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## Message from The Principal

Teacher only day is set for next Friday 13th November. This will be a professional development day for staff as set out in the teachers collective agreement. School will be closed on this day and parents will need to make alternative arrangements for the care of their children. I hope that some of you will be able to make use of this day to have a long weekend.

This term has been huge for school projects. We have completed the scooter / bike track and our hall toilet upgrade should be finished next week. From Monday the contractors will be starting on the front of school redevelopment. This will mean that the Argyle Street front pedestrian gate will be blocked off for the next two weeks while the new play surface is laid under the trees. You will still be able to come in the vehicle gate on Argyle street as well as the gates off Ayr street. It will be great to have a play surface that can handle the constant use all year round without turning to mud.

Athletics day was held on Tuesday this week. There was a fun day of races and activities here at school for the wider school population. Our senior students who had qualified to participate in the Taieri Athletics Championships went to Memorial park for the day. From this event we have 18 students who have now qualified to compete at the Otago Primary Schools Athletics Championships on the 17th November. Well done to these students we know you will represent us well at this next level.

The Board of Trustees met this week and while property projects were a big part of the meeting we also looked at the review of the schools annual plan and they received reports on the work that is being done by our Learning support coordinator, Kim Maskill and our PB4L team. All parents who requested contact in our school survey last term have now been contacted and their feedback was also presented to the Board. The Board confirmed our new staff appointments for 2021 and we look forward to welcoming Emma Tilbury, Karen Reid and Megan Pelvin to the teaching team.

I hope that you all have a great weekend

**Chris McKinlay**  
Principal



## Lost Property

**Our lost property is overflowing!!!  
With a-lot of items being unnamed.  
Please take the time to go through  
this, as we will be washing all  
unnamed items at the end of next  
week and using them as spare  
office clothing.**



Our fundraising committee would like you to join their facebook group.

Please click on the link below to do this

**Friends of  
Elmgrove  
Fundraising  
Committee**

On Sunday Olivia travelled to Taieri Districts One Day Event at Middlemarch for her very first One Day Event which in equestrian language means that Olivia had to compete in the following:

Dressage  
Show Jumping  
Cross country jumping

At the end of the day the dressage points are collated against the jumping results.

Olivia scored 62 for her Dressage  
Clear show jumping round  
Clear cross country with no time penalties to finish 3rd overall.

Pretty impressive for her first event!! Well Done Olivia!

## KIDS WEST INFORMATION

There will be no after-school care on the 16th December, after-school care starts back in the new year on the 2nd February 2021.

Our holiday programme will be open on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December 2020. Then our New Year Holiday programme will start on Monday 11th January to Friday 29th January 2021.

Please note Elmgrove School returns on Tuesday 2nd February so alternative care arrangements will need to be made on Monday 1st February as our programme will not run on this day.

Enrolment links and programme to follow toward the end of November.

Thanks

Irene and Kids West Staff

## RESPONSIBILITY



## RESPECT



## CARING



## PERSEVERANCE



**For demonstrating our school values the following children have achieved 10 Tumeke Cards this week!**

- ★ *William Cartwright*
- ★ *Jacob Fraser*
- ★ *Mila Haldane*
- ★ *Jason Haggerty*
- ★ *Zac Garraway*

- ★ *Ahmad Alali*
- ★ *Riyam Alali*
- ★ *Charlotte Haggerty*
- ★ *Isla Hill*
- ★ *Emma Pieterse*
- ★ *Samual Griffith*

**For demonstrating our school values the following children have achieved 5 Tumeke Cards this week!**

- ★ *Hugo Siloy*
- ★ *Adalyn Tibble*
- ★ *Adele Foster*
- ★ *Ayla Synnott*
- ★ *Liam Lord*
- ★ *Aurora-Rose Ryder*
- ★ *Seb De-Meyer*
- ★ *Charlie Morrision*
- ★ *Skylah Ratcliff*
- ★ *Jason Wu*
- ★ *Braxton O'Sullivan*

- ★ *Xavia Hannigan*
- ★ *Declan Crawley*
- ★ *Oliver Whyte*
- ★ *Rocco Cunningham*
- ★ *Lilli Bell*
- ★ *Catherine Rayner*
- ★ *Delaine Sell*
- ★ *William McCallum*
- ★ *India-Rose Gallagher*
- ★ *Detroit Taivairanga*
- ★ *Mikayla Fahey*



**Well Done, You make our school a special place.**





# Athletics Day



On Tuesday 3rd of November it was the TSSA Athletics for 2020. I qualified for long jump, shot put, and discus. I enjoyed my day a lot because we got to do a whole lot of activities. The activities were high jump, long jump, sprints, shot put, and discus. Also at the end of the day we had hurdles and relays.

By Freya Stevenson







Athletics day was fun because we did heaps of stuff like sack races and the egg on spoon. We Loved it.

By Florance.





# Character Descriptions

We have been writing character descriptions in the Kauri Hub. After reading 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl, we wrote a description of one of the characters.



MR TWIT does not smell very nice. He smells like a sewer. He has the ugliest and dirtiest boots.

Mr Twit has hair all over his face and it's very knotty. Mr Twit's clothes are dirty and there are heaps of stains on his coat.

Mr Twit has food on his beard. Mr Twit hates animals. Whenever he sees an animal he tries to kill the animal.

Mr Twit is a mean and cruel person.

**By Esther Griffith**

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Do you want to hear about one of the worlds worst people? I thought you would. Well here he is. This guy is called Mr Twit. Twit by name and Twit by nature. He is so hairy that all you can see of his is his eyes and nose. But if you look very closely you can see bits of food stuck to his hairy face. As you can guess Mr Twit is a grumpy old man who loves to eat. His favourite food is... wait for it... 'bird pie!' Every Tuesday night he climbs up his ladder and on his big dead tree he paints hug tight glue onto the tree. Then when all the birds roost on the tree they get stuck and in the morning Mr Twit grab's them and he eats them. All of this makes him a greedy, selfish, fat, disgusting, grumpy, jerk.

## Mr. Twit

by Chelsea Willcock

Mr. Twit is my neighbour. He's kinda annoying, I mean really annoying! He dragged me across the road into his rusty, clumped old house. It's full of monkeys, chocker full of them! He said he could make them do amazing tricks.! But all he made them do was pile up on their heads. Poor monkeys! They live with the worst person you could ever live with.

Mr Twit also has a horrible wife - Mrs Twit, the twittiest twit of all, ugh. Working with her is a pain, her breath smells like rotten fish. She's always being mean. Imagine having her as a wife!

Mr. Twit is always being a prankster. He is also got food stains all over him. He looks like he hasn't had a shower in a million years. Same with Mrs. Twit, they're the worst combination ever.

So I did a skidadde and got out of there!.



By Charlie Morrison

# Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

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

### Week 4 - 2nd November - 8th November

5th November Family Time Assembly - Hosted by Seniors

### Week 5 - 9th November - 15th November

12th November Sausage Sizzle available today

13th November TEACHER ONLY DAY

### Week 6 - 16th November - 22nd November

17th November Otago Champs - Athletics

17th November Elmgrove's got Talent - Taieri Collage

18th November Year 6 Parent Daughter evening - 6pm

19th November Bike/Scooter track opening

20th November School Disco

### Week 7 - 23rd November - 29th November

27th November Orange Day for Road Patrol Children

### Week 8 - 30th November - 6th December

2nd December Christmas Carol Night - On the Courts at school

### Week 9 - 7th December - 13th December

All Week Junior Swimming

8th December Pukeko Trip to Salt Water Pool/Dino Park

9th December BIG day out - Seniors

10th December Sausage Sizzle available today

### Week 10 - 14th December - 16th December

16th December Leavers Assembly

16th December Last day - Term 4

**School Resumes for 2021 on Tuesday 2nd February**

## 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.**



# Maths Tuition

Dogged by Decimals?

Frazzled by Fractions?

Puzzled by Percentages?

Or Just Don't Get It?

*Call Me*

**Pauline O'Neil**

**021 267 9615**

Retired Maths Teacher

Experienced - Gentle - Motivated

*(Now residing in Fairfield!!)*



The Santa Parade is needing children to be on the floats. The parade is being held on Sunday 6 December. You need to be available from 12.30 until 5.30 and an adult needs to accompany the child for the duration of the afternoon. We particularly need little kids and big kids. If you are interested please email [dnsantakids@gmail.com](mailto:dnsantakids@gmail.com)

**Rainbow Run**  
DUNEDIN | 8 NOVEMBER 2020 | 11.00AM START | LOGAN PARK

only 2000 spots available

3KM FAMILY OPTION  
5KM FUN RUN/WALK

5 RAINBOW COLOUR STATIONS  
TICKETS: \$10 PER PERSON, FAMILY \$30 (2 ADULTS/2 CHILDREN)  
WEAR WHITE OR BLACK TO GET THE FULL BURST OF COLOUR!  
SPOT PRIZES!

SPORT OTAGO HITS

WWW.SPORTOTAGO.CO.NZ FOR MORE DETAILS AND TICKETING

# 2020 Food Bank Drive

**Monday 7th Dec  
6.00 - 9.00pm**

Listen for the sirens  
in your street - please  
place your items in the  
'Lions' trailer!



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

*Proceeds to  
Local Foodbank Only!*

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS



# Community Notices



## **Mosgiel West Community Pool**

**Argyle St - Mosgiel**

**Keys available from the Elmgrove School  
Office for \$70**

**Phone (03) 489 6252**

**Season October - April**



*"A heated, covered pool, warm and safe for children and all the family"*