



Enriching, Encouraging, Empowering

Message from The Principal

Kia ora

Today the Board of Trustees has sent out to all families a notice about the teachers strike action announced last night. We have included a copy of this letter to parents in today's newsletter and I encourage you to read it as it outlines why teachers have decided to take this action. After nearly a year of negotiations on our collective agreements NZEI teachers and principals have voted for strike action to be held on Thursday 16th March, which is next week. As a result of this strike notice the Board have agreed to close the school and parents will need to make alternative arrangements for their children on Thursday 16th March. The impact of this strike action will be widely felt with primary, secondary and area school teachers involved. It also includes area school and primary school principals. As mentioned in the letter from the Board there are a number of funding and employment issues which are stalling contract negotiations. Teachers and principals want the best for all of our students and will fight to achieve these outcomes.

At school this week we have had lots of bikes, scooters, roller skates and other wheeled equipment. It has been great to see the fun children are having. We have our official wheels day on Wednesday with different tracks and obstacles and our PALS were giving out prizes to the many children who went all out and decorated their wheels for the day.

We have also had the Girls Mini World Cup and the Fern Fever Multi-sport day this week. Lots of our girls from the middle school and senior school have been able to go and take part in these events along with other schools from throughout Dunedin.

Thank you for your support of our teaching team and I wish you all a great weekend.

Nga Mihi
Chris McKinlay
Principal



Message from the Board of Trustees

Kia ora Elmgrove Families

The Elmgrove School Board of Trustees has received notification from NZEI that teachers and principals across the country will be taking strike action on Thursday 16th March. As this action involves the staff here at Elmgrove School, the Board of Trustees have made the decision to close the school on this day.

The board would like to acknowledge our support for our teaching staff as they negotiate better conditions for teachers, students and schools. The Primary Teachers' Collective Agreement expired in June 2022 and since then teachers have been negotiating and bargaining with the government for better work and pay conditions. They have now reached the point where they feel strike action is necessary. While there has been much publicity around the pay claim we understand that there is much more to the current impasse than pay.

Teachers are very concerned with the lack of resourcing and support schools currently receive to address the growing needs of the children in our schools. This is leading to teachers being stretched to their capacity and many leaving the profession.

As part of the current negotiation claims teachers are asking for:

1. More sustainable classroom ratios - teachers and schools want better ratios of teachers to students. There are currently considerable differences in staffing entitlements between primary and secondary schools with secondary schools receiving more staff for the same number of children.
2. Increased funding for specialised support staff, including teacher aides. Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour (RTLBs) and Learning Support Coordinators (LSCs) so that all children can learn better.
3. Increased management staffing entitlement to support professional leadership and the smooth day to day operation of the school. There are considerable and inequitable differences in the way management staffing and units are applied across the sector.
4. Increased classroom release time similar to what their secondary colleagues already have.
5. A pay rise that reflects inflation and values teachers mahi.

As a Board we support our teachers and recognise that they are fighting for your tamariki to have the best conditions to learn and thrive.

We ask that you please make alternative arrangements for the care of your children on Thursday 16th March as Elmgrove School will be closed.

Thank you
Elmgrove School Board of Trustees.



ELMGROVE COOKIE FUNDRAISER

Funds raised will be used to help support our school and students.

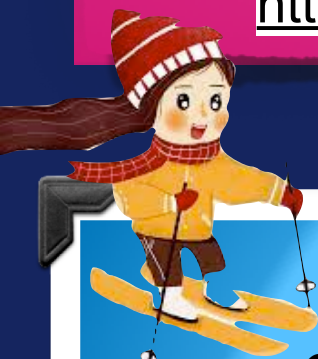
We have partnered online fundraising company Go Raise It. Go Raise It specialise in working with schools and clubs to maximise their fundraising efforts.

Each student will be able to setup their very own fundraising page on the website. By running our product sales campaign online, it makes it super easy for everyone - no more door knocking, everyone can fundraise from home - no need to worry about handling all that cash and bringing it in.

Each fundraiser simply signs up for their own fundraising page - sends it out to collect sales electronically, and Go Raise It will manage all the payments, ordering and reporting on who sold what and who bought what - making it super easy for us to run a hassle free pick up day and send the right products home with the right fundraisers. We then get paid our profits at the end of the fundraiser.

You can check out all the info and sign up for a fundraising page yourselves here:

<https://elmgrovecookiedough.raiseit.co.nz/hub>



ELMGROVE FAMILY SKI WEEKEND

Cardrona - Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd July

Costs are as follows:

If you have your **own** gear - cost **\$83.00** per day, per person to ski

If you **need** gear - Helmet, Boots, Ski or board - cost **\$115** per day, per person to ski.

Under **6yrs old** - Lift pass **free** can hire gear at school rates: around **\$32** per person

We will send out a booking form early in Term 2, If you wanting to come along, put this date in your calendar, organise some accommodation and start saving as payments will be required by 1st June.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

ENROLMENT

We hope everyone has had a great term and made the most of our wonderful summer days. Our program will run from Tuesday 11th April through until Friday 22nd April 2023. Our operating hours are 8 am – 5.30 pm. PLEASE NOTE that we are closed on Monday 10th April to observe EASTER MONDAY. On Thursday 22nd April, our program will be operating out of the classrooms in the Junior block. Entry to the classrooms is still via the Ayr Street entrance and you can park on the P5 by the gate to the junior playground. We will have the flag out by the gate :).

Our hourly fee is \$6 per hour, capped at \$40 per day, additional charges for trips will be added to your account (the cost can be found on the program). 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 the 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 3-hour charge as well as the cost of any trips booked on that day.

We have a fun-filled program planned (see attached link). With the weather being unpredictable there may be changes to the program. Parents/Caregivers will be updated through our Kids West Facebook page and on the blackboard outside the hall. Please ensure your child/ren brings a named drink bottle and named jacket every day. Children are welcome to bring along bikes, scooters, skateboards etc but please remember helmets! We hold no responsibility if it gets lost or damaged.

We also have hot lunches available on the days we are at school. Hot chips \$2, mince and cheese pie \$2, Noodles \$1. These need to be paid in cash on the day.

We always welcome new ideas and activities. If you or your children have any suggestions please email them to me :).

Please click on the attached link to link to enrol your children. Once enrolled you should receive a copy of the enrolment back for your records and that is your confirmation. Please check your spam mail in case it goes there or if you are unsure please email irene@elmgrove.school.nz.

If you have any queries please phone/text me on 027 696 1240, email irene@elmgrove.school.nz or message our Kids West Facebook page.

We look forward to seeing you in the holidays.

[Kids West Holiday Programme Enrolment Form 2023](#)

[Term Holiday Programme](#)

[Parent Information](#)

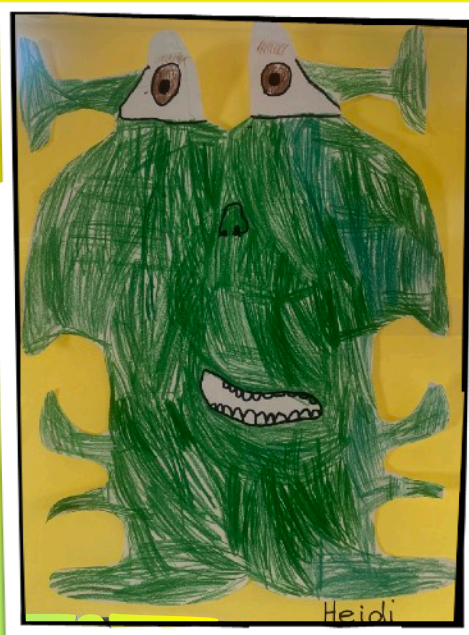
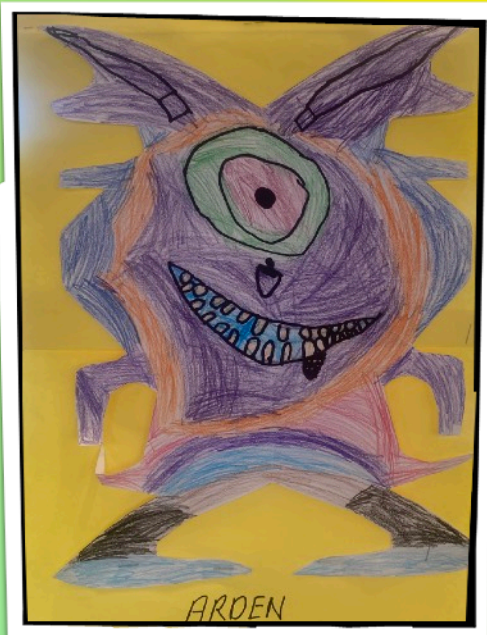
Thanks
Irene and Kids West Staff

GIRLS MINI WORLD CUP

The year 5/6 girls attended a girls only sports day at Logan Park on Friday.
On Thursday the year 3/4 attended a girls only sports morning.
It was all about having fun and getting girls enjoying sport. We had a great time.



MATAI HUB




My aliens name is Rebecca. She likes to fly around the moon. Sometimes she gets tired from all her flying. She lives inside the moon. She can teleport through the moon. Her friend Amy wanted to learn how to fly so Rebecca taught her. Now they send all their free time flying together.
Liam F

These are aliens that we made. First we drew our names on a big piece of folded paper. Next we cut our names out. We opened them up and that was the shape of our aliens. Then we designed our aliens and coloured them in.
Emma


MATAI HUB

Early in the morning 11 girls from the matai, Irene and some of our parents got to go to the Girls Mini Football World Cup. We arrived and got out of the car. I was excited. We put our bags down and faced another team. We all had turns at playing on the unity pitch. The unity pitch had a big goal. We all got a t-shirt, a band, and a poster. It was fun and exciting. **By Harriet**

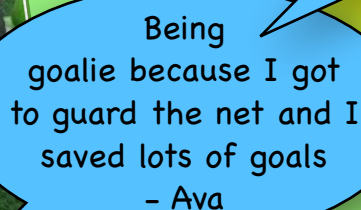
Our favorite parts.....




The unity pitch because it felt like we were playing real football
- Emily




Going on the big pitch because my team got 5 goals!
- Mckenzee



Being goalie because I got to guard the net and I saved lots of goals
- Ava



The unity pitch because they're gonna use it for the women's world cup and we got to use it before them
- Kezra



Was scoring a goal with my head!
- Meila



Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

Important dates - (mark these on your calendar)

Week 6- 6th-10th March

10th March Singing Assembly

Week 7- 13th-17th March

16th March Teacher/Principal Strike day - No School
17th March Assembly - Hosted by Totoro

Week 8- 20th-24th March

21st March Board Meeting
24th March Assembly - Hosted by Rata
26th March Otago Primary School Swimming Champs

Week 9- 27th-31st March

31st March Assembly - Hosted by Manuka

Week 10- 3rd-7th April

6th April Last day for Term 1
7th April Easter Friday

TERM 2 STARTS BACK- WEDNESDAY 26th April

Please note Elmgrove will return after the holidays on 26th April 2023 as 24th April is a Ministry allocated Teacher only day and 25th April is Anzac Day.

Week 1- 24th-30th April

24th April Teacher Only Day - No School
25th April Anzac Day - No School
26th April School Duathlon

Week 2- 1st-7th May

Week 3- 8th-14th May

9th May TSSA Duathlon

Week 4- 15th-21st May

18th May Moa Team to Otago Museum

Week 5- 22nd-28th May

Week 6- 28th May-4th June

30th May National Young Leaders day

Week 7- 5th - 11th June

4th June Kings Birthday - No School

Week 8- 12th-18th June

Week 9- 19th-25th June

Week 10- 26th June - 2nd July

28th June Last Day of School for Term 2

KA MUA, KA MURI

WALKING BACKWARDS INTO THE FUTURE

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN OUR WORLD

SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS GALLERY, FREE

9 DECEMBER 2022 — 14 MAY 2023

TAIERI PLAINS JUNIOR NETBALL

AGM: Tuesday March 28TH
7.00pm

Taieri College Library

We need you to help us...

Please come along!

The Taieri Plain's Junior Netball Committee is a small group of volunteers without whom the Saturday netball games would not occur and this year more so than ever!

Unfortunately, there are several 'vacancies' needing to be filled to help with the day to day running of Saturday netball.

If you would like to join our committee either on an official basis or as a helping hand on Saturdays please come along on Tuesday March 28th 7.00pm and meet us all.

The successful running of Saturday netball depends on volunteers to spread the load.

THE FLYING FEMMES

CAROTIC QUOW!

ALL AGES!

SAT, 18 MARCH
7 PM

MAYFAIR THEATRE

SUN, 19 MARCH
2 PM & 7 PM

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