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## Message from the Principal

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Today, we celebrated Orange Day, acknowledging the incredible work of our Year 6 Road Patrollers. These young people have been manning our crossings, rain or shine, ensuring the safety of our younger students. A big thank you to the Dunedin City Council for organising a special celebration day for them with a street march and a fun day at Moana Pool.

Next week is a busy one with several exciting trips planned. Our Year 6 students will be heading to Waiora for their Big Day Out. The Pukeko syndicate will embark on a rail trail and dinosaur park adventure. Thank you to all the parent helpers who are making these trips possible.

Yesterday, our Year 5 students had a fantastic time hosting six Highlanders players. The students enjoyed playing games and learning skills from these professional athletes.

A huge thank you to our Fundraising Group for their incredible work in organising our annual golf day last Friday. The great weather contributed to a successful day, with many teams attending and raising over \$10,000.

Our toilet paper and hand towel fundraiser, as well as the Christmas raffle, are still ongoing. Christmas raffle cards are due back to the office today. Some fantastic food hampers are ready to be won. Once we sell the remaining toilet paper and hand towels, we'll reach our fundraising target and be able to book contractors for the new court surface. We look forward to seeing this laid in the New Year.

We've started the transition process for next year. Year 2 and Year 4 students will be visiting their new syndicates for morning tea or lunch sessions to familiarise themselves with the environment and teachers before class placements are announced on December 11th.

As the year winds down, we kindly ask you to remember to notify the school of any absences in the morning. This can be done through the Skool Loop app, text message, email, or phone call. Early notification helps us plan accordingly and reduces the number of calls our office staff need to make to locate your children.

A reminder that school finishes at 12:30 pm on Tuesday, 17th December, and Kids West after-school care will not be available on that day. Please ensure you have arrangements for your child's care.

Have a wonderful week.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Chris Mckinlay

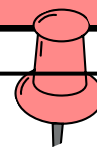
Tumuaki





# Important DATES

## Term 4 2024



### Week 7 - 25th November - 29th November

28th November

- Parent And Daughter Night

29th November

- Orange Day

### Week 8 - 2nd December - 6th December

3rd December

- Big Day Out - Year 6 Children

4th December

- Pukeko Day Out - Rail Trail or Dinosaur Park

5th December

- Junior Christmas Evening

### Week 9 - 9th December - 13th December

9th December

- Pukeko Day Out at Library, park & pool

10th December

- Kiwi Team Day Out - Waiora Camp

11th December

- Postponement Day Pukeko Day Out

13th December

- Year 6 Leavers Assembly

### Week 10 - 16th and 17th December Only

**LAST DAY OF THE YEAR - 17th of December finishing at 12.30pm**

**Week 1 2025 - 4th February - 7th February**





*Congratulations*

## VALUE ACHIEVERS

**These children have earned 5 Tumeke Cards**

**Hagan Fallow**

**Isaac Macdonald**

**These children have earned 10 Tumeke Cards**

**Braxton Gibson**

**Kyle Granada**

**Caitlyn Logie**

**Keeana McLeary**

**These children have earned 15 Tumeke Cards**

**Bianca Keen**

**Tayla Mokotupu**

**These children have earned a badge**



**Manawanui  
Perseverance**

**Holly Little**



**Whakaute  
Respect**

**Duandre' Schwarz**



**Māngai Kāwanatanga  
Value Ambassador**

**Duandre' Schwarz  
Holly Little**



**Manaaki  
Caring**

**Lienke  
Scheepers**



# Kids West

## SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

### **When**

Our Summer Holiday Programme will run from 18th to 20th of December 2024 before Christmas and then 13th of January to the 31st of January 2025

Elmgrove School finishes on Tuesday 17th December 2024 at lunch time. There will be NO After School Care available that day.

We will be running a program before Christmas on Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th, and Friday 20th December 2024. There will be no trips those three days. We will be at school doing fun activities and Christmas craft.

Our 2025 Summer program will run from Monday 13th January until Friday 31st January 2025. Elmgrove School starts back on Tuesday 4th February 2025. There will be NO care available on Monday 3rd February 2025.

Please click on the link below for all other details.

[Summer Holiday Programme Information](#)



If you have any questions, please contact Irene on 027 696 1240 or email irenec@elmgrove.school.nz We look forward to seeing you in the holidays  
Merry Christmas, from Irene and the Kids West Staff



# Rona and Marama

This is the story of Rona, a woman who fights constantly with her husband. One night Rona storms out of her whare after the couple fight about who should fill their tahā (water containers). As Rona walks away, cursing her husband, Marama (the moon) watches and listens.

When a cloud passes in front of the moon, Rona stumbles in the dark. She falls, then curses the moon for her fall. Marama tells Rona, "Be careful what you say, lest you be made to pay". But Rona only yells more insults at Marama, who gets so angry that he reaches down, grabs Rona and pulls her up into the sky.

The next day Rona's husband searches for his wife but cannot find her. He misses Rona and is sorry he treated her badly. Meanwhile, Marama welcomes Rona and treats her with kindness. Rona gets happier and happier. When Marama asks her one day if she would like to return to earth, Rona realises she loves Marama, so says she wants to stay with him. Touched, Marama gives Rona a special taonga (gift) in return – a korowai (cloak), adorned with stars. Rona then becomes the controller of tides.

Rona-whakamau-tai



Scarlett  
Brimble

Charlie  
Lunjevich



# Aliza Taylor-Holmes



# Mason McLew

# Khloee Stanley-White





# Year 5 Highlanders Visit



Yesterday our year 5 spent the afternoon with some of our Highlanders. We learnt a bit about what their day is like and then played some games with them.



At the end of the session they presented a jersey to Xavier and gave us a flag each and signed them.







# WELCOME TO ELMGROVE SCHOOL



## TERM DATES 2025

### TERM 1

TUES 4 FEB - FRI 11 APRIL

### TERM 2

MON 28 APRIL - FRI 27 JUNE

### TERM 3

MON 14 JULY - FRI 19 SEPT

### TERM 4

MON 6 OCT - THURS 18 DEC



# Swimming Togs

**Some of our spare swimming togs are missing. If any have come home please return to school.**

**We would appreciate any spare togs to add to our collection. Thank-you**





# Food Bank Drive

Monday 2 December 2024

## Food Bank Drive

Collection Monday 2 Dec | 6pm - 9pm

Please leave your bag at the gate from 6pm

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**A FREE interactive journey around the  
World to celebrate Christmas, including  
activities, craft, food & more**

**FRIDAY 20 DEC 5PM-7PM**

**SATURDAY 21 DEC 11AM-1PM**

**SATURDAY 21 DEC 4PM-7PM**

**EAST TAIERI CHURCH, 12a Cemetery Rd, Mosgiel**

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