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Message from The Principal

Today is the Elmgrove golf day fundraiser organised by our amazing parent team. There has been a lot of work go into this and the team have gathered some amazing prizes for both their raffle and their auction tonight. Thank you to the families and business that have supported this event. Funds raised from the golf fundraiser are targeted to our playground and hall improvements. We have just finished the upgrades to the front of the school, we have booked in the carpet layers to replace the carpet in the hall over the holidays and we are currently raising the remainder of the funds we need for the installation of soft fall and our basket swing. The fundraising team are also working on the Christmas raffle. Today was a mufti day with donations for the Christmas raffle. The baskets are now made up and looking great. Thank you to everyone who contributed and I wish all those who have bought tickets good luck.

Monday this week was teacher only day. The staff had a good day of professional development and team planning for next year.

You will see in todays newsletter that we have some major disruptions to our traffic flows over the coming weeks. We have been notified by the DCC that Argyle street in front of the school will be closed off for the next three weeks starting on Wednesday 29th November which is next week. This will mean pick ups and drop offs by vehicle will not have access to the front of the school. Access to the back gate will still be open but will be one way traffic only. Please read this notice carefully and work out with your children where they will be picked up or dropped off. It may be best to drop children in the block before school and let them walk the short distance if they are capable of doing this safely.

Chris McKinlay
Principal





Thank you so much for all of your contributions to our Christmas hampers. We had so many donations this morning, we were able to make a couple of extra hampers up!



Congratulations to all our students who went to Otago Athletics this week.



WOW! What amazing donations we have for our golf tournament that is being held today. Big thanks to everyone who contributed and our amazing fundraising team for organising today's event!

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THIS NOTICE

School Safety Improvements: Elmgrove School

The Dunedin City Council has contracted a package of School Safety Improvement work to Downer NZ Ltd.

You may be aware that the work involved at Elmgrove Primary School in Mosgiel includes a raised crossing at the school intersection improvements at the intersections of:

- **Argyle Street and Mure Street**
- **Argyle Street and Ayr Street**
- Argyle Street and Lanark Street

Stage one at Argyle and Lanark Streets is nearing completion. The next stage will include the intersection of Argyle and Mure Streets and the intersection of Argyle and Ayr Streets.

We are writing to let you know that, subject to weather and other unforeseen circumstances, we will be starting Stage 2 approximately Wednesday 29th November.

Stage Two: This stage of work will include a road closure on Argyle Street from Mure Street to Ayr Street, one way traffic on parts of Ayr and Mure Streets and temporary speed restrictions. Detours will be marked with detour signage so that you can still reach your destination.

School traffic will have vehicle access to Elmgrove School heading towards Hall Street and turning left into the school grounds. All vehicles departing the school onto Ayr Street will need to turn left and follow the detour signs.

Public bus stops affected by detoured routes will have temporary locations during the work.



If you have questions or concerns about the traffic management or work activity, please contact us by email at coastalotago@downer.co.nz or phone 03 478 8181.

Feedback:

If you would like to provide feedback in advance of the work to help inform our planning, please complete a short survey by scanning the QR code below or following the website link. If you wish to participate in the survey but do not have access to the internet, please call us on 03 478 8181.



https://feedback.inmoment.com.au/websurvey/2/begin?gateway=GW_F3FU7S&OC=CSSP&RG=1&CL=1

Please note, we will use the feedback we receive to help with our planning and communication, but we will not be able to meet everyone's preferences.

Some notes about the work are below:

Safety - As construction work can create multiple hazard areas, please be aware of the dangers posed by machinery and work sites. Whilst we endeavour to leave the site as tidy and user-friendly as possible, please also be aware that the work area may have uneven surfaces and take care if you need to cross the site. Should you notice anything of concern on our operational sites, I welcome your feedback.

Road closure - Downer will have temporary road closures, detours, speed restrictions and other traffic management measure in place during the work. If access is required during working hours, please liaise constructively with staff on-site or contact me to arrange this. **Please be assured that mail and rubbish services will be accommodated.**

Access and Parking – Prior to work commencing, we will place no-parking cones in the area we would like left clear to enable our work to be carried out. **Please keep your vehicles clear from this area. Vehicles within our work site restricting our ability to carry out the work safely may be shifted.**

During construction access to some properties may be restricted. This can be a couple of days while we excavate old kerb & pour new kerb, usually 3 – 5 days. If you have any concerns regarding access, please talk to crew onsite who can advise and work to enable access when required.

Disruption - We understand construction works can cause major disruption. We will be doing all we can to minimise the impact on your household or business.

Communication - Please note that resurfacing and construction work can be subject to weather. If we need to postpone work, we will do it on the next day that conditions are favourable. We will do our best to keep you informed of any major changes.

If you have any questions or requirements, please don't hesitate to contact us by email at coastalotago@downer.co.nz, call 03 478 8181 or approach one of our friendly staff members on site.

Kristina Wright

Customer and Stakeholder Representative

PH: 03 478 8181



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](#)

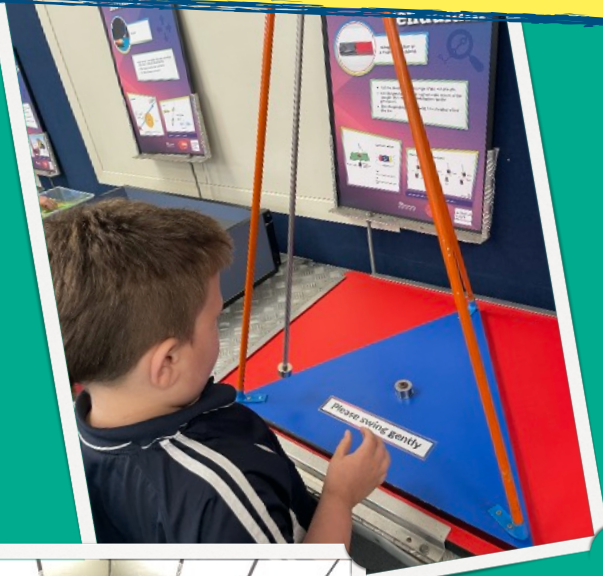
[Parent Information](#)

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

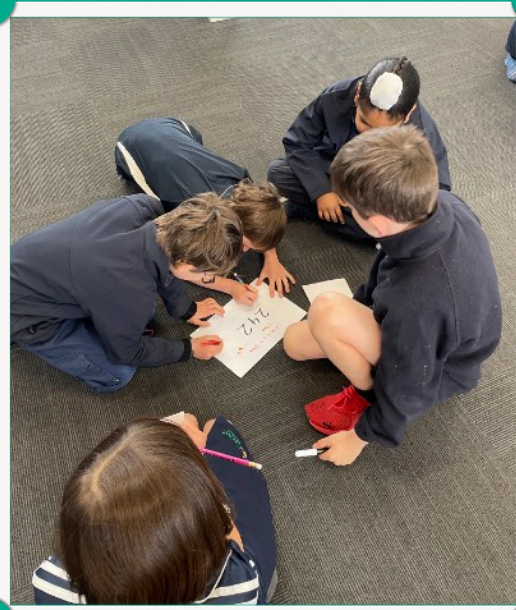
MANUKA HUB



Science Roadshow
We had so much fun at the Science Roadshow last week. The Manuka students enjoyed looking at different rocks, checking out forensic science displays, and exploring the world of physics.



MANUKA HUB



Maths

We've been trying some different warm ups during maths time. This one involved the students being given a number, and they had to come up with as many ways as they could to make it. They could use addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. It was a fantastic way to get our brains ready and requires little-to-no equipment, so give it a go at home!



Countries around the world

We have been learning about different countries and cultures around the world. The Manuka students have conducted their own research investigations to find out interesting facts about these countries and what makes them special.

Australia

Top 10 Facts about Australia

- Australia is a continent and a country.
- The Capital of Australia is Canberra.
- Kangaroos only exist in Australia.
- The Great Barrier Reef in Australia is the biggest reef system in the world.
- Australia is split into 8 states.
- Australia is home to some dangerous animals!

Australia

Australia is one of the largest countries on Earth, and the only country that covers an entire continent. Although it is rich in natural resources and has a lot of fertile land, more than one-third of Australia is desert.



Fiji

- “Bula” is the Most-Used Word in Fiji! ...
- Out of Fiji's 333 Islands, Only 110 are Inhabited.
- Fiji is committed to protecting the ocean.
- Rugby is the most popular sport in Fiji.

Facts about Syria

1. Syria has the oldest library in the world.
2. Syria is home to deer, bears, squirrels, wolves, hyenas, and foxes.
3. Syria's flag is full of symbolism.
4. Syria is home to the oldest library in the world
5. Syria is in Western Asia.



We also made some rangoli art. This is an artwork associated with the Indian celebration Diwali that happened a few weeks ago. We focused on making our flower patterns unique by adding lots of detail, and used as many colours as we could!



SCHOOL VALUE ACHIEVERS

These children received 5 Tumekes

- ★ *Braxton O'Sullivan*
- ★ *Jaxon Young*
- ★ *Nixon Mellon-MacGillivray*
- ★ *William Cartwright*
- ★ *Frankie Gallop*
- ★ *Joel Whitley*
- ★ *Kelly Wu*
- ★ *Holly Little*
- ★ *Amiah Howard*
- ★ *Deborah Gaius*
- ★ *Skylar Ryder*
- ★ *Adalyn Tibble*
- ★ *Davin Bradley*
- ★ *Melanie Phillips*

These children received 10 Tumekes

- ★ *Paige Lennox-Toa*
- ★ *Lukas Cunningham*
- ★ *Zoe Coombes*
- ★ *Ahmad Alali*
- ★ *Mia Everitt*
- ★ *Ruben Shaw*

These children have earned a badge!



Perseverance

Tristan Hayward
Ruben Morrison
Skylar Ryder



Caring

Grayson Breese
Indi Mitchell
Liam Thomas



Responsibility

Mason Maclean
Nixon Mellon-Macgillivray



School Values Ambassador

Grayson Breese

Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

Important dates - (mark these on your calendar)

TERM 4

Week 7- 20th-26th November

24th November

Assembly - Hosted by Manuka

24th November

Golf Fundraiser

Week 8- 27th November -3rd December

28th November

Board Meeting

1st December

Pukeko Rail Trail/Dinosaur Park

1st December

Assembly - Hosted by Totara

Week 9- 4th - 10th December

7th December

Year 6 Big Day Out at Waiora Scout Camp

8th 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

Meenan Dance Centre

presents

The Curse of Sleeping Beauty



Join us to celebrate the Year of Dance and the Students' achievements

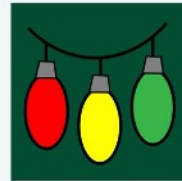
Coronation Hall, Mosgiel

Friday 8th Dec 2023: 5 pm

Saturday 9th Dec 2023: 1 pm & 5 pm

All Tickets \$20

Available from Meenan Dance Centre
or Ph/tx 027 262 7570



UNWRAPPING CHRISTMAS

December 16 & 17 | East Taieri Church, 12a Cemetery Rd

FOOD ★ CRAFT ★ DRAMA ★ MUSIC

A FREE interactive walk through Christmas with animals,
activities, a light show and more....

Saturday 16 December 10am—12pm

Sunday 17 December 1pm—3pm

For the full Christmas experience allow at least 30mins to walk through