



Enriching, Encouraging, Empowering

Message from the Principal

This week I have been to camp with our Year 6 students. This is always a highlight of the year for both the students and the staff. It was hot and dry and we had a great time. I know that everyone is feeling quite tired and will be looking forward to a quieter weekend. A special thank you to the parents who took time off their normal work lives to help. They brought their senses of humour and adventure. Nearly all of the parents went down the water slide, which is quite scary. All of the teachers took their turn on the slide following some significant pressure from the students. Camp is a great opportunity to get to know the Year 6 group much better and build some team work within the group who will be our school leaders for the remainder of the year.

While the Year 6 group were away on camp our Year 5's have been out taking part in activity week with visits to the Marine Centre, Quarantine Island and Outram Glen. Again I would like to thank all of those who made these trips possible.

Our parent fundraising group had their AGM this week and while it was good to see some new faces stepping up to support the school there is still room for more. They have some great fundraisers organised for this year including the golf day, bingo night, school discos, croissant sales and our regular sausage sizzles. For a full list of fundraisers and when they will be run, have a look at the board in the office. Congratulations to Lynn Whaanga on being elected for another year as president of the group.

The Board of Trustees have their first meeting for the year next week. We will be welcoming Shena Cape as our newest board member to her first official meeting and we look forward to having her as part of the team. Shena has two children still at Elm Grove, Braxton and Kezra. Shena will bring strong cultural knowledge to the board as well as a practical common sense approach. The board will be finalising the school's strategic plan and annual plan at this meeting setting the direction for the next two years.

Chris McKinlay
Principal



WELCOME TO ELMGROVE



Adriel, Arthur, Piripi & Caleb

ELMGROVE REMINDERS

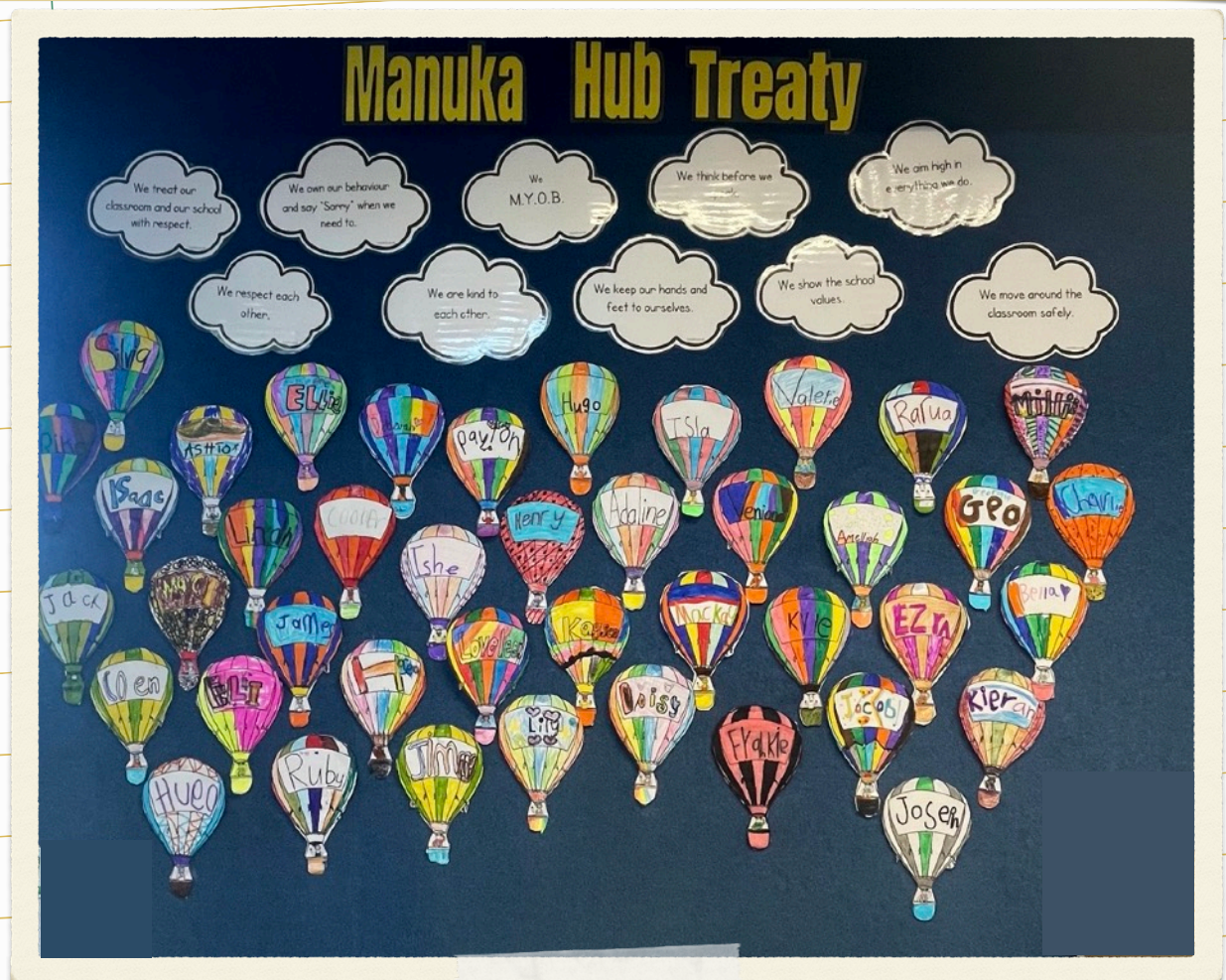
**We have RAT Tests
available in our office for
anyone who needs them.**

**Book Club is due back
Wednesday 21st February.**

**All children need a hat to
be able to play outside in
the sun during term 1.
These are available from
the office.**

MANUKA HUB

We have had a busy and productive first few weeks in the Manuka Hub and our classroom is starting to look really colourful with all of the work we have completed. Here is some of what we have done so far.

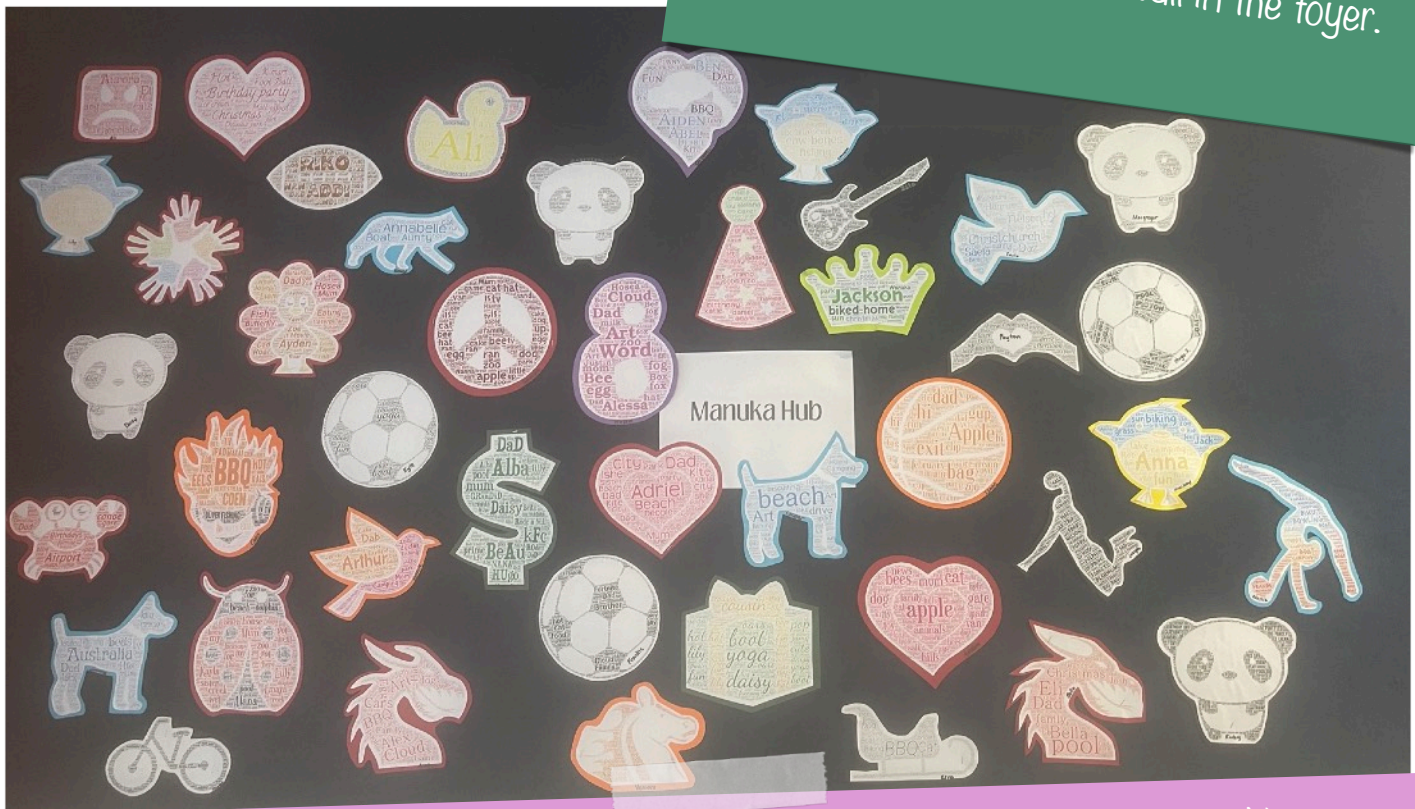


Class Treaty

We have been talking a lot about trying our best, or "aiming high". We created our classroom treaty to visually reflect this. Each cloud contains one of the classroom expectations that the children came up with, expectations that will make our hub a safe, happy and inclusive place to be. The hot air balloons are the children aiming to meet these expectations.



Word Art
 After we had written a recount about our holidays we selected all of the key words from our writing and used them to create this word art. It looks great on the wall in the foyer.



The Manuka hub has been creating cartoon portrait art this week. We started by using a pencil. When we were happy with these we went over them using vivid. We then added dye to make our art stand out. Don't they look amazing!





Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

Important dates - (mark these on your calendar)

TERM 1

Week 3- 12th - 18th February

16th February

Assembly hosted by - Matai

Week 4- 19th - 25th February

20th February

BOT meeting

22nd February

Junior swimming

23rd February

Assembly hosted by - Kowhai

Week 5- 26th February - 3rd March

29th February

Junior swimming

29th February

Sausage sizzle

1st March

Assembly hosted by - Rata

Week 6- 4th - 10th March

7th March

Junior swimming

8th March

Mufti Day - gold coin donation

8th March

TSSA swimming sports

8th March

Assembly hosted by - Kauri

Week 7- 11th - 17th March

14th March

Matai museum sleep over - Year 4s

14th March

Junior swimming

15th March

Assembly hosted by - Manuka

Week 8- 18th - 24th March

18th March

Kowhai Hub to Toitu Museum

19th March

Kauri Hub to Toitu Museum

19th March

Manuka museum sleep over - Year 4s

21st March

Junior swimming

22nd March

Teacher only day- No school

Week 9- 25th - 31st March

25th March

Otago Anniversary - No school

28th March

Junior swimming

29th March

Good Friday - No school

Week 10- 1st - 7th April

1st April

Easter Monday - No school

2nd April

Easter Tuesday -No school

4th April

Junior swimming

5th April

Assembly hosted by - Totara

Week 11- 8th - 14th April

8th April

Otago Nuggets visiting year 5/6 students

12th April

Last day of term 1