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Message from The Principal

This week Numat replaced the very muddy area at the front of the school with artificial soft fall matting. This area is very popular with our middle school students who like to play football in this area. Because of the trees in the front of the school we need to use a special ground cover that allows them to still get water and is flexible enough to cope with growing roots. The fences were removed this morning and this area is looking great. The children were all out investigating the new matting this morning even though it was raining quite heavily. This project was paid for with a combination of school funds and funds raised by our fabulous fundraising group.

Today we are hosting the science roadshow in our school hall. This is full of interactive science exhibits and demonstrations. Twelve of our senior students are working in the roadshow for the day as demonstrators for all of the different schools that are visiting. All of our senior and middle school students will visit the roadshow during the day and learn lots about the science of their every day world.

We have had lots of prize items for next weeks golf fundraiser coming in through the office. If you still have some to drop off please do so promptly as this is being held next Friday. This is a massive effort by our fundraising team and we need to acknowledge the work they are putting in to raise further funds for our ongoing playground and hall improvements.

I remind all parents that Monday is Teacher Only day and school will be closed. All schools across the country will be holding a Ministry of Education allocated Teacher only day on the refreshed curriculum within next week. Please make sure you have made arrangements for the care of your children on this day.

We have now published the school dates for 2024. We have again made magnets with these on which are available in the school office. We will send these home with children at the end of the term. School for 2023 ends at 12.30pm on Tuesday 19th December 2023 and starts back on Tuesday 30th January 2024.

Chris McKinlay
Principal



Mufti Day for our Christmas Raffle

Friday 24th November

Gold coin donation or an item of the following to go into our Xmas hampers for our Xmas raffle.

Pohutakawa, Rimu & Totara Hub: Food Cans

Matai & Manuka Hub: Pantry items eg non-perishable packets

Rata Hub: Toiletries eg toothpaste, soap, bodywash etc

Kauri & Kowahi Hub: Treat food eg chocolate, lollies, biscuits, crackers



Raffle cards will come home on Monday 27th November, then the winners will be drawn on the 15th December.

Reminders



Teacher Only Day

**Monday- 20th
November**

No School for children



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

We look forward to seeing you in the holidays.

Irene and Staff

SCIENCE ROADSHOW

On Friday the Kowhai and Kauri Hubs got to visit the Science Roadshow. The Science Roadshow is an educational event held at schools. A visit from the Science Roadshow is a fun, exciting and interactive learning experience of science for children. It includes experimental shows and hands-on exhibits.

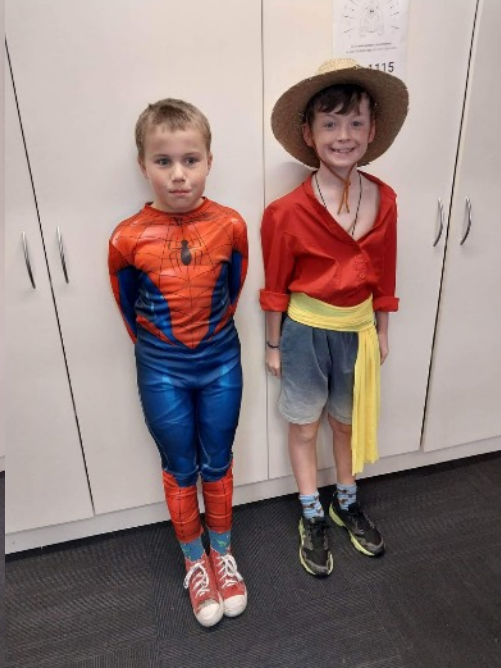
It was very fun and we got to do heaps of different activities. Our favourite was the metal detector treasure hunt activity. One of the experimental tests was a makeshift barbecue. The higher or the lower the volume would change the height of the flames.

By Eli and Savanna





KOWHAI HUB BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY



YEAR 6

GRADUATION PROJECT!

On 16th of November Bunnings Warehouse came to our school and did the graduation project with the 2023 year six leavers. They brought along some lovely trees including: Kowhai, Rata, Totara, apple and even a mandarin tree. The year six students worked hard all throughout the day. We split ourselves into groups of three or more then got to work digging the holes, loosening the soil, pouring a bucket of water into the hole, then planting the tree, and placing 10cm of mulch around the plant. Everyone worked very hard. Thank you for all the lovely trees Bunnings!

Beth and Keira



WOOD TECHNOLOGY WITH ICONS



On Monday every fortnight, we and four other boys go to an activity called Icons. We do heaps of wood work. We use saws, jigsaws, hammers, electric drills, and clamps just to name a few. The picture you see here is our newest complete project; the birdfeeder. This is how it works: a bottle of seed is placed on a wooden insert with a hole in the middle that drops the seed when the tray runs out. We loved it and highly recommend it for all seniors.

What do you call a piece of wood with nothing to do?.....

Board.

By Henry Cookson & Grayson Breese

Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

Important dates - (mark these on your calendar)

TERM 4

Week 7- 20th-26th November

20th November

MOE Teacher only Day - School Closed

21st November

Otago Champs Athletics

24th November

Assembly - Hosted by Manuka

24th November

Golf Fundraiser

Week 8- 27th November -3rd December

28th November

Board Meeting

1st December

Pukeko Rail Trail/Dinosaur Park

1st December

Assembly - Hosted by Totara

Week 9- 4th - 10th December

7th December

Year 6 Big Day Out at Waiora Scout Camp

8th 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



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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