



Enriching, Encouraging, Empowering

Message from the Principal

Today is a Ministry-allocated teacher-only day in many Dunedin schools. I hope that you will be able to make the most of the extra-long weekend, with Monday also being a public holiday for King's Birthday weekend. Today, the staff are working together on literacy practice, restorative practice, and a session on cultural responsiveness. This will include structures and strategies specific to supporting our English language learners. It is always a productive day when we can do this work together for a more sustained period and without having taught all day first.

This week, we have had St John in the school working with our senior students around wellbeing. We have also had the DCC here again, covering dog safety with the junior students. These additional programmes are really valuable and add to our students' knowledge and experiences.

Sickness levels have been higher over the last couple of weeks. We are still focusing on attendance levels but understand the fine balance required to keep all our children and staff healthy.

Reports are currently being written and will be coming home in a couple of weeks. These will be followed by parent interviews on the 18th 19th and 20th June, so keep an eye out for booking details. As in previous years we will be starting interviews at 1pm on Tuesday 18th June and invite parents to collect children early on this day. Any children left at school will be supervised by our Teacher Aide Staff.

As we move further into winter, it is a good time to check that you have the Skool Loop app on your phone and notifications on so that you can receive instant notifications of any late starts or weather-related closures.

Next week, we have our Mathematics facilitator here from Christchurch for a day. Elmgrove is part of a pilot programme looking at quality assessment and teaching practice in Mathematics. A number of our teachers will be attending this session, and we will have visitors from other schools here also observing and working in our classrooms. I am excited about this work and the benefits for all our students.

Have a fantastic long weekend.

Chris McKinlay
Principal

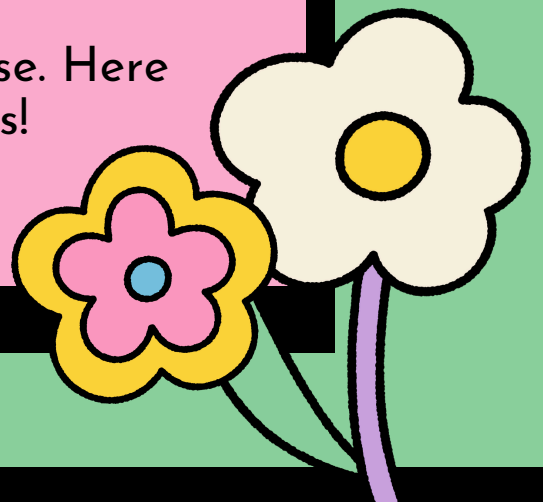


TOTARA HUB

We have been learning about the seasons and which one we prefer. We have made some art using dye and finger painting to show the four seasons. We think they look colourful.

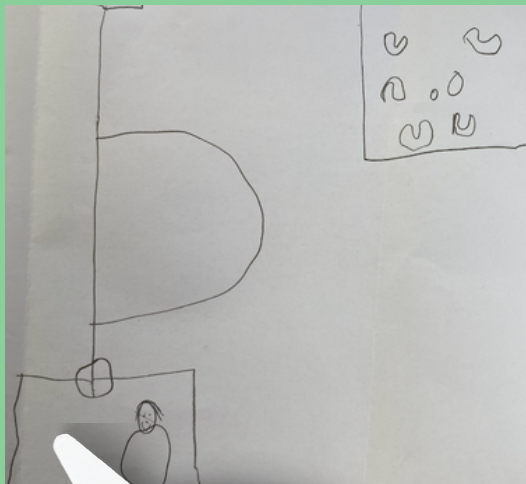


For writing we were asked if we could redesign our playground and add something new what would it be! Most of us in our hub would love a new swing, a climbing wall, lower monkey bars and an obstacle course. Here are a couple of our designs!





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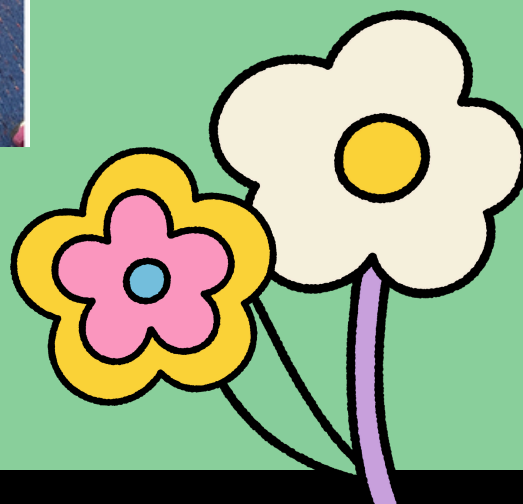
I want a flying fox with a bit where it comes out.
Fern

I want a climbing frame and a swing.
Riley

I want monkey bars that can be shorter for everyone. I want a spider slide with legs.
Bodhi



During actions stations last week some children from the juniors began learning the ukulele. We had to show perseverance while learning how to change chords and follow the music.... We hope to do a performance when we improve.





Join Us in Making Pumpkin Soup for Matariki Night!

As we prepare for our upcoming Matariki Night, we need your help! We are looking for volunteers to help make pumpkin soup. No experience necessary—if you can stir, you're perfect for the job!

Bingo Night Fun Raises \$6,300!

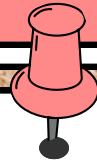
Thanks, Everyone!

Thankyou to the committee for organising another successful fundraiser. The bingo night was a huge sucess, raising \$6,300! Thank you to everyone who supported us by attending the event and contributing donations that made the raffles possible.





Important DATES



Term 2

- **Week 6- 3rd June - 9th June**

- 3rd June Kings Birthday - No School
- 4th June Art Gallery Visit - Kauri Hub
- 7th June Mufti Day
- 7th June Assembly Hosted by Rimu

- **Week 7- 10th June - 16th June**

- 14th June Assembly Hosted by Totara

- **Week 8- 17th June - 23rd June**

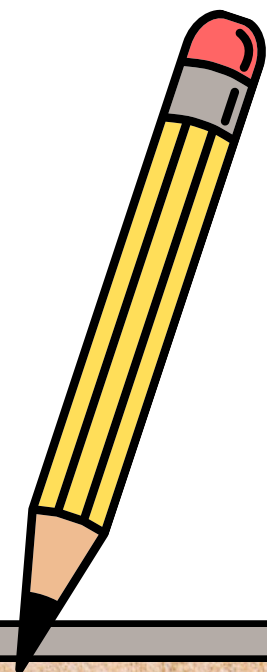
- 18-20th June Parent Teacher Interviews
- 21st June Assembly Hosted by Moa Team

- **Week 9- 24th June - 30th June**

- 26th June Matariki Evening/Lantern Night
- 25th June BOT Meeting
- 28th June Matariki - No School

- **Week 10- 1st July - 7th July**

- 5th July No Assembly
- 5th July Last day of school for Term 2



Welcome to Elmgrove



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We have received several notifications regarding head lice in our community. We kindly ask all parents to thoroughly check their children's hair and take the necessary steps to treat any infestations promptly. Regular checks and prompt treatment are essential in preventing the spread of head lice.

SPORTS UNIFORM SPONSORSHIP!!



Thanks to generous donations from Ryco and Palmers, we've upgraded some of our sports uniforms! But we're not done yet. We're seeking more sponsorships – if you'd like your business name proudly displayed on our uniforms, reach out to Kayla to get involved!



A big thank you to Bikehouse Dunedin for their generous contributions to our bingo night and for donating helmets for our school bikes!



