



Enriching, Encouraging, Empowering

Message from the Principal

Kia ora, Parents and Caregivers,

As I sit in my office this morning, the sun is streaming in through the window, bringing a little warmth to the day. Outside, the playground is full of laughter — children running, skipping, swinging, playing soccer, and enjoying games on the deck. Moments like this remind me what a privilege it is to be principal here. To work in such a wonderful place and to watch our tamariki happy, active, and engaged.

This week has been a busy and exciting one with our cross-country events. The rain kindly held off for the seniors, and all that training and practice really showed. Whether our students crossed the finish line first or further back, the most important thing is that they all gave it their best and finished strong. I was so proud to see those blue-and-white tops making their way across the line, each one representing determination and school pride.

And we can't forget our Year 0–3 runners. What a fantastic effort from our youngest tamariki! Those little legs were pumping around the track with so much energy and determination. They gave it everything, and it was such a joy to watch their big smiles as they ran.

Netball and Miniball are also nearing the end of their seasons, with just one more week to go after tomorrow. A huge thank you to all the parents and caregivers who have supported these activities. Whether by coaching, managing, transporting players, or simply turning up to cheer from the sidelines. Our tamariki light up when they see whānau watching and supporting them.

I also want to acknowledge and thank those who have been extra mindful in the car park. Your care really makes a difference. We did have a couple of near misses this week, so please continue to drive slowly and keep an eye out for children when reversing or moving through the car park. The safety of our tamariki is something we can all work together to protect.

During my visits around the hubs this week, I've seen students settled, focused, and engaged in their learning — it's always great to witness their enthusiasm and concentration.

Wishing you all a warm and happy weekend with your family and friends.

Ngā mihi nui,

Jenny Ryalls

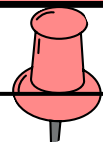




Important DATES

Term 3 2025

Week 6 - 18th Aug to 22nd Aug



20th Aug

- Rippa Rugby Day

21st Aug

- Omathalon

22nd Aug

- Yr 5/6 Rugby League Tournament

22nd Aug

- Kowhai Assembly

Week 7 - 25th Aug to 29th Aug

27th Aug

- Rippa Rugby Day Postponed Day

29th Aug

- Mutfi Day

29th Aug

- Manuka Assembly

Week 8 - 1st Sept to 5th Sept

3rd Sept

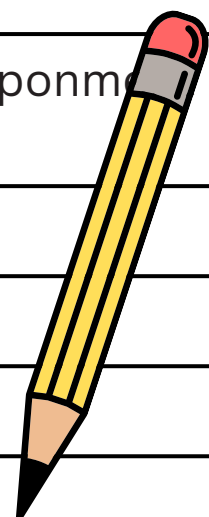
- Otago Polyfest

5th Sept

- Otago Primary Cross Country

5th Sept

- Kapa Haka Assembly



Week 9 - 8th Sept to 12th Sept

12th Sept

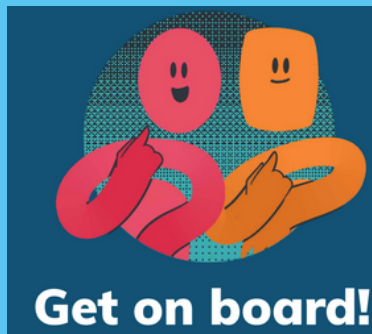
- Otago Primary Cross Country Postponement

12th Sept

- School Disco

12th Sept

- Rimu Assembly



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 hand.

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, helping 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 school-aged 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!



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

Junior Cross Country

The children in year 0 to 3 had their cross country on Wednesday afternoon in perfect sunny conditions. It was an enjoyable experience with plenty of whanau cheering from the sidelines. All of the children's hard work and training paid off and they showed perseverance to finish the race.





TSSA Cross Country

On Tuesday we held our TSSA Cross Country. Well done to all of our students who participated in this. We saw some fantastic displays of perseverance and sportsmanship. Congratulations to those year 5/6 children who qualified to participate in the Otago Champs Cross Country later this term.





**IN THE KAURI HUB WE MADE OUR OWN MINI-
LOOMS AND CREATED A WOVEN WALL-HANGING!
IT WAS A GREAT WAY TO PRACTICE OUR CURRENT
VALUE FOCUS OF MANAWANUI - PERSEVERANCE**





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

Free!



SOUTHERN RESERVOIR

- 10am - noon
- For children aged up to 17
- Register now
- Spaces limited
- Spare rods available

BRING ▼

Fishing gear, snacks, drinks, warm clothes

REGISTER ONLINE ▼

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Otago Fish & Game Council



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Take A Kid Fishing

SEPTEMBER 20, 21, 27, 28

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Playcentre 
Open Week
18-22 August 2025

Nau mai, haere mai.
We invite you to visit
us during Playcentre
Open Week.

**Pop in for a visit
79 Argyle street Mosgiel
Monday - Friday 9-12.30**

PIC-COLLAGE