



Enriching, Encouraging, Empowering

Message from The Principal

This week has been a busy week. We have had a number of small groups out representing the school again. A group of our senior children attended the National Young Leaders conference on Tuesday and I hear they came back very pumped up and motivated by this experience. We look forward to the impact this day will have had on their thinking and their leadership skills. We also had two Year 5/6 teams at the Rippa Rugby Tournament. While we only had a couple of teams attend this year we have plans to increase this for next year and include some of our Year 3/4 teams. Our teams represented us well with one of them finishing undefeated. The middle school are participating in a duathlon here at school today and our senior students who have elected to compete at the TSSA competition will have a run through on Tuesday next week. The green team, who developed a planting plan for further trees around the bike track, have now planted several kowhai and rata trees in the area they have been preparing. We are hopeful that these will grow and mature in this area.

We still have a number of contractors on site. Our toilet renovations are progressing well and the new access deck and ramp from the playground into the junior classrooms is well underway. We also have the last of our new heat pumps being installed. We expect to have these projects finished by the end of the term break and look forward to using these spaces.

We have quite a bit of sickness amongst our students at the moment with higher than normal numbers of children away each day. I remind parents that it is important that you notify the school when your child is absent. When numbers are up it can take the office quite some time to contact all of the parents. If you can take a minute to send us a text, email, school loop notification or even leave a message on our phone then this will speed up the process considerably and ensure all our children are safe at the earliest possible time. We have been sending home a number of children with flu like symptoms or tummy bugs this week. Please monitor this and keep them home if they are unwell.

School reports are nearly ready and will be sent out on Friday 16th June. This year we will be sending reports out via email rather than on paper. You will get these via your email account provided you have given the school your most up to date addresses. We have currently planned Parent / Teacher interviews for the 20 - 23 June. Bookings for these will be available in the week prior.

Our fundraising group are working hard and the school Bingo night is next week. I understand they have now sold all of the tickets to this evening which is a great effort. They also have a bakehouse fundraiser running currently. You should have received an order form for this. Check out the information in this newsletter if you want to know more.

This weekend is a long weekend for Kings Birthday. I hope that you have something fun planned.

Nga Mihi
Chris McKinlay
Principal



CONGRATULATIONS



These boys won their 7 Aside Tournament in the weekend.



Kieran got 1st place in male Under 10 section at the southland wrestling champs & Heidi Jenkins came 1st in her age category as well.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Notify Us Of Your **Child's Absence** Within Seconds On Our **Skool Loop App**

ATTENDANCE

- Open the Skool Loop App & select Absentee
- Select a date range, if applicable
- Receive email receipt of your submission

Download **The Skool Loop App**. A simple 100% free download:
In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.



Tristan got 1st place in male 10-13 section at the southland wrestling champs

FUNDRAISING TEAM

BAKEHOUSE ON BOND FUNDRAISER.

Following the success of last year we are happy to announce our 2023 Bakehouse on Bond fundraiser. Stock up your freezer with winter favourites:

Order form here



Elm Grove
SCHOOL
Fundraiser

Stock up the freezer with these winter favourites

Family Pies: \$8.50 each

Varieties: Steak, Mince, Apple & Cinnamon

Raspberry Lamingtons 6pack \$8.50 each

Savouries 12 pack \$11 each

Jumbo Cheese Rolls 10 pack \$11.50 each



Online order in by 19th June

Pick up from school on the 29th June



MANUKA HUB

The Manuka Hub have been learning about New Zealand's native bird - the Kiwi. We watched a video, took some notes and wrote reports. Here are some for you to read. We hope you learn something new and interesting when you read them.



The kiwi is a New Zealand native bird. The kiwi is nocturnal and comes out at night. It is the symbol for the NZ airforce. Their fur turns into whiskers around their face. Kiwi chicks open their eggs with their beaks from inside.

Kiwi Writing



The Kiwi can live up to 50 -70 years.
The Kiwi is NZ's national bird
They are birds but they are not very good at seeing
They are brown and camouflage which means they can hide
They have nostrils at the end of their beak which means they have a good sense of smell

By Kobey



MANUKA HUB



Kiwi



Kiwi are New Zealand native birds. They can't fly.

They can live for 50-70 years. You can hear them trying to get the dirt out of their nostrils. They only stay awake at night.

Baby kiwi open their eggs with their beak from inside the egg.

By Patyon

KIWI



1. A KIWI IS A NATIVE NZ BIRD.
2. THEY CAN LIVE FOR 50-70 YEARS.
3. PEOPLE HELP THE KIWI.
4. THE KIWI CAN DIE IF A IT GETS PICKED UP.

BY AMELIAH



RIPPA RUGBY TOURNAMENT



NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

BY TEAGAN ROBERTSON

On the 30th of May (Tuesday) 12 year 6s got to go to the National Young Leaders Day in Dunedin town hall. There were 6 members from each hub, from the Kowhai hub there was Fletcher, Alicia, Oliver, Sara, and the Ambassadors Makai and Beth. From the Kauri hub there was Teagan, Mila.S, Liam.G, Ollie, and the Ambassadors, Jack and Adalyn. There were many schools there, from Bluff and all down and around Dunedin. Some of these schools include, DNI, Warapea, St Johns, Cromwell College, Lawrence primary, Taieri College, Us Elmgrove, Gold Feild Otago, and over 40 more!

There were 5 speakers there to tell us about their journey and this year's theme of self leading.

The first speaker was a famous wakeboarder until his accident that made him a C4 quadriplegic. His name was Brad, and until then he won many world titles in Spain and all over the world, then he performed a massive trick that only 3 before him pulled off. However, since he had already done that trick, he felt pushed by the audience to do an even more dangerous flip, which failed and cost him his legs and arms.

He woke up a week after the accident with no memory of what had happened. He woke up in the ICU and wished everyone had left him to die in the lake.

He was jealous of the other people in his ward, people with C5 or C6, until he moved back to New Zealand and found a guy with C2 injuries, this guy couldn't move anything but his eyes, not even his mouth and nose. He was on life support and died eventually a year later. Nothing had changed for Brad, but he felt like he was lucky to have his ability of still moving his neck and speaking.

All of the speakers taught us about self leading, but Graci Kim was my favourite, and Brad was my second. Here are some quotes from them.

Brad- There is always someone better off than you and worse off, so don't worry and don't compare yourself to others. A winner is a loser who keeps trying.

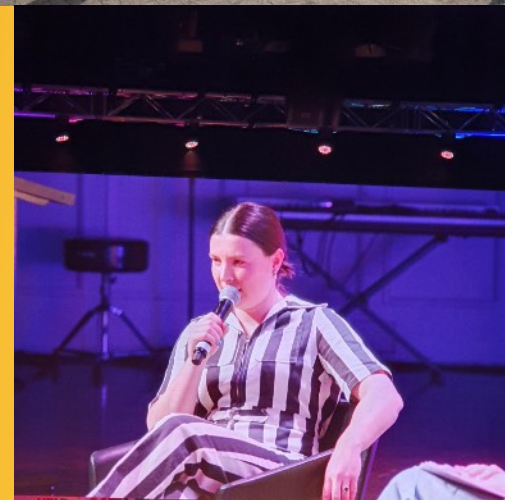
Brad- I felt like I was swimming against a current, trying to get my limbs back, after accepting I felt like I was drowning, now I own it and feel like I'm in a raft, playing.

Graci Kim- She tried many flavours of ice cream (jobs) and is still trying to find the right flavour of ice cream for her. Look at this word 'IMPOSSIBLE' put yourself into it, 'I'M POSSIBLE'. CPR saves lives, both ways! Curious, Play, Resilience. CPR

Julia Grace- There are 4 types of response, fight, flight, freeze and fawn.

Georgia Latu- A 16y old who owns a business. Don't say disability, say diversibility.

She also has an uncle who likes to say, I work for my niece.



NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY



BY BETH LESLIE

Georgia latu: don't say disability, say diversity.

30th May NYLD Dunedin: 12 students went to the town hall in the octagon and listened to the five inspirational speakers (Brad Smeele, Julia Grace, Graci Kim, Georgia Latu, and Georgia Lines.)

The first speaker Brad Smeele told us about his career as a professional wakeboarder and his tragic accident causing him to become a stage c4 quadriplegic (can only move his neck and head)

Julia Grace was a mental wellness coach who gives out tips for mental health and she talked about jelly buddies. She also talked about her experience of having anxiety and depression and how she coped with it.

Graci Kim said that when people ask you about what you want to be when you grow up is like asking someone what their favourite icecream flavour is without ever trying ice cream.

She tried multiple things like: writing an intractable children's book, making kids drawing into toys, Being a diplomat, and many more, she has made a very successful book (the last fallen star)

Georgia Latu made poi for the black ferns. She was raising money for her little brother with down syndrome. She got lots of people to help her make the 22000 poi. Georgia said she had to sacrifice a lot to keep the business going.

Georgia Lines is a singer who didn't start singing until year six. She started composing songs at year 7. She went to 7 concerts in the duration of 4 days. She sang for us after her talk.

“Don't compare yourself to others on the internet because all they're showing is the best version of themselves.”-Brad Smeele.

“Its ok to be wobbly sometimes.”-Julia Grace

“Curiosity is what makes work and chores feel like play.”-Graci Kim

“Don't call it a disability, call it a diversity.”-Georgia Latu

“Rather than looking at the big task ahead and being overwhelmed, take small steps towards it and you will eventually succeed.”-Georgia Lines

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

ENROLMENT

Hi all,

I hope you are all enjoying our nice days as winter is fast approaching. Our Winter holiday program will run from Monday, 3rd July – Thursday, 13th July 2023. We will be closed on Friday 14th July to celebrate Matariki.

Our hourly fee is \$6 per hour, capped at \$40 per day, per child, additional charges for trips and bought lunches apply. Our hours are 8am-530pm. 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 8 am on the day will incur a three-hour charge as well as the cost of any trips booked on that day.

Please check out our fun-filled program. We welcome new ideas from children and parents. Art and craft activities, indoor and outdoor games are available every day. Children are welcome to bring scooters, bikes etc but must have safety gear. We hold NO responsibility if it gets lost or damaged. On Wednesday 5th July, we will be taking children who own their own roller skates or inline skates to the Edgar Centre for a skate. Can you please indicate by return email if your child/ren is keen to do this? There will be a small \$5 cost for this. There is a small additional cost for our other trips/visitors to the program and these are shown on the program and will be added to your account.

Unfortunately, due to the rising cost of food, we have had to put our food prices up slightly. Hot chips (\$2.50), pies (\$2.50) and noodles (\$1.50) are available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. You can order and pay by 10 am on the day.

Please bring EVERY DAY a drink bottle and jacket.

As winter is also upon us -

Please listen to The Breeze, Hits or check out our Facebook page – [kids.west.after.school.care.and.holiday.programme](#) for late starts or cancellations due to the weather.

If you are interested in joining in the fun please click on the link below to register.

Any queries please ph/txt 027 696 1240 or email irenec@elmgrove.school.nz. We look forward to receiving your enrolments and seeing you all again in the holidays.

[Kids West Holiday Programme Enrolment Form](#)

[Term 3 - Holiday Programme](#)

[Parent Information](#)

Thanks
Irene and Kids West Staff

TREE PLANTING

It was a beautiful day for planting Kowhai and Rata trees on the school field last Thursday. Everyone got involved with digging the holes, planting the trees, adding the protective surround and watering them. Please have a look yourself at the lovely new garden and see if you can find the line of symmetry the children used when designing the garden.

It will be wonderful to watch these trees grow over the next few years and think about our 2023 Year 6 leavers. Thank you so much to our amazing parent helpers who supported us.



Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

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

Week 6- 28th May-4th June

2nd June

No Assembly today

Week 7- 5th - 11th June

5th June

Kings Birthday - No School

6th June

Rata trip to Otago Museum

8th June

TSSA Duathlon

9th June

Assembly - Hosted by Totara

Week 8- 12th-18th June

13th June

Board Meeting

16th June

Lucky book club orders close

16th June

Assembly - Hosted by Manuka

Week 9- 19th-25th June

20th,21st,22nd June

Parent Teacher Interviews

22nd June

Assembly - Hosted by Kauri

Week 10- 26th June - 2nd July

29th June

Sausage Sizzle

30th June

No Assembly today

30th June

Hui Ako-Taieri Collage

30th June

Last Day of School for Term 2