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## Message from The Principal

Welcome back to the second half of Term 3. Lockdown was a bit of a surprise for us all. I hope that the time you spent at home with your children was positive and not too stressful. Teachers enjoyed seeing so many children online each day and hearing about their at home experiences and work. Thank you to our teachers who managed their own families and the online classroom environment. Last week we had 4 bubbles operating at school as well. It was great to be able to provide this service for our essential workers. I understand from discussions with other principals that we had one of the larger number of children return during this time with most schools only requiring one or two bubbles. During lockdown we issued 65 loan devices and the majority of these have already been returned. If you still have yours at home please make sure these are returned by Monday morning at the latest as we require these for classroom programmes. Nicola will be following up again any devices that have not been returned on Monday morning.

Children have returned to school well and appear to be enjoying getting back into their face to face learning and catching up with their friends. There have been a number of postponements and cancellations due to lockdown. This has included school photos, museum sleepover, art gallery visit, netball tournament, Otago Cross Country, O'Mathalon, Stars on Stage and Polyfest. In today's newsletter Nicola has put in the new dates we have already. Some events have been cancelled altogether and others we are still waiting on confirmed alternative dates. Please read this section carefully and keep an eye on it over coming weeks as we get further information.

We have no assemblies planned for the remainder of this term due to limits on numbers of adults we can have on site. Hopefully we will be at Level 1 next term and these can resume. Yesterday enrolments for the holiday programme were opened. We hope to be at Level 1 by then and be able to operate normally. If we are still at Level 2 there are some additional Ministry of Health restrictions we will need to meet due to children from multiple schools attending. Make sure you have enrolled your children early incase we have to cap enrolments.

We have now advertised our out of zone positions for 2022. We will be accepting students in Year 0/1 as well as limited numbers in other areas of the school from out of zone. Applications for this initial round of out of zone spaces close's on 24th September 2021. If you or someone you know has children due to start school next year, but live outside of our Enrolment zone, it is still possible to send them to Elmgrove. If you want to look further into this option please get in touch about applying or having a visit. We will process our applications and advise families of confirmed positions before the end of this month.

**Chris McKinlay**  
Principal



# EVENT CHANGES

- \* Middles Camps - TBC
- \* Middles Art Gallery Trips - Cancelled until 2022
- \* Stars on Stage - 3rd November (if at level 1)
- \* Polyfest - 18th-22nd October (if at level 1)
- \* Otago Cross Country - TBC
- \* Elmgroves Got Talent - TBC
- \* O'Mathalon - TBC
- \* Close of date of Taieri Collage Enrolments - 24th September
- \* Sausage Sizzle - TBC for students that paid for this on 19th August
- \* Ukulele Jam - TBC
- \* Otago Primary School Netball Tournament - Cancelled
- \* Touch - Prosponed until Term 4
- \* Touch Trials - 20th Sept
- \* Miniball - Finished for Season
- \* Netball - Finished for Season
- \* Otago Cricket Sessions - TBC
- \* Taieri Hui Ako - Cancelled
- \* School Photos - 10th November

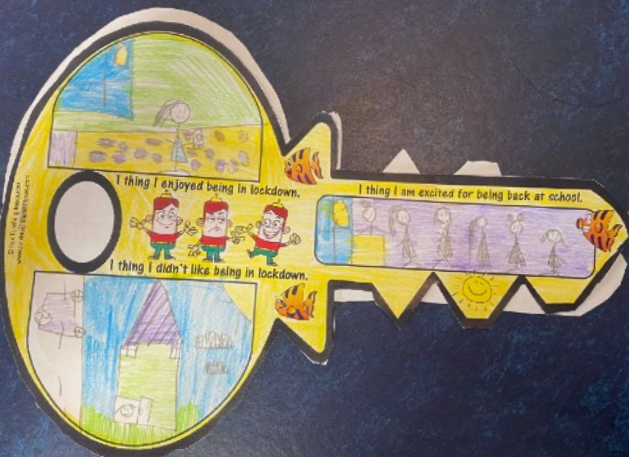
**We will only have a week turn around for school photo orders to be back as these are now very close to the end of the year -**

**Please follow this link to view prices so you can prepare for this cost.**

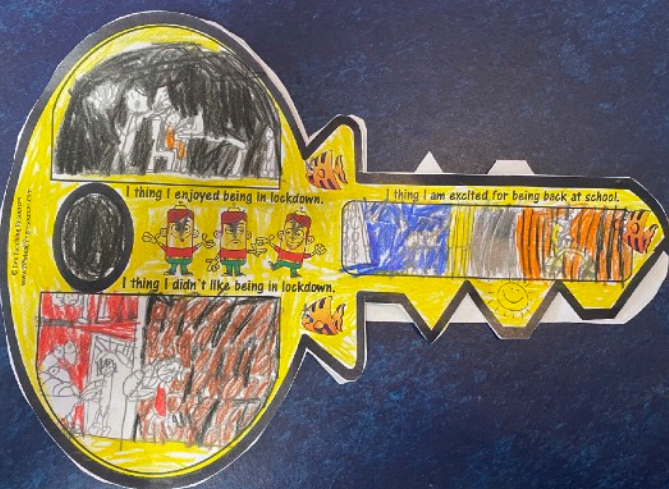
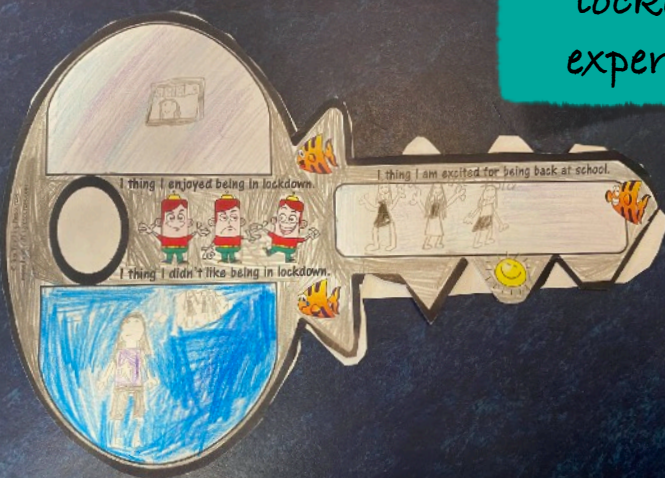
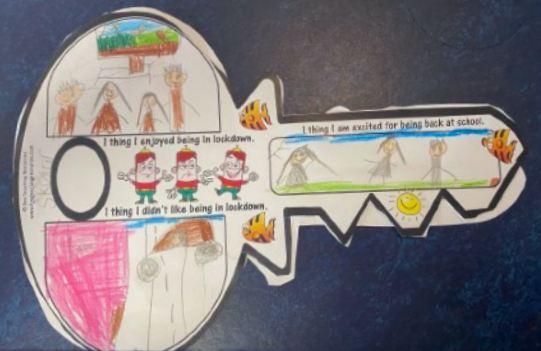
## **(Photo Prices)**

- \* Aurora School Lunches - None until Level 1
- \* Monto Carlo Lunches - Running as normal
- \* Subway Lunches - Running as normal
- \* Sushi Lunches - Running as normal
- \* MusIQHUB (Joel Dalloway) - Running as normal
- \* School Holidays - Remaining the same - 4th-17th October





We are glad we found the key to get us out of lockdown!! Here are some of our Manuka Children's drawings from their 2nd lockdown experience.





# Sport Information

## Touch Rep Trials

These are being run on **Monday 20th September** starting at **4pm**. At Peter Johnston Park. Please follow this link if you wish to register your child.

Registration

## T-Ball

Please follow the link for information regarding t-ball and to register your child

Registration

## Miniball

The miniball season has now concluded. A difficult decision was made to end the season due to the restrictions under level 2 and the requirements needed to be put in place to run the final round. Placings for the season will be out shortly.

## Netball

The Taieri Plains Junior Netball committee met (via Zoom) to discuss the end of the 2021 netball season.

A robust discussion was held around the practicalities of completing the season at Alert Level 2.

It was decided that the work required to put in place and ensure the adherence to Covid health and safety guidelines, such as a limit to the number of spectators and strict hygiene practices, over three venues was impractical for only 1-2 weeks of netball.

It has been four weeks since the teams last played netball, and summer sports are meant to be beginning this week, which puts pressure on coaches, players and their families.

Regretfully, with all this in mind, we made the decision to cancel the remainder of the 2021 Taieri Plains Junior Netball season.

We look forward to seeing all keen netball players back on the new Taieri College courts for the 2022 season.

Thanks for your understanding,

Taieri Plains Junior Netball committee

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



*Hugo Webster*

**RESPONSIBILITY**



**RESPECT**



**CARING**



**PERSEVERANCE**



**These children have achieved  
10 Tumeke Cards this week!**

- ★ *Lachlan Gibbons*
- ★ *Holly Little*
- ★ *Hunter Burton*
- ★ *Gabrielle Knopp-Jenkinson*
- ★ *Ava Hudson*
- ★ *Beau Harrex*
- ★ *Rocco Cunningham*
- ★ *Liam Thomas*
- ★ *Dominic Breese*



**These children have achieved  
5 Tumeke Cards this week!**



- ★ *Lilli Bell*
- ★ *Jacob Coombes*
- ★ *Yulia Neilson*
- ★ *Hemi Renata*



# SPRING IS HERE



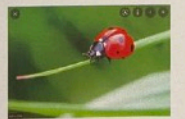
## Spring

I love the spring its so much fun!  
I love to play in the sun.  
Flowers sprouting up from the ground.  
Foals and Lambs running around.  
The grass is green.  
And flowers are starting to be seen.  
I love the Spring!



## Spring

Lots of butterflies,  
with clear blue skies.  
Warm hot sun,  
to do lots of fun.  
Lots of lambs and ladybugs,  
with humbugs.  
The season to do everything,  
is Spring.  
By Lucy c



It's gonna rain ☁️ hopefully not a hurricane 🌪️  
A day with sun ☀️ and a bun for lunch  
A bird 🦜 will sing because it's Spring  
A lot of growth for both my seeds  
Soon they will be little trees 🌲  
By Jake



## Spring

I love the spring  
So I can get out and have a swing  
Theres something new that comes  
And likes to stay  
A little bird  
And little bugs  
The sun has come to stay

Written by Kaylee



Our Bubble children  
created some lovely  
spring work and poems.



# Kids West Holiday Programme

We hope everyone has had a great term despite the lockdown and that you are all getting back to some normality. Our program will run from Monday 4th October through until Friday 15th October 2021. Our operating hours are 8am – 530pm.

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). On Monday 4th October we have Gone Potty visiting us. There will be an \$8 cost for that day but there will be no charge for the trip day on Tuesday 5th October. On Wednesday 6th October there is an optional trip for children 8+ years old to visit a Parkour Gym. This will cost an extra \$8 per child. If you have any questions about the trips please email me [irenec@elmgrove.school.nz](mailto:irenec@elmgrove.school.nz)

Please click on attached 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 [irenec@elmgrove.school.nz](mailto:irenec@elmgrove.school.nz).

**Sometimes Spring can bring unpredictable weather which may result in program changes, late starts, or dare I say it, cancellations. Parents/Caregivers will be updated through our Kids West Facebook page and The Hits radio station for late starts or cancellations. Program changes will be on the whiteboard outside the hall and on our Facebook page.**

Children are welcome to bring along technology, bikes, scooters, skateboards etc but please remember helmets. We hold no responsibility if anything 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.

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

Technology will be locked away and only used when supervised by staff.

## PLEASE NOTE

**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. If you cancel on a trip day and let us know unfortunately you will still incur the cost of the trip as this has also cost the program as we are required to provide correct adult 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 3hour charge as well as the cost of any trips booked on that day.**

WINZ Subsidies – I will be available every afternoon to fill out WINZ subsidy forms.

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

We look forward to seeing you in the holidays.

Irene and Staff

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

**[Term 4 Holiday Programme](#)**

**[Parent Information](#)**

# Elmgrove School Frozen Cookie Dough Fundraiser!

Our 40g cookies are made by Yarrows and they are super easy to bake at home so you can bake delicious fresh cookies as you need them. No need to thaw! To bake simply remove your cookie nuggets from the freezer and place on a baking tray for 12-15 minutes at 180degreesC.

## How do I sign my child/family up to fundraise online?

Each child/family can sign up for their very own web page to send out to friends and family to collect sales. Just go to our Fundraising Hub page at:

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

- You will find the register link to set up their account on this page
- All child/family totals update in real time and your donors can leave you messages of encouragement

The online Fundraising Hub website can be viewed at anytime

Last day for Orders - Sunday 3rd October  
Order Pick up date Thursday 21st October

**The hub that sells the most will be up for a treat!!**

Any questions please contact Lyn - [lynette.whaanga4@gmail.com](mailto:lynette.whaanga4@gmail.com)

Here are your main page links:

<https://elmgrovecookies.raiseit.co.nz/>



**Yarrows Chocolate Chip  
Frozen Cookie Dough**  
Pack of 20 cookies - 800g

**\$11**



**Yarrows M & Ms  
Frozen Cookie Dough**  
Pack of 20 cookies - 800g

**\$11**



**Yarrows Oat & Raisin  
Frozen Cookie Dough**  
Pack of 20 cookies - 800g

**\$11**



**Yarrows White Choc &  
Macadamia  
Frozen Cookie Dough**  
Pack of 20 cookies - 800g

**\$11**



# Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

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

**Week 7 - 6th September - 12th September**

**Week 8 - 13th September - 19th September**

**Week 9 - 20th September - 26th September**

21st September

BOT Meeting

**Week 10 - 27th September - 3rd October**

1st October

Mammas Donuts available today

1st October

Last day Term 3

**Week 1 - 18th October - 22nd October**

18th-22nd October

Otago Polyfest

18th-22nd October

Middles swimming

**Week 2 - 25th October - 29th October**

25th-29th October

Middles swimming

**Week 3 - 1st November - 5th November**

2nd November

TSSA Athletics - YR 4,5,6

2nd November

BOT Meeting

3rd November

Elmgrove Stars on Stage

**Week 4 - 8th November - 12th November**

10th November

School Photos

**Week 5 - 15th November - 19th November**

**Week 6 - 22nd November - 26th November**

**Week 7 - 29th November - 3rd December**

**Week 8 - 6th December - 10th December**

7th December

BOT Meeting

10th December

Y6 Leavers assembly

**Week 9 - 13th December - 15th December**

15th December

Last Day of School

## 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.**



**Due to Covid we have extended our close-off date for enrolments for 2022. This is now Friday 24 September 2021. If you require any further information, please contact the college on 489-3823.**

### **Let's go fishing**

Otago Fish & Game Council is running four **FREE** Take A Kid Fishing sessions from 10am to noon at the Southern Reservoir (Reservoir Road, Dunedin) on the weekends of September 18/19 and September 25/26, 2021.

If you wish to register, please be prepared to be flexible due to changing Covid restrictions. There are real possibilities that numbers could be reduced or the event could be cancelled at late notice.

Note: At this stage, we are taking registrations for only ONE ADULT PER FAMILY in the possibility it will be held under Alert Level 2.

Registrations are open now and are **essential**. Visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2VWVJ23>

or scan the QR code.

Spare fishing rods will be available along with experts to help kids get started. Parents or caregivers must be present to supervise children.

### **Adult beginner spin-fishing evening classes**

Fish & Game is running FREE adult beginner spin-fishing evening classes on October 6-8 in Dunedin and October 8 in Cromwell. Mum and Dad, this is a great chance to learn some skills after the "Take A Kid Fishing" events.

The classes involve one theory session followed by a field trip on Saturday, October 9, to the Southern Reservoir, in Dunedin, and at fishing waters near Cromwell.

To register for an adult beginner spin-fishing class, visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VQFXBKN>



*Taieri Tennis Club Open Day - Saturday 18th September (FREE)*

*Juniors - 10am to 12pm*

*Seniors - 1pm to 3pm*

*An opportunity to come into our awesome tennis club environment and get a taste of what our Tennis Programme is all about. A two-hour session of fun drills, exciting testing, new learnings and positional-specific training with current members and coach.*

[Facebook Link](#)  
[Website](#)

Kind regards

Ngā mihi nui

Alexis Robin

President