



Enriching, Encouraging, Empowering

Message from The Principal

We are now into winter and while the weather has produced some cold starts but great days recently we know that more ice and maybe even snow could be just around the corner. It is this time of the year that I remind you that the Otago Principal association makes the decision to close schools or delay starts around the greater Dunedin area on days where weather conditions are considered unsafe for children and teachers to get to school. Sometimes this is not obvious out here on the Taieri but it can be quite treacherous on the hill suburbs where some of our staff live. On days when school will start late or gets closed for the day we notify parents via our facebook page and using the skool loop app. It is important that you have access to these communication portals. I highly recommend that all families download the skool loop app onto their phones. This app is available for free from the app store for both apple and android phones. Having this app will allow you to get text notifications from the school, submit student absences, read our notices and newsletters via your phone. If you do not yet have this service please look into this and ensure you allow notifications.

Some time next week we would expect to move into Alert level one. This will mean we again evaluate our school procedures. I am yet to hear from the Ministry the specific details but it is most likely that we will return to more normal practice with parents being allowed on site and the ability to restart assemblies and lunch orders. I will have more information for you on this next week when announcements have been made. We know the last few weeks have been a little different for many with parents remaining outside the school gates. We look forward to you being able to move more freely within the school but I encourage you to build on some of the independence that this time has created for your children and continue to encourage them to bring their own bags and belongings into school. For some of you I am sure you will look forward to coming into school more often while others may stick with the routine of dropping at the school gate for a quick transition. I know that the gate teachers have commented on enjoying welcoming children into school each day. Thank you for your patience and willingness to follow these guidelines.

Have a good weekend

Chris McKinlay
Principal



Welcome to Elmgrove

Due 12th July



Xavier

BOOK CLUB IS Running!

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Special **BUMPER** Term 2 issue!

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Matai's Bees



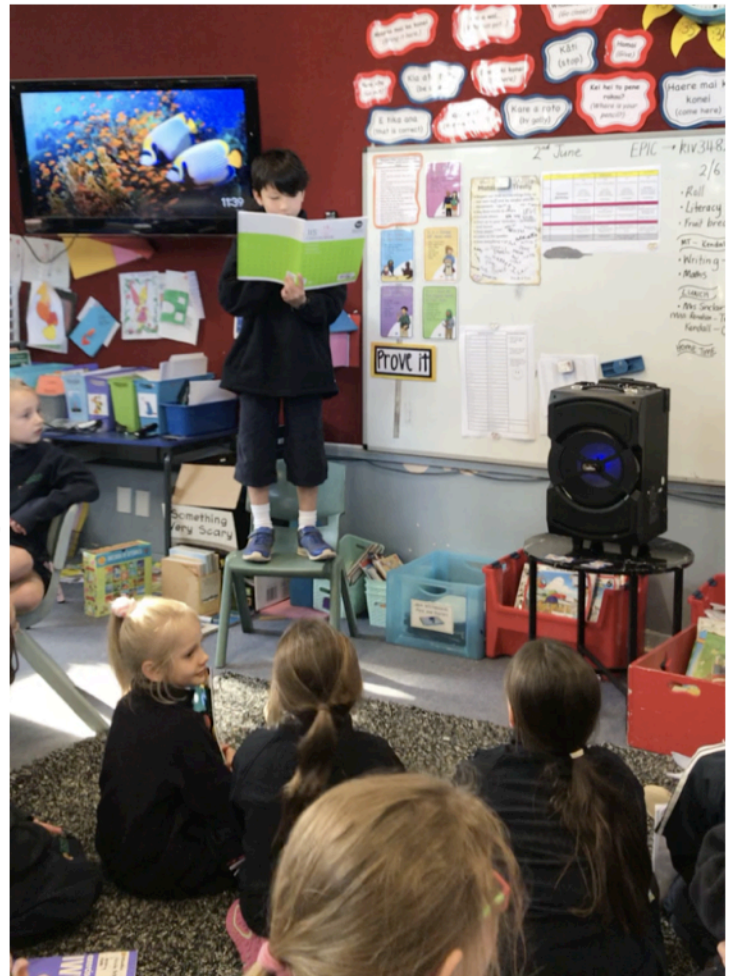
Matai Hub

Matai Hub Writing

We have an amp in our room that we LOVE using at the end of our writing sessions to share our stories.

Here is Max ----->
sharing his story, we better
share a snippet of what he
wrote:

I kissed my Mum and went to bed. A few hours later, I woke up and saw that I was in a barn lying on some hay. I got up and opened the double doors and realised that I was in a village that was inside a huge bottle. It was in the middle of nowhere!



Suddenly I blacked out! I woke up and saw that I was hit by a lion's claw. There were 3 male lions surrounding me! I had to act fast. I slid underneath one of the lions belly, not bothering to look at my bleeding knee. I ran back to the barn and locked the doors. "Phew! That was close," I said to myself....

Matai Hub

Writing Workshops:

Some of us went to a writing workshop this week. One workshop was on conjunctions with Mrs Sinclair, can you spot the conjunction in Josh's sentence?



The white stallion dreamed to blow up the stables but he was chained to a pole.

The second workshop was on sentence starters with Miss Renalson. We looked at starting our sentences by writing about our senses, thinking about what we could hear, feel, see, smell and taste.

Here is Isaac's sentence starter. His picture prompt was of a forest:

As I cross the forest, I feel adventurous. As I touch the bark on the trees, they keep getting rougher and rougher.



Here is Chelsea's sentence. Her picture prompt was of a hot air balloon:



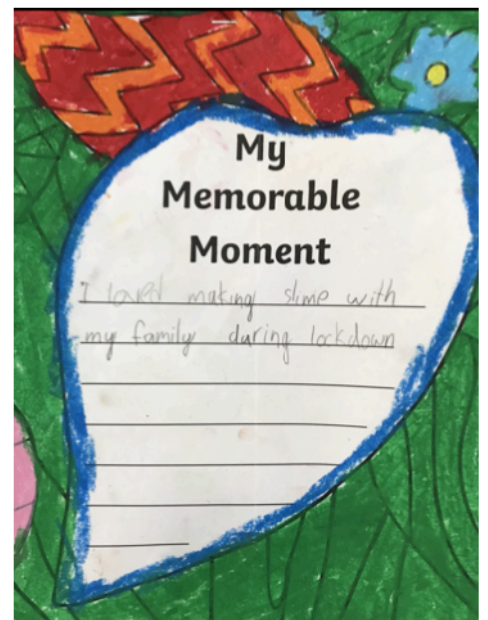
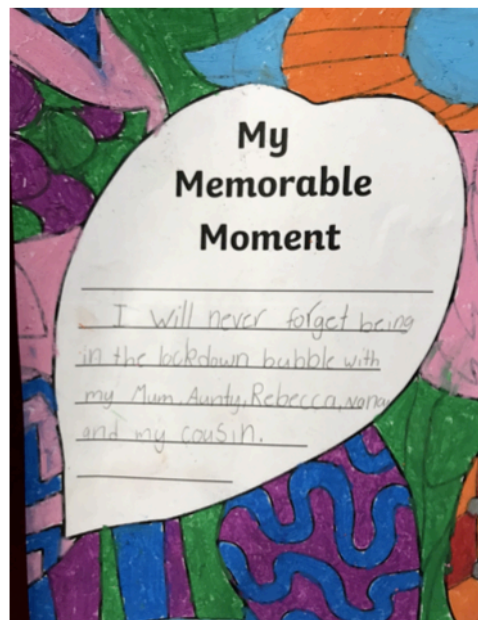
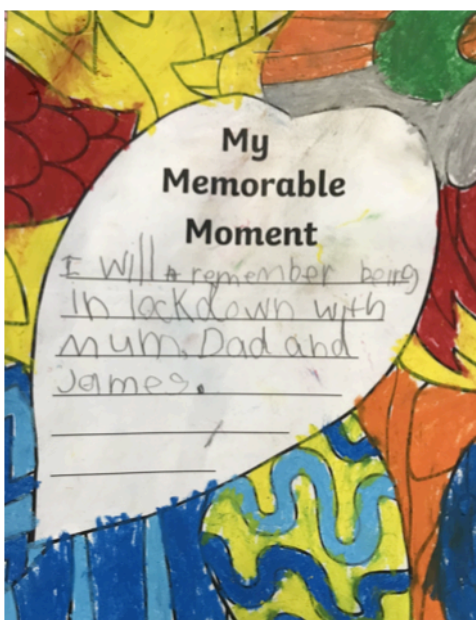
I hear the fire crackling as we slowly go up in the balloon.

Matai Hub

Art:



This is our leaf art of “My Memorable Moment.” A lot of the Matai Memorable moments from this year is getting to spend time with their families!



Self Portrait Puzzle:

Can you spot your child? :)



Kids West

Important Information

We are excited that both before and after school care have resumed. While we have on record the days children were attending last term we would appreciate it if parents could email Irene with confirmation that they want the same hours this term or changes to their care requirements. If your child/ren is not attending the programme until Level 1 or until further notice could you please also let us know. This can be done by emailing irenec@elmgrove.school.nz.

If you have not used our programme this year and require this service you can register your children by going to the school website and using the register your child link for Kids West or follow this link [Enrolment link](#).

While we are at Alert Level 2 children will not be using the tablet to sign in or out. This will be done by staff. We ask that parents wait at the hall gate when they come to pick up children and the children will be brought to you. You are invited to text Irene 027 696 1240 to let her know you have arrived in case staff do not see you waiting.

It is VERY important that PARENTS (not children) let us know if they are booked into after school care but are NOT attending on the day. If your child/ren are NOT BOOKED in and you would like to use this service you need to make sure you have communicated this to us! Accurate numbers are very important to enable us to get our staffing ratios correct. It is also an important SAFETY consideration so that we know to look for children who may be running late or have not yet shown up.

If there are any changes to your daily enrolment please let Irene or the office know before 12pm! If you do not notify us of a cancellation you will be charged for 1 hours care, as staff have already been organised.

Scooters, skateboards and bikes (with helmets) are welcome at Before and After School Care. If your child/ren like colouring in and drawing could they please bring their own felt pens and/or colouring pencils. We look forward to

seeing you all back 😊

Thanks Irene.

Hockey Registration

Games are played on a Wednesday Starting 17th June

Mini Sticks: Years 3&4, Modified field-6 a-side games - held at the McMillan Turf.

Kiwi Sticks: Years 5&6, Modified field-6 a-side games - held at McMillan Turf, Queens or Taieri.

Cost is approximately

Year 3/4 - \$40-\$50

Year 5/6 - \$45-\$55

Please note each team will require a Coach / Parental supervision at the games.

If your child is interested in playing this year please follow the link below to register

[Hockey Registrations 2020](#)

Thanks

Taylor Renalson



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Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

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

**Please note there have been quite a few cancelations, Let's hope we can fill up our calendar again soon.*

Week 9 - 8th June - 14th June

12th June Scholastic Orders due back

Week 10 - 15th June - 21st June

16th June Board of Trustees Meeting

Week 11 - 22nd June - 28th June

Week 12 - 29th June - 5th July

3rd July Last day of Term 2

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.



**Thursday 30 July
7.00am – 2.30pm**

OTAGO HOCKEY
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A fundamental movement and skills programme for year 1 & 2 players.

East Otago Events Centre

Term 3: Tuesdays
3:30pm-4:30pm

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