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## Message from The Principal

This week has been a busy week especially in the middle school. Yesterday these children either went to Middlemarch and rode the rail trail or went into town to the dinosaur park and the beach. It was a great day for it and I am sure many of your children came home very tired. We have a number of other trips going out next week including Year 6 big day out and a variety of junior outings. Please make sure you watch for notices and read the upcoming events to try and keep track of these.

School reports are in the final stages of proofing and printing. These are due out to you next Friday. These will have class placement letters so that you and your children will know where they are going to be next year and who with. We will be having a visit your new classroom session on Tuesday 13th December so that children can spend a little time with their new teachers and classmates prior to the end of the year.

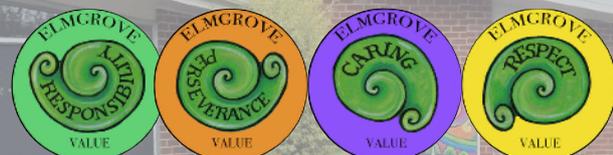
I would like to thank all of the staff for the work they have done this year with our children. There has been lots of opportunities for our students to try new things and extend their learning. Our junior school are in their second year of Better Start Literacy and it is great having all of our teachers trained in the structured literacy approach to early reading. We are starting to see the impact of this work on children literacy learning. If you have a child in the junior school and would like to know more about this please have a chat with your child's classroom teacher.

We have had Chris Gold from ERO in the school over recent weeks and we have been sharing with her our practice and goals here at Elmgrove. Feedback has been really positive and it has been good to hear from an outside reviewer, that our evaluative practice is considered a strength and also to receive acknowledgment of the way Hubs have been used to strengthen outcomes for our students. We expect to have a preliminary report on our school published early next year.

I would like to make a special mention of a couple of staff members who will be leaving us at the end of the year. Firstly, Taylor Renalson. Taylor has been working with us here at Elmgrove for the last six years and has had a significant impact on the lives of many children over that time. She has been a valuable staff member and contributed her ideas, enthusiasm and talents to the team. Taylor is moving to Northland with her partner and has won a position at Keri Keri Primary School for next year. We wish her all the best and will miss her greatly. Mandy Bower is also leaving us at the end of the year. Mandy is going to be undertaking full time study to become a teacher next year. After 15 years working in our classrooms as a highly capable learning assistant she is more than ready for this next step and we know that she will be an excellent teacher. Mandy has also been an integral part of our schools after school care and holiday programmes over this time and will leave a big gap in the school.

Both of these ladies will be difficult to replace but we know that they are up to all of the challenges that lie ahead for them. We hope to be able to share news on new staff to the school before the end of the year.

**Nga Mihi  
Chris McKinlay  
Principal**



# Welcome to Elmgrove



Well done to Matthew who received Most Improved player for Wheel Chair rugby this year.



**Scarlette**

## Sausage Sizzle

Thursday 8th December  
[Order Here](#)

Anyone who has helped us out this year, School Trips, Coach for a sports team, Fundraising support or committee etc. We would like to thank you for your support. Come along to our Morning tea. Please let the Office know if you are going to make it.

We want to thank you for all of your support throughout 2022, Please come and join us for a morning tea on  
**Friday 9th December**  
**10.45am**  
**In the Seminar room**

**ElmGrove**  
SCHOOL

*There will be a parent information evening regarding camp in 2023 on Monday evening the 5th of December in the hall at 7pm. This information evening will only take 30 minutes of your time.*

*During this evening we will share with you what your child can expect at camp and to answer any questions that you might have.*

*We look forward to seeing you.*

*Kind Regards*

*Moa Team*

# Leavers Assembly Notice

To all parents,

On Monday the 12th of December we will be holding our Year 6 leaving assembly in the Taieri College Performing Arts Centre. All of the children from Elmgrove will be going to Taieri College to watch and participate in this assembly.

The Assembly will start at 2pm and finish at 3pm. All of the children will be walking to the PAC building at Taieri College with their teachers prior to 2 pm. We ask that all children be picked up at 3pm from the Green street entrance of Taieri College rather than Elmgrove on this day.

We will organise for our bus children to be picked up from Taieri College and children who are booked into our After School Care Programme will walk back to school with staff. All other children will wait at Taieri College to be collected by their parents. If you wish your child to walk home from the College please let their teacher know of this requirement.

Many thanks

Leadership team

## Raffle Winners

Josh Gale

Dave Mitchell

Emily Phew

Sheree McAva

Megan Jeffery

Nathan Pendreigh

Karen Hyslop & Brian

Susie & Aaron Whitley

Tayla Mokotupu

Keelan McLeary

# SCHOOL VALUE ACHIEVERS



These children have earned a badge!



*Responsibility*

*Caiden Wallis*



These children have achieved  
20 Tumeke Cards and  
Morning tea with  
Mr Mckinlay

- ★ *Maddie Silke*
- ★ *Harriet Bloxham*
- ★ *Ryan Campbell*
- ★ *Gabrielle Knopp Jenkinson*
- ★ *Caiden Wallis*

These children have achieved  
10 Tumeke Cards

- ★ *Mason Maclean*
- ★ *Mila Dickie*
- ★ *Hunter Innes*



WELL DONE, YOU MAKE OUR SCHOOL A SPECIAL PLACE.

RESPONSIBILITY



RESPECT



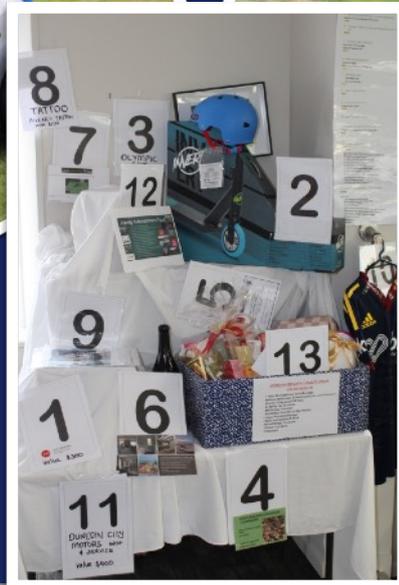
CARING



PERSEVERANCE



# GOLF FUNDRAISER



On Friday the 25th of November, at 12 Oaks Golf Course there was a Elmgrove School fundraiser to raise money for the Maori Entrance Archway.

It ran for 10 hours between 12-10pm, we raised \$10,000 which was our goal! Some of them decided to dress up! There were some people in green hats, and one guy had an electric, remote control golf cart.

Lyn Whaanga was in-charge of the golf day. Thank you so much for your hard work! There were a lot of helpers including our mums. Mrs Heller also helped as well as Hannah, Kerri, Anna, Tania, Milair and Victoria.

There was a special target hole that was for some extra fun! You could pay \$10 for 3 goes, or \$3 for one go. Nearly everyone did it! The closest to the extra target hole won a bbq!

There was another hole for some more fun and you had to sit on a chair and throw a golf ball backwards. After you'd thrown you had to try and put the ball in the hole from where it had landed.

There were raffles and they were \$20. You could win more than one, which was such a good deal! You picked a number and they all got spun in a big wheel, your number could come out once or twice, or loads of times! Some of the numbers didn't come out at all.

There was an auction too, but it was the last thing done and me and Addy didn't stay to watch it. But apparently you could get very good stuff!

There was also lots of food like sausages (Thanks to Hellers sausages for donating them.) biscuits, chips and dip. We got to eat some raisin cookies and yummy sausages!

It was a great fundraiser and we hope to do it again next year!

By Adalyn Tibble and Teagan Robertson.

# RATA HUB

Yesterday some of the Pukeko syndicate went to the Dinosaur Park, to have a play on the playground and the scooter park and played games with the parachute. After this we went over the hill to St Kilda Beach and had a play in the sand and made some really cool sand sculptures. We all had a fantastic time and the weather was kind to us.



# RATA HUB

The rest of the middle children went on the Hyde Rail trail. The weather was great. It was a new experience for the children and adults as well and fun was had by all. When we were heading home we stopped and had a swim in the Strath Taieri swimming pool which was really really refreshing. It also eased our aching muscles. The children can't wait to do it again this time next year.



# KIDSWEST HOLIDAY

## ENROLMENT

Not long now until Christmas and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting our holiday program and Wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

We will be running a program before Christmas. Elmgrove School finishes on Wednesday 14th December 2022. There will be NO After School Care available this day. We will run a Before Christmas program on Thursday 15th, Friday 16th and Monday 19th December 2022. This will be a fun wind-down time with Christmas crafts and games.

Our 2023 Christmas program will run from Monday 9th January until Friday 27th January 2023. Elmgrove School starts back on Wednesday 1st February. There will be NO care available on Monday 30th or Tuesday 31st of January 2023.

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 during the holiday programme 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.

We have a fun-filled program planned. Please bring togs and towel every day as we will have lots of water play, water fights and water games etc. Children are welcome to bring along bikes, scooters etc, we hold no responsibility if they get lost or damaged.

There will be an extra charge for each trip and that will be added to your account. These charges can be found on the program. We have an additional optional trip available to children 8 years and older to Laser Tag on Wednesday 18th January. Any change of program will be on the blackboard at the program and on our facebook page.

Hot lunches will be available on days we are at school. Hot chips are \$2, pie is \$2, and noodles are \$1. These need to be ordered and paid (cash) for on the day.

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 2022 or on the day that care starts.

Please bring EVERY DAY a drink bottle, sunhat, togs and towel.

### **Kids West Holiday Programme Enrolment Form 2022**

### **Term Holiday Programme**

### **Parent Information**

If you have any questions please contact Irene at 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

# Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

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

### Week 7- 28th November-4th December

2nd December

Carol Singing Assembly - Tumeke certificates will be presented & Goodbye to Mandy & Taylor

### Week 8- 5th December-11th December

All Week

Junior Swimming

6th December

Year 6 Big Day out

6th December

BOT Meeting

7th December

Seniors Dental School Visit

7th December

Matai Family Picnic Lunch - 1.20pm

8th December

Sausage Sizzle Available

8th December

Kiwi Team Christmas Lights tour

9th December

Thank-you Morning Tea

### Week 9- 12th December-18th December

12th December

Year 6 Leavers Assembly -2pm Taieri College

13th December

Matai Family Christmas Carols/Crafts - 1.30pm

13th December

2023 Class Visits

13th December

Kiwi Team to Waiora Scout Camp

14th December

Last day of school for 2022 Finishing at 12.30pm



**ElmGrove**  
SCHOOL

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## Term Dates 2023

### Term 1

Weds 1 February - Thurs 6 April

### Term 2

Mon 24 April - Fri 30 June

### Term 3

Mon 17 July - Fri 22 Sept

### Term 4

Mon 9 Oct - Tues 19 Dec

# 2022 Food Bank Drive

**MONDAY 5TH DEC  
6:00 - 9:00PM**



Listen for the sirens  
in your street - please  
place your items in the  
'Lions' trailer!

*We thank you for your continued support.*

**PLEASE HELP TO MAKE SOMEONE'S  
CHRISTMAS THAT MUCH BETTER!**

*Proceeds to  
Local Foodbank Only!*



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## MOSGIEL SCOUTS JAMBOREE FUNDRAISER

# SANTA PHOTOS

**9AM - 3PM, 10 DECEMBER 2023  
MOSGIEL SCOUT HALL, 33 REID AVENUE**

**Come along and meet Santa and his Elves in our Santa's Grotto.  
Bring your children or your fur baby to have their photo with Santa**

**We will have**

- Santa Photos - \$10 for 2 digital photos or \$20 for all photos taken\*
- A BBQ running with sausages for \$2 and cans of drink for \$2
- Reindeer Food for sale \$1
- Plus a massive Christmas Raffle up for grabs

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCOUTS ON THEIR JOURNEY TO THE  
23RD AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND SCOUT JAMBOREE 2023-2024



\* Photo packages are for each photo setting i.e. as an individual or group.  
\* Please pay by cash or bank transfer on the day