



Enriching, Encouraging, Empowering

Message from the Principal

Last night our Year 4 students from the Matai hub spent the night at the museum. This is an annual event and a first experience at staying away for many. They take part in lots of activities at the museum before staying overnight. The children returned to school this morning with lots to share and looking quite tired. Well done to the staff and parents who accompanied them in this experience. Manuka Hub Year 4's are off to the museum next week.

The new basket swing was fully operational this week. As predicted this was very popular and children are enjoying playing on it. It is great being able to put up to 6 children on it at the same time and swing with your friends. We have established some safety rules for everyone's benefit and these seem to be working well.

Last Friday we had the TSSA swimming champs. 6 of our children have now qualified for the Otago Swimming championships and we wish them well.

Croissant orders close this weekend so if you have not yet ordered make sure you do before Sunday. There is further information on this fundraiser in the newsletter.

I remind everyone that next Friday is Teacher only day. We have a team from the Waikato working with the staff on implementing restorative practices school wide. This means school is closed next Friday 22nd March and children will have an extra-long weekend with Otago Anniversary Day being on the following Monday, 25th March.

Chris McKinlay
Principal



Elmgrove Reminders



Ice Blocks

Our Fundraising Committee is selling iceblocks every Friday at 3pm.

Find them on the Senior Courtyard

\$2 Friday After School

A pink ice block with white sprinkles on a wooden stick, sitting on a waffle cone. The background is a light yellow color with a dashed border.

Check out the fantastic surprise we got in our playground this week - introducing the brand new school swing! 🎉



Elmgrove Fundraising

FROZEN CROISSANT FUNDRAISER
Elmgrove School are selling delicious frozen croissants to help support our school and our students. Set up your fundraising page here!

[Croissant Fundraiser page](#)

Orders in by March 17th March
Pick up 4th April





TSSA SWIMMING

RIPPER RUGBY TOURNAMENT

Hi I'm Charlotte and I'm here to talk about Monday 11th of March. The week before that we had a talk with all the girls in Year 5 and 6 about who wanted to do ripper. A lot of people put their hand up, so I did too. On Friday we had a practice to see who could and could not do it. I was allowed. So on that Monday all of us were nervous. When we got there we got told the rules and got put in groups to play in. I was up first with the group I was in. Two of us stayed off and the rest went on.

We were running and we got a try. Then the other team had the ball .

'RIP' We ripped their tag then dropped it and they passed.

We got them again. They did not get a try. It was our ball again and Chloe got a try. Then I went off then I came on and got a try. We were winning by 3, then 4 then 3 because they got a try. Then the game was over then we went back to the lobby bit as the other groups played then we were on again. That team was hard, they had a really tall girl and they were wearing shoes. We were not supposed to, so we told the reff. We nearly won, it was tie then the horn blew. Just when we were nearly at the try line I got 2 tries that game oh and Amiah got one too. The score was 6 and 6. The next game we one by 4 and I got 3 tries, the other team got 3 tries. We got 4 more then back to school for lunch. The end by charlotte



KOWHAI HUB



Olympian Visit

On Wednesday we were lucky enough to have a visit from Zac Reid, an Olympic athlete who came 16th at the Tokyo Olympics in swimming! We were all very excited to meet him.

We entered the hall and waited until it was silent so Zac could tell us all about his Olympic journey. First he showed us some photos and videos. His talk was all about friendship, excellence and respect. It was awesome to look at all of the amazing athletes on the videos and pictures.

In the 800m swimming race, he broke a New Zealand record. He also mentioned that he got to meet Novak Djokovic and Yao Ming. Zac told us all his story about his serious injury that he had while he was at the Olympics which made it very hard for him to walk and swim. Zac also spoke to us about how challenging it was when he came back from the Olympics and being stuck in quarantine for 2 years. While he was in quarantine he talked to his friends and family online. When he was out of quarantine he got surgery and had to wait for 2 and a half months until he could get back into the pool and practice. He has spent the last 3 years getting his confidence back up and hopes to make it into this years NZ Olympic team.

By Jake and Tommy



KOWHAI HUB



Potato Planting and Harvesting

In 2023 the Year 5 students in the Kowhai Hub planted potatoes. In 2024 the new Green Team members harvested them with the help of some year 5's. The day after we harvested them, the Green Team members dug up the ground once more to check for any more potatoes and we found about 5 to 7 more. Then we put all of the potatoes together and separated them into buckets. After the new Green Team members chose what to do with them, we decided to make yummy chips and potato salad.

After we had harvested potatoes it was time to clean the shed. We grabbed the potatoes and brought them to the shed. Then it was time for the boring job pulling out WEEDS!!!! Then it was time to go back to class where Mrs Heller had our Green Team leadership hats. "Home time!" the teacher called out and out the door we flew.

By Leah and Tayla





KOWHAI HUB



IN SCIENCE WE USED CHOCOLATE TO EXPLAIN THE ROCK CYCLE.

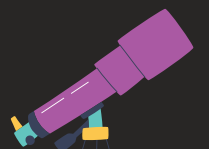


THE CHOCOLATE ROCK BREAKS DOWN INTO SMALLER PIECES. THIS PROCESS IS CALLED EROSION. NORMALLY THIS HAPPENS BY THE WIND OR WATER.

AFTER THAT WE BUILD OUR ROCK WITH PIECES OF SEDIMENT CHOCOLATE TO CREATE A SEDIMENTARY ROCK.



NEXT WE TURNED THE SEDIMENTARY ROCK INTO A METAMORPHIC ROCK BY USING PRESSURE AND HEAT FROM OUR HANDS.





LASTLY WE MELTED THE METAMORPHIC ROCK JUST LIKE IT WOULD HAPPEN INSIDE A VOLCANO. OUR CHOCOLATE ROCK MELTED AND TURNED INTO LAVA. ONCE THE LAVA COOLED DOWN WE HAD AN IGNEOUS ROCK!

In the Kowhai hub we have been learning how different types of rocks are formed and how to tell the differences between them. Mrs Heller used chocolate to demonstrate this. After that we were allowed to do it ourselves using chocolate!

Our first step was making a sedimentary rock. A sedimentary rock is when lots of other rocks cling together to form a new one, Sedimentary rocks are usually formed in water as the pieces of sediment are carried in the currents. We started layering white chocolate with milk chocolate and after successfully making a sedimentary rock, we moved onto the next step.

Our next step was making a metamorphic rock and by putting heat and pressure on the chocolate we caused our sedimentary chocolate rock to go through a metamorphosis causing it to become a Metamorphic rock. A metamorphic rock is when a rock is put under a lot of pressure and heat causing it to change its appearance.

After that we made a volcano using a mug filled with boiling water and laid the chocolate above the boiling water. This caused the metamorphic chocolate rock to melt so it turned into a liquid rock called magma. When it cooled it formed into an igneous rock. An extrusive igneous rock is formed when lava cools on the Earth's surface but intrusive igneous rock is formed when magma is trapped inside the volcano and cools under the crust. Sometimes igneous rocks that are formed with magma, have large masses of crystal growth.

After completing all the stages we had a go explaining how the rock cycle happens using scientific vocabulary.
In conclusion, we learned a lot and loved it.

From Bianca, Ben, Beau, Harper, Henry, and Holly

Kidswest

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Hi All,

We hope everyone has had a great term and made the most of our wonderful summer days. Our program will run from Monday 15th April through until Friday 26th April 2024. Our operating hours are 8am – 530pm. PLEASE NOTE that we are closed on Thursday 25th April to observe ANZAC DAY.

Our hourly fee is \$6 per hour, capped at \$40 per day, additional charges for trips will be added to your account (the cost can be found on the program). 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 3 hour charge as well as the cost of any trips booked on that day.

We have a fun filled program planned (see attached link). With the weather being unpredictable there may be changes to the program. Parents/Caregivers will be updated through our Kids West Facebook page and on the blackboard outside the hall. Please ensure your child/ren bring a named drink bottle and named jacket every day.

Children are welcome to bring along bikes, scooters, skateboards etc but please remember helmets! We hold no responsibility if it gets lost or damaged.

We also have hot lunches available on the days we are at school. Hot chips \$2.50, mince pie \$2.50, Noodles \$1.50. These need to be paid by cash on the day.

We always welcome new ideas and activities. If you or your children have any suggestions please email them to me.

Please click on attached link to link to enroll your children. Once enrolled you should receive a copy of the enrolment back for your records and that is your confirmation. Please check your spam mail in case it goes there or if you are unsure please email irenec@elmgrove.school.nz. If you have any questions please phone/text me on 027 696 1240, email irenec@elmgrove.school.nz or message our Kids West facebook page.

We look forward to seeing you in the holidays.

Irene and Staff

[Kids West Holiday Programme Enrolment Form](#)

[Term Holiday Programme](#)

[Parent Information](#)

VALUE ACHIEVERS

These children have earned 5 Tumeke Cards

Jacob Coombes
Telyna Mateariki
Rose McLeary
Lienke Scheepers

These children have earned 10 Tumeke Cards

Emily Beck

These children have earned a badge



Kawenga
Responsibility

Clara Hodge



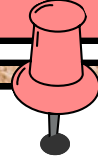
Manawanui
Perseverance

Rose McLeary
Liam Thomas

Congratulations



Important DATES



Term 1

- **Week 7- 11th - 17th March**
 - 14th March Matai museum sleepover - 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 sleepover - 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



Join in & add your visual voice to the story of the New South Dunedin Library and Community Centre!

Nau mai tauti mai!

Renowned artists Simon Kaan & Michel Tuffery will be running free art workshops at Moana Nui Festival



Find us at the
Moana Nui Festival
23 March
10.30 - 4pm



KIDS GO FREE

The Highlanders are proud to announce with Jones Family Farm, **kids under 13 go free** to all of our home games this year with a paying adult.

NEXT GAME V BRUMBIES - MARCH 16 | 4.35PM

*TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY

Our New Educator in Mosgiel, Jo, has space for your children

Meet our passionate, new Educator, Jo.

Looking for a reliable and passionate caregiver? Jo has years of experience as a Kindergarten teacher, nanny, and running holiday programs. With Early Childhood and Primary Qualifications and a love for the outdoors and arts and crafts, Jo is the perfect choice for your little ones. Flexible hours available. Contact us today!

What we offer:

- Safe and secure environment
- Support by an Early Childhood teacher
- Intentional teaching
- Respectful practices
- First aid certificate
- Families can use WINZ and ECE hours



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TAIERI COLLEGE

EUROPE 2024 FUNDRAISER

An afternoon with **Suzanne Prentice** (OBE)

2pm, Saturday 13 April 2024
at the Taieri College Performing Arts Centre

Doors open at 1:30pm. Afternoon tea included.

TICKETS \$35 EACH

"I'll Do It All Over Again"

Don't miss this amazing opportunity to hear Suzanne Prentice talk about her impressive 50+ year career as an international entertainer, listen to a few of her favourite songs and finish with a meet and greet afternoon tea.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:

Get your tickets now!

BUY TICKETS FROM:

Taieri College School Office / 8am-4pm / Mon - Fri
or from a Taieri student fundraising for this event.

Mobility seating available on request, please mention your requirements at time of ticket purchase or email dunedin@1980@gmail.com



TAIERI PLAINS JUNIOR NETBALL

AGM: Monday March 18
7.00pm

Taieri College Library
We need you to help us...
Please come along!



The Taieri Plain's Junior Netball Committee is a small group of volunteers without whom the Saturday netball games would not occur and this year more so than ever!

Unfortunately, there are several 'vacancies' needing to be filled to help with the day to day running of Saturday netball.

If you would like to join our committee either on an official basis or as a helping hand on Saturdays please come along on Monday March 18, 7.00pm and meet us all.

The successful running of Saturday netball depends on volunteers to spread the load.