



Enriching, Encouraging, Empowering

## Message from the Principal

Kia ora e ngā whānau o Elmgrove,

It's been another busy and exciting week at Elmgrove School! We've seen some fantastic progress on our grounds and enjoyed a fun-filled Wheels Day.

Firstly, we're thrilled to announce that the new tournament turf surface is now complete! The children have been thoroughly enjoying playing on it, and it looks incredibly smart. We've also extended the basketball court, creating a larger playing area for our teams. We're expecting the new poles, hoops, and backboards to be installed over the holiday period, ensuring we're ready for miniball and netball team practices at the start of next term. We're planning an official opening of the new courts in the first week back, so keep an eye out for details.

Wednesday saw our annual Wheels Day, and the playground was buzzing with bikes, scooters, and some exceptionally creative decorations! It's always a highlight, and we were delighted to see so many children participating. Our PALs did a fantastic job, and some lucky students who returned their walk-to-school cards were drawn for prizes.

Next week marks the final week for Megan Bloxham, who will be taking up a position at Arthur Burns Preschool from the start of next term. Megan, who originally came to us from early childhood education, is returning to her roots. We have truly valued Megan's contributions to Elmgrove, and she will be greatly missed. She has been the welcoming face of Elmgrove for many new families through the Elmgrovers programme. We will be celebrating Megan's time with us in next week's assembly before she departs.

With only one week of school remaining before the term break, I hope you have some wonderful activities planned. This break is particularly special, as it includes both Easter and Anzac Day.

Ngā mihi nui,

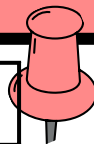
Chris McKinlay





# Important DATES

**Term 1 & 2 2025**



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

7 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Raffle Cards - Due back to the office</li></ul>
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 - 14<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> April**

### **Week 1 - 28th April to 2nd May**

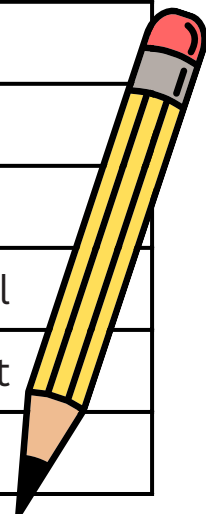
All Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pukeko Swimming</li></ul>
2nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grand Opening for the Courts instead of Assembly</li></ul>

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

All Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pukeko Swimming</li></ul>
6th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Toitu Visit - Kauri Hub</li></ul>
7th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Toitu Visit - Kowhai Hub</li></ul>
9th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kauri Assembly</li></ul>

### **Week 3 - 12<sup>th</sup> May - 16<sup>th</sup> May**

13 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 5&amp;6 Netball Festival</li></ul>
16 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Girls League Tournament</li></ul>
16 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Matai Assembly</li></ul>



# *Congratulations* **VALUE ACHIEVERS**

**These children have earned 5 Tumeke Cards**

**George Bloxham  
Keeana McLeary  
James Russell  
Hugo Webster**

## **Ocean Poem**



How good to swim for a while and gaze  
down at the ocean. With beams of  
sunlight shining on the water as the  
seaweed twirls and dolphins glide. Crabs  
scuttle under ships and pufferfish puff in  
a magical kingdom of animals. Seals play  
in the golden sand, turtles roam around  
the colourful coral reefs, whales dive for  
fish. The ocean has lots of wonderful  
creatures. By Lily Watson



# 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 FUNDRAISING  
TEAM PRESENTS**



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025**  
**TAIERI BOWLING CLUB**  
**GOLD COIN ENTRY**  
**RAFFLES - AUCTIONS - BAR**  
**BYO SNACKS**

PLEASE EMAIL THE OFFICE TO BOOK A TABLE  
[office@elmgrove.school.nz](mailto:office@elmgrove.school.nz)

***This is an Adult Only***

***Fundraiser***

# Welcome to Elmgrove School





# KOWHAI HUB



The Year 6 students in the Kowhai Hub have been enjoying their extra responsibilities as our school leaders. A highlight has been being able to be out on Road Patrol making sure our community is crossing the road safely. We've got a few tips for you on how you can be responsible while using our pedestrian crossing.



## Bikes/Scooters

Please hop off your bike and scooter when using the crossing. This makes it safe for everyone.

## Crossing Commands

Please don't cross until we have said "Cross now!" We are doing our final checks to make sure it is safe.



## Yellow Lines

It's really important that our parents don't stop on the yellow lines. It makes it hard for us to see if there are any cars coming!





# KOWHAI HUB



Students in the Moa team worked alongside the Backyard Skiffle group to put on a performance for the school. This was a great opportunity to showcase some of our talents.





# KOWHAI HUB



The Kowhai Hub have had a busy week watching the turf for our new courts go down. It has been great to see that the courts have multiple purposes, with some of us trying out our gymnastics skills on them! We can't wait for our basketball and netball hoops to go back up so we can get practising for our winter sports.



## Grand Opening!

Join us on Friday 2nd May at 2.30pm for the Grand Opening of our courts. The Fundraising Team will be selling sausages and ice blocks (more details to follow) Staff vs Students game also.



# SPORTS



## TSSA Swimming

A big congratulations to our students who participated in the TSSA Swimming Sports last Friday. You all demonstrated our school values and represented Elmgrove with pride.



## Touch

A fantastic effort from all of our students who played Touch this term. Special mention goes to the Elmgrove Panthers Team who finished first place in the Year 5/6 Elite grade!

## Flippaball

Well done to our Flippaball team who also finished first place in the A Grade!



**Thank you to all of our amazing parents who help coach these teams. Without your help we wouldn't be able to have so many children participating in school sports.**

# Easter Family Night

Bunnings Warehouse Dunedin



**Thursday 10th April**  
**5pm – 7pm**

## Activities and fun for the whole family

Free Sausage Sizzle, Face Painting, Kids DIY  
and more Easter crafts!

Don't miss out,  
register now!



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**BUNNINGS**  
warehouse







## Create memories together

Delight in singing with your pēpi and tamariki/little ones.

Have fun learning together.

Make new friends.

Your tamaiti/child will enjoy the play time.

Relax with a drink and kai/snack.

**Kia ora! Come along.**

10am Thursdays (during school term)  
mainly music @ St. Luke's on the Taieri  
67 Gordon Road  
Mosgiel  
Cost: \$5 per family per session (first session is free)  
Contact: Heather ph. 0274-365652

Find our  
group here



delight, accept, grow

[mainlymusic.org.nz](http://mainlymusic.org.nz)

# MEET THE ICE FERNZ

SKATE ON THE ICE WITH THE ICE FERNZ, ENJOY FUN  
GAMES AND PHOTO & AUTOGRAPH OPPORTUNITIES



FOOD &  
DRINKS

SATURDAY  
12TH APRIL

10:00AM -  
11:30AM

**FREE ENTRY**

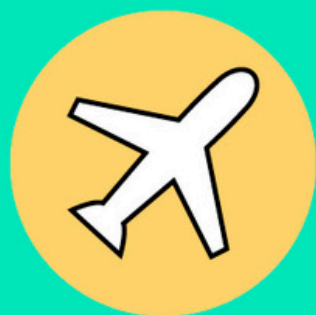
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The New Zealand Herald



DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL | Kaunohuri  
a rohe o Otago



## Travelling overseas soon?

### You must do a New Zealand Traveller Declaration when you come back

## TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz

**Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa**  
New Zealand Government

**New Zealand  
Traveller  
Declaration**

Whakapuakanga  
Tangata Haere ki  
Aotearoa



# Wild Dunedin's NatureDome

Sunday, 13 April | 10am - 4pm  
Forsyth Barr Stadium

Gold Coin  
Donation



Suzy Cato

Anika Moa



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