



Enriching, Encouraging, Empowering

Message from The Principal

These last weeks have been action packed with trips and events. Our Year 6 students had an excellent day rafting on the Taieri River, our Junior school are today walking the Ross Creek track and our second class of Year 4's are off to the Museum for a night with the dinosaurs. It definitely makes the end of the year move quickly.

Our final Year 6 assembly was held on Friday and it was great to celebrate with our Year 6 students their time at Elmgrove and honour their contributions to the school in their last full week. As part of this assembly we awarded the Year 6 achievement awards. Congratulations to the recipients of these awards.

We have finally got sign off for our latest building project and the renovation of the middles block will begin over the holidays. It looks like this will continue into the start of next year and our newly formed Year 2/3 classes will be starting next year in the school library and hall until this work is finished. The plans look great and it will be worth the wait. For the last couple of days there will be a lot of furniture shifting to do as we empty the middle block and teachers shift their belonging to their new classes for next year.

You will have seen from the placement letters that went home on Friday that we have made a few changes to class year groupings for 2022 due to large numbers in Year 2/3. We have Year 2/3 and Year 3/4 classes next year. Our Year 3/4 class will be operating out of the Rata Hub so that the two Year 2/3 classes can be next to each other and work together a little more closely. I know the Year 3/4 teachers are excited about using the Rata space which is currently our biggest classroom space.

I would like to welcome Jessica Stratton to the teaching team for 2022. Jessica is an experienced teacher currently working at Forrest Hill School in Auckland and is looking forward to coming home to Mosgiel to teach. Jessica will be working in one of our Year 2/3 hubs. We will be conducting interviews later this week to find a new teacher for the Kowhai hub. Once this is done we will have our full contingent of teachers confirmed.

I remind parents that school finishes for the year at 12.30pm on Wednesday this week. This is an early pick up for all children and we do not have an after school care programme operating on this day.

Thank you to the many parent helpers who have contributed in many ways to the smooth running and enhancement of our school this year. I wish you all a restful Christmas break. Good luck to the children who are starting in a new school next year and I look forward to seeing the rest of you back next year.

Chris McKinlay
Principal



Art Expo

This is a display of our children's art work 2021. We hope you enjoy the different mediums the children have used in their work. This was going to be a display in the hall. However covid made that impossible, so it went into this slideshow.

Art Expo

We have received applications to JR McKenzie Youth Education Fund Committee.

Application for Assistance with uniforms for children entering High School/College for the first time.

If you require an application, please see Annette in the office. The applications need to be completed and returned to our office before Friday 10 December 2021.

CONGRULATIONS



Well done to our Elmgrove Raiders who came 2nd Place in the year 3/4 touch elite grade.

Sophie received Honours in her dance exam for Hiphop & Contemporary. She also received a medal for being the champion studio dancer.

Aaliyah received Highly commended in her Hiphop exam.

WELL DONE GIRLS!

FOOD DRIVE!!!!!!

Unfortunately this year the Emergency Services FoodBank Drive has been cancelled. We would like to help the Taieri FoodBank with the great work that they do supporting our community by collecting donations of non-perishable food and we will arrange for these to be delivered to the foodbank.

Please send your donations for the foodbank to the school office.

Your help is kindly appreciated.

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

★ **Responsibility**

Ashlee Wheeler
Jaxon Robertson
Lexie Stevenson
Eli Pomeroy-Corfield
Ayla Synott

★ **Caring**

Cohen Boyd
Amaya Farquhar
Lincoln Grant-Rudd
Yulia Neilson

★ **Perseverance**

Esther Griffith
Alexander Hasaka-Purton
Adam Jeffery
Mikayla Walsh
Ayla Synott

★ **Respect**

Olivia Greiner
Michal Przybya-Astbury
Jacob Whitley
Cam Harper
Chelsea Wilcock



RESPONSIBILITY



RESPECT



CARING



PERSEVERANCE



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



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

★ Jake Whitley
★ Ashlee Wheeler
★ Isobel Strong
★ Jaxon Young
★ Beau Topping



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

★ Chelsea Willcock
★ Yulia Neilson
★ Alexander Hasaka-Purton
★ Amaya Farquhar
★ Arah Parks
★ Jai Cunningham
★ Kaian Greene

Kids West Holiday Programme

Hi all,

As 2021 is coming to an end the team at Kids West Before School, After School Care and Holiday Program would like to say a big thank you to you all for supporting our programs.



We would like to wish you and your family a Very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2022.

For those of you who still need to register for the New Year Program please follow the link below. If you have any questions about our programs please contact me :)

<https://mailchi.mp/256274062aad/kidswest-holiday-programme>

School Stationary



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<https://www.myschool.co.nz/elmgrove>

Rimu Hub

The Rimu Hub has been busy making Christmas crafts. We made salt dough decorations and painted them Christmas colours.

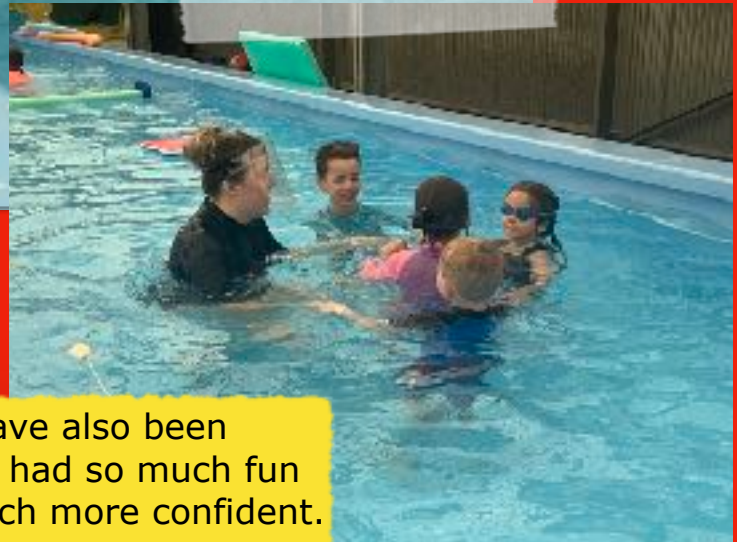


We made our own advent calendars. We have been practicing our backwards counting by colouring in a number each day and working out how many days there are until Christmas.



Rimu Hub

If we are caught doing the right thing,
we get to put a decoration on one of
our class Christmas trees.



This week we have also been
swimming. We have had so much fun
and have become much more confident.

Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

Important dates - (mark these on your calendar)

Week 8- 6th December - 10th December

10th December

Year 6 Leavers assembly - attendance by Invite only

10th December

Reports sent home

Week 9- 13th December - 15th December

13th December

Matai Museum Camp

13th December

Juniors to Ross Creek

14th December

New class visits

15th December

Last Day of School

Term 1

Wednesday 2nd Feb - Thursday 14th April

Term 2

Monday 2nd May - Friday 8th July

Term 3

Monday 25th July - Friday 30th Sept

Term 4

Monday 17th Oct - Wednesday 14th Dec

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.

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WHAT'S ON @ OTAGO MUSEUM THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Sea Monsters

Prehistoric ocean predators

With 70 displays, including real fossils that are millions of years old, huge life-sized fossil casts of up to 13-metres, and hands-on immersive multimedia, this is an amazing family day out.

11 December 2021 – 1 May 2022
All tickets \$10

MONSTER WEEKEND

Come celebrate the opening of our latest exhibition. Saturday and Sunday will be packed with events: face painting, bouncy castle, storytelling, games, and crafts in the ultimate family weekend of fun.

All day, Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 December // FREE

Monster Pyjamarama

Put on your PJs, and bring your torches and teddy bears down to Otago Museum for a **Monster** pyjama party to kick off the school holidays. There is loads on in every gallery, a disco, science experiments, crafts, and lots more.

6pm – 8pm, Saturday 11 December // \$3 per person

Elves' Workshop and Makerspace

Christmas at Otago Museum is magical. Join our Christmas elves in their workshop to make festive decorations, cards and games for your home, your Christmas tree, or someone you love. A great way to spend an hour or three.

All day, Monday 13 – Friday 24 December // FREE

Rainbow Rosalind the Fairy

Multi-award-winning children's singer-songwriter and TV presenter **Rainbow Rosalind the Fairy** is excited to hit the Museum's stage once again for an all-singing, all-dancing Christmas show this December at Otago Museum!

11am, Saturday 18 December // FREE

Christmas Cupcake Decorating

Treat yourself this Christmas and decorate a magical cupcake at Otago Museum! Pick out some festive sprinkles, add a dollop of love and a dash of Christmas spirit!

12pm – 2pm, Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 December
\$5 per cupcake, Bookings essential

Christmas Film – Nativity

Enjoy *Nativity*, the hilarious family comedy with a host of stars including Martin Freeman in our amazing Planetarium. The kids will love it!

3.30pm, Saturday 18 December // \$15 Adults, \$12 Students, \$10 Children – Booking essential

Christmas Film – Elf

It's not Christmas without seeing your favourite family film! Buddy the elf is back at Otago Museum spreading Christmas cheer in our Perpetual Guardian Planetarium!

3.30pm, Sunday 19 December // \$15 Adults, \$12 Students, \$10 Children – Booking essential

Sea Monsters Surprise Makerspace

Our hands-on, creative corner Makerspace is a Dunedin favourite! Everyone can create something amazing – be it beautiful, or scary, with our easy-to-follow instructions and assistance from our Sea Monster Makerspace helpers!

All day, Monday 10 January – Sunday 23 January // FREE

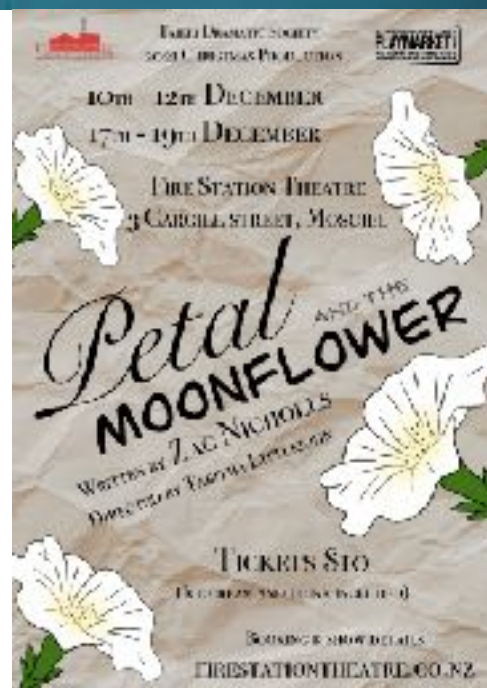
MONSTER WEEKEND

CELEBRATE THE SEA MONSTERS EXHIBITION OPENING WEEKEND

- > Bouncy castle
- > Face painting
- > Storytelling
- > Activities and games
- > Augmented reality gallery
- > Crafts and more!

Additional fee for entry to Sea Monsters exhibition

FREE! Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 December



All visitors over 16 years old must show proof of double vaccination or verified medical exemption using My Vaccine Pass from 3 December.



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