

Enriching, Encouraging, Empowering

## Message from The Principal

We had a fantastic family Math evening on Tuesday night with lots of parents and children in attendance. I hope that you enjoyed the time to learn new games and hear about some of the simple games and discussions you can do with your children at home to boost their mathematics understandings. It was great to get a global perspective on Mathematics progress from Rob and we look forward to working with him for another year.

This week was also miniball finals time. We had a number of teams playing for places in this years competition. Our senior teams finished 1st in the A grade and 2nd in the B grade which was a fantastic effort and I was impressed with the level of skill and determination shown by these teams. We also had another 1st, 2nd and a couple of 4th places. Miniball is clearly very strong here at Elmgrove.

Our Year 5 and 6 Mathematics students attended the Omathalon yesterday. Well done to these students. The Omathalon is an interesting combination of running and solving mathematics problems.

It has been great to get out and play on the school fields this week with a significant improvement in the weather. I remind all students that tackle games are not permitted without a teacher, a mouth guard and a change of clothes.

Not many weeks left until polyfest, so practices for this are ramping up.

This week we advertised the 2024 openings for out of zone enrolments. If you, or someone you know, have a child who is planning to begin or is contemplating going Elmgrove in 2024 and you currently live outside our enrolment zone, now is the time to apply. We do have spaces available for the 2024 school year and welcome your expressions of interest in securing a place even if your child is not due to start till later in the year. Once places are offered at the end of this term they are guaranteed even if the start date is still some way away and in zone numbers increase. Please take the time to do this over the next four weeks. Applications for these spaces close at the end of this term at 1pm on the 22nd September.

If you have a child who is in Year 6 and heading off to College next year. I encourage you to complete your enrolment forms and get them them back to them also. I know that Taieri College are still waiting on quite a few and this makes it difficult to allocate their out of zone places due to uncertainty on numbers.

Have a great weekend

Nga Mihi Chris McKinlay Principal



### Welcome to Elmgrove





Thank you to everyone who came along to our maths night it was a great success.





Could we have all winter sports uniforms returned to the office by end of next week please.

## 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, 25<sup>th</sup> September – Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:irenec@elmgrove.school.nz">irenec@elmgrove.school.nz</a>. We look forward to receiving your enrolments and seeing you all again in the holidays.

Kids West Holiday Programme Enrolment Form

Spring Holiday Programme

**Parent Information** 

Thanks
Irene and Kids West Staff

# TOTARA HUB

This term the Totara hub has been learning about Native plants and birds. We have had a lot of fun exploring this topic through stories, legends, songs, games and art.



Sylvia's and
Coopers
bird feeder.





If I was a tui, I would fly to NZ.
I would make
friends with a
Kakapo.
Isaac

Ruru naps in the sun. He has fun at night time. Cody

Pukeko's live in swampy places. They can fly and swim.

Chloe E

I love kiwi's. The kiwi pokes its beak in the ground to find bugs.

Harvey

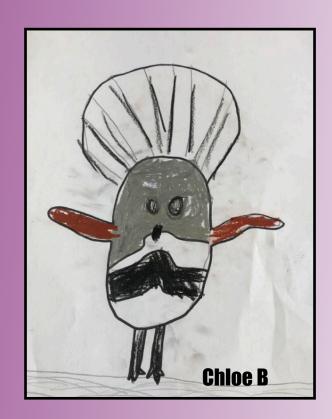


We made a Pohutukawa tree inside of our classroom with paints, paper and crayons.

Here is our finished tree!

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Some children have been having a go at writing a fairy tale. We wrote a bit each day starting with writing about the setting. The next day we talked about the characters, then added more detail. Here are some of our masterpieces.

Once there was a little boy that was living in the forest, it had a small wooden home. He had to hunt for food. After that he sees the King frog. It is the King, it is good he really likes to jump, he is really funny. One day an evil fairy stole the King's crown. The King was sad, "I want my crown" said the King. The next day they saw the evil fairy, they threw some poison on him. The End By Charlie

Yesterday I went to a cold castle, it was cold, it was so spooky. I saw a kid, she was pretty, she had a pretty dress, it had flowers on it, it was yellow. I saw a witch, she had a black hat, she had a wand, she tried to turn me into a frog. The wand had sparkles, it made magic. I defeated her, it was pretty hard. The End By Maddi



Once upon a time there was a spooky house, it had vines. I noticed there was no answer so I knocked and I knocked and I knocked and I knocked. I opened the door, I went in the door and inside there was a fairy and the fairy was the tooth fairy. Just then I saw a wolf bust in the door, it smashed the door, the wolf tried to bite us, but the tooth fairy did a spell on the wolf. Then a gas bottle went through the door. I screamed, the gas bottle exploded. We coughed and coughed and coughed and coughed... The End **By Cassie** 



## OMATHALOM

The year 6 Omathalon was really fun and also hard! After the year 6 Omathalon it was time for the year 5 Omathalon. Spectating the year 5s try their best and persevere with their questions was fun! Although none of us won first place we all had a great time representing Elm Grove School for the Omathalon 2023!

By Bowie Gallop.



### Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

#### **Important dates - (mark these on your calendar)**

#### TERM 3

Week 6-21st-27th August

25th August Rugby League Comp Yr 5/6 25th August Assembly - Hosted by Kauri

Week 7- 28th August -3rd September

All Week Senior Swimming

31st August Matai Museum Sleepover

31st August No Assembly

Week 8-4th-10th September

All Week Senior Swimming
5th September BOT Meeting

8th September Disco

8th September Assembly - Hosted by Rimu

**Theo** Week 9- 11th-17th September

12th September School Photos

13th September Polyfest

14th September Manuka Museum Sleepover15th 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





#### 7-10PM | 9TH SEP | 4 GRETNA 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

