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Message from The Principal

Yesterday was the Year 6 big day out. This year our Year 6 students went out to Wairoa where they took part in a variety of activities including abseiling, waterslide, archery and bivy building. I think one of the highlights for many was hunting for Yabbies and trying to catch the eel that came out to feed on the Belgium they were using for bait. It was a really fun day and we really appreciated all of the parents that came along to help.

On Wednesday night we had our family carol and lights evening. Lots of families came to take part and we filled 5 buses with families to go and view the Christmas lights. It is always good to get the school community together for these family events.

There is still plenty on the school calendar as we head into the last full school week for this year. The juniors and the middles both have trips to the park and library and the senior students are preparing for the final leavers assembly which is being held at the Taieri College Performing Arts Centre next Friday. This starts at 2pm so parents attending need to ensure they are in and seated prior to this. As all of the school will be attending we are asking parents to pick children up from Taieri College next Friday at 3pm.

We are open a little longer than our neighbouring schools this year. We have visits to our 2024 classrooms for students on Monday 18th and we finish for the year at 12.30pm on Tuesday 19th December.

Thank you for your patience with the road works out the front of the school this definitely makes it a little more difficult dropping children off in the morning. We have allocated two staff to supervise the intersections at either end of the block to keep our children safe. If any parents are happy to help out with this and free up a staff member that would be appreciated. Please let the office or your Childs teacher know. We have had a couple of late notifications from parents that they are moving and their children will not be returning for the start of 2024. Please make sure you have let the school know if your children might not be back next year so we can adjust the class lists.

Chris McKinlay
Principal



Reminders

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Time: 2pm

Date: 15th December

Location: Taieri College PAC

It is that bittersweet time of the year where we have to farewell our year 6 students. Our year 6 leavers assembly will be held at Taieri College in the PAC. We will walk all Elmgrove students from year 0-6 down to Taieri college for the start time of 2pm, Parents are kindly requested to pick up their children from **Taieri College** this day at the normal time of 3pm, Pick up location will be in Green Street by the PAC building. (Kids West children will be walked back to Elmgrove school)

Parents are welcome to come along to this farewell assembly, Please be seated by 1.50pm.



Touch Finals

On Monday the Elmgrove Panthers played St Mary's in our touch finals, sadly we lost 5-6.

It was an awesome game and the crowd was so loud!
Thank you to Caleb and Nik for helping coach our team.

Flippa Ball Finals

On Sunday our flippaball team played in the finals against a mixed team including East Taieri, St Clair and Andy Bay. It was an amazing game. I was so excited. The end score was 9-1! Fletcher had scored 6 out of the nine goals! Our team was made up of Fletcher, Thomas, Heidi, Bede, Teagan, Arlo, Hugo and myself. Thanks to Nik for coaching us.





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.

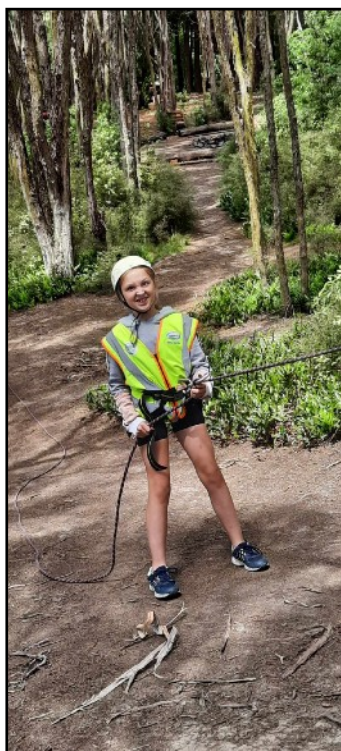
Irene and Staff

YEAR 6 BIG DAY OUT

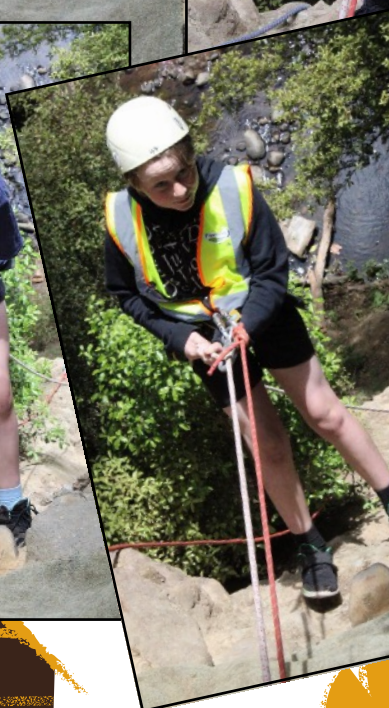
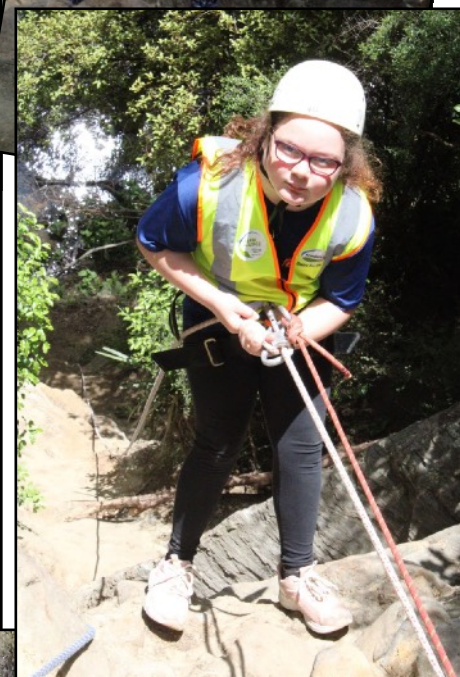
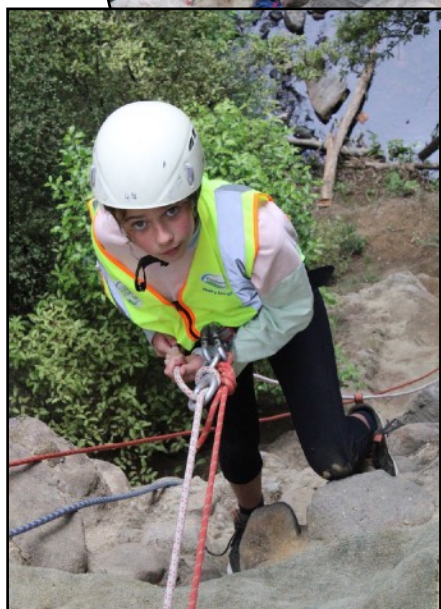
Yesterday our awesome Year 6's celebrated their time at Elmgrove at our annual Big Day Out! This year we had a blast at Waioira Scout Camp. Abseiling, Confidence Course, Nature Walk, catching yabbies and water sliding were all on the menu! We topped the day off with a visit from the icecream truck. A big thank you to our fabulous parents who came and joined us for our day of fun!!



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SCHOOL VALUE ACHIEVERS

These children received 5 Tumeke

- ★ *Charlotte Haggerty*
- ★ *Lyla Stichman*
- ★ *Braxton Cape*
- ★ *Mason McLew*
- ★ *Harriet Bloxham*
- ★ *Hazelle Verburg*
- ★ *Jackson Knopp-Jenkinson*
- ★ *Skylab Ratcliff*
- ★ *Bowie Gallop*
- ★ *Henry Cookson*
- ★ *Maz Eaton*
- ★ *Dominic Hoover*

These children received 10 Tumeke

- ★ *Alicia Barnes-Milbank*
- ★ *Hazel Laughton*
- ★ *Telyna Mateariki*
- ★ *Makai Whaanga*
- ★ *Brando Bell*
- ★ *Sienna Grant-Rudd*
- ★ *Maddiline Silke*

These children received 15 Tumeke

- ★ *Harley Richardson*
- ★ *Mikayla Fahey*

These children have earned a badge!



Perseverance

- Alicia Barnes-Milbank*
- Davin Bradley*
- Braxton Cape*
- Eli Clamp*
- Mikayla Fahey*
- Brando Bell*
- Tyler Gable*
- Harley Richardson*
- Florence Scholten*
- Hazel Laughton*



School Values Ambassador

- Rio Bennett*
- Harley Richardson*
- Florence Scholten*



Respect

- Jacob Coombes*



Caring

- Rio Bennett*
- Skylab Ratcliff*
- Nikayah Greene*
- Hazel Laughton*
- Lincoln Uriaro*

Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

Important dates - (mark these on your calendar)

TERM 4

Week 9- 4th - 10th December

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



UNWRAPPING CHRISTMAS

December 16 & 17 | East Taieri Church, 12a Cemetery Rd

FOOD ★ CRAFT ★ DRAMA ★ MUSIC

A FREE interactive walk through Christmas with animals, activities, a light show and more....

Saturday 16 December 10am—12pm

Sunday 17 December 1pm—3pm

For the full Christmas experience allow at least 30mins to walk through



KARATE TRAINING

New members welcome to join us in 2024!

Beginners welcome!

Email talerikarate@gmail.com for more info



JUNIORS CLASS MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

5-7 YEARS 5- 5.30PM

8 YEARS + 5.30-6PM

MON: SENIOR CITIZENS HALL MOSGIEL

WED: FAIRFIELD HALL

THURS: ELMGROVE SCHOOL - COMBINED CLASS ONLY

COMBINED CLASS YOUTH & ADULT

MON: MOSGIEL 6-7PM

WED: FAIRFIELD 6-7.30PM

THURS: ELMGROVE 6-7PM