

Enriching, Encouraging, Empowering

# Message from The Principal

This week has been all about running. We had the TSSA cross country for students in Year 4 - 6 on Tuesday with most of our children from these year groups attending. Our children ran well and we had some really good results. We really pushed the other schools and were pipped at the post by East Taieri who were the overall winners by only 2 points. All of our children can be really proud of their efforts and we look forward to hearing how the children who have qualified for the Otago Schools Cross Country Championships perform.

Our children in Years 1 - 3 undertook their cross country races here at school yesterday. There was lots of parent and classmate support as they used the bike track to complete their races. Again lots of effort and congratulations to all of our place getters.

I am excited to hear that our building project is expected to be completed this weekend and we should have access to the new bathrooms on Monday. There will be contractors in the school over the weekend laying asphalt so if you are using the school grounds be mindful of this.

A couple of weeks ago I wrote about sickness at school and timeframes for keeping your children at home especially after vomiting or diarrhoea. This should have read **48 hours** rather than 24. Thank you to those who noticed this error. Today we have included a document from Te Whatu Ora that has been sent out to schools with guidance for winter illness and children's attendance at school. This has good information on assessing children's illnesses and time frames to keep them off. This is particularly timely with the removal of covid restrictions across the country.

Have a great weekend

Nga Mihi Chris McKinlay Principal

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# COMMUNITY NOTICES

# Welcome to Elmgrove





# Rob Profit - White Maths Family Evening

Come along with your children and learn about modern day mathematic approaches in primary school to get a better understanding of what your children are doing in maths and hear from one of the leading developers of the revised maths curriculum - Play maths games with your children get the answers to your questions.

Date: Tuesday 22nd

Sausages: 6:00pm

Event starts: 6.30-7.30pm

**Location:** Elmgrove School



# KAURI HUB





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# Little Blue Penguins

By Mia Everitt

Blue penguins live in groups of 10, found in Southern Australia to perth and Sydney and also New Zealand.

Did you know that there is some records of blue penguins living for 20 years?

### Diet/predators

Blue penguins eat small fish especially sandlines,krill and small octopus. Blue penguins get hunted by sharks, seals, killer whales, gulls and eagles.

### Appearance lifespan

Blue penguins have a bluish coat, they are manly nocturnal. Blue penguin feathers malt to replace old feathers, their sold feathers, their feathers are warm and waterproof. Blue penguin live for 6 years and when fully grown weight is 26 pounds.

### Eggs/babies

Blue penguins lay 2 egg that the parents takes turns incubating, incubating means keeping the egg warm before the egg hatch's. The egg hatches 35 day after being layed







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The Yellow Eyed Penguin is one of the rarest penguins in the whole world! Yellow Eyed Penguins are native to NZ and are carnivores and are very shy meaning they are not as social as other birds. Their Maori name (Hoiho) is based off their shrill call/yell, Hoiho can dive underwater up to 100 metres deep/228 feet. Male emperor penguins will not eat for up to 4 months! Yellow eyed penguins have a layer of blubber of fat under the skin to help keep them warm.

#### Fun Fact!

Hoiho can also breath underwater for up to 4 minutes! Humans can only hold their breath for 2 and a half to 3 and a half minutes also!



#### Habitat

Hoiho like to live in hilly shrub lands of inhabited islands, dense coastal forests, oceans, Stewart island, south island, Auckland islands, Campbell islands and prefer to nest well away and out of sight of their neighbors. Hoiho are dependent to marine and land habitats.

Here are some of their natural habitats





#### Extinction

Hoiho are endangered and here are some reasons why that are caused by us and The yellow eyed penguins natural predators: fishing nets, food shortages, sea temperature, changes from global warming and they are being hunted by their predators.

#### Diet

A Hoiho diet includes red cod, opal fish, sprat and squid. Hoiho are carnivores and the sea also provides food for Hoiho.





#### **Appearance**

Hoiho do not have teeth, they only have a tongue and bill, a average sized Hoihos mass weight is approximately 5.3 kgs which is the same as 8-19 pounds and they are 62-79 cm in length. The yellow on the yellow eyed penguin is caused by a chemical named carotene which is also high in Vitamin A.

#### Conclusion

Yellow Eyed Penguins are a very special native bird that is in need of our help because its endangered.







# CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday we held our TSSA Cross Country for our Year 4-6 students at Memorial Park and Peter Johnstone Park. This was a great afternoon and we are very proud of how well our students represented Elmgrove. Check out some photos of us in action!



# SCHOOL VALUE ACHIEVERS

### These children received 5 Tumekes

- ★ Grace Cook-Kreft
- ★ Harley Richardson
- \*Reuben Morrison
- ★ Isobel Strong
- **★**Lukas Cunningham
- ★Ryan Mitchell
- ★ Ňellie Julian
- ★ Keeana Mcleary

- ★ Alicia Barnes- Milbank
- ★ Maia Kirk
- ★Tristan Hayward
- ★Ruby Hendry
- ★ Mila Cuddie
- ★Morgan Keen
- ★Fletcher Webster
- **★Liam Gibbons**

### These children received 10 Tumekes

- \*Beth Leslie
- **★Liam Mccallion**
- ★Bianca Keen
- ★ Tayla Mokotupu
- ★Oliver Letts

### These children have earned a badge!



# Perseverance

Olive Bone



# Caring

Oscar Heller Fletcher Webster



Respect

Grayson Breese Maia Kirk



# Responsibility

Eli Clamp Reuben Morrison



School Values Ambassador

Fletcher Webster

**RESPONSIBILITY** 



RESPECT

**CARING** 

**PERSEVERANCE** 









# Guidance on winter illness and children's attendance at early learning services, kura and schools:

- Healthy young children can have up to 8 to 12 colds or upper respiratory tract infections each year and these are a normal part of childhood.
- With a rise in seasonal colds, flu and other respiratory infections already occurring in our communities, use this guidance to assist with decisions about children's attendance at early learning services and schools when they are, or have been unwell:
- A child should stay at home if they appear unwell or they develop one or more of these symptoms: new onset of a runny nose, sore throat, cough, fever, vomiting, diarrhoea, rash, they are off their food and drink or show signs of feeling miserable.
- If a child becomes increasingly unwell and/or you are concerned about their health, call your GP or Healthline on 0800 611 116 for medical advice. A child who is refusing to drink anything is likely to be very unwell.
- If an in-person appointment is required for a child, follow your GP's processes which will include having everyone who can practically and safely wear a mask to put one on.
- If you or a child you are caring for develops difficulty breathing, severe chest pain, fainting or becomes unconscious, call 111 immediately.
- For accurate and reliable information on how to manage colds and flus visit KidsHealth and Health Navigator.

#### Guidance on wellness indicators within children:

- If a child has been unwell with a respiratory illness other than COVID-19, they can
  return to their early learning service/education facility 24 hours after they have
  significantly improved and are behaving/eating normally. If they still have a runny nose
  or dry cough without any other symptoms such as a fever, vomiting or diarrhoea, then
  they are unlikely to be infectious and can be considered well enough to attend their
  early learning service/education facility.
- Following vomiting or diarrhoea, a child must be symptom free for 48 hours before they can return.
- In general, a doctor's certificate or clearance should not have to be provided for a child to go back to their early learning service/education facility after being unwell.
- A child who has a runny nose after a change in temperature (e.g. moving from outdoors to indoors) or sneezes due to obvious stimuli (e.g. the sun or dust) does not need to be sent home.
- Hay fever and other allergies can show similar symptoms to the common cold such as sneezing, a runny or stuffy nose and coughing. If a child has a history of allergic symptoms and shows one or more of these symptoms, or an itchy face (especially around the eyes or throat), consider if hay fever or an allergy could be the cause. You may need to check with the child's caregiver to confirm.

### Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

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

#### TERM 3

Week 5- 14th -20th August

18th August Edger Centre day for year 5/6
18th August Assembly - Hosted by Manuka

Week 6- 21st -27th August

24th August Omathalon

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

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

# PLAY

# T-BALL & SOFTBALL THIS SUMMER!



SEASON MONTHS OCT 2023 - MAR 2024 OPTIONS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Ages 4 - 84 No limits!!



T-BALL

UNDER 7 & UNDER 9

### JUNIOR SOFTBALL

UNDER 11, UNDER 13, UNDER 15, SECONDARY SCHOOLS

OTAGO SENIOR SOFTBALL

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SOCIAL & COMPETITIVE TEAMS



MIXED GRADE, SOCIAL SOFTBALL

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Catholic Social Services

FUN, FAST & ACTION PACKED!

# THE INCREDIBLE YEARS PARENTING PROGRAMME

- Do you have a child between the age of 3-8 years?
- Would you like practical suggestions for challenging behaviours?
- Receive support in a friendly environment to help embrace your child's wellbeing?

Then this 14 week programme is for you. Beginning 17 August 2023, Thursday Evenings from 6:30pm-9pm

#### **CONTACT TO ENROL**

office@cathsocialservices.org.nz Phone: 03 455 3838 Special Rigs for Special Kids 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Edgar Centre, Portsmouth Drive
Dunedin



No pre-registration required, just arrive from 8.30am.

A great day for everyone.

Enquiries Contact Greg Inch Phone 0274 358 508
For further information please like and follow us on Faceboook

# Let's go fishing

Otago Fish & Game Council is running four *free* Take A Kid Fishing sessions from 10am to noon at Southern Reservoir, Reservoir Road, Dunedin, on September 2, 3, 9 and 10, 2023.

You must register to attend this popular event.

Go to the Otago Fish and Game Council Facebook page, or follow the link below: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CNDY7L2">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CNDY7L2</a>









#### 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

### **Santa Parade**

We are looking for children to be on floats in the annual Santa Parade. It is being held on Sunday 3 December and they must be available all afternoon and have parental supervision.

If interested please send an email to <a href="mailto:dnsantakids@gamil.com">dnsantakids@gamil.com</a>



We are currently recruiting people to work at voting places in your area for the 2023 Election. There are a variety of roles available on Election Day (October 14) and the preceding two weeks. These are paid roles. If you are interested in applying, please go to work.elections.nz and apply online for the Taieri Electorate.





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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

