



Enriching, Encouraging, Empowering

Message from The Principal

This week we have had coaches from Taieri Tennis at school taking coaching sessions with our students. The children have enjoyed this taste of a new sport and there have been lots of tennis rackets out during the break times as children practice the new skills they have learnt.

We also had the Bike School here undertaking cycle safety classes with our Year 6 students. These are very practical sessions and cater to those who are already very competent on a bike right down to those who are trying riding for the first time. Having school bikes has been very helpful for those children who do not own one. The instructors spend lots of time teaching skills and putting children through different obstacle courses and challenges to assess and practice their riding skills before taking those ready out onto the roads.

All the practice of our Senior Kapa Haka group was very evident this week when they performed on stage at Polyfest. This was held on Wednesday and was live streamed for those who could not get to the event. They looked very smart and we were impressed with their performance. A special thank you to Shane Whanga and Amy Clark for the work they have done with this group. Prior to the Polyfest our Kapa Haka group performed for their families in the school hall on Monday night. There was a really good turn out with over 100 people present. It was also a good opportunity to hold our Hui Whanau and gather some feedback from families present on their goals and aspirations for their tamariki with a special focus on Māoritanga. These questions have since been distributed to all of our Maori and Pacifica families and we welcome your feedback via email or the box in the school office.

The Manuka Hub stayed over at the Dunedin Museum last night and the children looked very tired but excited when they returned to school this morning. I am sure they will have lots of stories to share with their families when they come home tonight.

We are still experiencing some illness within the school including a vomiting bugs a couple of cases of strep throat and one suspected case of Scarlett fever. Please be conscious of your children's health and make sure they stay home for the recommended periods when they are sick for the wellbeing of everyone else at school.

Last week I published the dates for the two teacher only days being held in Term 4. These are now listed in the upcoming events so make sure you do check these out.

Have 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



Congratulations

Fletch Webster

Player of the year - Grade 11 2023

Oliver Letts

Player of the year - Grade 10 2023

Oscar Heller

**Junior Mosgiel Football Club Fair
play award**

Our next fundraiser is live and it's a goodie!
<https://elmgroveschoolrockyroad.raiseit.co.nz/login>
Please follow the like and share your pages around!
Perfect wee gift for Christmas.
Please let me know if you have any questions!

last day for orders is the 15th Oct

**pick up is from school 9th November (please make sure you can
collect on this date) we don't have room to store it at school.**
As always we appreciate all the support in these fundraisers

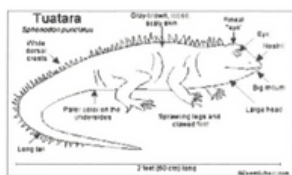


KOWHAI HUB



Writing

In the Kowhai Hub we have been experimenting with lots of different genres of writing. Our big focus this term has been on information report writing. Check out some of our reports and posters we have created.



Tuatara

Description

They can range from orange-red to green to brown. Adult males weigh about 1.5 kg and are 0.5 m in length. Some can live for over 100 years and males have spines that go along their back and tail.

Diet

They eat beetles, spiders and other bugs. They have special teeth for eating hard and one row of teeth on the bottom and two rows of teeth on the top. Bugs they also eat lizards, frogs and sea bird chicks.

Habitat

In 1989 a group of Tuataras were found on NZ's brother islands in one tiny 10 acre or 4 hectare "rock" island and about 600 Tuataras live on 5 acre or 2.2 hectare. They live in burrows and are very territorial.

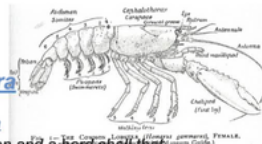
Young

They mate in late summer females lay 6-10 eggs per year. Once the babies hatch they have to fend for themselves and males can mate every year but females can only mate 2-7 years depending on food availability.

By Liam

Freshwater Crayfish - Koura

By Hazel-Laughton



Description

They have a dark green exoskeleton and a hard shell that camouflages them to the rocks in rivers and lakes. When they grow out of their shell they will grow a new one that is the same.

They also have 4 sets of legs, that's 8 legs.

Habitat

They live in lakes, streams, ponds and swamps and love to cosy up by some rocks.

Their predators are trout, catfish and perch.

Diet

Their diet consists of leaves and small insects they find in the water. They find this stuff from scavenging around their home. They use their giant claws to chop up their food.

Young

They carry their young for approximately 1 month and mature at 2 years if they live in a stream, and at 3 years if they live in a lake. They lay their eggs near and under the rocks and stones.

Adaptation

They have a strong exoskeleton and they can run very fast to protect themselves from predators. Along with the fact that they can hid in small places

This is what some of the words mean
(Exoskeleton-this is often the outer layer of the creature)
(Approximately-this means around about, for example that long)
(consists-the way I used it has this)

..... The Frog!!



Description

Frogs are very good at camouflaging themselves so the predators can't see them. They have no outside eardrum. They are smooth and green with gold dots.

Habitat

They live in wet, shady forests and on the rocks in rivers and under trees.

Diet

These frogs eat snails, slugs, worms, flies, moths and more.

Young

The frogs take 40 days to come out of the egg. The tadpole stage happens inside the egg so they hatch as fully formed frogs. They can live up to 30 years.

Adaptation

They don't croak often and they almost hatch fully formed. They have webbed feet.

Predators

Birds, herons, crows, ducks, reptiles, lizards, possums, humans, and other frogs

By Chad



Lizards {Mokomoko}

By Lily

Description

There are 48 species of Lizards in New Zealand. Lizards normally make a chirping sound. The green lizards are normally really loud for their size and produce a barking sound.

Habit

Lizards live around New Zealand. They like to live in grass forests and holes. You will find them everywhere in New Zealand except the subtropical Kermadec island in New Zealand

Diet

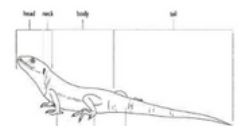
Lizards eat berries, flies and moths netor and some flowers. To catch them they stick out their tongue.

Young

Most Lizards lay eggs but not all of them do and they lay eggs every 15 to 24 days.

Adaptation

Lizards tails serve many purposes; they help balance their weight as they climb branches. They act like fuel tanks to store fat and as camouflage to help them disappear into their environment. Different colours like green, brown and more.



KOWHAI HUB



Writing

The Basking Shark

By Isla Hill



The Basking Shark is the second largest fish in the world. The Basking Shark has a size of more than twelve meters long.



Diet

The Basking Shark has a strict diet of zooplankton. To get the zooplankton the Basking Shark has to swim which means that the plankton through their gills to separate the plankton and the water so they can have their diet of zooplankton. They feed by swimming slowly.

Adaptation

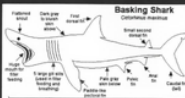
The Basking Shark has adapted to their enlarged mouths over time. The Basking Shark developed gills inside of their inner mouths. The gills help them with the plankton going down their mouths the enlarged mouth helps with filtering the water and the plankton.

Appearance

The Basking Shark has a wide, big mouth. They have a huge head and a slim body with big black eyes on the side of their head. They also have a large pointed nose.

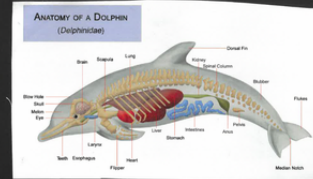
Predators

The Basking Shark's main predators are fisheries. What are fisheries you might wonder. Fisheries are people who collect fish. There are more different businesses fish. There are more different businesses fish. They collect sea animals from all over the world.



THE MAUI DOLPHIN

By Grace Cook-Kreft



HAZARD

Maui Dolphins are one of the smallest and rarest in the world. Maui Dolphins are found in the west coast and north island of New Zealand. Maui Dolphins are most likely found in Manganui, Bluff and Whangarei.

BREEDING

Inside the sea Maui Dolphins live for about 20 years and breed slowly. Female Maui Dolphins don't have a calf until about 7 or 8 years old. Usually female Maui Dolphins have a calf every 2 to 4 years.

THREATS

Human chemicals and littering (dropping your rubbish) can cause the Maui Dolphins to die. Boating and fishing can affect the Maui Dolphins survival.

DIET

Dolphins are carnivores. Maui Dolphins love eating small red cod, ahura flatfish, stargazer, sprat and arrow squid. Dolphins catch their prey by herding (scare them together) their food into a small circle.

The Maui Dolphin's scientific name is *Delphinus delphis*. The Maui Dolphin's population (how many are alive) is between 40 and 64. Adult dolphins reach about 1.5 m in length.

Whitebait

By Oscar Heller

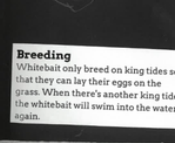


Whitebait are little fish only found in New Zealand. They live in big rivers and rocky streams connecting to bigger rivers. They also are weird looking but delicious to eat.

Diet
Whitebait have a wide variety of food. Their food includes microplankton, zooplankton, sand flies, and mayflies. They only eat food until they grow into which is about 2 months old.



Breeding
Whitebait only breed on king tides so that they can lay their eggs on the grass. When there's another king tide the whitebait will swim into the water again.



Species
Whitebait have only 6 different species such as large banded kokopu, kokopu, short fin, short fin kokopu, which basically all look the same.

Habitat

Whitebait only live in New Zealand and love to swim against the current in rocky and bigger rivers.

The Otago Skink

By Beth Leslie



The Otago Skink is diurnal, which means it comes out at day and sleeps at night its also critically endangered skinks are like lizards but they are much larger.

Appearance

The Otago Skink can grow up 30cm long from nose to tail. They have shiny black scales with greenish yellow spots. Their slim body helps them get around their environment.

Habitat

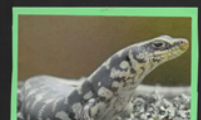
This species of skink is based in Otago (there is another Otago skink). They live in the Mackenzie area of Otago NZ. They live in sheltered spots in shrubs or more commonly Torii. Torii are rocks that look like giant porcupines stacked on top of each other. Skinks are rocks that have multiple layers of different rocks. The rocks that they live in are usually in upland bushlands of Torii landscape.



Diet
The Otago Skink are omnivores which means they eat all kinds of food. The foods are things like smaller lizards, insects, and fleshy fruits.

Adaptation

The Otago Skink does not hibernate like other lizards. It is a viviparous lizard and has adapted to cold weather.



The Elephant Seal

By Isobel Strong

Did you know that an adult male elephant seal can weigh up to five tonnes and measure up to six and a half meters? Females are smaller and weigh around 7000 kg. Let's learn more about the Elephant seal.

Diet
Elephant seals are carnivores so they feed on squid, fish, rays, sharks, cuttlefish, skates, rat fish, octopus, ascidians, crustaceans and algae. That's quite a big meal! wonder what size the stomach is with all that food, find out with the diagram picture.

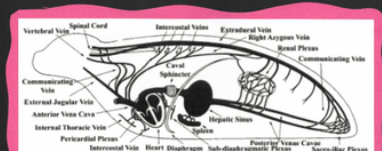
Threats
Elephant seals were hunted back in the 1800s for their oils that was produced by their blubber, which is a flap of tissue under the skin. But due to the legal protection their numbers have rebounded. Other than that their newer threats are getting tangled in fishing gear and collision with boats.

Facts

Elephant seals take their name from the large proboscis of the adult male (bull). Which resembles an elephant trunk. The newborn pups weigh around 50 kilograms when born.

Population

Elephant seals have 150-160,000 left now a days, but during the 1800's their individuals rapidly dropped to 50-100 left due to hunting.



Sea Lampreys

By Ollie Gallagher



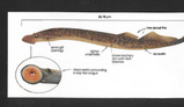
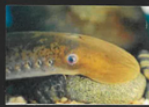
Habitat

Sea Lampreys are native to New Zealand. Lampreys entered the great lakes from the Atlantic Ocean. Adult lampreys spend around 3-4 years in the sea then go back to lakes.

Predators

The Lamprey's biggest predators are usually fish that can attack or bite them, including Walleyes and Brown trout. A bite from a sea lamprey won't be fatal but could be painful. Untreated wounds from a bite could lead to infections.

Adaptation
Lampreys have dark coloured backs and a light coloured tummy which is a form of camouflage so their predators can't see them from above and beneath. Their sharp teeth latch onto their hosts. Sea lampreys do not have jaws or any bony structure which allows them to swim faster.



Diet
Lampreys feed up on fish with their suckers. Sea lampreys attach to fish with their suction cup mouth then dig their teeth into flesh for grip. Lampreys eat catfish, rainbow trout, sturgeon, whitefish and many more.

Sea lampreys are one of the strongest fish in the sea. Their scientific name is *Petromyzon marinus*. They have no bones and are cartilaginous. Cartilaginous is a vertebrate animal having a skeleton of cartilage.

KOWHAI HUB



Swimming

The Moa Team have been taking part in swimming lessons with Jill Clarke Swim School for the last 2 weeks. We have learnt a lot of important life saving skills in these sessions and have enjoyed being able to utilise our new local pool.



KOWHAI HUB



Art inspired by Wayne Thiebaud

Wayne Thiebaud was an American artist well-known for his artwork based on common everyday items. We explored some of his techniques while creating these awesome donuts.



Tennis

On Tuesday we had a session with Taieri Tennis. We all really enjoyed developing our tennis skills.



KOWHAI HUB



Cycle Safety

Our Year 6 students participated in the Cycle Safety course on Thursday this week. This is a great opportunity for our senior students to learn about how to keep ourselves safe when riding our bikes in our community.



Jennie from EnviroSchools

Our Year 5 students took part in setting some tracking tunnels in our school environment to see what animals we have around.





Otago Polyfest



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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

Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

Important dates - (mark these on your calendar)

TERM 3

Week 9- 11th-17th September

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



ELMGROVE SCHOOL MOSGIEL & FAIRFIELD HALL

Juniors 5 years + : 2 nights a week

Combined Class youth & adults: 3 nights a week

BEGINNERS WELCOME! We are a family friendly dojo.

REGISTER NOW FOR TERM 4: taierikarate@gmail.com.

JUNIORS CLASS

Training 5.30 – 6pm
Wednesday: Fairfield
Thursday: Mosgiel

COMBINED CLASS

Training 6 – 7pm
Monday: Mosgiel
Wednesday: Fairfield
Thursday: Mosgiel

DUNEDIN YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Force of Destiny



David Burchell, Conductor



Skyla Murray, Soloist

Cash Door Sales
Adults \$20
Students \$10
Children Free

Scan for Tickets
dyo.org.nz



Knox Church 7:30 PM
September 15



Thinkit Art

Enriching Creativity & Self Esteem

Term 4

Monday Taster - Introduction to Thinkit Art

5 - 6pm / aged 8 - 13
Oct 30th - Dec 11th / 7 x sessions \$157.50

Sunday Workshops - \$38.00per workshop

- 1: Oct 29th: 10.30 -12.30pm aged 7 - 12
- 2A: Nov 26th: 10.30 - 12.30pm aged 7 - 10
- 2B: Nov 26th: 1- 3pm aged 9 - 15
- 3A: Dec 17th: 10.30 - 12.30pm aged 7 - 10
- 3B: Dec 17th: 1 - 3pm aged 9 - 15

BOOK NOW: Kiri Scott 0211189882
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