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## Message from The Principal

This week was a shorter week with Labour day on Monday. Starting on a Tuesday always makes it harder to keep track of which day it is, but I am confident that we have reached Friday. Today we had a uniform free day raising \$374. Children's donations are being used to fund the upcoming golf fundraiser day. A lot of work has gone into the preparation for this by the small but very dedicated Elmgrove fundraising group. This years fundraising funds are going to be targeted towards some further playground and surfacing improvements which the Board has recently approved.

Yesterday was the annual Taieri Schools 7's Tournament which is held at Taieri College each year. This year they mixed it up by adding a couple of new sports. Our students always give their best and it has been good having many of our ex students here helping with coaching our sevens teams. Elmgrove came out on top again this year gaining the most points overall and bringing back the champions trophy for the fifth year in a row. Well done to our teams on this fabulous effort.

The Board of Trustees met this week. As part of this meeting they approved a number of property upgrades including new carpet for the hall and the extension of the artificial turf in the front of the school. We will have both of these projects completed by Christmas. We are also investigating some further projects and seeking funding to complete these.

The Board also approved a community code of conduct document for the school. This document has resulted from the updating of our current policy set and we will be adding this to our enrolment packs. I will circulate the document to the wider school community so you are aware of these guidelines and expectations.

The Board received a feedback summary from the very successful Hui Whanau we had last term. It was good to look at the comments and wishes that were put forward by this group. These are now being used by the leadership team in our planning for 2024.

The Board are still working on the process to select a new Board member following the closing of the notification period. We expect to complete this before the end of this term and look forward to introducing you to our new member when this process is complete.

I am sure many of you will be watching the Rugby on Sunday morning. I am hopeful the All Blacks will come home champions.

Have a great weekend

**Chris McKinlay**  
Principal



Welcome to  
Elmgrove



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# Reminders



*BOOK WEEK  
DRESS UP DAY*

WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

COME ALONG TO SCHOOL  
DRESSED AS YOUR  
FAVOURITE BOOK  
CHARACTER!!

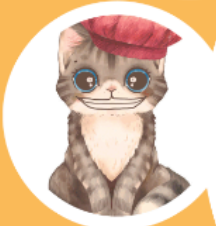
## *BOOK FAIR*

Come and explore our delightful Book Fair in the Seminar Room from Monday, October 30th, to Friday, November 3rd.

We're excited to have you visit during the following times:

Mornings: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM  
Afternoons: 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Don't miss out on this fantastic literary adventure!



# TOTARA HUB!

**This term the Totara hub has been learning about Spring, we have enjoyed being outside exploring and we have all had fun rolling up our sleeves and doing some gardening.**





**We are running a 'Spud in a Bucket' Competition.**

**The children have all planted a potato in a bucket. They need to look after their potato by making sure it gets enough sun and water. Here is some of our writing about our potatoes.**



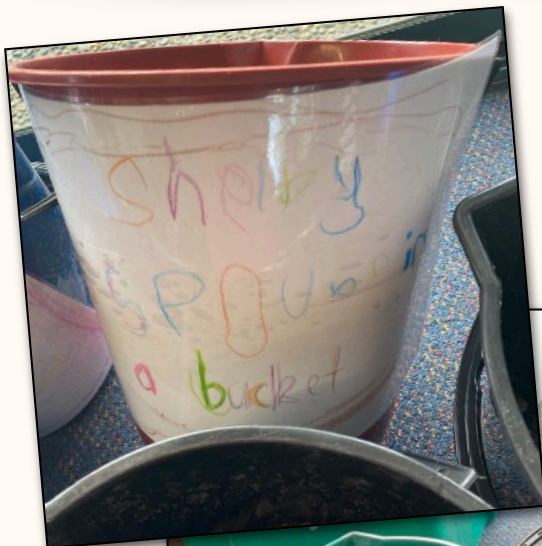
I like growing spuds because I like eating them when it finishes growing. I might eat it for dinner on that night with the other stuff.  
By Chloe B

I am going to grow a potato and I will do a good job at taking care of it and I am going to water it. By Luke

I think I will win the competition because I will have the biggest potato. By Ruby

My potato is growing fine, it has a little sprout coming out. I am going to water it every day. By Charlie

I like the spud when it grows. I like when I water it. I hope I win the competition.  
By Aria







**WE ARE LUCKY TO HEAD TO THE NEW POOL ON THURSDAY AFTERNOONS FOR SWIMMING LESSONS, THIS IS A HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK AS WE GET TO HAVE A LESSON AND ALSO SPEND SOME TIME IN THE LEISURE POOL.**



# Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

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

### TERM 4

#### Week 3- 23rd-29th October

27th October

Assembly - Hosted by Kowhai

#### Week 4- 30th October-5th November

31st October

TSSA Athletics

1st November

Book Week Dress up day - Story Teller coming

1st November

Dunedin Primary Schools Triathlon

3rd November

Assembly - Hosted by Kauri

All Week

Book Fair

#### Week 5- 6th-12th November

9th November

Elmgroves Got Talent

10th November

Assembly - Hosted by Matai

#### Week 6- 13th-19th November

All Week

Science Road Show

#### Week 7- 20th-26th November

20th November

MOE Teacher only Day - School Closed

21st November

Otago Champs Athletics

24th November

Assembly - Hosted by Totara

#### Week 8- 27th November -3rd December

1st December

Assembly - Hosted by Manuka

#### Week 9- 4th - 10th December

1st December

Assembly - Hosted by Rimu

#### Week 10- 11th - 17th December

15th December

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

#### Week 11- 18th - 19th December



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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



## TAEKWONDO FIT CLASSES

### SPECIAL OFFER FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

9 CLASSES FOR \$5 PER PERSON OR \$15 A GROUP OF FOUR

- Have you ever thought of giving Taekwondo a go
- Need some stress relief from work or exams
- Do you want to feel empowered with more energy
- Are you a family wanting to try a sport together
- Are you looking for a new challenge

**IF YOU WANT TO CREATE SOMETHING NEW IN YOUR LIFE**

**YOU HAVE TO CRAVE THE UNKNOWN**

Come and join us for introductory Taekwondo fitness classes, learn some kicking, blocking, and punching techniques. Do you want to feel empowered, fitter and feel better within yourself, all in a friendly, supportive environment.

### NOW THE TIME TO GIVE IT A GO

Classes run on a Monday and Wednesday night 6 pm till 7.30pm

You will find us at Civic Hall, Howden St, Green Island

For more information phone

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# Have a Go At Springboard & Platform Diving

Diving is a fun and dynamic sport that helps develop agility, strength, coordination & deep-water confidence.

- Energy to burn? Always wanted to jump off the Moana Pool platforms, on the look-out for a new sport or just love a challenge?
- Book your child in for a FREE Have-a-Go-Day.
- Anyone can try as long as you can swim! All ages and abilities are welcome.
- Professional and supportive coaching environment.



#### The club caters for:

- Beginner divers - options multiple days of the week.
- Recreational & Graded classes working on ribbon awards.
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- Teens, Adults, Masters in a recreational class for 15yrs and over.



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