



Enriching, Encouraging, Empowering

## Message from the Principal

This week construction has begun in the front of the school to install soft fall matting and a large basket swing. The installation of the swing has been in the pipeline for some time and was initially started after multiple requests from our students in a student survey. The cost of this installation has been supported by the fundraising efforts of our wonderful parent fundraising team. This should be installed by the end of next week and I am sure this will be a very popular new piece of play equipment.

You may have noticed that all of the road blockages on Argyle street were removed this week. Access to the front gate is therefore open again. I would like to remind our children that they need to cross at the crossing which is patrolled in the morning and afternoon. Some children have got used to the street being blocked off and are not taking enough care when crossing the road. We have had two close calls with children going straight out onto the road. Nobody wants any of our children injured by vehicles crossing the road so I ask that parents assist us by backing up the message we are delivering at school about safe crossing behaviours.

The Board of Trustees had their first meeting of the year this week. The main item on the agenda was the schools strategic and annual plan. Our strategic plan for the next two years has been approved by the board and is available on the school website for parents to read.

A couple of weeks ago I introduced in the newsletter our new school counsellor, Joanne. Unfortunately Joanne has injured herself in an accident and will not be able to come to school for at least the next 6 weeks. This means we do not currently have a counsellor service. If you feel your child needs someone to talk to more urgently than this please contact Kim Maskill, our Learning Support Coordinator and she will discuss with any alternative supports we may be able to connect you with in the meantime. Kim is available either by phoning the school or email. [kimm@elmgrove.school.nz](mailto:kimm@elmgrove.school.nz)

I remind you that Term 4 is a sunhat term. Children are required to have a wide brimmed sunhat to play in the playground during the breaks. I appreciate that these are easily lost and therefore it is very important that they are well named. I return sunhats to classes most days if they are named. These are available from the school office.

Please keep up to date with what is happening this term. We do have our first teacher only day scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> March which is now only one month away.

**Chris McKinlay**  
Principal



# Elmgrove Reminders

## A NOTE FROM SCARLETTE

When you park in my disability carpark, it makes it super tough for me to get to school in my wheelchair. Please don't park there unless you have a special pass like I do. Thanks!

## 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



# Family Ski Weekend

Dates are confirmed for 17th & 18th August - More information to come in Term 2



# Singing Superstar!

We are on the hunt for a passionate singing star to come and run our Year 5/6 school choir! If you think you or someone you know would be interested in taking on this role please contact Amy Clark in the Kauri Hub ([amyc@elmgrove.school.nz](mailto:amyc@elmgrove.school.nz)).

# Congratulations

Big congratulations to Chloe for securing the top spot in her grade at the South Otago Grass Karting Championships! Great job, Chloe! 🎉🏆



Starting  
1st March!!!

# Ice Blocks

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

Find them on the Senior Courtyard

**\$2** Friday  
After School



# Play your way!

Join us for this fantastic event taking place at our school on the field. Our fundraising team will be offering sausages and ice blocks for just \$2 each!



## PLAY YOUR WAY At your local school

A free play event hosted by Sport Otago and your school! Stay for some extra play time after school and explore what fun you can have!

**From 3pm until 4.30pm**

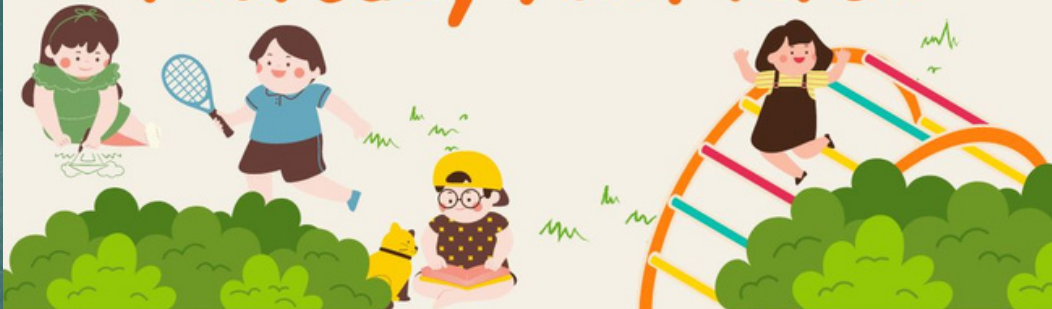
Event open to the community



### Elm Grove School



### Thursday 7th March



## VALUE ACHIEVERS

These children have received 5 Tumeke cards

**Emily Beck**

These children have earned a badge



Manawanui  
Perseverance

**Joel Whitley**



Kawenga  
Responsibility

**Jackson Knopp- Jenkinson**

**Esther Morrison**



Whakaute  
Respect

**Maci Hill**

**Amaiah Howard**

**Indie Struthers**

**Paige White**

# YEAR 6

# CAMP

On Year 6 camp we did a lot of things like, gaga ball and the water slide and so much more. We all had Cabins and at 7:30 we all had to wake up. Then at I think 8:30 we had food like jelly and toast and much more. Oh and CAKE! It was so fun. The thing I won was Frisbee golf. The thing I loved most was the Zipline. I went so fast.

By Lyla and Maisie!!





# CAMP



# YEAR 6 CAMP

AT YEAR SIX CAMP WE DID A LOT OF FUN STUFF BUT  
HERE ARE SOME OF OUR HIGHLIGHTS. DOING STUFF WITH  
MY FRIENDS AND ALSO THE ZIPLINE WAS FUN. SOME  
PEOPLE WHO WERE SCARED OF HEIGHTS DIDN'T LIKE IT  
BUT WHEN THEY TRIED IT THEY LOVED IT.

MOVING ON TO MILA MY FAVOURITE HIGHLIGHT ABOUT  
CAMP WAS

THE ZIPLINE AS WELL AS ARCHERY. SAILING WAS  
AMAZING RIGHT MILA "YEAH"

WHAT ABOUT KAYAKING? THAT WAS FUN! YEAH  
OH! THE WATER SLIDE I FORGOT, THAT WAS AMAZING!  
THE CONFIDENCE COURSE!

I GOT UP TO THE HIGHEST  
PART OF THE ROPE SWING, IT WAS SCARY.

IN THE TYRE FORT I WENT THROUGH  
ONE OF THE TYRES. THAT MUST HAVE  
BEEN SCARY , NOPE BECAUSE I INTENDED TO, WE WERE  
DOING A RACE.

IN THE EVENINGS WE WOULD ALL PLAY GAGA BALL. I'M  
PRETTY SURE I GOT OUT FIRST EVERY TIME.

AT DESSERT WE WOULD GET EITHER JELLY AND ICE  
CREAM OR CHOCOLATE CAKE YUMM!

BY FREDDIE AND MILA C.







# YEAR 5 ACTIVITY WEEK

WE HAD A GREAT TIME ON ACTIVITY WEEK AT THE OUTRAM GLEN BUILDING RAFTS AND TESTING THEM OUT ON THE WATER. AT THE MARINE CENTRE WE GOT TO HOLD MANY DIFFERENT SPECIES OF MARINE LIFE IN THE TOUCH TANKS.





# Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

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

### TERM 1

#### Week 4- 19th - 25th February

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