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## Message from The Principal

Road works started outside the school yesterday and this is causing some difficulties for families dropping children to school. There is walking access to our front gate from both ends of the block and all traffic is being directed in a one way loop with access to the school carpark via Ayr Street and then out via Muir street. This is expected to be in place for the rest of the term. We will have an adult on duty at both the Ayr Street intersection and the Muir Street intersection in the morning and afternoon to ensure safe crossing of the children walking. If you are able to help with supervising these intersection either in the morning or after school please let the office know. This would be a great help to the staff.

Today our middle school are out on either the Rail trail or at the dinosaur park. This was such a success last year we have decided run it again. The children were very excited this morning loading onto the buses. Yesterday those children going on the rail trail had their bikes checked and did some bike skills with Constable Plew.

We have now completed the staff allocations for next year and class placements for our children. We have no changes in staff for 2024 but we do have a couple of teachers changing hubs. This information will come home on Friday the 15th December with school reports. Our transition morning for children to visit their new classes and spend some time with their new teachers is on Monday 18th December.

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday night. This was the final board meeting for the term. It was a data heavy meeting with end of year data, intervention reports and the results from the latest set of PAT assessments. We evaluated our 2023 targets and discussed some very pleasing academic results. The next phase of the building project will start on Monday next week we will again have gated off areas of the playground as the builders start on the roof replacement and the next two bathroom blocks in the Juniors.

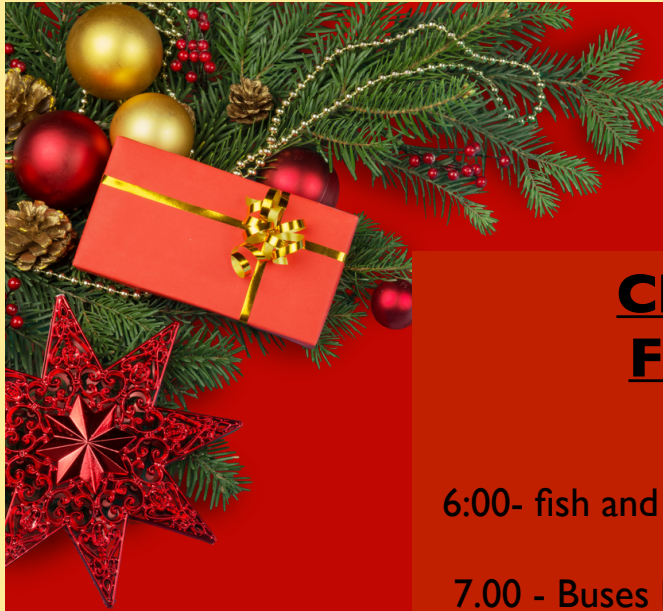
I would like to congratulate the fundraising team on a very successful Golf fundraiser where they raised \$13,000 a tremendous effort by a small group of dedicated parents.

We are currently selling tickets for the bus tour part of the Family Christmas Lights Bus Tour, which is on next Wednesday. This was run by the junior school last year but has been opened up to the whole school this year. We have a shared takeaway dinner, Christmas carols and the Bus tour for those who want to view the local lights. Tickets are \$2 each to contribute towards the cost of the buses. We have ordered buses to cater for 200 passengers so make sure you get tickets if you want to take part as you do need a ticket to ride.

**Chris McKinlay**  
Principal



# Reminders



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

## **Christmas Lights** **Family Bus Tour**

Elmgrove School  
6th Dec 2023

6:00- fish and Chip Tea (bring your own)

6.30 - Carol sing along

7.00 - Buses leave (1hr loop of Mosgiel)

Tickets for bus - \$2

Available from the office

FOOD FOR PANTRY

*Thank you for your contribution.*

Hi everyone, as you know it's getting closer and closer to Christmas and some people are struggling at this time of year. We would really appreciate it if you could drop by the office and place something in the box to be put in our community pantry. (non perishable goods please)

Sausage  
Sizzle



Wednesday 6th  
December

**Order Form**

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](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](mailto: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](mailto:irene@elmgrove.school.nz)

We look forward to seeing you in the holidays.

Irene and Staff

# RATA HUB

## Buddy classes

The Rata children are getting very excited about becoming "middles" next year. We were invited to Matai and Manuka, so that the children could get to know the teachers, the classroom spaces and the other children in the hub. The teachers planned some fun crafts for us to do, and as you can see the kids have had heaps of fun! The middles children were also great role models!

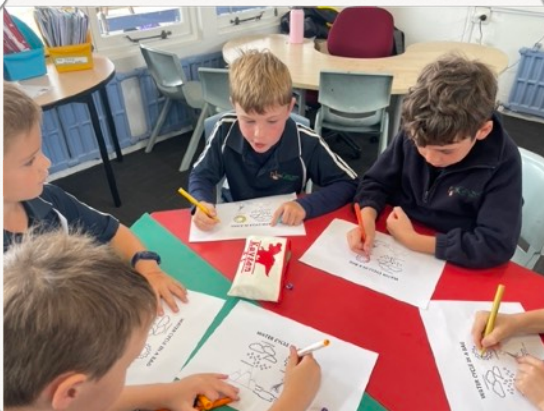




## Science

We have many budding scientists in our hub. This year, we have explored a range of science topics. This term we have had a focus on water, which linked fabulously to our swimming lessons earlier in the term.

We made our own "water cycle in a bag". We made predictions as to what might happen to the water in the bag. We had to colour and stick our water cycle to our snaplock bag. We added some blue water to our bags and stuck them to the window. We checked our bags and recorded the changes we saw.



# Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

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

### TERM 4

#### Week 8- 27th November -3rd December

1st December

Pukeko Rail Trail/Dinosaur Park

1st December

Assembly - Singing

#### Week 9- 4th - 10th December

6th December

Sausage Sizzle available today

6th December

Christmas carol night & Lights bus tour

7th December

St Johns in schools - Year 5

7th December

Year 6 Big Day Out at Waiora Scout Camp

8th December

Assembly - Hosted by Kiwi Team

#### Week 10- 11th - 17th December

12th December

Juniors Library and park visit

13th December

Middles Library and park visit

13th December

Year 6 Girls/Caregiver Night - 6pm Seminar Room

14th December

Middles Library and park visit

14th December

Parent camp Information evening for 2024 year 6 students

15th December

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

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

18th December

Children class transaction morning - Meet the teacher & new classes for 2024

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