



Enriching, Encouraging, Empowering

Message from The Principal

Yesterday our teachers gave up a days pay to take part in strike action along with their colleagues from secondary schools, area schools, and early childhood. Their message to the government is they need to do better for our children by offering teachers better conditions, support and pay. The Government has repeatedly stated how much they appreciate and value the teaching work force and the work they have done over some difficult years. Now is their opportunity to show that appreciation with a contract offer that will make a difference for our kids, our teachers wellbeing and their financial security in a time of high inflation. I hope the Government is listening and will take steps to ensure further action is not required and teachers can get back to doing what they do best.

I would like to thank the Elmgrove fundraising committee for their work. They are currently running a cookie fundraiser and we encourage you to get involved set up your account and sell some cookies to your friends, family and neighbours. All sales go towards your child's hub total and one of our hubs is going to win a fun afternoon.

This week the fund-raising committee donated \$25,000 to the school from their fantastic fundraising efforts last year. This money is being put towards playground improvements and repairs including new basketball hoops, replacement steel ropes, bark chips and some new playground equipment in our existing areas. We look forward to seeing these improvements over the coming terms.

I would like to remind families to please notify the school if your child is going to be away. There are lots of ways you can choose to do this using the skool loop app, emailing the office or leaving a voice mail message. It takes the office considerable time to locate all of our children in the morning when parents forget to message us about appointments or sickness. We appreciate your support with this.

By the end of this week all classes should have updated individual seesaw accounts with some new entries. This week classes have been focusing on their Math learning. Please do make the effort to comment on your child's page.

Monday is Otago Anniversary Day making it another long weekend. I hope that you have some plans and are able to enjoy the extra day.

Nga Mihi
Chris McKinlay





ELMGROVE COOKIE FUNDRAISER

Funds raised will be used to help support our school and students.

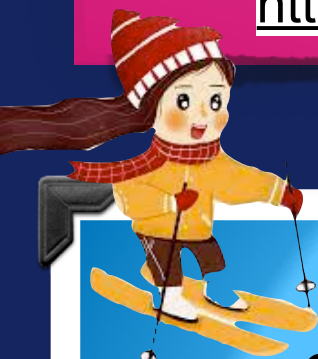
We have partnered online fundraising company Go Raise It. Go Raise It specialise in working with schools and clubs to maximise their fundraising efforts.

Each student will be able to setup their very own fundraising page on the website. By running our product sales campaign online, it makes it super easy for everyone - no more door knocking, everyone can fundraise from home - no need to worry about handling all that cash and bringing it in.

Each fundraiser simply signs up for their own fundraising page - sends it out to collect sales electronically, and Go Raise It will manage all the payments, ordering and reporting on who sold what and who bought what - making it super easy for us to run a hassle free pick up day and send the right products home with the right fundraisers. We then get paid our profits at the end of the fundraiser.

You can check out all the info and sign up for a fundraising page yourselves here:

<https://elmgrovecookiedough.raiseit.co.nz/hub>



ELMGROVE FAMILY SKI WEEKEND

Cardrona - Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd July

Costs are as follows:

If you have your **own** gear - cost **\$83.00** per day, per person to ski

If you **need** gear - Helmet, Boots, Ski or board - cost **\$115** per day, per person to ski.

Under **6yrs old** - Lift pass **free** can hire gear at school rates: around **\$32** per person

We will send out a booking form early in Term 2, If you wanting to come along, put this date in your calendar, organise some accommodation and start saving as payments will be required by 1st June.

Any questions please let Nicola know in the office.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

ENROLMENT

We hope everyone has had a great term and made the most of our wonderful summer days. Our program will run from Tuesday 11th April through until Friday 22nd April 2023. Our operating hours are 8 am – 5.30 pm. PLEASE NOTE that we are closed on Monday 10th April to observe EASTER MONDAY. On Thursday 22nd April, our program will be operating out of the classrooms in the Junior block. Entry to the classrooms is still via the Ayr Street entrance and you can park on the P5 by the gate to the junior playground. We will have the flag out by the gate :).

Our hourly fee is \$6 per hour, capped at \$40 per day, additional charges for trips will be added to your account (the cost can be found on the program). 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. This has also cost the program, as we are required to provide the correct staff 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 8 am on the day will incur a 3-hour charge as well as the cost of any trips booked on that day.

We have a fun-filled program planned (see attached link). With the weather being unpredictable there may be changes to the program. Parents/Caregivers will be updated through our Kids West Facebook page and on the blackboard outside the hall. Please ensure your child/ren brings a named drink bottle and named jacket every day. Children are welcome to bring along bikes, scooters, skateboards etc but please remember helmets! We hold no responsibility if it gets lost or damaged.

We also have hot lunches available on the days we are at school. Hot chips \$2, mince and cheese pie \$2, Noodles \$1. These need to be paid in cash on the day.

We always welcome new ideas and activities. If you or your children have any suggestions please email them to me :).

Please click on the attached link to link to enrol your children. Once enrolled you should receive a copy of the enrolment back for your records and that is your confirmation. Please check your spam mail in case it goes there or if you are unsure please email irene@elmgrove.school.nz.

If you have any queries please phone/text me on 027 696 1240, email irene@elmgrove.school.nz or message our Kids West Facebook page.

We look forward to seeing you in the holidays.

[Kids West Holiday Programme Enrolment Form 2023](#)

[Term Holiday Programme](#)

[Parent Information](#)

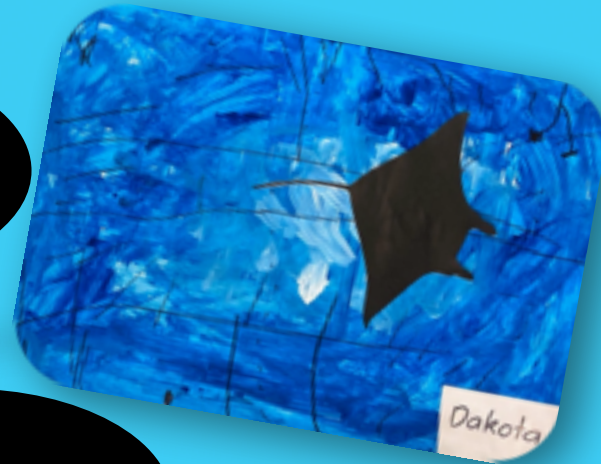
Thanks
Irene and Kids West Staff

RIMU HUB

In the Rimu Hub we enjoyed Sea Week. We wrote stories about ocean creatures.



George - Sharks can swim. Sharks eat fish.



Makenzie - Sharks love to eat fish.



Kingston - The fish ate the other fish.



Lachlan - The dolphin plays with me.



Zoey - The turtle goes slow in the water.



Abdul-Karim - Sharks eat squid.



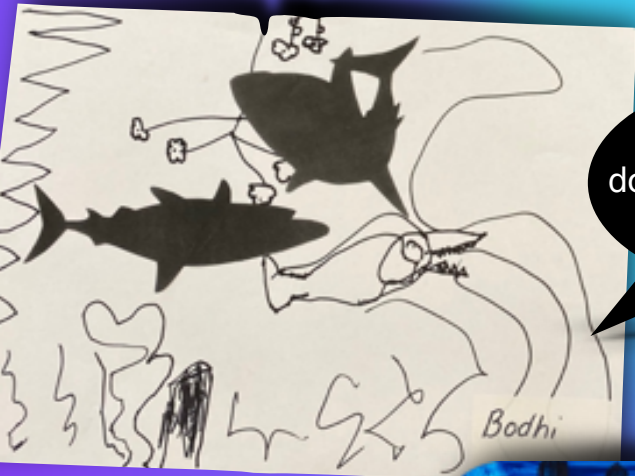
Lachie - Sharks have very sharp teeth.



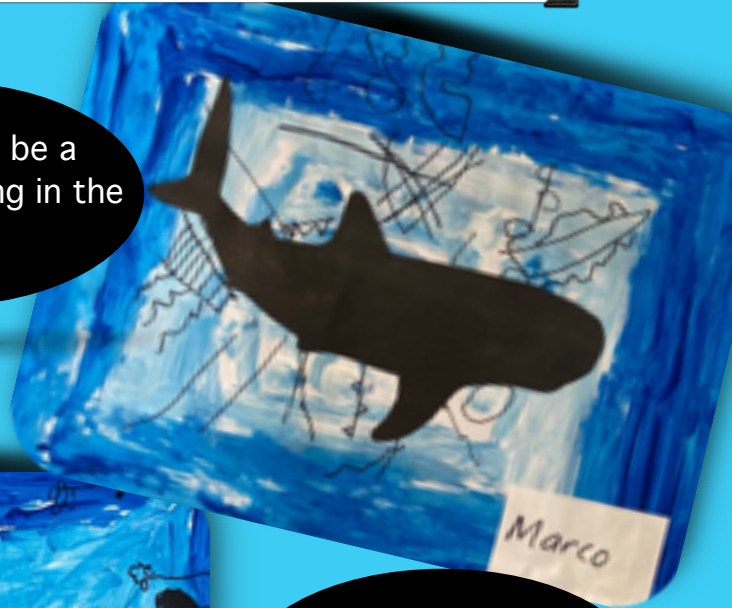
Tyler - The eel is in the water.

RIMU HUB

If you could be a sea creature what would you be?



Ava - I would be a dolphin swimming in the water.

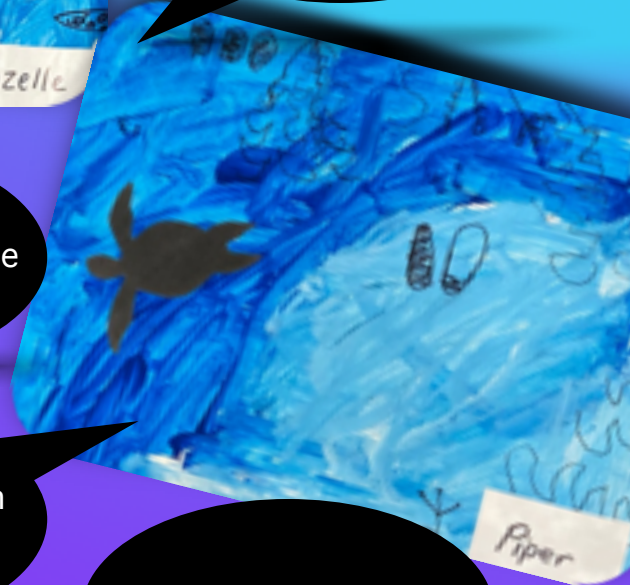


Tanner - I am a dolphin.

Dakota - I want to be a fish.



Hazelle - I am a jellyfish hatching in the ocean.



Piper - I am a starfish or a dolphin.

Archer - I am a shark.



Harper - I want to be a blow-fish.



Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

Important dates - (mark these on your calendar)

Week 7- 13th-17th March

17th March Assembly - Hosted by Totoro

Week 8- 20th-24th March

20th March Otago Anniversary Day - No School

21st March Board Meeting

26th March Otago Primary School Swimming Champs

Week 9- 27th-31st March

31st March Assembly - Hosted by Manuka

Week 10- 3rd-7th April

6th April Last day for Term 1

7th April Easter Friday

TERM 2 STARTS BACK- WEDNESDAY 26th April

Please note Elmgrove will return after the holidays on 26th April 2023 as 24th April is a Ministry allocated Teacher only day and 25th April is Anzac Day.

Week 1- 24th-30th April

24th April Teacher Only Day - No School

25th April Anzac Day - No School

26th April School Duathlon

Week 2- 1st-7th May

Week 3- 8th-14th May

9th May TSSA Duathlon

Week 4- 15th-21st May

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

Week 8- 12th-18th June

Week 9- 19th-25th June

Week 10- 26th June - 2nd July

28th June Last Day of School for Term 2