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## Message from The Principal

Cross country was the big event for this week. It was great to see all of our children out participating in either our school cross country on the Taieri Schools Cross Country. A special well done to the 12 children who qualified for the Otago Championships in Cross Country. We will be giving out certificates today from these two events.

This week the Board of Trustees met for their regular meeting. At this meeting the Board selected a new member to join the Board of Trustees through until the next election, next year. We welcome Aaron Whitley to the Board. Aaron and Susie have 5 sons who have all attended Elmgrove over the years. Aaron has had a wide variety of experiences and will bring a strong set of skills and knowledge to our Board. We look forward to working with him and are confident he will be a strong addition to the team. Aaron has written a little more about himself and you will find this in today's newsletter. This year the school has had a focus on Health and Wellbeing. As part of this we have completed the NZCER wellbeing survey with the children in Years 4 - 6 each term. The board received a report based on the results from the last two surveys and were able to discuss the positive improvement identified in many areas. We will also use this information to set goals moving further through the year. The Board will be conducting another survey with the staff later this term as part of our Wellbeing focus.

There was considerable time spent discussing the school's property projects which have been identified for the next 5 years. These include upgrades to the middle block, roof replacements, toilet upgrades and boiler replacements. These will need to be spaced out but will be significant school improvements completed over the next couple of years. Finally the Board approved the updates to the school's Self Review policies which have been on the school website for the last 6 weeks.

Today we have had another delivery from Kiwi Harvest. If you are coming to assembly today please bring a bag. I have 100kg of onions to give away as well as some honey nut cornflakes and salted caramel porridge sachets.

**Chris McKinlay**  
Principal



# Welcome to Elmgrove



**KAYSEN**



Thank you Jaxon and Olivia for representing Elmgrove School at the Keep Dunedin Beautiful awards last week.

Elmgrove School received a Highly commended award for Best School Project. This was given to us for our Community Pantry and our Bike Track.

## Elmgrove Board of Trustees – Aaron Whitley

Hi, I'm Aaron Whitley. My wife, Susie and I have five boys together - Zac, Flynn and Sam who attend Taieri College, and Jake and Joel who both currently attend Elmgrove. We seem to be known in Mosgiel as the 'family with five boys!' Susie and I both grew up in South Otago and have settled in Mosgiel after being absent for several years for travel and work, to be closer to family.

I currently work as a helicopter pilot and hold the role of Chief Flying Instructor/Training Manager for Helicopters Otago. In addition to flying, my role requires me to train pilots, maintain flight standards, develop training programs, and liaise with the Civil Aviation Authority to ensure compliance. I feel excited and privileged to be selected to the Elmgrove Board of Trustees and I am committed to continuing the great work carried out by previous Board members.



Our Community pantry is low on food and could really do with some Vegetables or canned food etc. If you would like to donate anything to our pantry we would be very grateful as would the community.

**Thank you.**





We are all very excited about our upcoming performance at the Regent Theatre in Week 10.

The show will take place from Monday 27th - Wednesday 29th of September and we will be performing on one of those nights, day to be confirmed.

We have been lucky enough to get most of the costumes we need, however there are a few wee items that we need to source, so if you like shopping with someone else's money let us know and we will give you a list of items we need.

Important Dates:

All costumes need to be organised by Monday 13th of September.

Tickets go on sale MONDAY 13th SEPTEMBER at the Regent Theatre (more information to follow).

Full Dress rehearsal (Week 9) date to be confirmed.

If you have any questions or would like to offer your help please contact Jenny Ryalls at [jennyr@elmgrove.school.nz](mailto:jennyr@elmgrove.school.nz)



We are also on the look out for a Grammar Phone (as pictures on the right) and home knitted pattern jerseys (as pictured on the left) - Please let us know if you have any of these items.



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



*Riyam Alali - Perseverance*



*Greer Clark - Caring*



*India-Rose Gallagher - Responsibility*



*Aroha Chilton-Waiwiri - Responsibility*

**RESPONSIBILITY**



**RESPECT**



**CARING**



**PERSEVERANCE**



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



★ *Daxia Grant*

★ *India-Rose Gallagher*

★ *Lincoln Uriaro*

★ *Heidi Jenkins*

★ *Maleah Uriaro*

★ *Braxton O'Sullivan*

★ *Max D'Arcy-Wright*

★ *Aliza Taylor-Holmes*

★ *Ross Osbourne*

★ *Kaylee Muir*

★ *Arden Stevens*



★ *Lucy Campbell*

★ *Greer Clark*

★ *Michael Kirk*

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



★ *Daniel De-Jager*

★ *Charlie Lunjevich*

★ *Maia Kirk*

★ *Clara Hodge*

★ *Corban Van-Zoomeren*

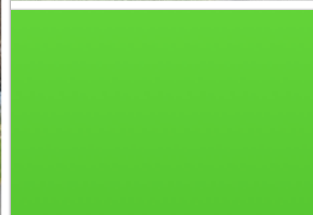
★ *Leighton Norrie*

★ *Adam Jeffery*





# Cross Country



Some snaps from our Cross Country yesterday. We are so proud of all of our children for giving this their absolute best. Well done to our 12 senior children going through to Otago Cross Country.

We took heaps of photos through out the day feel free to look through them all.

**Cross Country Photos 2021**

# Touch

The new touch season is fast approaching and entries need to be confirmed by Tuesday August 31st.

If your child is keen to play touch in one of the grades below.  
Please complete the google form by Tuesday August 31st

## Touch Information and Registration

# Sausage Sizzle

Sausage Sizzle Thursday 19th August

## Order form

Elmgrove School will be running a sausage sizzle on Thursday, 19th August 2021. These must be **preordered and paid for** by Tuesday 17th August.

Please complete **one** form for **every** child in your family wanting a sausage and **make payment direct online** to Elmgrove Schools Fundraising bank account or to the school office.

**If you are using this form Payment must be made online.**

Account information is:

Elmgrove Fundraising Group

03-1725-0122720-000

Reference-Surname

Code- Childs name (If more than one child is getting a sausage please use  
Eldest child's name)



# Manuka Hub



We had a great time doing our cross country run at school on Tuesday



We have enjoyed the daily math challenges that have challenged us to predict, estimate and cheer on. Who would have thought that Elmgrove has 316yrs teaching experience. Mrs Heller won the teacher laps around the bike track.

By Fletcher

In a deep dark spooky woods stood an old crooked, mossy haunted house. Inside the house was a witch who spent her days in the attic making eyeball stew for dinner that she thought was pretty good. At night she went out on her broomstick.



By Isla

Crash a thunderbolt just hit a dead tree down. It crashed in the distance. She looked up and there was a big rusty mansion. The chimney was falling apart.

The smoke was all black and it was like there was a wildfire. Birds were going in circles they were very low.

It was cloudy so she thought that she should go inside. The door creaked open. It was very dark inside. She tiptoed up the stairs and she just noticed that the basement light was on. Someone is here. She just hid under the bed. She could hear someone's footsteps coming someone was sleeping on her. She wiggled out of the bed like a snake, more like a wiggly worm. She ran through the hall and jumped out of the door and ran back home.



# Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

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

### **Week 3 - 9th August - 15th August**

13th August Family Time assembly hosted by Kauri

### **Week 4 - 16th August - 22nd August**

18th August Ukulele Jam

19th August Sausage Sizzle available today

20th August Family Time assembly hosted by Rata

### **Week 5 - 23rd August - 29th August**

24th & 25th August Y6 Cycle Skills

25th August Otago Primary Schools Netball Tournament (yr 5/6)

27th August No Assembly

### **Week 6 - 30th August - 5th September**

2nd September Taieri Hui Ako - Elmgrove Performing at 1.40pm

3rd September Family Time assembly hosted by Kowhai

### **Week 7 - 6th September - 12th September**

7th September Matai Year 4 Camp - Otago Museum

8th September Manuka Year 4 Camp - Otago Museum

9th September Sausage Sizzle available today

10th September School Photos

10th September Family Time assembly hosted by Matai

### **Week 8 - 13th September - 19th September**

13-17th September Polyfest Week (Elmgrove day to be confirmed)

13th September Matai Art Gallery Visits

17th September Family Time assembly hosted by Manuka

### **Week 9 - 20th September - 26th September**

20th September Manuka Art Gallery Visits

21st September BOT Meeting

24th September Family Time assembly hosted by Rimu

### **Week 10 - 27th September - 3rd October**

27th-29th September Stars on Stage week (Elmgrove day to be confirmed)

1st October Mammias Donuts available today

1st October Last day Term 3

# 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.**



**SCHOOL REUNION**  
**Taieri College**  
**The Taieri High School**  
**Mosgiel Intermediate**  
**Mosgiel District High School**

**LABOUR WEEKEND**  
**22 - 24 October 2021**

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2021. If you require  
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