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## Message from the Principal

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Today is the final Year 6 Leavers Assembly, being held at the Taieri College Performing Arts Centre from 2 pm to 3 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our Year 6 students before they leave us next Tuesday. We will also be presenting end-of-year trophies. Please remember to collect your child from Taieri College after the assembly.

With just one and a half school days remaining, we'll be focusing on cleaning up the school on Monday and Tuesday. As a reminder, school finishes at 12.30 pm on Tuesday, 17th December.

This week, our students have been enjoying a variety of end-of-year activities, including visits to the park, pool, and library. The new school water slide has been a big hit, and the senior school rounders competition has been heating up.

School reports will be sent home today. If you haven't received yours by this evening, please check your spam folder and then contact the office on Monday morning to double-check your email address.

### Board Update

The Board met this week for their final meeting of the year. They discussed property projects, including the upcoming installation of new courts, which is planned for Term 1. The Board received a number of achievement reports, including PAT Maths and overall school achievement, and was pleased to see continued progress. They also reviewed intervention reports and a summary report from the school counsellor. We are delighted to have Sasha Turner returning as our school counsellor next year.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to all Board members for their dedication and hard work throughout the year. Their focus on the needs of our students is invaluable.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday season filled with sun, fun, and adventure. We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Tuesday, 4th February.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Chris McKinlay





# Important DATES

**Term 4 2024**



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

9th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Manuka day out - Library, Park and Pool</li></ul>
10th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kiwi Team Day Out - Waiora</li></ul>
13th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 6 Leavers Assembly</li></ul>

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

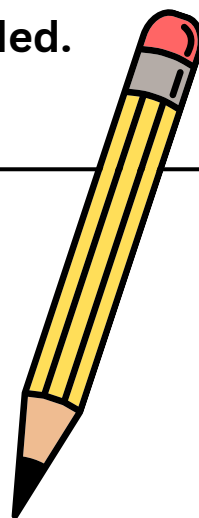
16th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Matai day out - Library, Park and Pool</li></ul>
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**Last Day Of The Year - 17th of December finishing at 12.30pm**

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

3rd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Teacher Only Day</li></ul>
6th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Waitangi Day</li></ul>

**The Office will be open the week before school starts back from 10 till 12 for any uniforms or anything else needed.**





# 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



## Orange day

As a thank you for doing road patrol this year, we were allowed to dress up in orange for the orange day parade. 580 students from 20 different schools walked through George street to get to the octagon where the deputy mayor thanked all the schools that helped students and teachers cross the roads safely.

After that we all went to Moana pool for fun and a sausage sizzle. Thanks to constable Emily Plew and the DCC for organising this great day out.

Harper Brimble, Kowhai hub.







**It felt like Christmas had arrived early this week when we received the delivery of our beautiful new kapahaka uniforms! We are very excited to have these and are looking forward to showing them off at our performances in the coming years! A big thank you to the Lion Foundation for contributing a substantial grant towards the purchase of these. Rose, Duandre' and Zoe were thrilled to be the first tamariki to try them on!**

**Poipoia te kākano kia puawai nurture the seed and it will blossom!**



# Year 6 Big Day Out



*Last week we went to the big day out. We did lots of different activities. It was so fun but my favourite part was the abseiling. We also spent ages in the creek hunting for yabbies. We got to have hot dogs and burgers for lunch.  
Duandre'*



**On Tuesday the Junior Syndicate went to the Waioira Scout Camp. We were treated to amazing weather and heaps of fun-filled activities. We made fishing rods out of sticks, string, and ham to catch some yabbies from the stream. The children got to play around in the bivvies and explore around the forest. We challenged ourselves on the confidence course and by climbing up the steep hill. It was very tricky to get back down but the children showed perseverance and bravery. We finished the day with racing our friends down the water slide, it was so much fun! Make sure to check out some of our action shots.**

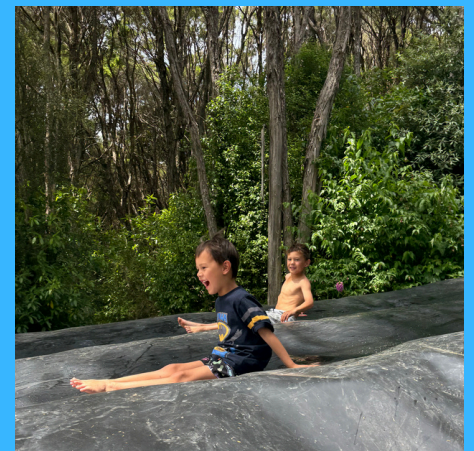
**"I liked all of it. I really liked fishing for eels and yabbies" - Tyler Wallace**

**"I think my favourite part was going up the steep hill" - Emily Ferguson**

**"I loved going down the waterslide" - Harper Thomson**

**"Our favourite part was the slip and slide because we went on the fast side" - Tanner Pendreigh and Levi Young**

**"The water slide was fun because we got to go sliding" - Cohen Campbell**







# 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**





The First session for 2025 will be Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Training options;

**Mon 5.30pm-7pm**

Mosgiel Senior Citizens Hall (Junior, youth & adult)

**Wed 5.30pm-7pm**

Fairfield Hall (Junior, youth & adult)

**Thurs 6-7pm**

Elmgrove School Hall (Youth & adult)



**BEGINNERS WELCOME!** Please email [taierikarate@gmail.com](mailto:taierikarate@gmail.com) to register or for more information.

Our class is a Combined Class with staggered finishing times on a Mon & Wed. Minimum age 8 years.