

Enriching, Encouraging, Empowering

Message from the Principal

Kia ora koutou,

That little taste of spring didn't last long, did it? We're back to chilly breezes and grey skies but plenty of bright moments have kept us busy this week!

Our Year 5 and 6 students had a wonderful day out at Rippa Rugby, enjoying both the games and the teamwork. Unfortunately, our Year 3 and 4 students had to miss out this time due to the high number of absences in their classes. Thank you to the parents who supported this event

Yesterday, some of our Year 5 and 6 mathematicians represented us at the Omathalon. You'll find a student-written piece further on in the newsletter about their experience, it sounds like they had lots of fun and did really well in parts of the challenge!

Looking ahead, please note that the school car park will be closed on Monday while work is carried out on the drains. We apologise for the inconvenience. It will just be for one day.

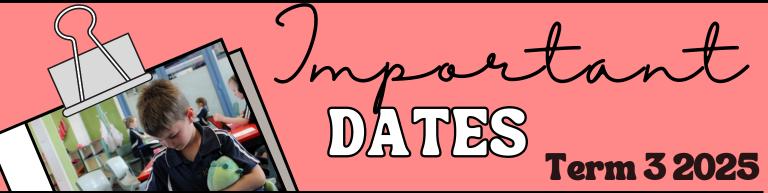
Today, a keen group of our students are away competing in a League tournament. They've been training hard which paid off as THEY WON. Well done team.

This morning, I joined the juniors during discovery time. I sat with a lovely group of children who were busy making cards for their families. The conversations they have while working together are always so thoughtful (and often very funny! It can be hard to keep a straight face). It's a real highlight to see their creativity and fun in action. I just love being down in those Hubs.

Wishing you all a restful weekend with your families and friends. Take time to relax and recharge.

Ngā mihi, Jenny





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Week 7 - 25 th Aug to 29 th Aug	
27 th Aug	Rippa Rugby Day Postponment Day
29 th Aug	Mutfi Day
29 th Aug	Manuka Assembly
Week 8 - 1 st Sept to 5 th Sept	
3 rd Sept	Otago Polyfest
5 th Sept	Otago Primary Cross Country
5 th Sept	Kapa Haka Assembly
Week 9 - 8 th Sept to 12 th Sept	
12 th Sept	Otago Primary Cross Country Postponment
12 th Sept	School Disco
12 th Sept	Rimu Assembly
Week 10 - 15th Sept to 19th Sept	
16 th Sept	School Photos
18 th Sept	Sausage Sizzle - Fundraising Team
19 th Sept	No Assembly - Teachers vs Children in a sporting event
School Holidays - 22nd Sept to 3 rd Oct	







VALUE ACHIEVERS

These children have earned 5 Tumeke Cards

Xavier Cash

Maz Eaton

Amaih Howard

Aurora Ryder

Henry Sheperd

Lincoln Uriaro

These children have earned 10 Tumeke Cards

Jackson Knopp Jenkinson

Dempsey Gillies Isla Milligan **Arden Stevens**

Micah Thompson Coen Whaanga

These children have earned a badge



Kawenga Responsibility

Riko Rupene



Manawanui Perseverance

Amiah Howard



Whakaute Respect

George Bloxham



Mångai Kåwanatanga Value Ambassador

Amiah Howard

Yesterday we took part in the Maths Omathalon Competition. The Year 5 round was exciting. Some of the questions we could answer quickly, but others were very difficult. Lachlan did most of the running for our group, while Arden, Mella, and I focused on answering the questions – although Lachlan helped with that too. At one stage, we were sitting in 5th place, but as the questions got harder, we slipped down the rankings. It was still lots of fun, and I'd love to do it again next year.

- Henry

The Year 6 experience at the Omathalon tested our perseverance. Luca was our runner, racing around the Edgar Centre to get our answers marked. For about 10 minutes, we were in 2nd place out of 44 teams! But as the questions became more challenging, we dropped to 9th, and then just outside the top 10. Even so, finishing where we did out of 44 groups was a great achievement. It was fun and exciting.

- Xavier Cash



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 or phone 027 696 1240.

SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME INFORMATION





BOARD ELECTIONS

VOTING IS NOW OPEN.

CHECK YOUR EMAILS TO FIND YOUR VOTING
PAPERS.

VOTERS CAN USE THE BELOW BUTTON TO VOTE, BUT WILL STILL NEED TO USE THEIR CODE AND THEIR CELL PHONES TO AUTHENTICATE WHICH IS IN THE EMAIL YOU WILL HAVE RECEIVED.

VOTE HERE

CANDIDATES



SHENA CAPE

KIA ORA, I'M SHENA, MUM OF BRAXTON WHO WAS A STUDENT HERE AND KEZRA WHO STILL ATTENDS ELMGROVE AND ABSOLUTELY LOVES IT.

OVER THE PAST YEAR, I HAVE SERVED ON THE BOARD, AND I WOULD LIKE TO RETURN.

IN ADDITION TO CONTRIBUTING IDEAS AND SUPPORT, I ENJOY GETTING HANDS ON AND HELP OUT WITH OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AND WATCHING THEM BECOME THE BEST VERSIONS OF THEMSELVES.

ELMGROVE IS A WONDERFUL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION THAT FOSTERS CULTURE AND HELPS OUR YOUNG STUDENTS DEVELOP INTO STRONG, INTELLIGENT, AND CONTENT INDIVIDUALS.

I WOULD BE HONORED TO SERVE ON OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES ONCE MORE AND REMAIN DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS MADE TO MAKE THIS SCHOOL PROSPEROUS, ENJOYABLE, AND FULFILLING.



JARED CAMPBELL

HI, I'M JARED CAMPBELL, A FINANCIAL ADVISER FOR DUNEDIN FIRM POLSON HIGGS WEALTH MANAGEMENT. I HAVE PRETTY MUCH ALWAYS LIVED IN MOSGIEL AND ATTENDED ELMGROVE (THEN MOSGIEL WEST) BEFORE HEADING OFF TO TAIERI COLLEGE AND OTAGO UNIVERSITY.

MY WIFE, ANNA, AND I HAVE TWO CHILDREN, HEIDI YEAR 6
AND COOPER YEAR 4.

THIS IS HOPEFULLY MY THIRD SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES TERM, AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO HOPEFULLY ROLLING UP MY SLEEVES AND GETTING INVOLVED WITH THE RUNNING OF OUR FINE SCHOOL.



KELLY BLACKIE

I'm Kelly, mum to two Elmgrove students, Moss who is in Year 6 and Otto who is in Year 2.I have enjoyed being part of the Elmgrove whanau and during previous volunteer work I have really enjoyed getting stuck into tasks and offering a helping

Outside of my work as a transport planner, you will find me on the sidelines supporting the kids sports teams, helping with fundraising for Scouts, walking our puppy and reading.

Through my job I have gained a solid understanding of the role of governance in guiding an organisation to achieve their vision. I would love to contribute to the school and help set the direction as a member of the Board of Trustees.



GEMMA PAYNE

I BELIEVE THAT IN ELMGROVE WE HAVE A GREAT SCHOOL – A HARDWORKING AND QUALITY TEAM OF TEACHERS, SUPPORT STAFF, FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE AND ENGAGED SCHOOL COMMUNITY. IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE AS A PARENT REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE PAST TWO TERMS, AND I WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL IN A THIRD TERM.

PROFESSIONALLY, I WORK AT BEEF + LAMB NEW ZEALAND AS A PORTFOLIO MANAGER FOR OUR GENETICS RESEARCH PROGRAMMES. I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTE OF DIRECTORS. THESE EXPERIENCES HAVE GIVEN ME VALUABLE SKILLS IN GOVERNANCE, STRATEGIC PLANNING, AND DECISION-MAKING, WHICH I BRING TO MY ROLE ON THE BOARD.

AS A PARENT, I HAVE A STRONG CONNECTION TO ELMGROVE. MY YOUNGEST DAUGHTER, HEIDI, IS CURRENTLY IN THE KOWHAI HUB, AND OUR ELDEST DAUGHTER, LUCY, ALSO HAD A FANTASTIC JOURNEY THROUGH THE SCHOOL. I CARE DEEPLY ABOUT ELMGROVE'S FUTURE AND AM COMMITTED TO CONTRIBUTING POSITIVELY AT THE BOARD LEVEL, ENSURING OUR STUDENTS AND SCHOOL CONTINUES TO THRIVE.



KELVIN STEVENS

Hi, I'm Kelvin Stevens.

My wife Leah and I have four amazing kids, three currently at Elmgrove — Arden (Year 5), Isaac (Year 4), and Harriet (Year 1). We're proud to be part of such a caring and connected school community. We own The Speight's Ale House in Dunedin and Encore Events in Mosgiel, and we're big supporters of school sports and local events. Our family is often out and about helping where we can — and I'd love to bring that same energy and commitment to the Board of Trustees.

I'm standing because I want to help make sure our school continues to be a place where every child can thrive, where teachers feel valued, and where families feel welcome and included. As a parent and business owner, I understand the importance of working together to get the best outcomes.

Thank you for the chance to serve the school community



ALICE YU YUEBO

My name is Alice, and I am a new parent to Elmgrove (in the lovely Manuka!), trailing from Singapore to the beautiful Dunedin. Carrying over a decade of working experience in marketing and communications, my last corporate role was with a global tech services company, helming the role of Partner Marketing Lead, where I work with senior leaders from global IT giants, such as AWS, Google, Salesforce on various thought-leadership content and conferences. I am also the founder of Mama on Palette, Singapore's first registered society for mothers who love art, supporting mothers' mental health through upskilling, networking, matching opportunities and art therapy sessions. As the president of the board, I teamed up with a board of six passionate women, who are senior business leaders and business founders, to raise over 50k funds yearly and grow our community into 500 members.

Now pursuing a PhD in sustainability and education with Otago Business School, I am embracing new learning and hoping to make an impact in teaching our next generation about climate change in a fun, hands-on and value-based method. I just started a not-for-profit initiative called The Sustainable School, where I partner with local communities, libraries and schools to conduct free sustainability based STEAM activities for schoolaged children.

The education system in Singapore and New Zealand are quite different. While me and Jimmy are embracing the changes, we are grateful to be accepted into Elmgrove and being part of the vibrant community. I'd like to do my part of contributions, be it marketing related, or science communication, during our time here, and hopefully make new friends and connections!



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

MUFTI DAY Friday 29th of August

Gold coin donation

Donations will be gifted to the Mosgiel Community Food Bank





Enrolment at Elmgrove School is governed by an enrolment scheme. The details of the school's scheme are available from the school office and on the school website.

If you live in the home zone of Elmgrove School, your child has automatic right of entry. If you plan to enrol your child at Elmgrove School during 2026 but have not yet signalled this to the school, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

If you live outside of the school's home zone, you <u>do not</u> have automatic right of enrolment. Please read the following carefully.

OUT-OF-ZONE PLACES FOR 2026

The Board of Trustees has determined that there are spaces available for out-of-zone enrolments of new entrant students in 2026

There will also be a limited number of spaces available for out-of-zone enrolments of students in other areas of the school.

Applications for enrolment of **Out-of-Zone** students for 2026 close at 1 pm on Friday, 12th September 2025. Please email the school (**office@elmgrove.school.nz**) to register your child.

or phone 03 4896252 if you have any questions.

If **Out-of-Zone** applications exceed the number of places available, a ballot will be held, which is governed by the Education Act and will be processed according to the order of priority.

MATAI HUB

Here are some of our Noctural Animal chalk pastel pictures we created a couple of weeks ago. We chose two stencils and rubbed bright coloured chalk pastels around the edges for a very cool effect. We really enjoyed doing it.





We have been working in the Library for the past couple of weeks. It has been fun in there working in a different space while the roof work on the middle syndicate has been done. We have now moved back to the Matai Hub and are slowly unpacking today.

Rugby League

Won 9 - 3 against Silverstream
Lost 3-4 against Remarkables
Won 4-2 against East Taieri
Won 8-6 against St Clair
Final - WON against Remarkables 4-2





MOSGIEL CENTRAL KINDERGARTEN

COLOUR RUN!

10AM SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER TAIERI COLLEGE







Enrolments for 2026 close on 22 August 2025

If you require any further information, please contact the college on 489-3823 or email office@taieri.school.nz





Special Rigs for Special Kids

Sunday 31st August 2025

Midland Street

(next to the Edgar Centre) Dunedin



No pre-registration required, just arrive from 8.30am.

A great day for everyone.

Enquiries Contact Greg Inch Phone 0274 358 508
For further information please like and follow us on Facebook





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