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## Message from the Principal

That's a wrap, folks. Another term done and dusted! With summer just around the corner, the end of the year will be here before we know it.

I'd like to begin this newsletter with a heartfelt thank you to the members of our Board of Trustees who have recently stepped down. The time and energy these individuals have given to governing our school is truly invaluable. After attending meetings myself, I can say the board works together incredibly well, with thoughtful discussions that always put our students first.

A very special acknowledgement goes to Nik Webster, who has not only been a dedicated board member but also served as Chairperson for many years. Nik has spent many hours helping with sports groups, athletics and much more. The Webster family has been a big part of Elmgrove School for the last 10 years, and their contribution has been enormous.

Another big thank you goes to Aaron Whitley, a valued member of the board. This year marks the Whitley family's final year at Elmgrove, as Joel is the last of the Whitley boys to move on. The Whitley family have been a big part of our community helping in many ways, or an impressive 13 years, and we will miss them greatly.

To both families, your support, time, and commitment to Elmgrove have left a lasting legacy.

We welcome Kelvin Stevens and Kellie Blackie to join Jarred Campbell, Gemma Payne and Shena Cape to our Board of Trustees.

On Monday, we held our very first Mihi Whakatau, welcoming new teachers and students to our school. It was wonderful to see parents and grandparents join us for this occasion. The ceremony was a truly special event, with the whole school taking part, and will now be held twice each year to officially welcome families to Elmgrove.

A big thank you to our Fundraising Team for organising the school disco. When I popped in, the hall was buzzing. Music pumping, glow sticks lighting up the room, and plenty of laughter all around. It was clear the children were having an absolute blast.

As we head into the holidays, I hope you all enjoy some well-earned family time without the rush of sports practices, school lunches, and early mornings. Here's hoping the next two weeks bring plenty of sunshine, and by the time we return, daylight saving will have kicked in, giving us a little more light to enjoy in the evenings.

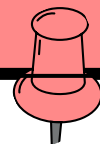
Jenny





# Important DATES

**Term 3/4 2025**



## School Holidays - 22nd Sept to 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct

### Term 4 - Week 1 - 6<sup>th</sup> Oct to 10<sup>th</sup> Oct

9<sup>th</sup> Oct

- Junior Swimming

10<sup>th</sup> Oct

- NO ASSEMBLY

### Week 2 - 13<sup>th</sup> Oct to 17<sup>th</sup> Oct

16<sup>th</sup> Oct

- Junior Swimming

13<sup>th</sup> Oct

- Speech Competition

17<sup>th</sup> Oct

- Mufti Day

### Week 3 - 20<sup>th</sup> Oct to 24<sup>th</sup> Oct

23<sup>rd</sup> Oct

- Teacher Strike Day

23<sup>rd</sup> Oct

- NO JUNIOR SWIMMING

### Week 4 - 27<sup>th</sup> Oct to 31<sup>st</sup> Oct

27<sup>th</sup> Oct

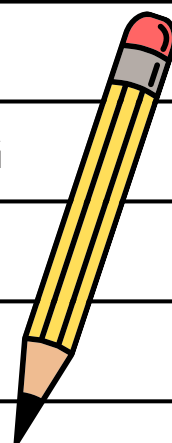
- Labour Day

28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> Oct

- School Book Fair

30<sup>th</sup> Oct

- Junior Swimming





# DISCO FUNDRAISER RAISED \$1423

It sounds like the Disco was a fun night . A big thank you to the parents that helped on the night and to the Fundraising Team for all of their hard work organising the night.

The Fundraising Committee would love to welcome new members to our small team. If you have a little (or a lot) of time to spare please consider coming along to a meeting! You could be involved in events like Bingo night and the disco or help with sausage sizzles and ice block fridays. We have some awesome fundraisers planned but need more parents to get on board and help us out. Email [fundraiser@elmgrove.school.nz](mailto:fundraiser@elmgrove.school.nz) or ask at the office for more details.





# Our Mihi Whakatau Ceremony

On Monday Elmgrove hosted our very first Mihi Whakatau to welcome all of the families, tamariki and staff who have started with us here at Elmgrove over the year.

A Mihi Whakatau is a form of welcome similar to a pōwhiri, but less formal. It enables all of our children to experience and hear karanga, kaikorero, waiata, karakia, and be part of a special celebration to welcome new people to our school community.

We are looking forward to making Mihi Whakatau a regular part of our school calendar and hosting them in Term One and Term Three each year.

What a fantastic way to kick off our final week of the term!

Special thanks to Paul Solomon - a very special Grandad who spoke on behalf of our school and Lauana Thomas - our Resource Teacher of Māori who supported us with our process.





# **KIDS WEST CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME DATES**

**Open - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December (before christmas)**

**Closed - Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2025 till Fri 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Open - Mon 12<sup>th</sup> January till Tues 27<sup>th</sup> January**

## **2026 TERM DATES**

### **Term 1**

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb - Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

### **Term 2**

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April - Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

### **Term 3**

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July - Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Sept**

### **Term 4**

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Oct - Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Dec**



# CROSSOVER

## Town vs Taieri Basketball Competition

Our Top Basketball Team entered this competition held in town on Monday and Tuesday afternoon this week

They represented our School well with the following Score to finish up 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

2 players were also named in the special awards.



Elmgrove 46 - Kaikorai 32  
Elmgrove 58 - Grant Braes 18  
Elmgrove 54 - Tainui 16

Elmgrove 44 Wakari 29  
Elmgrove 34 Fairfield 67  
Elmgrove 54 Abbotsford 50

Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall

🌟 Special Awards – All Stars Boys  
🏆 MVP: Liam Burden (Fairfield)  
🌟 Ricky Ye (Columba)  
🌟 Hudson Sides (Silverstream)  
🌟 Jake Littlejohn (Elmgrove)  
🌟 Hudson Frost (Wakari)

🌟 Special Awards – All Stars Girls  
🏆 MVP: Heidi Campbell (Elmgrove)  
🌟 Bella Pulley (Abbotsford)  
🌟 Georgia Murray (Tainui)  
🌟 Zennor Edwards (Tainui)  
🌟 Eva Todd (Fairfield Magic)







LAST DAY OF TERM 3

FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

# ICE BLOCKS FOR SALE

The Fundraising Committee will  
be selling ice blocks after the  
teachers take on the students  
in a spell-a-thon

3pm at the senior courts

\$2 EACH - CASH ONLY





## Perspective Art





# KOWHAI HUB



## Personification Poems



*A forgotten garden*  
In the weeds of a forgotten garden, the small, prickly, red,  
wee covered in moss feels loneliness as it fades away.  
Transcendently run down in dead skin, dreaming to be loved  
as the roots of the flower dies.  
The poor little red rose begging to be watered by the  
watering can as it doesn't grow when the sun doesn't shine  
By Tersley



### *The Football Stadium/Fitch*

The football stadium/pitch was annoyed  
because it's beautiful grass was being  
ripped up every football game, but also  
happy to watch for free.  
It was going deaf from listening to loud  
matches, and monster trucks and  
motorbikes revving.  
Under the ground its mind blows up over  
and over again.  
By Ezra

### *The Lucky Cloud*

As the lucky cloud drifts side to side lonely,  
crying, sad, and bright.  
Lots of lightning striking down down. Boom  
crash as the lightning goes down.  
By Kieran

### *Sad*

Sad feels cold inside, just ice.  
Sad feels cold because he's got  
a cold heart inside just like  
freezing ice.  
Sad feels like cold human tears.  
By Jacob

### *The Farms Lonely Crops*

The crops on the farm sat on the soil wondering what  
the meaning of life was, but it was very lonely on the  
farm.  
Suddenly they felt a happy sign because a cow walked  
past the crops and they had a little talk with the cow.  
The cow said "See you next year."  
By Matthew

### *Sassy*

Sassy has attitude, sassy sways their hips side to side,  
sassy is bossy. Sassy is a queen sassy is always right,  
sassy is a drama queen, sassy doesn't mess with  
anyone.  
By Heidi J

### *Frustration*

Frustration comes in many voices and shapes. It  
sometimes starts at the school gates. It feels tense  
and tight like a soccer ball that might pop. To stop it I  
have to play with sensory toys, heavy like a blanket -  
it weighs so much. Calm is all frustration needs.  
By Zuan

### *A snowy mountain*

A snowy mountain, so cold and wet, tears drip  
down the steep snowy bumps like a humans face.  
People climbing, and walking sticks go into the  
snow. A sharp pain hits you like a bullet. More  
tears drip down. You get numb, and wet ice is  
freezing you. Dreaming of a nice hot heat wave  
dancing through the sky as your snow is melting  
down the bumps.

By Nellie



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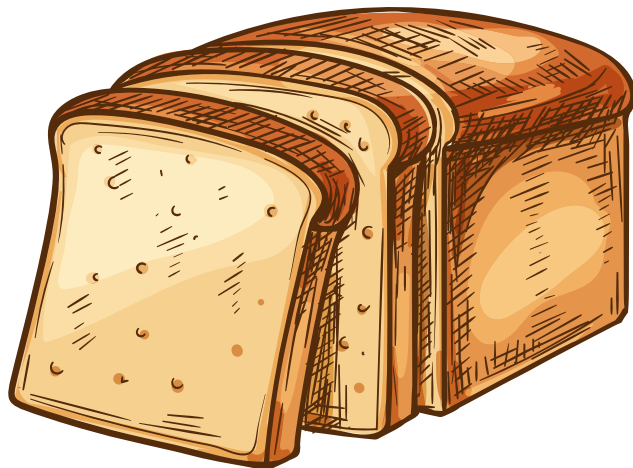
Offer for FRIENDS and FAMILY of Elmgrove School:

Sell your home with Dan - get a special rate and  
up to \$1,000 will be donated back to the school

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We would like to thank Goodman  
Fielder for their continued  
support by donating bread for  
our school breakfast club each  
morning.





**SAVE THE DATE**

# **TAIERI ROTARY GARAGE SALE**

Taieri A&P Showgrounds

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025**

4pm - 6pm

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

9am - 2pm

Proudly sponsored by Susan Wyngaarden-Low

*Susan* ♥



**BAYLEYS**

# TAIERI BMX CLUB "HAVE A GO DAY"

**When:** SATURDAY 4TH OF OCTOBER AT 2PM.

**Where:** SEDDON PARK, MOSGIEL.

**WHAT TO EXPECT:** THE TAIERI BMX CLUB IS AN ENTRY LEVEL BMX CLUB FOR KIDS 12 AND UNDER. OUR HAVE A GO DAY WILL BE SET UP FOR ANY KIDS THAT WANT TO HAVE A GO AT RACING AT AN EASY AND WELCOMING LEVEL.

**WHAT YOU WILL NEED:** A BIKE, ANY BIKE! THE BIKE MUST HAVE WHEELS NO LARGER THAN 24" AND WILL BE CHECKED OVER FOR SAFETY. A WELL FITTED HELMET, LONG PANTS, LONG SLEEVES, GLOVES AND SUITABLE SHOES (NO CROCS).

**ANY QUESTION?** PLEASE MESSAGE THE CLUBS FACEBOOK PAGE.

**25/26 SEASON STARTS ON 9TH OCTOBER AND RACING EVERY THURSDAY EVENING.**



# VOLLEYBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



EDGAR CENTRE

2 DAYS!

**MON 22<sup>nd</sup> - TUE 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025**  
9am - 3pm daily

**COST:**  
\$125

**+ FREE  
T-SHIRT**

Kiwi (Y3 - Y6)  
Middle (Y7-Y8)  
Junior (Y9 - Y10)  
Senior (Y11 - Y13)

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

**SCAN TO  
REGISTER**





***Snow  
White***  
*and the*  
***Seven  
Cool  
Kids***



**20 - 28  
September  
2025**

**11am & 2pm\***  
\*20, 21, 28 September  
at 2pm only

**Tickets  
\$10  
each**

**[theatretickets.co.nz/shows/playhouse](https://theatretickets.co.nz/shows/playhouse)**



***Come along on Tuesday 7th October 2025 to see what Athletics Taieri are all about.***

***A fun inclusive environment where children can learn fundamental movement skills and have a great time.***

***We teach the running, jumping and throwing skills at Memorial Park each Tuesday from 5.00-6.00 (Children aged 5-14) from October – April. Children can also compete each Saturday morning in at the Caledonian and meet and compete against children from all over Otago. Otago Childrens Athletics – at the Caledonian are hosting a Ribbon Have a Go Opening Day on Saturday 4th October from 9-12am for children under 14 years old.***

***Children aged 13+ can also compete on Saturdays from 12.30 – 4pm depending on their events in the senior competition. Athletes aged 15 and over will be part of a squad with specialist coaching. Have a look at our facebook page “athletics taieri” and [www.athleticstaieri.com](http://www.athleticstaieri.com). Register online. We would love to see you there. Enquiries to Hayley 021 742 758***

