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## Message from The Principal

This week I have been out in the classrooms undertaking some online assessments and surveys with our middle and senior students. We have completed the PAT Mathematics assessment as well as a Well Being survey, which focused on student's feelings and opinions on life at school. I will now spend a few weeks sorting through this data before I present summaries to the Board. The information from both the mathematics assessment and the Well Being survey will be used to focus our teaching and classroom programmes into next term.

Over recent weeks we have had instructors form a group called Playball coming into school at lunch times to run skills, drills and games with groups of children throughout the lunch break. This has been a lot of fun and has helped develop children's coordination, ball skills, team and social skills. We will be continuing this programme throughout Term 2.

This week is another short week as we move into Easter tomorrow. I remind parents that all Schools are closed Friday 2nd, Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th April as required by the Ministry of Education. I hope you can make the most of the long weekend and that nobody suffers from over indulgence of Easter Eggs.

I will finish again by reminding parents and whanau of the need for cheese roll makers next Friday and Saturday. Please mark this in your diary. We have extended the making window into Saturday due to the size of the job but hope to complete as many as possible on the Friday.

Enjoy the long weekend and we will see everyone back next Wednesday.

Noho ora mai

**Chris McKinlay**  
Principal



## 2021 Term Dates

### Term 1

2nd Feb - 16th April

### Term 2

3rd May - 9th July

### Term 3

26th July - 1st October

### Term 4

18th October - 15th December

## Save the date for the cheese roll fundraiser.

We are expecting to make over 48,000 cheese rolls and need your help!

When: Friday 9th April between 8am and 11pm

Where: Elmgrove School hall

Please give up 1 hour of your time to make this fundraiser a success! - Email the Office if you can!

Can your family or business donate the following items?

- Empty ice cream containers
- Carpet film
- Disposable plastic gloves
- Disposable hair nets
- Aprons

Thank you for supporting the school.

## Hockey Register Here

### COMMUNITY POOL CLOSING SOON

Monday, April 5th is the last day this season to swim at the pool! Just Swim lessons will continue until the 15th of April 2021.

## Welcome to Elmgrove

### ANZAC DAY

Your children will be learning about Anzac Day in their classrooms and about the significance of the poppy. The RSA has dropped off some poppies for us, if your child would like to wear a poppy we will be taking these around classrooms Friday the 9th April.

A gold coin is required for your child to get a poppy.



**EZRA & JOSH**



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



*William Cartwright - Responsibility*



*Zara George - Perseverance*



*William Tod - Perseverance*

**RESPONSIBILITY**



**RESPECT**



**CARING**



**PERSEVERANCE**



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



- ★ *Brando Bell*
- ★ *Jade Botha*
- ★ *Ethan Julian*
- ★ *James Cartwright*
- ★ *Grace Cook-Kneft*



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



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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ★ <i>Liam McCallum</i>      | ★ <i>Harrison Knopp-Jenkinson</i> |
| ★ <i>Nixon White</i>        | ★ <i>Braxton O'Sullivan</i>       |
| ★ <i>Fergus Hawkins</i>     | ★ <i>William McCallum</i>         |
| ★ <i>Chelsea Biernat</i>    | ★ <i>Hazel Laughton</i>           |
| ★ <i>Jake Littlejohn</i>    | ★ <i>Sophie Mitchell</i>          |
| ★ <i>William Cartwright</i> | ★ <i>Riyam Alali</i>              |
| ★ <i>Greer Clark</i>        | ★ <i>Jacob Whitley</i>            |
| ★ <i>Tyler Griffiths</i>    | ★ <i>Karlee Cathro</i>            |
| ★ <i>Isabella Scholten</i>  | ★ <i>Holly Little</i>             |



# School Holiday Programme

Hi All,

We hope everyone has had a great term and made the most of our warm summer days. Our program will run from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April through until Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Our operating hours are 8am – 530pm. **PLEASE NOTE** that we are closed on 26<sup>th</sup> April to observe ANZAC Day. On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 J

**Please note our hourly fee has increased to \$6 per hour, capped at \$40 per day, additional charges for trips and bought lunches still apply. 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 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 8am on the day will incur a three hour charge as well as the cost of any trips booked on that day.**

We have a fun filled program planned (see attached link). There will be a small charge for our trip days (these prices are on the program). 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 whiteboard outside the hall.

Children are welcome to bring along technology, 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 pie \$2, Noodles \$1. These need to be paid by 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 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 [ire nec@elmgrove.school.nz](mailto:ire nec@elmgrove.school.nz)

If you have any queries please phone/text me on 027 696 1240, email [ire nec@elmgrove.school.nz](mailto:ire nec@elmgrove.school.nz) or message our facebook page.

Please bring **EVERY DAY** a drink bottle and jacket.

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

**[Kids West Holiday Programme Enrolment Form 2021](#)**

**[Term 2 Holiday Programme](#)**

**[Parent Information](#)**

We look forward to seeing you in the holidays.

Irene and Staff

*Irene Cameron*

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# Kauri Hub



## Hybrid Animal writing

*In the Kauri Hub we have been writing about hybrid animals! Our hybrid animals were completely made up and we had lots of fun using our imaginations to write about their diet, habitat, facts and location.*

A Brog is a rare creature. It lives in schools that are loud, noisy and messy. They like big bars of chocolate kids leave behind. They also like bananas that the kids leave behind. It also likes playing on chromebooks and recording themselves beatboxing. It can jump 50 metres and it comes out when it's cold and the kids have gone home from school.

**By Adam Jeffery**

The native Brog is a very crazy animal. They live in rainforest burrows in America, but only rainforests where seagulls have dropped chocolate covered churros. They dig up their burrows with their razor sharp claws. They think dirt is chocolate so they eat dirt. Brogs are very goofy and they have a habit of falling off logs. But they like it, its like a roller coaster to them.

Fun facts: Native Brogs can eat up to 5x their body weight before hibernating in the winter. They can jump up to 40 metres high and 20 meters long. In their burrow you might find swamp water which they take baths in.

**By Ryan Campbell**

## The Turtle Duck

Turtle ducks are mostly found in Beijing, China. They like to live in damp lakes and sometimes cities. Since they have adapted to suburban life that also means that their chicks have a red and white mark on their head which makes predators think it has a serious wound. The turtle duck is an absolute icon in all parts of China and Japan, they were so awesome that thousands of years ago they were worshipped as **KINGS!**

**By Daniel De Jager**

## Fribbity Brog

Fribbity Brog is a rare creature. They live in Hawaii beaches and they like to play cards with cockroaches. If they don't win, they will eat them. They also drink coconut milk while sunbathing. They can camouflage to palm trees and sand so they can attack their prey

*By Daxia Grant*

Did you know a Fear is ultra rare? A Fear lives in NEW ZEALAND. But don't bother looking, it's impossible because it can camouflage. A Fear lives in a swampy slimy pond with lily pads. It eats bananas, moldy fries and blue candy. A Fear will not eat another colour of candy. It drinks juice bubbles and cola. A Fear can roar so loud your ears will ring forever. A Fear can dance to funky jazz. I would give it one out of ten. A Fear could run faster than a hippo, it's the fastest animal on Earth. A Fear lives on water and land, but it is scared to climb up a tree. Also, a Fear can live up to 50 years WOW! Watch out its bites!

**By Mikayla Walsh**

# Girls Sports Day

*On Thursday the 18th March, the year 5 & 6 girls attended a have a go sports day, run by Sport Otago. This was a great morning and enjoyed by all.*



# Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

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

### Week 9 - 29th March - 4th April

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| 1st April | Sausage Sizzle Available today         |
| 1st April | Family Time assembly - Hosted by Matai |
| 2nd April | Easter Friday - No School              |

### Week 10 - 5th April - 11th April

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| 5th-6th April | Easter Monday & Tuesday - No School |
| 9th April     | Cheese Roll making                  |
| 10th April    | Otago Swimming Champs               |

### Week 11 - 12th April - 16th April

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| 14th April | Drama Workshop - SNR Students       |
| 14th April | Dunedin Arts Performance            |
| 14th April | Family Time Assembly hosted by Rimu |
| 14th April | End of Term 1                       |

## Term 2 Starts - 3rd May 2021

## 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.**

## After School Recorder Lessons in Mosgiel for Primary School Children.

### Starting Term Two

Suitable for age 6 years and older

On Wednesdays 4pm at Elmgrove School, starting May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Any enquiries? Email: <[barrie@smmcotago.com](mailto:barrie@smmcotago.com)>



REGISTRATIONS OPEN  
FOR TERM 2, FOR  
CHILDREN IN YEAR 1-2  
AT SCHOOL!

DUNEDIN  
WAIKOUAITI  
MOSGIEL

*A 10 week fundamental movement  
and skills programme*

<http://oha.org.nz/funsticks>



Synchronised swimming  
We have beginner classes for both males and females starting on either Saturday mornings from 9.30am to 11am or Tuesday afternoons 4.30 till 5.30pm.

Synchro is a combination of swimming, dance, and gymnastics.

Beginners

need to be able to swim 100m and be comfortable in the dive pool.

Come and give it a try. First two classes free.

For more info email

[aquagoldsynchroswim@gmail.com](mailto:aquagoldsynchroswim@gmail.com)

or call 0273379868

Open morning to have a go 8th of May 9.30-11am Moana Pool dive well

Thanks

Emma



**Make a difference**

## **Join the COVID workforce!**

We have a huge job ahead of us to vaccinate our community against COVID-19: Can you help?

We are looking to build a flexible, mobile vaccination team that can work across the Southern district. There will be teams formed in key locations across our district working alongside DHB, primary care and rural health staff, and some travel will be required. There are roles for:

- Administration (clinical and non-clinical)
- Vaccination Team Leader
- Vaccinators
- Recovery Team
- Cold Chain
- Site Managers

Our preference is for individuals to be fully committed to these roles for 6 + months. Southern DHB is willing to engage in discussions with current employers around secondment arrangements.

**Unite  
against  
COVID-19**

Clinics will be run 7 days a week with two shifts during daytime hours. We need team members who have a reasonable level of fitness.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email the team and someone will be touch: **covidworkforce@southerndhb.govt.nz**

### **Register your interest**

For more details, and to register for a role please visit:

**[www.southernhealth.nz/COVIDworkforce](http://www.southernhealth.nz/COVIDworkforce)**

Thank you for helping us protect our community from COVID-19.