



Enriching, Encouraging, Empowering

## Message from the Principal

Kia ora koutou katoa,

This week at Elmgrove has been a little shorter but still productive and focused on enhancing our teaching and learning practices. Monday's teacher only day, in collaboration with East Taieri School, provided a valuable opportunity to examine the new curriculum content. Staff engaged in collaborative discussions, fostering a shared understanding and acquiring practical resources for classroom implementation. Teachers have already begun trying out some of this new learning in their math programmes this week.

Also this week, students participated in Listening Comprehension assessments. The results are being compiled and will be used as a comparative measure alongside next week's Reading Comprehension assessments. This data will inform our ongoing efforts to support student progress.

We also welcomed the University of Otago's Curriculum Insights team, who conducted trials with our Year 3 and 6 students. Their work contributes to a national study on technology and arts curriculum progress, and we are pleased to support this research.

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25th. The Board will review strategic plans and annual reports prior to their publication and submission to the Ministry of Education.

Today's Mufti Day raised \$322 which is fantastic. The Fundraising Team will put this to good use this year.

Next week's calendar includes the TSSA swimming sports and an inter school cricket tournament. We look forward to hearing of the achievements of our students at these events.

As a reminder, next week will be shortened due to the Otago Anniversary Day holiday on Monday.

Ngā mihi nui, and have another wonderful long weekend.

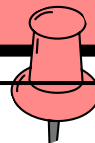
Chris McKinlay





# Important DATES

**Term 1 & 2 2025**



## **Week 8 - 24th - 28th March**

24th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Otago Anniversary Day</li></ul>
28th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Manuka Assembly</li><li>• TSSA Swimming Champs</li><li>• Year 5-6 Cricket Tournament</li></ul>

## **Week 9 - 31 March - 4th April**

27th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Junior Swimming</li></ul>
4th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rimu Assembly</li></ul>

## **Week 10 - 7th March - 11th March**

10th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Junior Swimming</li></ul>
11th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Assembly</li></ul>
11th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Last day of Term 1</li></ul>

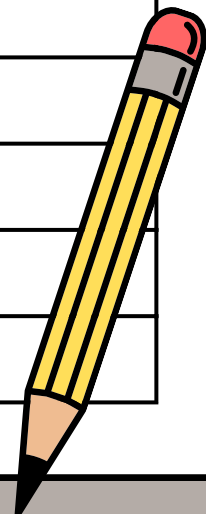
## **School Holidays - 14th - 25th April**

## **Week 1 - Term 2 - 28 April - 2nd May**

All week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pukeko daily swimming</li></ul>
2nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kiwi Team Assembly</li></ul>

## **Week 2 - Term 2 - 5th May - 9th May**

All week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pukeko Daily Swimming</li></ul>
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# RATA HUB

***This term we have been learning about oceans. During topic time, we have enjoyed learning about ocean animals and other ocean facts.***

***We have made an ocean mural that shows some of our favourite creatures that live in the ocean.***

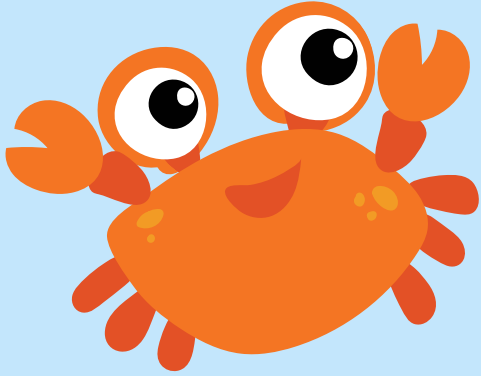


***We have also been learning about why it is important to dispose of our rubbish correctly. We do not want our ocean getting into the ocean!***





***We are enjoying going on our daily rubbish hunt. After lunch, we do a 2 minute hunt around the bushes in the junior playground. This is our way to help our environment.***



***Facts about the ocean:***

***Bodhi- We learnt that oceans have currents.***

***Avah- We learnt that tides are caused by the moon.***

***Adriel- We learnt that fins help fish move.***

***Beau- We learnt that fish breathe through gills.***



# KidsWest

## AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

**When:** Our Autumn Holiday Programme will run from the 14th of April to the 24th of April. Closed Good Friday, Easter Monday and Anzac Day.

Our Autumn holidays are coming up fast. We have lots of fun activities planned and looking forward to seeing you all again



If you would like to join us please click on the link below and it will take you to the cover letter, programme, enrolment form and parent information.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Irene at [irenec@elmgrove.school.nz](mailto:irenec@elmgrove.school.nz) or phone 027 696 1240.

**Autumn Holiday Programme Information**



# **ELMGROVE SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS**

## **REGISTRATION**

Please follow the links below if you would like to register your child for Miniball and Netball. These close on the 21st of March.

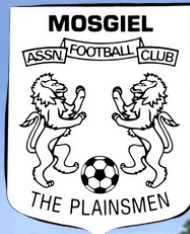


MINIBALL REGISTRATION

NETBALL REGISTRATION



JOIN MAFC JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



**FOOTBALL  
FUN  
FRIENDS**





GET READY FOR

TAIERI PLAINS  
JUNIOR NETBALL

# NETBALL

Tuesday 22nd April  
and  
Wednesday 23rd April  
(second week of school holidays)

Years 3&4: 9am - 11am  
Years 5&6: 11.30am - 1.30pm  
Years 7&8: 2pm - 4pm

**Venue: Taieri College ITC**

*\$30 (one day)  
\$50 (both days)*

Spaces are limited  
Players can choose one or both days  
Payment is required when you register.  
Payment must be made with Credit Card or Debit Card

Register using the link:  
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/344966>



## TAIERI PLAINS JUNIOR NETBALL

AGM: Wednesday March 26  
7.00pm

Taieri College Library  
We need you to help us...  
Please come along!



The Taieri Plain's Junior Netball Committee is a small group of volunteers without whom the Saturday netball games would not occur and this year more so than ever!

If you would like to join our committee either on an official basis or as a helping hand on Saturdays please come along on Wednesday March 26, 7.00pm and meet us all.

The successful running of Saturday netball depends on volunteers to spread the load.

## SQUASH TAIERI

JUNIOR SQUASH OPEN DAY

Taieri Squash Club, Mosgiel

Weds 26<sup>th</sup> March

5.30pm – 7.00pm



GIVE SQUASH A GO



All skill levels welcome



Equipment provided - just bring  
clean indoor shoes



Contact Kerry at  
[squashtaieri@xtra.co.nz](mailto:squashtaieri@xtra.co.nz)

TRY IT. PLAY IT. LOVE IT.

SCHOOL STICKS  
IN-SCHOOL

## HOCKEY COACHING

One half hour session each  
week for 3 weeks with an  
Otago Hockey Coach.



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HOCKEY

Jolene Casey - Community Hockey Manager  
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BOYS &  
GIRLS IN  
Y1-8**



**GROUPS  
WILL BE  
SPLIT BY  
AGE**

# **HOLIDAY CAMP**

**15TH - 17TH APRIL  
9AM TO 12PM**

## **WHERE?**

**EDGAR CENTRE  
116 PORTSMOUTH DRIVE  
DUNEDIN, 9012**

**USE QR  
CODE TO  
REGISTER**



## **COST?**

**\$35 FOR 1 DAY OR  
\$90 FOR ALL THREE**

**CONTACT: [WILL@OTAGO.BASKETBALL](mailto:WILL@OTAGO.BASKETBALL)**



K2 Consignments

# KIDS PRELOVED WINTER SALE



KIDS POPUP MARKET FOR ALL THINGS  
PRELOVED TEEN TO NEWBORN/MATERNITY.

MARCH SAT 22 10AM-5PM  
23 9AM-1PM \*HALF OFF DAY!\*

EDGAR CENTRE  
116 PORTSMOUTH DR, ANDY BAY

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DETAILS AND TO REGISTER AS A SELLER

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