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Message from The Principal

Tuesday was the big day out and our Year 6 students got to spend the day rafting on the Taieri River. I understand that it was an excellent day and that everyone really enjoyed what was a new experience for most of them. Everyone went home very tired especially all the parent helpers who I understand did more than their share of the paddling.

Last night was the school Christmas Carol evening. This was organised by the parent led fundraising committee and was a great community event. All of our hubs performed at least one Christmas carol and we also had performances from the Kapahaka group and the school choir. Finally a visit from Santa who had packages of books for each of the school hubs to be located in the school library. It was a great turnout and while the wind made us relocate onto the senior courts there was plenty of food and social interaction during this community event. Well done to all of our children on their performances.

This Friday we do not have a community assembly as we are on the spare non allocated week where we normally practice our school wide singing. We will be using a little of this time to hand out the certificates to the summer sports teams of Touch, Flippaball and Otago Athletics. Other than this it will be our normal school singing practice time.

Next week we will have our Yr 6 leavers assembly. For the first time we will be holding this off site. We will be walking all of our children across to Taieri College and holding our leavers assembly in the Performing Arts Centre starting at 2.00pm. We hope this will enable more parents to get a seat and be able to see and hear the performances. Children will need to be picked up from Taieri College at 3.00pm by parents instead of school. We will walk the after school care children back to school following the assembly. This is always a very well attended assembly and we look forward to you joining us to celebrate the end of the year and moving on of our Year 6 students.

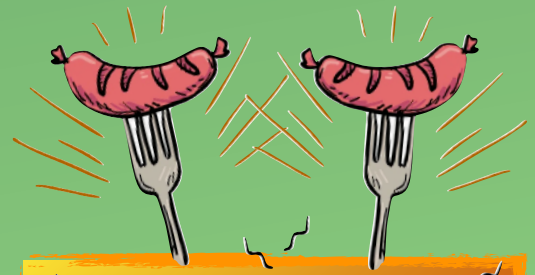
Chris McKinlay
Principal



Activity Week 2020

Activity week 2020, If you have not already notified the school that you are able to help out on the 3 days of Activity Week, can you please do ASAP via email to

jenny@elmgrove.school.nz



Sausage Sizzle

Friday 13th December

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS!

**CHRISTMAS
RAFFLES!!!!!!**

**Please have these
back in by
TOMORROW :)!**

GOOD LUCK!!

Please make sure ALL sports fees, (Touch & Flipperball) Uniforms and stationary are paid by 12th December.

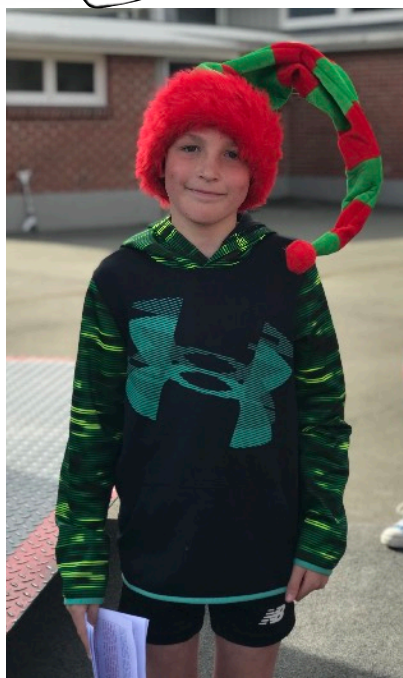
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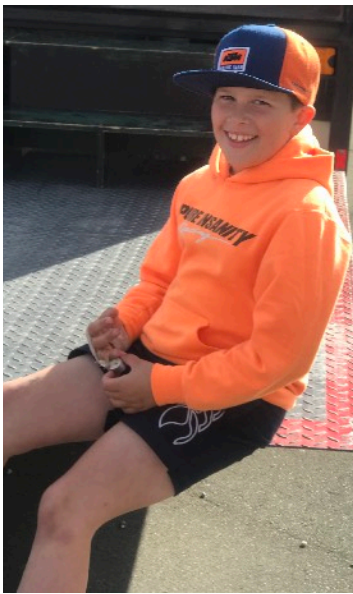
Any troubles paying accounts by this date come and talk to us in





Christmas Carol Night





Manuka Hub

last night at the Christmas carol evening we played Feliz Navidad and Jingle Bells.

We had a cool time even though it was really windy and it tried to rain while we were on the truck.



Tornado

At first I saw some hard out wind and then it turned into a tornado!!!

I was shocked. I ran to my dad and I told my dad that there was a tornado.

My dad got into his car and he said "son get into the car" I sprinted into the front seat of the car.

My dad rolled down the window and I jumped in through the window. We rushed to Gucci and picked up mum and went to get Rocco from kindy.

We went home. Everyone had a job. Mum and dad had to get the food. Rocco and I had to get the drinks.

After all of that we went into the tornado shelter.

We watched TV and watched out for the tornado signal.

By Jai

Tornados

I see a speedy tornado.
I see cows running for their life.
I hear cows mooing.
I hear feet stamping as they run.
I feel scared 'cos i can't drive.
I feel shivery.
I wonder what causes a tornado.

By Ben

Manuka Hub

FLOOD IN DUNEDIN

I see.... Crashing waves splash onto cars.

I see.... The wind howling the water to the cars.

I hear.... The waves being able to make lots of force to jump over the rocks to the cars.

I hear.... The wind blowing rapidly.

I feel.... Scared if I was taking the video.

I feel.... Crazy because it was sunny but it was horrible weather.

I wonder.... Why this happened in Dunedin because it happens every so often.

By Will Todd



I see... large hail falling from the dark sky.

I see... rain falling as the hail drops on the car.

I hear... large chunks of hail falling while the wind blows.

I hear... loud and heavy rain falling from the sky.

I feel... the cold wind bouncing the hail onto the road.

I feel... the hail bouncing off the cars onto the road.

I wonder... if wind will make a tornado.

By Katie Higgins

I see Cars zooming across the deep puddles on the road.

I see Waves lapping at the side of the road.

I hear Wild waves crashing against the cars.

I hear Waves crashing against the shore.

I feel Frightened because the waves are crashing at my window.

I feel Terrified because the car keeps on slipping across the road.

I wonder What the cars would look like afterwards.

By annabelle

By Annabelle



Sports Spotlight

Flipperball Draw for Sunday

Sunday December 8 - Semi Finals

MAIN POOL				LEARNERS POOL			
	Blue		White		Blue		White
12.30pm - 12.55pm	Fairfield SeaHorses	vs	ET Sharks				
12.55pm - 1.20pm	Wakari Dolphins	vs	Mornington Sea Lions				
1.20pm - 1.45pm	St Mary's Sharks	vs	Fairfield Tadpoles	1.20 - 1.45pm	Mornington Sea Horses	vs	Columba Stingrays
1.45pm - 2.10pm	St Brigid's All Saints	vs	Outram Seals	1.45pm - 2.10pm	St Clair/Kaikorai	vs	Columba Sea Wasp
2.10pm - 2.35pm	Andy Bay Skimmers	vs	Diamond Seals	2.10pm - 2.35pm	Elmgrove	vs	Outram Stingrays
2.35pm - 3pm	Columba Black Pearls	vs	St Clair/Kaikorai	2.35pm - 3pm	Andy Bay Seals	vs	Water Dragons
3pm- 3.25pm	Mornington Dolphins	vs	ET Dolphins	3pm- 3.25pm	Fairfield Fish	vs	Wakari starfish
3.25pm - 3.50pm	Green Island Sharks	vs	Fins up!	3.25pm - 3.50pm	Andy Bay Flippers	vs	Balacava Blades
3.50pm - 4.15pm	Outram Dolphins	vs	GSNS Black	3.50pm - 4.15pm	St Mary's Fins	vs	MHS Sharks
4.15 - 4.40pm	St Mary's Stingrays	vs	Elmgrove	4.15pm - 4.40pm	Bermuda	vs	ET Seals
4.40pm - 5.05pm	MHS Stingrays	vs	Electric Eels	4.40pm - 5.05pm	St Brigid's Dolphins	vs	Reel me in
5.05pm - 5.30pm	MHS Makos	vs	Balacava Barracudas				

Red = A Grade Green = B Grade Blue = C Grade

Goodluck to our senior team who have made it into the semis.



Touch has now finished for Term 4, We had 12 Touch teams enter this term!! Fantastic effort by students and parents for getting them along each Monday.

Special Congratulations to Elmgrove Belles & Elmgrove Tigers for placing 3rd in their grades and to Elmgrove Storm for placing 2nd.



Year 6 Big Day Out



On the third of December the year six's went on the Big Day Out at Outram Glen. We split off into two groups: one group was one who had already got their wetsuits and the other group was the one who had hired wetsuits. It took awhile for everyone to get ready. We had to get all of our gear on before we started. We put our wetsuits on and went to go get our life jackets and helmets. We hiked up to Lee Stream for 30 minutes. We were hot, tired and sweaty in our wetsuits. When we got to the bottom we stopped and 6 of us got onto a jet boat it took 3 minutes for us to get to the creek. At the creek we were making huts, skimming stones, getting splashed by the jet boat and eating our lunch. While we were eating our lunch it started to rain. we put our gear back on and got into the rafts. We were allowed 6 kids and 3 adults per raft. We had to sit on a grey line so we could paddle in the rafts. We loved going through the rapids. We got to jump off the rafts and it was so cold but we still managed to attack each others rafts and have a swim. We paddled to another creek and we played a game where the rafts were flipped over and the adults shook the rafts while the kids ran across them. Then the kids had their turn to try and shake the adults off. Casey's dad made the biggest splash when he fell in. We had a fantastic day but we were all exhausted.

Kids West Holiday Programme

Hi All,

Only a couple of weeks of the term left and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting our holiday programme and to Wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

Just a little reminder that we are not running a programme before Christmas as Elmgrove School finishes on Thursday 19th December 2019 at lunch time. Our 2020 Christmas programme will run from Monday 13th January till Friday 31st February 2020.

We have a fun-filled programme planned. Please make sure you bring togs, towel, sunhat and drink bottle everyday as we will go for a swim at the school pool, have water fights and water games etc. Children are welcome to bring along technology, bikes, scooters etc but we hold no responsibility if it gets lost or damaged.

There will be a \$5 charge for each trip and a \$10 charge for the Oamaru trip, that will be added on to your account.

Any queries please ph/txt on 027 696 1240 or email, irenec@elmgrove.school.nz
We look forward to receiving your enrolment. When they are received your child/ren's place in the programme is guaranteed. If you need WINZ forms filled out, these will need to be done before Wednesday 18th December 2019 or on the day that care starts.

Please bring EVERY DAY a drink bottle and sunhat.

Cell phones will be locked away and if your child needs to use it they will have to ask a leader.

We look forward to seeing you in the holidays.

Please click on the link's below too enrol or see our programme for upcoming holidays.

[Enrolment Form](#)
[Programme for Term 1 - 2020](#)
[Parent Information](#)

Thanks

Irene and Kids West Staff

**CHANGE OF VENUE
FOR LEAVERS
ASSEMBLY 2019**

**NEW VENUE IS
TAIERI COLLEGE HALL**

**WHOLE SCHOOL
YEAR 0-6 WILL BE IN
ATTENDANCE AND
NEED TO BE PICKED UP
FROM TAIERI COLLEGE
AT 3PM**

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE CHILDREN
WILL BE WALKING BACK TO
SCHOOL**

Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

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

Week 8 -2nd December - 8th December

- 6th December No Family Time Assembly Today - Singing
- 6th December Raffle Cards due back

Week 9 -9th December - 15th December

- 9th December Junior Swimming all week
- 10th December Launchpad Christmas Show
- 10th December BOT Meeting
- 11th December Pukeko Team Trip - Pixie Town, Chinese Gardens & Park
- 11th December Junior Christmas Nativity show - 2pm in Hall
- 12th December Parent help Thank-You Morning Tea
- 13th December Sausage Sizzle available today
- 13th December Year 6 Leaving Assembly - Now at Taieri Collage

Week 10-16th December - 20th December

- 16th December Junior Trip - Woodhaugh
- 17th December New Class Visits
- 17th December Junior Water Play
- 18th December Junior Trip to Library / Park
- 18th December Moa Team - Park and Pool
- 18th December Middles Games, BBQ and Water Fight
- 19th December LAST DAY OF TERM - 12.30 FINISH

School Starts back Monday 3rd February 2020

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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

POOL KEYS NOW AVAILABLE



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"

Dunedin Ice Skating Club Presents

A JUNGLE CHRISTMAS on ice

3 SHOWS

FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER 6PM
SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER 12PM
SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER 4PM

ADULT \$10 | CHILD \$8 | FAMILY \$35
(2 ADULTS, 3 KIDS)

DUNEDIN ICE STADIUM
101 VICTORIA ROAD

DRESS WARM!
BRING A BLANKET

DUNEDIN ICE SKATING CLUB OTAGO COMMUNITY TRUST THE LION FOUNDATION PLACE FOR GOOD ICE STADIUM

 **Food help Christmas Party and fundraiser @ Moana Pool**

7th December 12-3pm
BBQ (infront of Moana pool entry)

Special visit from Santa and other entertainment is provided.

10 AMAZING RAFFLE PRIZES Raffles - \$2

Children swim for FREE in exchange for a non-perishable food item
Adults swim \$4.00

Bring along food items to the value of \$3 per child and receive a sausage and bread.

Colouring competition available in our facebook group! Christmas gifts will be gratefully received on the day also!

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Christmas at East Taieri Church
12a Cemetery Rd, Mosgiel

Christmas Eve 2019

430pm & 6pm
Family Service with drama, dance & carols

8.30pm
Reflective Service with Carols

FREE BBQ
following 430pm & 6pm
FREE Café
following 8.30pm

Christmas Day 10am Family Celebration Service



TAIERI DRAMATIC SOCIETY INC. proudly presents

RUDOLPH
THE RED NOSED REINDEER

COLOURING COMPETITION

ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE FROM

- Download from our website www.firestationtheatre.co.nz
- Plain Health, Gordon Rd, Mosgiel
- Aurora Cafe, Gordon Rd, Mosgiel

ENTRIES CLOSE 6th DECEMBER 2019

ENQUIRIES
Phone 027 589-3088

AGE GROUPS

- 6 years & under
- 7-10 years
- 11-15 years

Each age group winner will receive four tickets to our Christmas production **Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer**

A fun CHRISTMAS show for all the family to enjoy!

Fire Station Theatre
3 Cargill Street, Mosgiel

13th-15th & 20th-22nd December



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\$5 adult
\$2 child
Free under 5

BOOKINGS
www.firestationtheatre.co.nz
Plain Health, Gordon Rd, Mosgiel (cash only)

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13th-15th December
Fri 13th December 7pm
Sat 14th December 2pm
Sun 15th December 2pm

20th-22nd December
Fri 20th December 7pm
Sat 21st December 2pm & 7pm
Sun 22nd December 2pm