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## Message from the Principal

Yesterday a tree care company turned up to remove a large walnut tree from the neighbours back yard. This started during the lunch hour and continued throughout the afternoon. Watching the arborist climbing around the tree on his ropes and pulleys chopping off limbs was fascinating for many of our children. They then used a mini digger to carry the branches to a large wood chipper outside the school gates. I am sure this will feature in many of the children's writing over the next week.

Another highlight of the week for the Matai Hub was a visit from Miss Renalson's dog, Gavin. The children really enjoyed having him in class and were happy to read to him and even tried to teach him to count. I understand that Gavin was very tired last night after his big day of learning at school.

Yesterday Constable Plew took our Year 5 students for their first Road Patrol training session. This is preparing them to take over this responsibility next year. A real sign that the year is nearing an end.

Last week we had school photos taken. This was rescheduled due to the last lockdown and means that return times have been significantly shortened. If you have not seen your child's photo order form please look in their bag for it. These orders need to be returned next week in order to have them processed before the end of the term. Please note we can not take late orders.

We had planned to have an Art Expo this term but due to number restriction at school this has also changed. The art works have been completed and are currently being photographed so that we can put this art work online for a Virtual Art Exhibition. This should be online next week so make sure you check it out as most children have some art work in it.

Thank you to all the parents booked on school trips this term who have returned proof of their vaccination status. We are still waiting on a couple, please make sure you get these in so we can confirm these trips.

Finally we are thrilled to be a collection point for the local Mosgiel Food Bank. If you have donations for the food bank you are welcome to leave them at the office and we will have them delivered.

**Chris McKinlay**  
Principal



## FOOD DRIVE!!!!!!

We have received applications to JR McKenzie Youth Education Fund Committee.

Application for Assistance with uniforms for children entering High School/College for the first time.

If you require an application, please see Annette in the office. The applications need to be completed and returned to our office before Friday 10 December 2021.

Unfortunately this year the Emergency Services FoodBank Drive has been cancelled. We would like to help the Taieri FoodBank with the great work that they do supporting our community by collecting donations of non-perishable food and we will arrange for these to be delivered to the foodbank.

Please send your donations for the foodbank to the school office.

Your help is kindly appreciated.

## Welcome to Elmgrove



**MCKENZEE & JACKSON**

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

★ *Caring*

*Will Tod  
Ethan Hoover  
Jetson Bell  
Annabelle Webster  
Alexander Hasaka-Purton  
Esther Griffith*

★ *Responsibility*

*Grace Cook-Kreft*

★ *Perseverance*

*Katie Higgins  
Ross Osborne  
Ben Garraway  
Lincoln Grant-Rudd  
Fletcher Webster*

★ *Respect*

*Charlie Throp  
Harry Tibble  
Lucy Campbell  
Adam Jeffery  
Jaxon Robertson  
Corin Taylor  
Paige Lennox-Toa*

**RESPONSIBILITY**



**RESPECT**



**CARING**



**PERSEVERANCE**



**These children have achieved  
5 Tumeke Cards this week!**



★ *Lincoln Grant-Rudd*  
★ *Mackay Boyd*



**These children have achieved  
10 Tumeke Cards this week!**

★ *Adam Jeffery*

**These children have achieved  
15 Tumeke Cards this week!**

★ *Elizabeth Leslie*  
★ *Ollie McGowan*  
★ *Savanna Eaton*  
★ *Ryan Mitchell*  
★ *Fletcher Webster*



# Kids West Holiday Programme

Hi all,

Christmas is just around the corner. We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support during 2021 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 16<sup>th</sup>, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021. 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 EVERY DAY** as we will have water fights and water games, weather permitting.

Our 2022 Christmas holiday programme will run from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021 till Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**Please note there will be NO care available on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January or Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Elmgrove School commences 9am on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022.**

We have a fun filled program planned. Please make sure you **BRING togs, towel, sunhat and a drink bottle EVER DAY** as we will have water fights and water games etc. Children are welcome to bring along bikes and scooters so you can have fun on our bike/scooter track. It's awesome!!

There will be a charge for our trip days that will be added to your account. These charges are on the program.

## PLEASE NOTE

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. If you cancel on a trip day and let us know unfortunately you will still incur the cost of the trip as this has also cost the program as we are required to provide correct adult 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 8am on the day will incur a 3hour charge as well as the cost of any trips booked on that day.

[WINZ Subsidies](#) – I will be available every afternoon to fill out WINZ subsidy forms.

If you are interested in joining us for the above programs please click on the link below.

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 in the holidays.

[Kids West Holiday Programme Enrolment Form](#)

[Term 1 Holiday Programme](#)

[Parent Information](#)

Thanks  
Irene and Kids West Staff



# Rata Hub

*The Rata hub has had two fabulous gymnastic instructors taking them for lunchtime gymnastics. These senior girls have proposed a gym club, booked the hall, invited the children and turned up every Wednesday and Friday lunch times to offer this to our excited Rata hub students. The children have been learning handstands, cartwheels, round offs and many more gym skills. Thank you Lucy and Sophie!*





# Rata Hub



*And here are some of our amazing children practising their independent reading skills and fluency. Tino pai, Tamariki!*





# Rata Hub

*We invited the Matai hub to join in our choosing and enjoyed sharing our learning with them*



The Kowhai Hub are passionate about our country and the people in it!  
This week we wrote about changes we could make to New Zealand if we  
were the Prime Minister.  
We covered many diverse topics.

## If I was Prime Minister ...

### If I were the Prime Minister - Written by William Tod - Kowhai Hub

If I was the Prime Minister one of the first things I would do is make and develop football academies across the country. With more people playing football over rugby in New Zealand, we need to sort out the development of the kids so some of them can make a professional career out of playing football.

The football academies would include football pitches, facilities like dining areas, lounge suites, physio rooms, offices, dressing rooms, and football schools with the children still learning different subjects, including learning the game of football at the same time. Some difficult challenges about this is finding areas of New Zealand with enough space and coaches.

My top priorities would be making sure that the parents/caregivers of the children will allow them to come and making sure they know that students will still be educated as well, with training not during school time. Also knowing that if the kids feel homesick they can go home. But after a certain point in time, if they leave the academy for a long period of time, they will not be allowed to or can't be welcomed back. If they get a bad injury they are allowed to go home but will have to be educated at home.

The football academy will help kids not be on technology all the time and all the fresh air will help their lungs and it is always good to be doing physical activities most days. This project would not be finished in a day, not even finished in months. It will take a few years to make this a finished project with it being across the country. Fundraisers will be a big part of making this happen and also volunteers who know about the sport football, to help out on the kids paths to becoming a professional football player.



## If I were Prime Minister - Written by Lucy Jenkins - Kowhai Hub

If I were Prime Minister, I would get rid of all the plastic in the ocean. To get rid of all the plastic I would have to get a lot of boats. The purpose of the boats would be to pick up plastic. I would also be using sail boats, because other boats need petrol.

I want to do this because over 100 million sea creatures die every year because of plastic pollution. We could lose some creatures to extinction, because they are just dying in general.

I would make a rule/law that if you got caught putting plastic in the ocean or littering at beaches you would get a \$100 dollar fine. I think this would work because people would not want to waste their money on these kinds of fines. I would put up signs and posters so people wouldn't forget. The police would be in charge of enforcing this law.

To make sure no one puts plastic in the ocean, we would have to trust each other and if we couldn't do that then we would put security cameras up. To do all this I would need lots of help and I would NOT be able to do this in one day. I think I would need at least \$5000 dollars from the bank to pay for the posters and other things.

This would take me at the minimum two - three years to do.

My top priority would be making the rule/law that no one can throw away plastic waste. This would be a great start.

I would make sure supermarkets would sell paper bags and instead of plastic milk bottles or any bottles I would make sure that they are all glass.

I would hold beach cleaning days and volunteers could come along and we could have a clean beach.

## Sun Safety Research

It is term 4 and the sun is shining at Elmgrove School! We want to make sure the tamarisk are sun safe this summer.

We have been researching the importance of being sun safe, as well as the damage UV rays can do to our skin. We presented our findings in a number of interesting ways and look forward to sharing our research with children in other hubs around the school.





# Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

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

### **Week 6 - 22nd November - 26th November**

22nd November

Lucky book club due

### **Week 7 - 29th November - 3rd December**

2nd December

Sausage Sizzle Available

### **Week 8- 6th December - 10th December**

All Week

Junior Swimming

7th December

Manuka Museum Camp

7th December

BOT Meeting

8th December

Y6 - BDO - Rafting

### **Week 9- 13th December - 15th December**

13th December

Matai Museum Camp

13th December

Juniors to Ross Creek

14th December

Y6 Leavers Assembly (Live-streamed if not at level 1)

15th December

Last Day of School

## 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.**



6 Church Street  
Mosgiel 9024  
Phone: (03) 489 7182  
Email: admin@mosgielrsa.co.nz

## ARMISTICE DAY 11th November 2021

On advice from the District RSA President in regard to restrictions due to Covid the Mosgiel Memorial RSA is cancelling our Armistice Day Service.

This isn't a decision made lightly but the health and safety of our community is paramount.

The Dunedin and Alexandra RSA's have also cancelled their services.

You are still welcome to join us at Spitfire for the Armistice Day lunch special from 12pm.



## Dunedin Youth Orchestra 2022

AUDITION SOON

Players wanted! Audition for the DYU, Dunedin's premier amateur orchestra for young classical musicians. Looking for grade 8-orchestral players secondary school aged to 25.

Auditions early Feb.  
For more information go to  
[dyo.org.nz/auditions](http://dyo.org.nz/auditions)

For inquiries, please email  
[dunedin youthorchestra@gmail.com](mailto:dunedin youthorchestra@gmail.com)

DUNEDIN YOUTH ORCHESTRA



## Queen's Aerobics

**NOW ACCEPTING NEW ENROLLMENTS!**

Our term 4 'have a go' lessons run from  
**14 November - 12 December 2021**

- Accepting students aged year 4 +
- Lessons take place at QHS, Sunday's 2:30-3:30, \$80.00 term fee
- Gymnastics, dance, or previous sport aerobics experience is recommended
- Lessons are collaborative, inclusive and engaging! Learn basic sport aerobics movement, BIG focus on improving fitness, flexibility, strength and coordination

Don't miss out. Sign up today!

**CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO**

[queensaerobics@gmail.com](mailto:queensaerobics@gmail.com)

## 2021 Food Bank Drive

THE FOOD DRIVE  
WILL LOOK A LITTLE  
DIFFERENT THIS YEAR.



Drop off points will be available soon. Keep an eye on Facebook & School Newsletters for further information.

*We thank you for your continued support.*

**PLEASE HELP TO MAKE SOMEONE'S CHRISTMAS THAT MUCH BETTER!**

*Proceeds to  
Local Foodbank Only!*

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