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Message from The Principal

Last night we had our annual Elmgrove's got talent show in the Taieri Performing Arts Centre. This is always a great event. It was great to see so many children wanting to take part and share their talents with the school and their wider whanau. With well over twenty items it was an entertainment filled evening. While there was lots of dance we also had a number of singers as well as guitar, ukulele and drum performances. Thank you to all of the children who found the courage to stand up in front of their peers and an audience of 300+ people to perform.

Last week we had the team from Downers at school talking with the children about the road works that are beginning outside our school. We expect this work to last well into the new year and so we took this opportunity for them to meet with our children and talk to them about safety around road works. They explained the different road signs and even brought in a digger for the children to look over. We know that the road works will cause some disruption to traffic flow over the coming months and we ask that you drive carefully watching out for our children who may be crossing in different places to normal.

Next week we have some contractors at school working on the re-surfacing in the front of the school. We are extending our artificial surface area to reduce the mud we get in wet weather. This project is being funded from both school funds and fundraising team efforts. During the second half of next week the front gate will be closed off to allow contractors to work in this area. Children will need to enter the school via the Argyle street vehicle gate or the Ayr street gate while this work is underway.

A reminder that our next and final teacher only day for this year is on Monday 20th November which is only a little over a week away. All schools will be taking a teacher only day within this week to undertake curriculum refresh work set out by the Ministry of Education. Please make sure you have noted this day and made other arrangements for your children as school will be closed.

Thank you to our 2nd year student teachers, Miss Perkins and Miss McCarthy, for your work in our school over the last three weeks. Today is their last day at Elmgrove. Our first year trainees will be here for one more week and we will farewell them next Friday. Our children always enjoy the opportunity to work with these teachers throughout the year and they are as real assets to have within our classrooms

Enjoy your weekend.

Chris McKinlay
Principal



Welcome to Elmgrove



Sehajdeep & Loveleen

Reminders

Teacher Only Day

**Monday- 20th
November**

No School for children

Front Gate closure

**Wednesday, Thursday &
Friday next week due to
front of school repairs.**

**Please use the side gate
entrance to enter school
premises on these days.**

SCHOOL VALUE ACHIEVERS

These children received 5 Tumeke

- ★ Kobey McGuire
- ★ Hunter Lindon
- ★ Sasha Harris
- ★ Mikayla Fahey
- ★ Anah Parks
- ★ Johnson Griffith
- ★ George Bloxham
- ★ Lily Williams
- ★ Levi Wilson
- ★ Tyler Wallace
- ★ Carly Burt
- ★ Nikayah Green

These children received 10 Tumeke

- ★ Austin Topping
- ★ Florence Scholten
- ★ Carter Hadfield
- ★ Mikayla Fahey

These children received 15 Tumeke

- ★ Eli Clamp
- ★ Bianca Keen
- ★ Tayla Mokotupu

These children have earned a badge!



Respect

Rio Bennett

Stella Biernat

Carter Hadfield

Harley Richardson

Austin Topping



Caring

Liam McCallion



Responsibility

Tayla Mokotupu



Perseverance

Makai Whaanga

Austin Topping



KIDS WEST

HOLIDAY ENROLMENT

Not long now until Christmas. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting the KIDS WEST holiday program and would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

We will NOT be running a program before Christmas as Elmgrove School finishes on Tuesday 19th December and we are getting new carpet laid in the hall at this time. There will be NO After School Care available on Tuesday 19th December.

Our 2024 Summer program will run from Monday 8th January until Friday 26th January 2024. Elmgrove School starts back on Tuesday 30th January 2024. There will be NO care available on Monday 29th January 2024.

Please note - Occasionally we have children booked into our program who fail to arrive on the day without any notification. This has caused some families to miss out especially on trip days. This has also cost the program, as we are required to provide correct staff to children ratios and pay for children booked on trips rather than those who actually attend. Failure to attend booked sessions in the holiday program that have not been notified by 8am on the day will incur a three hour charge as well as the cost of any trips booked on that day.

We have a fun-filled program planned. Please bring togs and towel everyday as we will have lots of water play, water fights and water games etc. Children are welcome to bring along bikes and scooters, please ensure they have their helmets and we hold no responsibility they get lost or damaged.

There will be an extra charge for each trip and that will be added on to your account. These charges can be found on the program.

Hot lunches will be available on days we are at school. Hot chips \$2.50, pie \$2.50, noodles \$1.50. These need to be ordered and paid (cash) for on the day.

Any change of program will be on the blackboard at the program and on our facebook page.

Links to the enrolment form, program and parent information can be found below. We look forward to receiving your enrolment. Once submitted you will receive a copy back (please check your junk mail), this is your confirmation of your booking. If you need WINZ forms filled out, these will need to be done before Tuesday 13th December 2023.

Please bring EVERY DAY a drink bottle, sunhat, togs and towel.

[Kids West Holiday Programme Enrolment Form](#)

[Term 1 - Holiday Programme](#)

[Parent Information](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Irene on 027 696 1240 or email irene@elmgrove.school.nz

We look forward to seeing you in the holidays.

Irene and Staff



RIMU HUB

HERE ARE SOME PHOTOS FROM OUR JUNIOR ATHLETICS DAY LAST WEEK





AT THE pool



I have learned how to swim, I can push my body forward and swim to the poolside. - Luca



I learned how to hold the board using crocodile hands and kick my feet. - Piper

I can do yoga under water. I can stay down under the water even when the water tries to push me up. - Tanner



I learned to do tricks in the water, I can put my face in, I can go under the water when I want to get out of the ring. - Scarlette



I can jump in the water and dive, its fun. - Zara



I've learned to do arm circles on a board. - Harper



I can go under the water and hold my breath. - Kingston

I can float on my back with a board and kick my feet. - Dakota



Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

Important dates - (mark these on your calendar)

TERM 4

Week 5- 6th-12th November

10th November

Assembly - Hosted by Matai

Week 6- 13th-19th November

All Week

Science Road Show

Week 7- 20th-26th November

20th November

MOE Teacher only Day - School Closed

21st November

Otago Champs Athletics

24th November

Assembly - Hosted by Totara

Week 8- 27th November -3rd December

1st December

Assembly - Hosted by Manuka

Week 9- 4th - 10th December

1st December

Assembly - Hosted by Rimu

Week 10- 11th - 17th December

15th December

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Week 11- 18th - 19th December

19th December

Last day of Term



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Term Dates 2024

Term 1

Tues 30 Jan - Fri 12 April

Term 2

Mon 29 April - Fri 5 July

Term 3

Mon 22 July - Fri 27 Sept

Term 4

Mon 14 Oct - Tues 17 Dec



Taieri
CHRISTMAS
Light Displays

Decorating your home for Christmas?

Help us compile the Taieri Light Displays Map.
Add your home to the list and be in to **win \$500 cash!**
Generously sponsored by Shoz Wheeler, Property Brokers.

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bit.ly/taierixmas
Free hard-copy maps available at
Property Brokers, 125 Gordon Rd
or Toast'd Cafe, 167 Gordon Rd
from the beginning of December