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Message from The Principal

Today we are having our Year 6 leavers assembly. This is always a great celebration of our senior students with mixed emotions as we farewell them to their new schools. This is being held at the Taieri College Performing Arts Centre starting at 2pm. All families attending are asked to be seated in the auditorium by 1.50 so we can start on time. As all of the children from school will be attending so we ask that parents collect children from Taieri College, Green Street entrance at 3pm today. Bus children will be able to catch the school bus from there also. We do have some children booked into Kids West After School Care and they will be walking back to school.

Your Childs report and class placement letter should be emailed to you this afternoon. If you do not receive this please let us know on Monday and we will chase it up. Delivery of these reports does rely on us having your correct email address in our system.

We have one and a half days of school next week. On Monday morning we will be having our visit your new class sessions. All children will spend a little over an hour in their new class so they can familiarise themselves with the environment, classmates and teachers. We have a number of children who will be joining us for 2024 also attending to check out their new classes. School finishes at 12.30 on Tuesday and we ask that all children are picked up promptly by 12.30 please. There is no Kids West operating on this day.

This week our middle school students went to the pool, park and library. This was a fun way to celebrate their year. Unfortunately the junior team had to cancel their trip due to weather but had as great day yesterday with their Ride, Stride, Slide event.

I am pleased to announce that the Board have completed the selection process to fill the vacancy on the Board. We are pleased to welcome Shena Cape as our newest Board member. We are confident she will have lots of skills and knowledge to bring to the board level and look forward to working with her.

As we finish the school term we will be farewelling Kevin who has been the school caretaker for the last 9 years but has worked in and around the school for considerably longer than that. He has worked with many of our children on small projects and driven them on many trips. We thank him for his service to the school and our students. We will also be farewelling Kimberley our school councillor for the last 6 years. Kimberley has also worked with a wide variety of children and has provided an essential service for our students. Gail who in not directly employed by us but has been the school cleaner since the formation of Elmgrove will be retiring at the end of this year. She definitely feels like part of our staff and will be missed. We wish them all the best with their next journey.

We have advertised and interviewed for these vacancies. We have appointed Barry Hayward as our new caretaker and Joanne Ford as our new school counsellor from the start of next year. We will publish a brief introduction for our new staff and board member early next year.

This is the last newsletter for this year. I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe, adventure filled holiday. School starts back on Tuesday 30th January 2024.

Chris McKinlay
Principal





Congratulations to Kate Coates and Cameron Lord, former students of Elmgrove, on being appointed as Head Girl and Head Boy at Taieri College this year.

School Togs!!

If your child has borrowed school swimwear, we kindly request its prompt return to our school office. These items are valuable assets to the school, ensuring that all children have the opportunity to participate in swimming without any missing out, as was the case when your child had the privilege of borrowing the swimwear. Currently, we are short about 10 pairs. Your cooperation in returning them promptly is greatly appreciated.

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)

Please be seated by 1.50pm.

Christmas Raffle

Thank you to all those that contributed. We had a record year and raised \$4,318.20 for the school. A special shout out to Lincoln Cook who sold 9 raffles. Then Oscar Heller, Kyla Smart and Sasha Harris also were our top sellers.

The winners were drawn and were:

1. Stephanie Carvell
2. Pat Faring
3. Debbie Payne
4. Pauline Anderson
5. Nikola Webster
6. Nat Evans
7. Judy Leppingwell
8. Avis Shaw
9. Kavin Craig
10. Chihiro Yoshii

Thanks again to all the Elm Grove families for your support this year. Have a safe and Merry Christmas. From the Elm Grove Fundraising Committee.

Futsal Finals

Elmgrove Devils

Elmgrove Devils finished unbeaten winning division 1. They played Waitati Kane You Kick It in the final winning 5-2.

Elmgrove Spurs

Elmgrove Spurs finished 4th after a tough game against Fairfield

Our year 3-4 team also had a great season enjoying all of their games and scoring lots of goals along the way.

Big thank you to Shena Cape and Mandy Osbourne for looking after our teams.





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

Back to school



IT'S YOUR CHOICE! IT'S EASY AS!

ONLINE

Visit www.paperplus.co.nz
Search your school.
Choose your Hub.
Follow instructions.
Click and collect or delivery available.

INSTORE

Come into our Mosgiel store, 172A Gordon Rd. Drop off your list (also available instore) and we'll make it up or feel free to pack it yourself.

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TOTARA HUB



The adventures of Pig the Pug and Elf. Our class found out that Pig the Pug snuck into Mariannes suitcase and went to France. Marianne was able to capture him and send him back to NZ, unfortunately Mariannes Elf snuck into the envelope as well.... They jumped off the plane and as you will see they are having quite a nice time.... We wonder if they will end up back in the Totara Hub before Christmas!

TOTARA HUB



Today the Kiwi team took part in a mini triathlon, stride, ride and slide. The children had to run a lap of the bike track, then ride their wheels for a lap finishing with a slip and slide to the finish line. We had two special visitors Millan and Hagan's parents who are part of the fire service, who enjoyed squirting the children and making the slide extra slippery.





MIDDLES FUN AT THE PARK



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

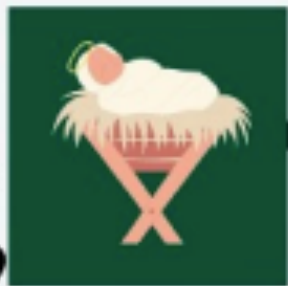
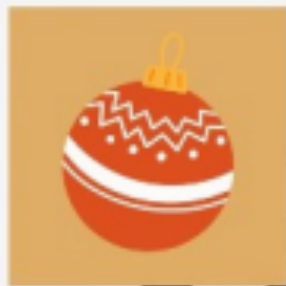
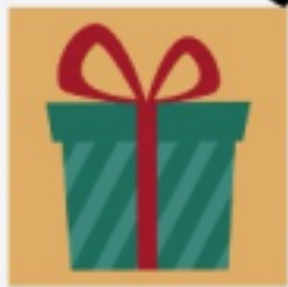
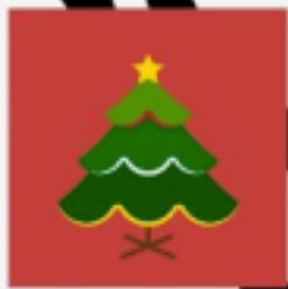
Mon 29 April - Fri 5 July

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