



Enriching, Encouraging, Empowering

Message from the Principal

Kai ora Parents and Caregivers,

Yesterday I had a meeting with Julie Anderson, (Director of Education, Otago/Southland) and Nancy Bell, (Deputy Secretary of Education). Nancy was interested in discussing the current Ministry of Education initiatives as well as our practices here at Elmgrove, especially around Mathematics. It was great to be able to share with them our practices and results having completed 3 years of mathematics professional development. I did voice my concerns with her about the suggestion a one size fits all workbook approach would better serve our students, and my disappointment that the current announcements the government are making do not provide clarity. Its unclear where they have drawn their statistics from and what they mean. This data provided by our Prime Minister suggesting only 22% of Year 8 students are able to meet the mathematics curriculum expectations were taken from a sample of less than 1000 students which is 0.02% of the primary school student population and measured against an elevated expectation, in line with the new draft curriculum which has not yet been released to schools. Dr Charles Darr who was responsible for collecting this data made the following statement.

“What we are seeing in mathematics is a change in curriculum and a new benchmarking process, rather than a change in achievement. We’ve been tracking student achievement in mathematics at Year 8 for more than 10 years, and in that time, there has been no evidence for improvement or decline. We do have a new draft curriculum however, the provisional benchmarking exercise we carried out indicates it requires a higher level of proficiency than the 2007 curriculum” Dr Charles Darr. Curriculum Insights and Progress Study, 2024

I agree that we need to take action on student achievement in mathematics as a nation and welcome further professional development funding and intervention for our struggling children. Elmgrove has been committed to this for the last 3 years and I am proud of our progress. Data published to the Ministry at the end of 2023 showed that we had 81% of our students achieving the current curriculum expectation in mathematics and 86% by the end of Year 6. Once we have the refreshed mathematics curriculum documents we will begin the work on implementing the revised expectations and further building our children’s achievement levels.

The board has confirmed next year's Term dates for 2025.

Tuesday 4th February - Friday 11th April.

Monday 28th April - Friday 27th June.

Monday 14th July - Fri 19 September

Monday 6th October - Thursday 18 December

Ngā manaakitanga,

Chris McKinlay

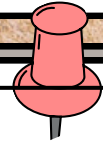
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Important DATES

Term 3 2024



Week 3- 5th August - 9th August 2024

5th-9th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior Swimming (No swimming on Tuesday the 6th of August)
5th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pie orders close for Friday lunch
9th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pie Day Friday• Kiwi Team Assembly

Week 4- 12th August - 16th August 2024

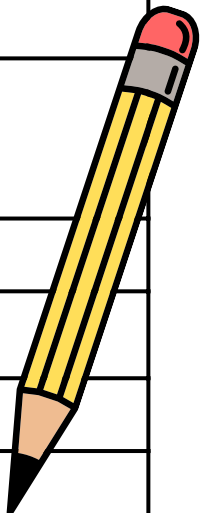
12th - 16th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12th-16th August Senior Swimming
12th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12th August Pie orders close for Friday lunch
16th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pie Day Friday• Kauri Hub Assembly
17th - 18th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ski Trip

Week 5- 19th August - 23rd August 2024

19th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pie orders close for Friday lunch
20th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TSSA Cross country
23rd August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pie Day Friday• Rugby League Tournament• Matai Hub Assembly

Week 6- 26th August - 30th August 2024

27th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yr 5&6 Netball Tournament
28th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ripper Rugby Tournament
30th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ripper Postponement Day



ELMGROVE SCHOOL PRESENTS THE LION KING

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

On the 18th and 19th of September, Elmgrove School will be performing The Lion King for family and friends.

All students will be charged a \$5 costume fee which will go towards purchasing t-shirts. The child will get to keep this at the conclusion of the performance. This will be added to your school account or you can pay cash at the office.

Each child will be required to wear long, plain black pants - track pants, trousers, or tights are suitable. Please ensure there are:

No feet in the tights as this is a safety risk.

No patterns or writing on the pants.

No holes.

Black pants need to be at school by the 11th of September in a bag with your child's name on it.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Tickets will go on sale from the 2nd of September.

When - 18th & 19th September

Time - 6.30 pm start.

Where - This will be performed at the Taieri College PAC building.

Cost - \$5 a ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets.





Congratulations VALUE ACHIEVERS

These children have earned 5 Tumeke Cards

Aaron Gregory

Leah Walmsley

Aurora-Rose Ryder

Davin Bradley

Keeana Mcleary

Nixon Mellon-MacGillivray

Lincoln Shea

These children have earned 10 Tumeke Cards

Joel Whitley

These children have earned 15 Tumeke Cards

Telyna Mateariki

These children have earned a badge

CharlotteH



**Kawenga
Responsibility**



**Manaaki
Caring**



**Whakaute
Respect**



Mila Haldane

**Manawanui
Perseverance**

Lincoln Cook

Nikyah Greene



**Māngai Kāwanatanga
Value Ambassador**

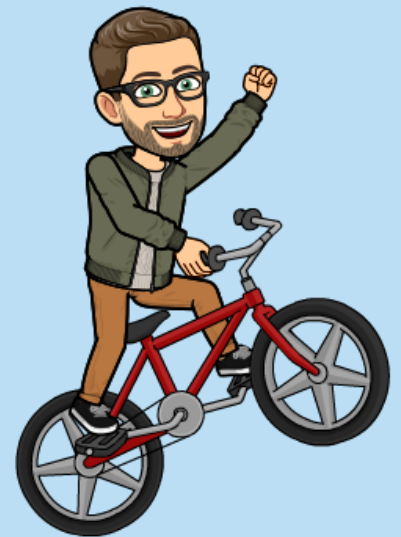
Nikyah Greene

Active August



Score a spot
prize on your
way to school

WACKY
Hat
Day



Wednesday August 14th

Wear your wacky hat as you
walk or wheel to school.

Manuka hub

Persuasive writing

We have been writing persuasive writing. Our question was 'Should we have longer playtimes'. Here are some of our reasons why we shouldn't.

I don't want longer playtimes because maths is better for your brain and learning is good for you. Sometimes it can get cold and frosty or it is too sunny and I get hot and exhausted.

Adaline

I think we should have shorter playtimes so we can learn more because we are at school. If you go to school and learn you'll be able to go to university.

Daisy

Here are some of our reasons why we should have longer playtimes

I think we should have longer playtimes so we can finish the games we start.

Saela

You can make more friends. The more people that play the more fun we will have!

Jimmy

We would be fitter. It's important to be fit because it makes our lungs and heart healthy.

Coen

We will be happier. If we are happier we will make other people happier.

Isaac

When we play we are happier and then we will be ready for more learning.

Georgie

I think we would be better at sports because we would have more time to practice.

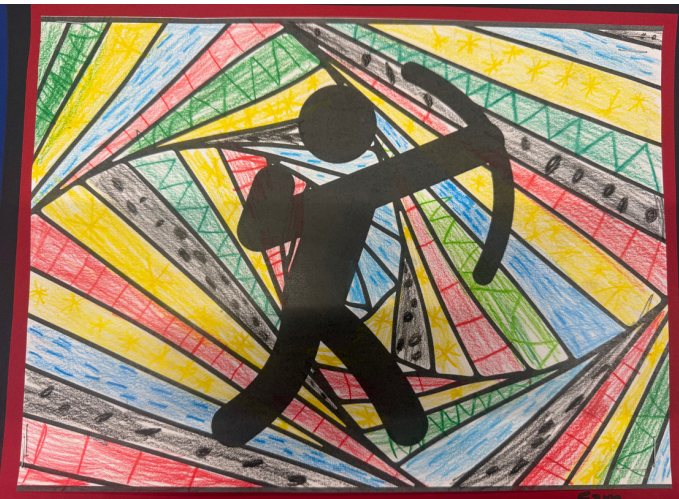
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Olympic Art



Here are some finished examples of the Olympic art we have been working on.

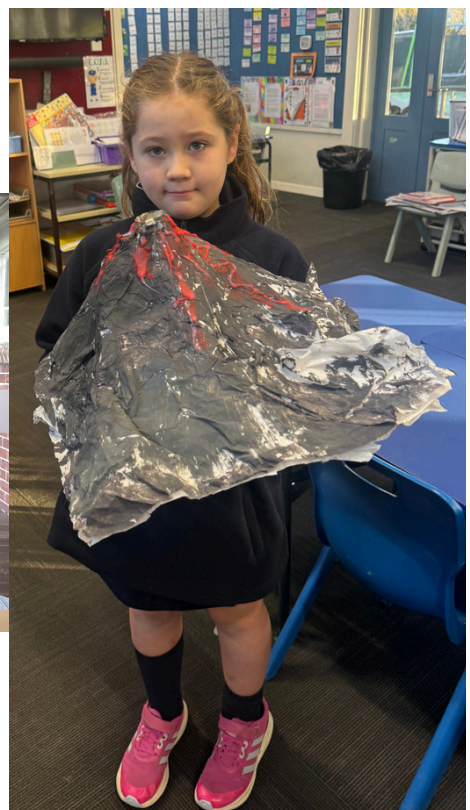
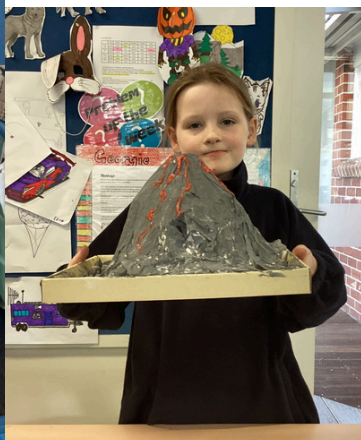


Volcano Construction



After reading about volcanoes, a couple of our students designed and built their own model volcanoes.

They then shared their skill and knowledge with their classmates. Here are some photos of the construction process and our completed models.





Pies

[Order Form Here](#)

The fundraising committee will have mince pies available for \$3.00. These will be available Friday lunch time for Term 3, An online order form will be available each week on Skool Loop which will close each Monday.



Heart Foundation
**JUMPING
JUNE**

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

AWARDED TO

2024 Elmgrove School – \$ 1,250.00



Enrolments for 2025 close on 16 August 2024.

If you require any further information,
please contact the college on 489-3823.



Top Tips for a Good Toothbrush



Look for a toothbrush with a **small head** and **soft bristles!**



A SMALL HEAD makes it easier to brush those difficult to reach areas like our back teeth and the inside surface of our teeth beside our tongue

SOFT BRISTLES are important so we don't damage our tooth enamel or our gums

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

Community Oral
Health Service

Scan this code
for more great
tooth tips



OTAGO FUTSAL ACADEMY

AUGUST 21 TO SEPTEMBER 29
WEDNESDAYS

- 6-7PM: 8-10YRS
- 7-8PM: 14-16YRS
- 2-3PM: 11-13YRS

VENUE
• EDGAR CENTRE

PRICE
• \$23 PER SESSION/ \$138 FOR
THE SIX WEEK BLOCK

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TAYLOR SWIFT

**TRIBUTE
SHOW**

**TAIERI
COLLEGE**

PERFORMING
ARTS
CENTRE

**AUG
2024**

THUR, 22
FRI, 23
SAT, 24

**7:30
PM**

TICKETS
ON SALE

NOW

