



Enriching, Encouraging, Empowering

Message from The Principal

Tonight our fundraising group are running a school disco. This is always a popular event for the children. I know that our seniors have had some input into music selection. The Disco runs from 6 pm until 7.30pm in the school hall. There is always lots of food and other glow items available for purchase so bring some extra money. Gold coin to get in. I am looking forward to seeing some serious dance moves and this does not include tag games.

I have heard some feedback from last weeks overnight stay at the museum. The children really enjoyed this event and seemed less bothered by the night time creature noises than some of the adults. I know that the stories coming back are adding to the anticipation for the Manuka Year 4's who will be going for their stay next week.

Our Rugby league team are playing in the grand final against Fairfield this afternoon. This match is being played at Bishop Court, 1 pm kick off. We wish the boys all the best.

This week our Board of Trustees met. At this meeting they reviewed the mid year assessment data for the school and talked about intervention programmes for Term 4. The bi-annual staff survey results were presented and actions identified based on this information. The Board ratified the permanent appointment of Chloe Bryson, who was successful in winning the position created earlier in the year when Kate Edwards left. Chloe has been a strong addition to our middle school over the last couple of terms and we congratulate her on this permanent appointment. They were updated on current property projects and those planned for early 2024. This includes the remaining toilet blocks in the junior school and roof replacement as well as the ongoing playground improvements. Marlene Du Toit Parks has resigned from the Board creating a casual vacancy on the Board. After discussion the Board voted to fill this vacancy by selection. Further information on this process and our official notice is in today's newsletter.

The Board approved the dates for our Teacher Only days in Term 4. I would like to bring your attention to these dates and ensure you have them marked down in your diaries. School will be closed on Friday 20th October which is the Friday prior to Labour Weekend and again on Monday 20th November. These are professional development days for staff. I understand many of the Taieri Schools have gone with 20th November for their Ministry of Education Teacher Only Day.

For those of you who are rugby followers it is good to see that the All Black matches are going to be free to air on Prime and at a reasonable time. Keep the faith.

I wish you all a good weekend.

Chris McKinlay
Principal



Elmgrove School Board

Casual vacancy for a parent representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative. The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Nikola Webster
Presiding member
Elmgrove School Board
nikolaw@elmgrove.school.nz
by: Friday 6 th October 2023



We are excited to perform at Otago Polyfest next week!

Elmgrove School is performing at 12.35pm on Wednesday 13th September.

To see the full programme follow this link:

[Polyfest programme 2024](#)



Congratulations to Nellie on her impressive collection of awards! Nellie has showcased her skills in the Rhythmic Junior Championships, achieving a remarkable 2nd place overall in the two competitions she participated in.

Monto Carlo have updated their school lunch prices. Please check out the new prices online.

[School Lunches](#)

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME ENROLMENT

I hope you all have had a great term and are enjoying the fine weather as spring approaches.

Our Spring holiday program will run from Monday, 25th September – Friday, 6th October 2023.

Our hourly fee is \$6 per hour, capped at \$40 per day, per child, additional charges for trips and bought lunches apply. Our hours are 8 am-530pm.

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 8 am on the day will incur a three-hour charge as well as the cost of any trips booked on that day.

Please check out our fun-filled program. We welcome new ideas from children and parents. Art and craft activities and indoor and outdoor games are available every day. Children are welcome to bring scooters, bikes etc. but must have safety gear. We hold NO responsibility if it gets lost or damaged. There is a small additional cost for our other trips/visitors to the program and these are shown on the program and will be added to your account.

Unfortunately, due to the rising cost of food, we have had to put our food prices up slightly. Hot chips (\$2.50), pies (\$2.50) and noodles (\$1.50) available on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. You can order and pay by 10 am on the day.

Please bring **EVERY DAY a drink bottle and jacket.**

If you are interested in joining in the fun please click on the link below to register.

Any queries please ph/txt 027 696 1240 or email irenec@elmgrove.school.nz. We look forward to receiving your enrolments and seeing you all again in the holidays.

[Kids West Holiday Programme Enrolment Form](#)

[Term 4 Holiday Programme](#)

[Parent Information](#)

Thanks

Irene and Kids West Staff

RIMU HUB

Rimu Trees
can live up to
800 years old

For topic in Rimu, we have been learning about native trees. Here are some trees we created. We used our arms as trunks, hands and fingers for branches and believe it or not we used bingo dabbers for the leaves.

Rimu Tree
fronds grow up to
7 Metres long

Rimu Trees
are also called
red Pine



CRICKET SESSIONS

Kimu hub enjoyed playing cricket and learning new skills with Jaiden from cricket Otago.

We learnt how to hold a cricket bat, bowl over arm and catch using two hands.

"Future blackcaps in the making"





**You are invited to our Hui Whānau
get-together and to hear our
kapahaka group perform!**



Elmgrove School is hosting a Hui Whānau evening on Monday 11th September and everyone is warmly invited to attend! These hui are of special importance to our Māori and Pasifika whānau but are open to anyone wishing to attend and, of course, our kapahaka families. .

Bring along your family's dinner from 5:30pm on Monday September 11th for a picnic in the school hall and we will provide some treats for dessert!

Our fabulous senior kapahaka group will perform our Polyfest songs at around 6pm. There will be opportunities for whānau to express their wishes and expectations for the tamariki at Elmgrove School.
Eg what cultural and/or learning experiences would you like your tamariki to have over the next year?

All whānau are welcome. This will be an informal relaxed evening with an opportunity to chat, have some kai and share ideas.

Bring your dinner along from 5:30pm; we will have some kapahaka songs (approx 6pm) after dinner and then dessert!

CROSS COUNTRY

Last Friday 12 Year 5/6 students participated in the Otago Champs Cross Country. All of the students competed well and did our school proud. A special mention to Tristan Hayward who finished 4th in his age group. A big thank you to Nikola Webster and Emma Letts for helping out on this day!



SCHOOL VALUE ACHIEVERS

These children received 5 Tumeke

- ★ Ahmad Alali
- ★ Piper Van Eunen
- ★ Harper Thomson
- ★ Makai Whaanga
- ★ Oliver Gallagher

These children received 10 Tumeke

- ★ Chad Osborne
- ★ Laura Mooney
- ★ Harley Richardson
- ★ Kiera Landrebe

These children received 15 Tumeke

- ★ Beth Leslie
- ★ Oliver Letts

These children have earned a badge!



Caring

Harley Richardson

Caiden Wallis



Perseverance

Khaldiya Alali

Hunter Burton

Isobel Strong



Respect

Florence Scholten



School Values Ambassador

Caiden Wallis

Isobel Strong

RESPONSIBILITY



RESPECT



CARING



PERSEVERANCE



Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

Important dates - (mark these on your calendar)

TERM 3

Week 8- 4th-10th September

All Week

Senior Swimming

8th September

Disco

8th September

Assembly - Hosted by Rimu

Week 9- 11th-17th September

11th September

Hui Whanau - 5.30pm

12th September

School Photos

13th September

Polyfest

14th September

Manuka Museum Sleepover

15th September

Assembly - Hosted by Totara

Week 10- 18th-22nd September

22nd September

Assembly - Hosted by Matai

22nd September

Last day of School for Term 3

TERM 4

Week 1- 9th-15th October

13th October

Assembly - Hosted by Rata

Week 2- 16th-22nd October

18th October

Ukulele Jam - At Taieri College

19th October

Years 4-6 School Athletics

20th October

Teacher Only Day - No School Today

Week 3- 23rd-29th October

23rd October

Labour Day - No School

24th October

BOT Meeting

26th October

Year 6 - 7 aside at Taieri College

27th October

Assembly - Hosted by Kowhai

Week 4- 30th October-5th November

31st October

TSSA Athletics

1st November

Dunedin Primary Schools Triathlon

3rd November

Assembly - Hosted by Kauri

All Week

Book Fair

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



ARTHUR BURNS
PRESCHOOL



LADIES
PRE-LOVED
FASHION
EVENING

TICKETS
\$10

7-10PM | 9TH SEP | 4 GREYNA PLACE

Bring along a friend & enjoy an evening of socialising, supper & the opportunity to take home some good quality pre-loved fashion. Most items under \$10 with some free racks too!

Cash only please - for clothing, raffles, and goods from some amazing local stallholders

PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS FROM
THE ARTHUR BURNS PRESCHOOL OFFICE



DUNEDIN
BRICK
SHOW 2023

September 30th-October 1st
10am-5pm. More FM Arena, Edgar Centre

