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## Message from the Principal

It's been a bit of a crazy week. They tell me it's because of the full moon. Personally, I think it might have more to do with the fact that it's the end of term and the children are just about ready to bolt for the holidays like a shot from a cannon. Either way, it's been... lively.

Yesterday I had the pleasure of listening to our Year 5 and 6 students who were selected as contenders for the upcoming speech competition being held for schools across Dunedin next term. The standard was incredibly high. Our students spoke with such confidence that it was no easy task to choose just one Year 5 and Year 6 to go through to the next stage. This experience has been wonderful for building confidence, and it was fantastic to see every student in both senior classes step up and present their speeches to their peers. They should all be very proud of themselves!

Another of my highlights has been visiting the junior classes. I always leave smiling (and occasionally with glue on my clothes). The juniors are mastering their phonics skills. They're tackling tricky spelling rules with confidence. Some of which I had to admit I didn't even know myself. Back in my school days, we were just handed a list and told to "memorise or else." No explanations, no phonics magic, just pure memory.

Meanwhile, our middle and senior students have laced up their sneakers and kicked off Athletics training. High jump, long jump, sprints, discus, shot put, 800 metres, you name it, they're practicing it. All this in preparation for Athletics Day in early November, where we'll be taking on Silverstream and East Taieri.

And speaking of competition... next Friday, the last day of term, we'll be hosting a **Spelling Bee: Teachers vs Students**. The students will be given words at their level, while the teachers will get a "mystery mix" ranging from not-too-hard to "are-you-sure-this-is-English?" It should be a lot of fun, and I can only hope the teachers manage to hold their own.

Just a gentle reminder to please make sure your children are safely buckled into their seat belts. There have been several traffic accidents on the Taieri recently, and we want to do everything we can to keep our students safe. Your care makes all the difference.

Yippee!!! the scaffolding is coming down. We will very soon have a builder-free school. I didn't realise just how long we have had building going on in different parts of the school for the last four years.

Have a great weekend! I hope you all get a chance to put your feet up, enjoy some family fun, and maybe even sneak in a little chocolate, ice cream, a custard square, sea salt chips, and pavlova with cream and berries on top (some of my fav's) once the kids are in bed."

Stay safe out there.

Jenny





# Important DATES

**Term 3/4 2025**



## Week 9 - 8<sup>th</sup> Sept to 12<sup>th</sup> Sept

12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Otago Primary Cross Country Postponement</li> </ul>
12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Disco</li> </ul>
12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rimu Assembly</li> </ul>

## Week 10 - 15<sup>th</sup> Sept to 19<sup>th</sup> Sept

16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Photos</li> </ul>
18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sausage Sizzle - Fundraising Team</li> </ul>
19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Assembly - Teachers vs Children in a spellathon</li> </ul>

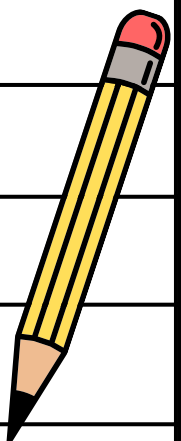
## School Holidays - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept to 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct

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

10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NO ASEMBLY</li> </ul>
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## Week 2 - 13<sup>th</sup> Oct to 17<sup>th</sup> Oct

13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speech Competition</li> </ul>
17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mufti Day</li> </ul>





# **TUMEKE!**

## *Congratulations*

### **VALUE ACHIEVERS**



**These children have earned 5 Tumeke Cards**

**AYLA BICKERSTAFF**

**KEZRA CAPE**

**HARVEY CLOUSTON**

**LILY WATSON**

**HALA JAWAD**

**MILLIE MCKENZIE**

**CAITLYN LOGIE**

**MASON WILLIAMS**

**These children have earned 10 Tumeke Cards**

**MOSS BLACKIE**



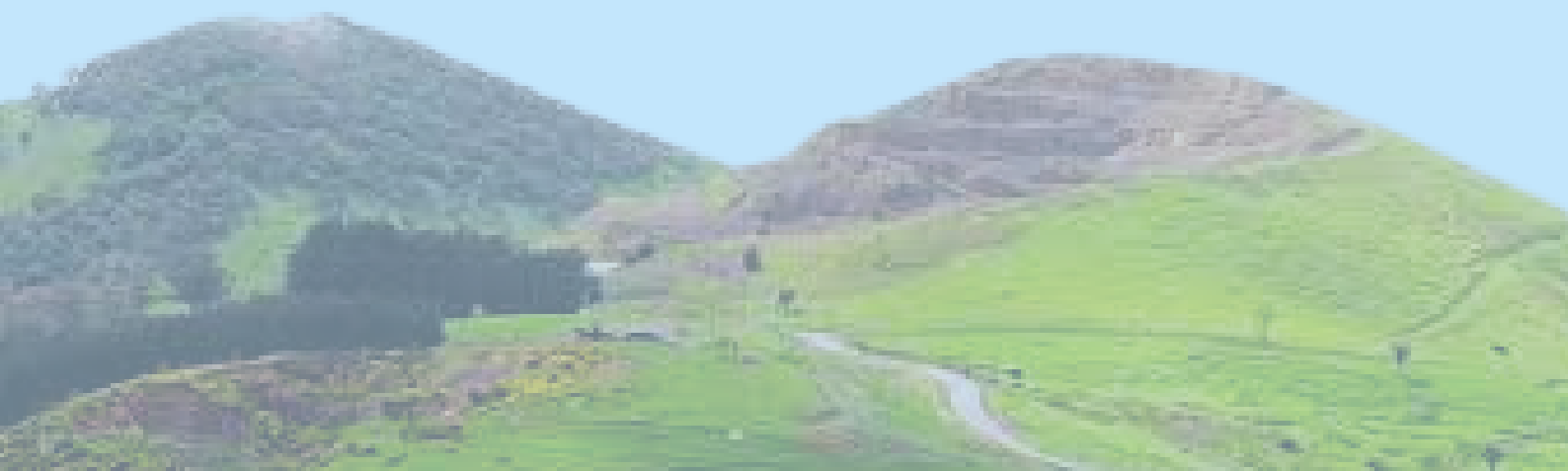
**Manawanui  
Perseverance**

**KEZRA CAPE**



**Whakaute  
Respect**

**DAISY HARREX**







ELMGROVE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE  
BRINGS YOU

# SCHOOL DISCO

GOLD COIN ENTRY

FRIDAY 12  
SEPTEMBER

DOORS OPEN 6PM, ENDS 7.30PM

FOOD, DRINKS AND DISCO TREATS FOR SALE - CASH ONLY  
ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TOWARDS JUNIOR PLAYGROUND UPGRADES,  
AND ART MURALS AROUND THE SCHOOL

All Junior students must be supervised by a parent / guardian



# KIDS WEST SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Our Spring holidays are coming up fast and will run between Monday 22 September until Friday 3 October 2025.

We have lots of fun activities planned and looking forward to seeing you all again. Don't forget to get your enrolments in quickly so you don't miss out :)

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.

[SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME INFORMATION](#)



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



# **TERM 3 SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**THURSDAY THE 18<sup>TH</sup> OF SEPTEMBER  
ALL ORDERS AND PAYMENTS ARE TO  
BE IN BY 3PM ON TUESDAY THE 16<sup>TH</sup> OF  
SEPTEMBER.**

**CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO ORDER  
AND FOR ONLINE ONLY PAYMENT  
DETAILS.**

**ORDER FORM**



**\$2.50**

# RĀTĀ HUB

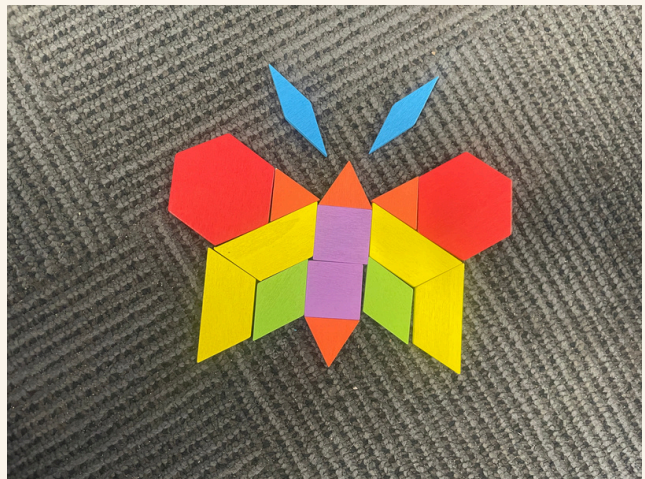
## Spring Learning

### Science

Our Science topic this term is animals. We have 3 groups exploring farm animals, zoo animals and domestic animals. Recently the farm group had a go at 'milking a cow,' using rubber gloves, water and teamwork!

### Maths

Spring has sprung! Rātā used the new blooms and insects as inspiration for patterning and shape practise in Maths. The children had to use a range of shapes to create a spring design.



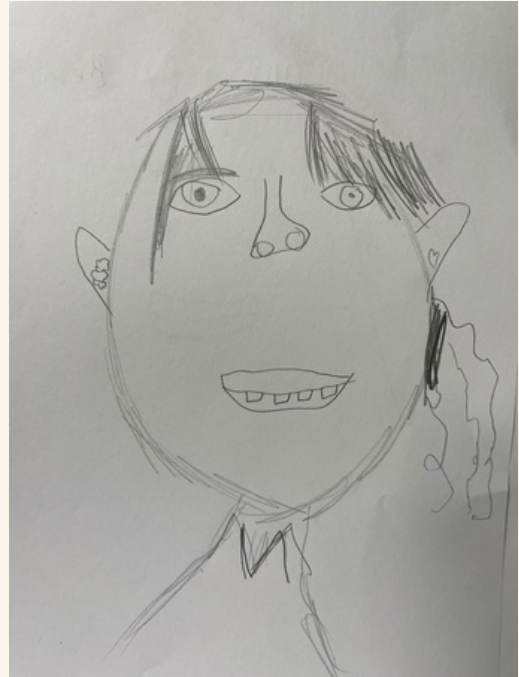


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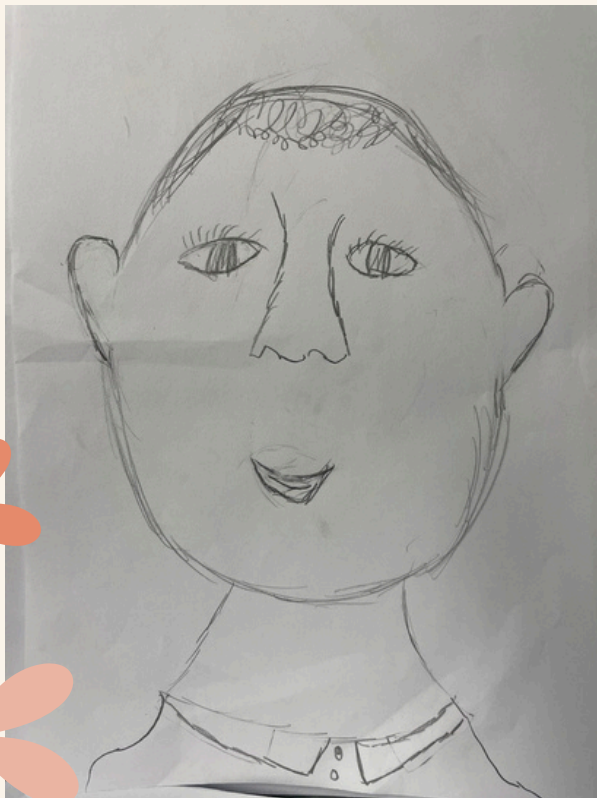
## Portrait pals!

A Rātā student came up with the fun art idea of drawing a buddy. We discussed what features a face has, the positions of the features and details we could see. Partners had to look closely at each other's faces to notice shapes and details to add to their sketch.

Everyone really enjoyed the task and plans to gift the final result to their partner.



Olivia by Beau



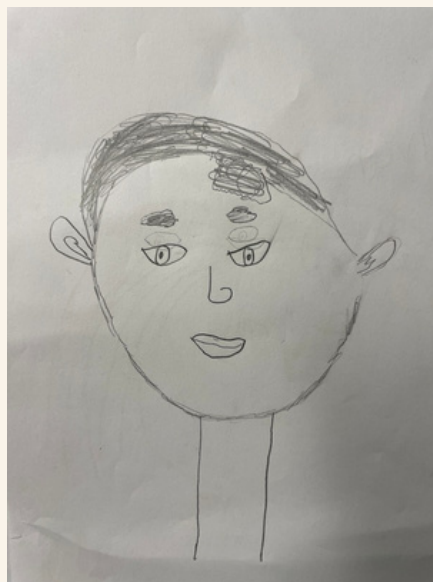
Beau by Olivia



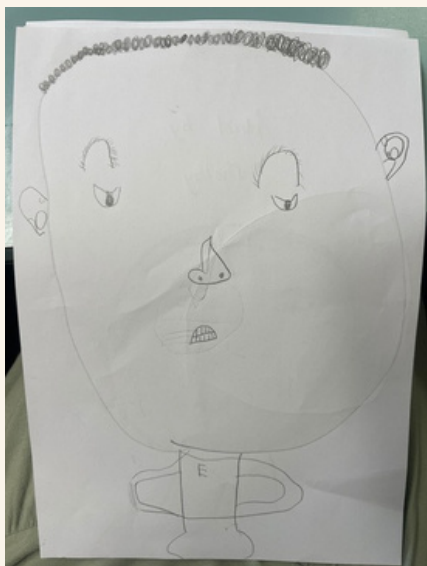
# RĀTĀ HUB



Avah by Isaac



Isaac by Avah



Adriel by Shelby



# Spring



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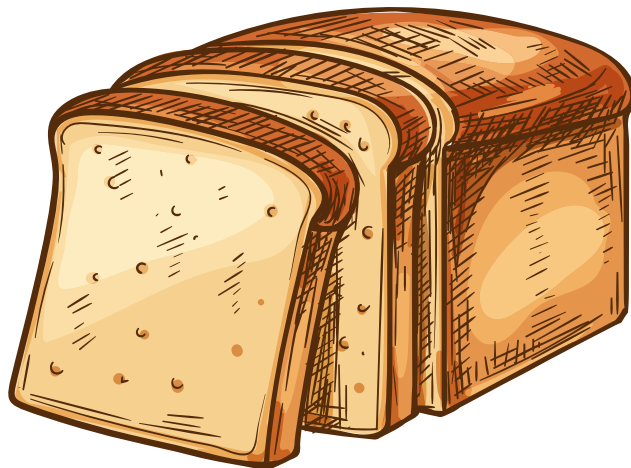
Offer for FRIENDS and FAMILY of Elmgrove School:

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**







Find out more



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hauora and engaging in their communities.

St John Youth is for all young people aged 5 to 18 years, so come  
and learn, connect and grow with us.

*Mosgiel Division*



Wednesday



6pm - 7:30pm



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**Hato Hone  
St John**





***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***

