



Enriching, Encouraging, Empowering

## Message from The Principal

I hope that everyone is making the most of the extra long weekend and has something planned for the family.

Today our staff are having the first of two teacher only days this term. They are working with our Professional learning facilitator on the revised curriculum and looking at the common practice implications for our school as we begin to look forward to 2024. This is important work and it is really valuable for the staff to be able to spend some extended time sharing and reviewing their current practice and learning from each other, to ensure we are all on the same page and delivering the best possible education for your children.

I have been away in Auckland most of this week at a Principals Conference with a specific focus on Maori Achievement and how we as a school are honouring Te Tiriti. This is a requirement under the education act and I have come back with lots of ideas and questions to discuss with the team.

Athletics have been a big focus of the week. The senior school had their athletics qualifying event yesterday. The team are currently progressing these and will be able to share this with students early next week. Those children who have meet the qualifying standards will then take part in the competitive rotations at the Taieri Schools Athletic Championships. From this event children will qualify for the Otago Championships.

We have had a group of student coaches from Taieri College here over the last couple of weeks working with our Taieri 7's teams. The majority of these coaches are previous students of Elmgrove and it is really cool seeing them come back to work with our current students. This year they have added some new sports to the Taieri 7's tournament expanding the standard 5 sports into seven. Our students are looking forward to competing with the other school next week.

I remind families that in Term 4 children are required to wear sunhat in the playground. Please make sure these come to school everyday or purchase a new one if your child does not have one.

Next Friday we have a mufti day. Funds raised from the mufti day are being used to cover the running costs for the Golf fundraiser. This is the schools major fundraising event for the year and I know the team are still looking for raffle prizes for on the day. All donations are gladly accepted and can be delivered to the school office. Funds from this years fundraisers are tagged for the next stage of playground upgrades including new surfacing and equipment.

**Chris McKinlay**  
Principal



# Reminders



Welcome to  
Elmgrove



Ava h-Lee

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Wednesday 25th October

\$2 Each

Order Form.

## MUFTI DAY

Friday 27th October

Goldcoin donation

Children can wear  
anything they like.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos came home last week. Please return all envelopes to our office. All proof numbers need to be quoted on the order envelopes and the correct money enclosed. If parents wish to pay with EFTPOS, Kelk has kindly said you are welcome to head into their studio to do this.

The full class photo proofs are displayed in our office and also on your child's classroom door.

Orders need to be returned by Next Friday:  
**Friday 27th October**

## SUNHATS

Sunhat's are to be worn if  
your child wants to play  
outside, these can be  
purchased from the office  
for \$14 each.

## BOOK FAIR

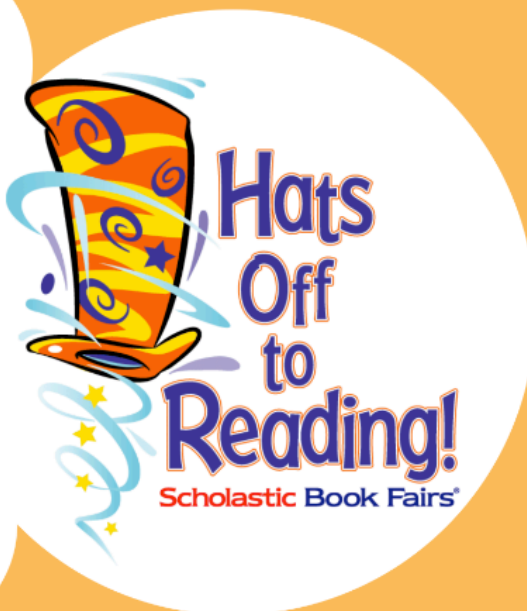
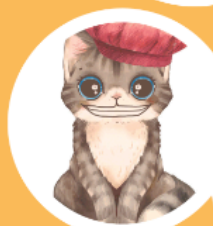
Come and explore our delightful  
Book Fair in the Seminar Room  
from Monday, October 30th, to  
Friday, November 3rd.

We're excited to have you visit  
during the following times:

Mornings: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Afternoons: 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Don't miss out on this fantastic  
literary adventure!



# In the Kauri Hub

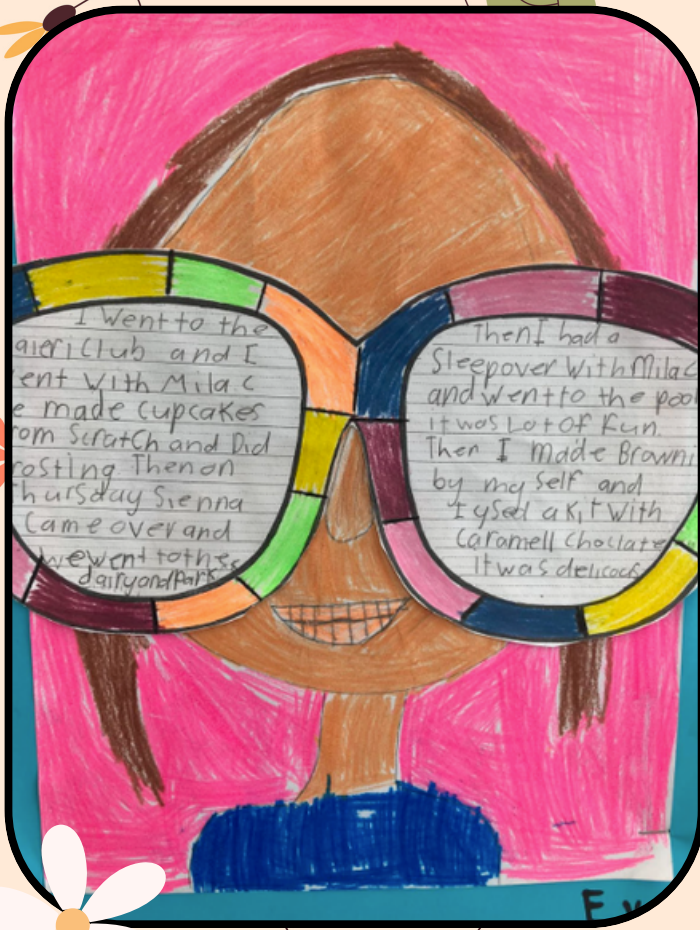


## Animal Antics

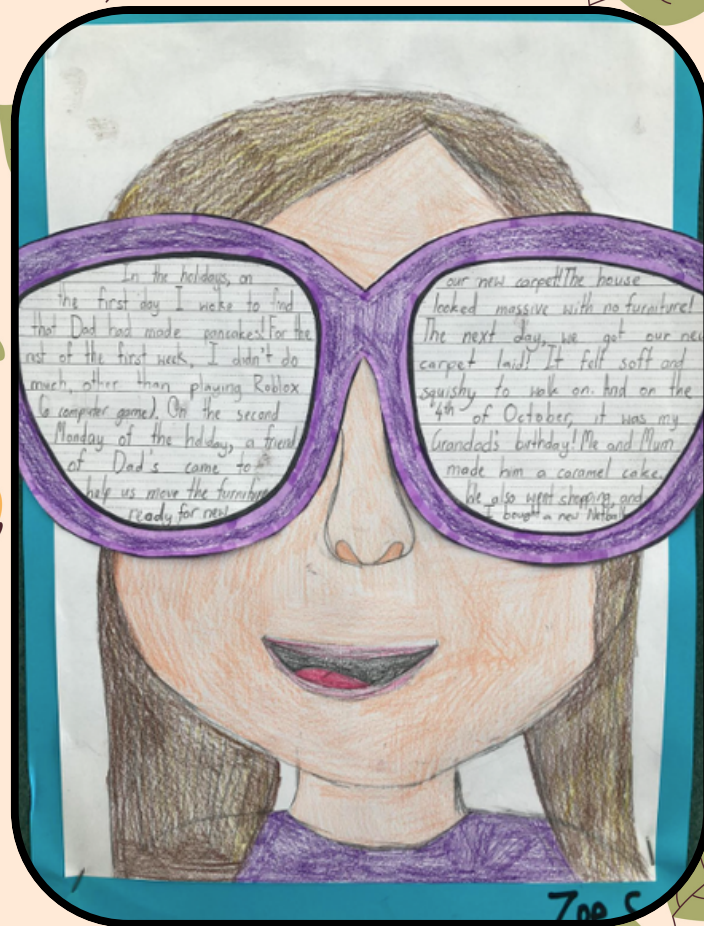
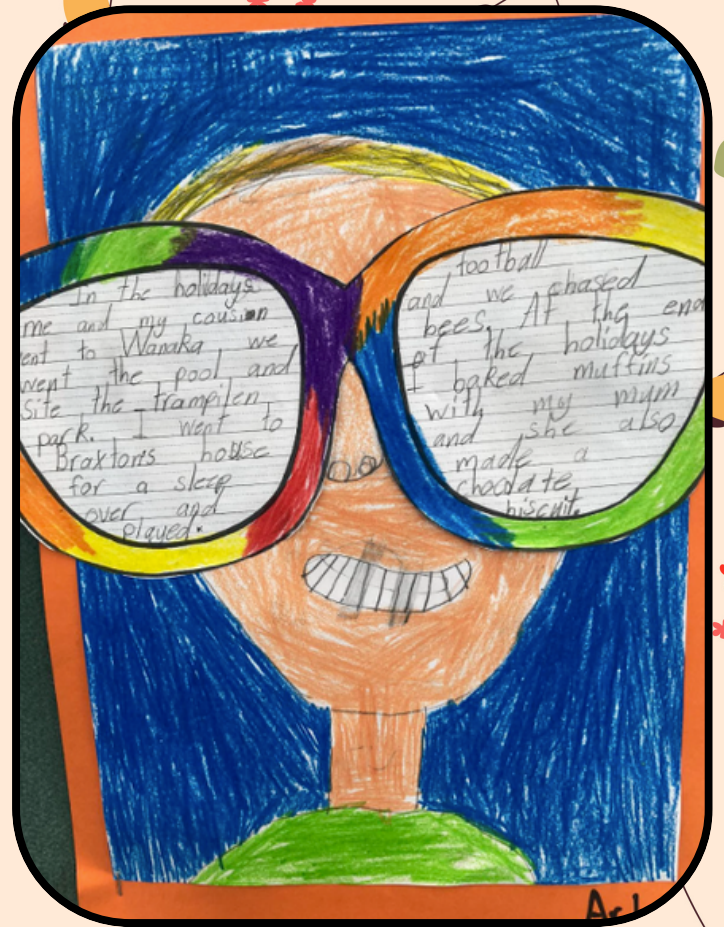
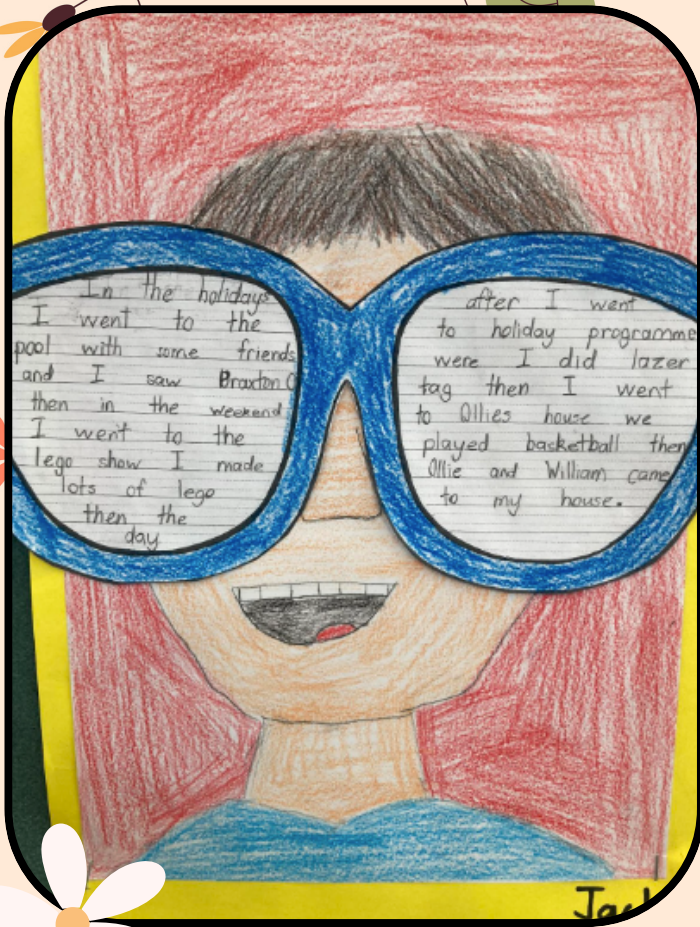
We have some extra buddies who visit us in the Kauri Hub from time to time and they are super popular! Caring for animals teaches us compassion and respect. These guys have been great companions in our school day!



# Holiday Highlights



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32 of our Year 5 and 6 ukulele players were lucky enough to get invited to this year's ukulele jam down at Taieri College. They were able to have 2 bands play for them and played several songs. Even the teachers had to join in with an 'Eye of the Tiger' performance. They dressed up in masks and sung and we even got some photos of Mrs Clark in her mask!

By Mila D and Ruby





## GOLF FUNDRAISER

THANK YOU for the support last year with our 1<sup>st</sup> ever Elmgrove School Golf Fundraiser. It was a very successful fundraiser for our school making just over \$11,000. We are now planning our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual day which will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Again, to make this such a successful day we **NEED** your help.

We are asking for businesses & parents help with the following:

Team prizes for the day – 1<sup>st</sup> prize we are wanting accommodation somewhere for 4 people or something similar. All teams will get a prize of some sort, whether that's \$50 voucher or a cap.

Auction Prizes – Large items we can auction on the night. (Have been donated a TV already for the auction)

Raffle Prizes – Any items at all. Anything from eggs to hats to vouchers. We will be happy with anything offered to us.

Please, we need parents and businesses to help with this request.

All prizes can be dropped at the school office, or you can text Lyn on 0212546454 or email:

[fundraiser@elmgrove.school.nz](mailto:fundraiser@elmgrove.school.nz)

**Thank you - Fundraising Committee**

# Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

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

### **TERM 4**

#### **Week 2- 16th-22nd October**

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**

9th November

Elmgroves Got Talent

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

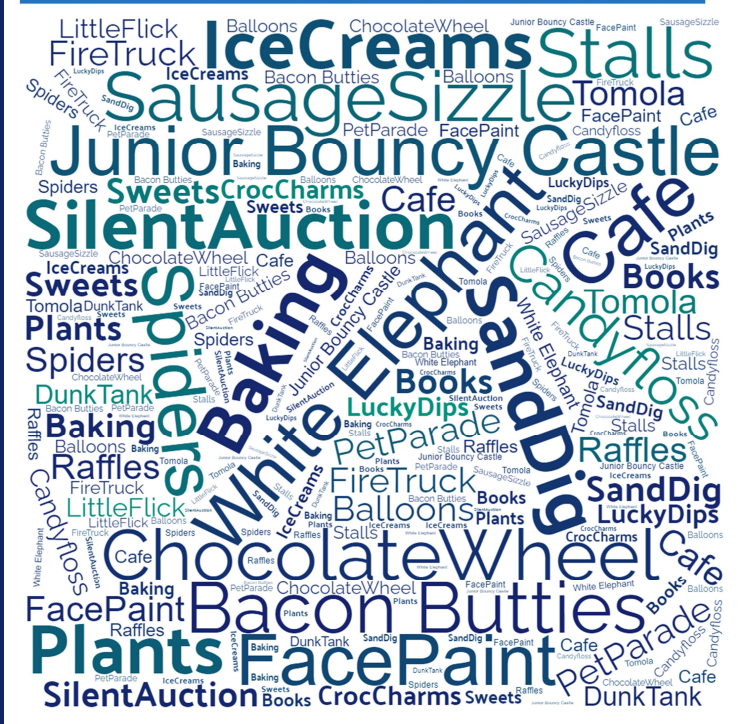
Year 6 Leavers Assembly

#### **Week 11- 18th - 19th December**

19th December

Last day of Term





# SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL TAMARIKI



FRIDAY  
27TH  
OCTOBER  
145-245

Connect with other parents and learn how to support tamariki. As parents/caregivers, we all want the best for our children.

**WHERE: DOWNES ROOM (MOSGIEL LIBRARY)**

**Discussion Topics:**

- ✔ Children transitioning within and between schools
- ✔ Reducing anxiety and worries
- ✔ Whānau connecting with coffee and a chat



**Hosted by Educators on the Taieri**

## Santa Parade Help

The Dunedin Santa Parade needs 5/6 year olds who want to be fairies or pirates in the Santa Parade to contact me on [dnsantakids@gmail.com](mailto:dnsantakids@gmail.com) to express their interest. Costumes are provided.

They need to be available all afternoon on Sunday 3 December & have a parent who will walk alongside the float.