take longer or not get done. I appreciate your support and understanding around this.

Next week we have a number of student teachers starting their postings with us. They will be onsite for 3 weeks and we look forward to having their support in our hubs as they learn their craft.

This morning was a bit colder and a reminder that winter is not far away. Our snow notifications and late starts are issued via the skool loop app so make sure you do have this on your phone so you are informed if this happens.

Intervention groups are being finalised and we will begin these excellent booster programmes next week. Teachers have started sending out notices to families of children who have been selected to take part in these programmes and we welcome your questions and enquires about this.

Nga Mihi
Chris McKinlay
Principal



Welcome to Elmgrove



**Lisita, Tadadiswa, Ella, Luca, Madison,
Avah, Emaya, Venione**



Our Elmgrove Flipperball team has achieved an impressive accomplishment, finishing in 1st place in their tournament at the end of Term 1. Congratulations to them!

ELMGROVE COOKIE FUNDRAISER



Thank you to everyone that sold cookies.

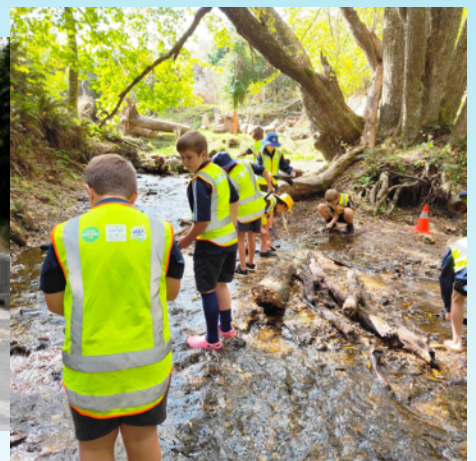
\$2427.10 profit was made from this fundraiser.

This money will go towards a new set of swings for the children.

Thank you for supporting Elmgrove School! Nga mihi

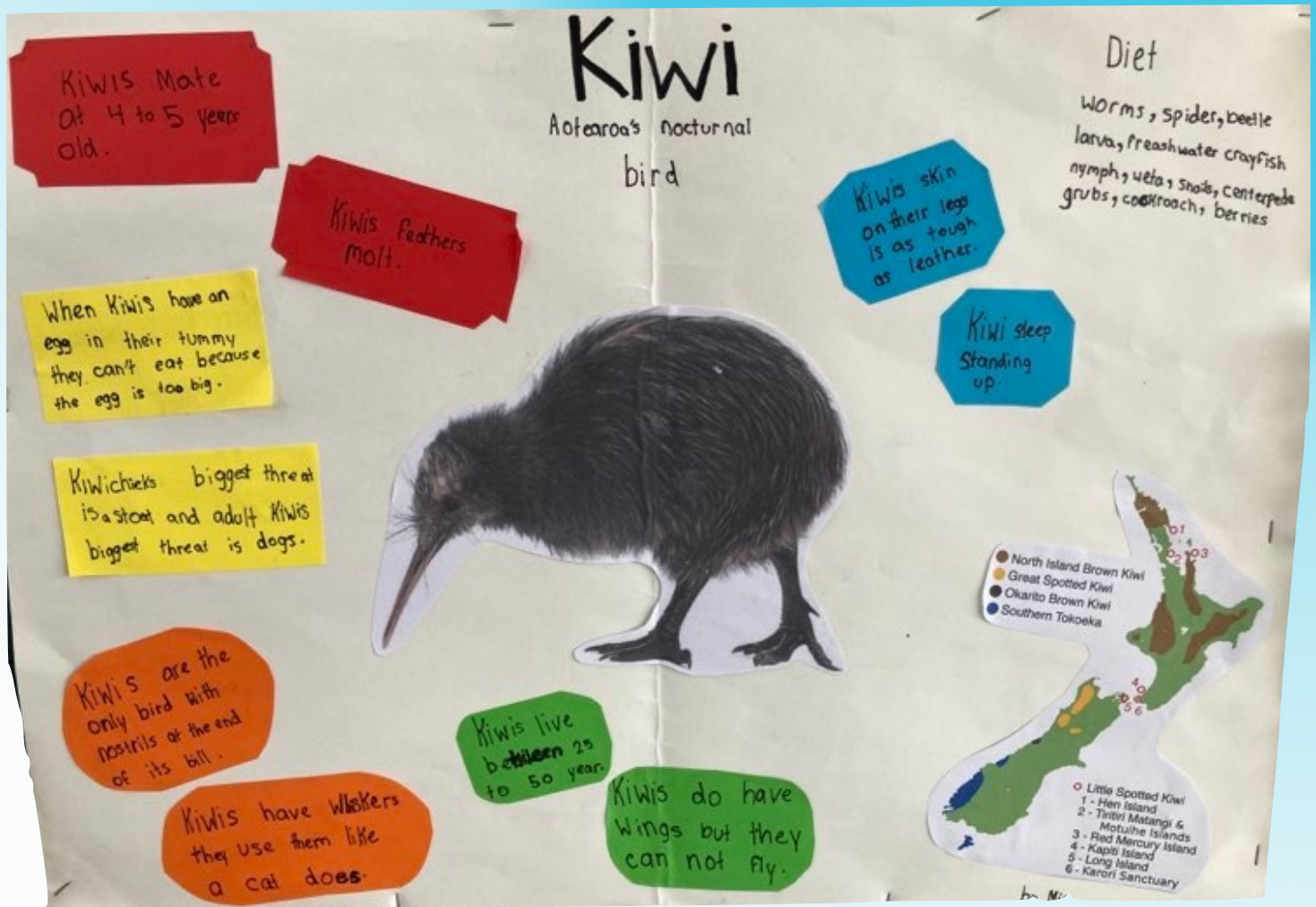
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A very busy Term 1 finished with a trip to Gabriel's Gully as we started our learning around the Gold Rush era of the 1860's. We visited the Goldfield Museum in Lawrence and went panning for gold at Gabriel's Gully. Many of us thought we might find a gold nugget and although some of us thought we had it turned out to be fool's gold.



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We are thrilled to present the hard work and dedication of our young scientists who have earned their science badges with flying colours!. We invite you to take a look at their impressive work and join us in congratulating them on a job well done. These badges are a testament to their curiosity, creativity, and commitment to learning, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements.

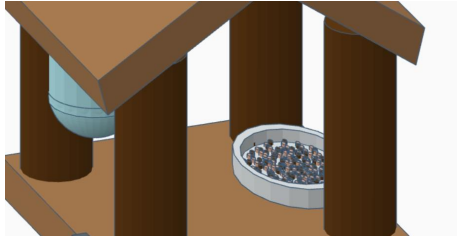


By Mila

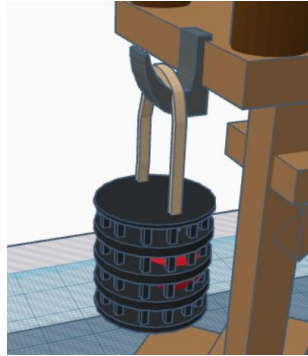
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Bird Table - Designed on Tinkercad

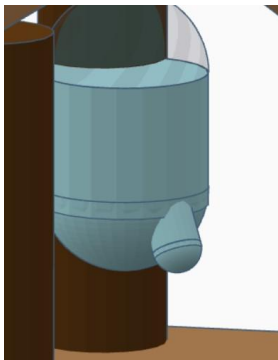
by Zoe Smith



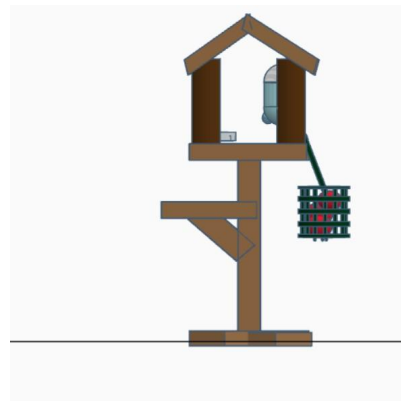
Seed tray for birds to eat from. They can perch on the sides of the tray while they eat. It will be attached to the base.



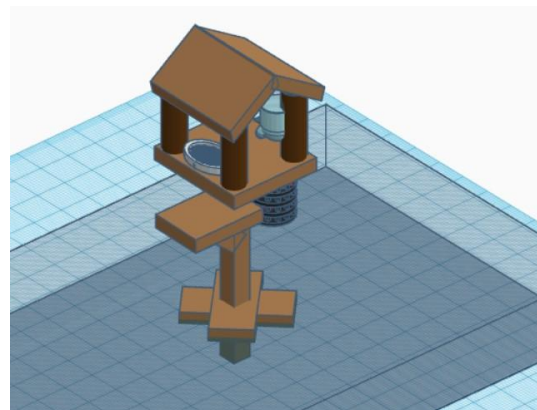
A metal bird feeder to hold fruit, like sliced apples, peaches, etc.



A water bottle like this could be attached onto one of the poles, just in case they get a bit thirsty.



Front of the bird table.



The whole bird table. A criss- cross base helps it stand up.

This is the finished product.

By Zoe

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Marine Biology

1 Lamprey

They are Distributed throughout NZ's Three Islands, They have several Te reo names, Kanakana in South Island and Piharau in the North.



3 Black flounder

Located most commonly in the sea, in estuaries, harbours and lower levels of rivers. Its Te reo name being Mohoao.



2 The Shortfin eel

Located in Lowland lakes and muddy rivers. Its Te reo name being Tuna heke.



Anemones have a bond with Clownfish where the skin and gel on Clownfish makes them immune to the sting of Anemones. Because of this, Anemones let Clownfish live inside their poisonous tentacle barrier and provide protection for the Clownfish. In return the Clownfish gives the Anemone its leftovers or gives it food that the Anemone can't reach or find!



Sea Anemones can not swim, however, if their habitat suddenly became inhospitable, they'll use their foot to slowly move around the bottom or by flexing and twisting their body. There are more than 1,000 different species of Anemones throughout the world. Apart from the sea and rocks, they don't have a specific location. The Anemones are part of a group called Cnidarians, which have jellyfish and coral in the group.

They are invertebrates which means they have no backbone. They don't have any bones, or heart either!



By Teagan

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Tuatara

By Adalyn Tibble



Life Cycle

Finding a good breeding spot is essential but difficult for Tuatara. The forest floor is usually too cold so they look for open ground on the forest edge. On Stephens Island pasture provides conditions that the tuatara like, however, sheep become a threat when they trample the burrows the tuatara live in.



How the Tuatara got its name

The name Tuatara is a Maori word that means 'spiny back' or 'peaks on the back'. The mana associated with tuatara is reinforced by the number of stories about the animal found in Māori myths and legends. Tuatara and lizards are very special to Māoridom in that they represent āriki, that is, they are considered to be God forms.

By Adalyn



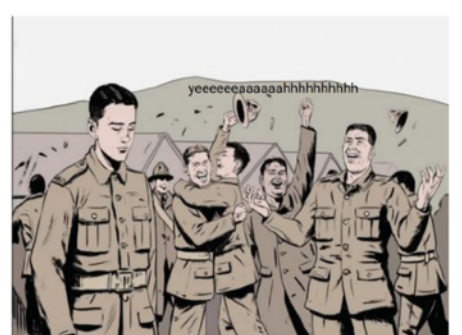
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I wasn't trying to dodge the war. I wasn't one of those conscientious objectors - but someone had to stay on the farm. The army wanted wool. People still needed to eat. And while I wasn't shirking, I knew I was luckier than most. Out here, it was hard to believe a war was even going on.



As part of our ANZAC learning we have been rewriting some graphic novels. This is part of Tristan's work retelling Harry's War





SCHOOL VALUE ACHIEVERS

These children have achieved
5 Tumeke Cards

- ★ Teagan Robertson
- ★ Sara Christensen
- ★ Maddiline Silke
- ★ Maleah Uriaro

These children have earned a badge!

★ Perseverance

Oscar Heller

★ Caring

Laura Mooney

Oliver McGowan

Maisie Aitken

Moss Black

Sienna Grant-Rudd

Isla Hill

Maia Kirk

★ Responsibility

Mia Everett

Max Norris

Harley Richardson

WELL DONE, YOU MAKE OUR SCHOOL A SPECIAL PLACE.

RESPONSIBILITY



RESPECT



CARING



PERSEVERANCE



Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

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

Week 2- 1st-7th May

2nd May

Rugby League Training (Kowhai/Kauri)

3rd May

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Week 3- 8th-14th May

9th May

Rugby League Training (Kowhai/Kauri)

9th May

Board Meeting

10th May

Rugby League Training (Kowhai/Kauri)

Week 4- 15th-21st May

16th May

Rugby League Training (Kowhai/Kauri)

17th May

Rugby League Training (Kowhai/Kauri)

18th May

Moa Team to Otago Museum

Week 5- 22nd-28th May

Week 6- 28th May-4th June

30th May

National Young Leaders day

Week 7- 5th - 11th June

4th June

Kings Birthday - No School

8th June

TSSA Duathlon

Week 8- 12th-18th June

13th June

Board Meeting

Week 9- 19th-25th June

20th,21st,22nd June

Parent Teacher Interviews

Week 10- 26th June - 2nd July

28th June

Last Day of School for Term 2



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TENNIS

LESSONS IN TERMS 2 & 3
AGES 3 - 12, FOUR AGE GROUPS!
SATURDAY AFTERNOONS



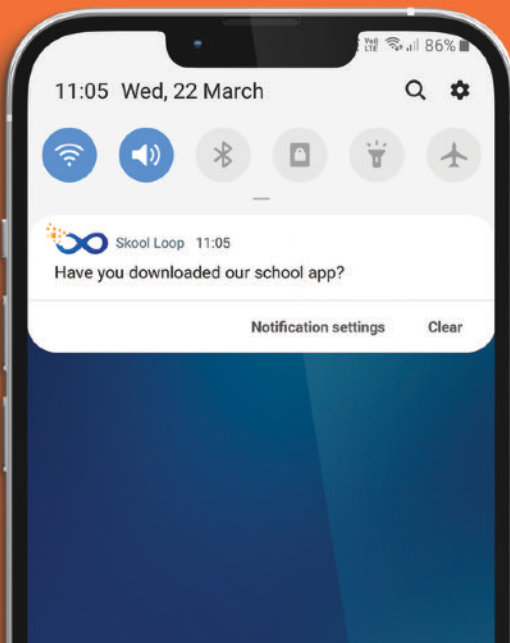
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\$40 / \$60 per child per term (group training sessions)

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