



Enriching, Encouraging, Empowering

Message from The Principal

Today is pink shirt day. It is great to see so many of our children and teachers wearing pink to bring attention to this anti bullying message. We have over recent weeks been focusing on our school values and the importance of standing together and sticking up for others in order to stamp out bullying within our school and community. The national pink shirt day, which has the slogan Speak up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying, fits well with this and helps to reinforce this message. Teachers will be undertaking a number of activities today around anti bullying and working together. Check out some of the pictures within today's newsletter of our pink children.

This week the Board of Trustees meet. They received reports on student wellbeing, recent PAT maths results and an outline of intervention programmes which have begun this term. The Board maintains an overview of student achievement and progress and it is great to be able to report to them trends and patterns and what targeted programmes we have put in place to address any identified gaps or to accelerate progress for our students. There are a number of acceleration programmes occurring throughout this term in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics. We have written to the parents of children who are taking part in these programmes to share with them our goals and focuses for their children. We really appreciate the extra funding our Board is prepared to commit to this. This funding allows us to employ extra staff to who make these programmes possible.

The Board of Trustees approved the latest 10 year property plan for the school. This involves upgrades to some of the school roofs as well as some bathroom upgrades. Other building projects already committed to, include asphalt repairs, replacement of our coal boilers and upgrades to the pukeko team teaching block. While this will take some time it is exciting to see such significant upgrades being timetabled.

Yesterday we had one team of senior boys take part in an inter-school rippa rugby tournament in town. They were very excited when they left here at 9am and just as excited when they returned in the afternoon. I understand they finished the day with one win and two loses. Thank you to the parents who assisted with this event and looked after our team throughout the day.

I finish today's newsletter with another reminder of the upcoming Teacher only day on 4th June.

Have a good weekend

Chris McKinlay
Principal



Welcome to Elmgrove



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Well done Olivia for gaining the following trophies:

Overall Winner Jumping - D Certificate group
&
Horse Management Trophy - This trophy was shared with one other pony club member. The trophy is for the best member who always considers their pony/horses welfare and can manage their animals in all situations.



Well done to our boys who took part in the ripper rugby tournament yesterday.

WOW Look who has earned a school values badge this week!



Georgia Dahlenbury-Perseverance



Benjamin Reynolds - Responsibility

RESPONSIBILITY



RESPECT



CARING



PERSEVERANCE



**For demonstrating our school values the following children have achieved
10 Tumeke Cards this week!**



★ *Isla Smith*
★ *Maddiline Silke*



**For demonstrating our school values the following children have achieved
5 Tumeke Cards this week!**



★ *Isla Aitken*
★ *Lycan Cuff-Willman*
★ *Georgia Dahlenburg*
★ *Zoe Coombes*





ALL PARENTS PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Skool loop is our main form of communication for our school, it enables you to receive school notices, text notifications, school newsletters, access to the school calendar and submit your child's absences.

Skool Loop is now going to be used to book in Parent Teacher interviews. All of our families will need this app to access the booking portal. Please follow the step by step guide below to download and activate the application in preparation for school interviews later this term.

Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

- Download Skool Loop App, Via either your Google Play or App Store.
- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the "Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the "select schools' button in the top right corner.

Any questions or concerns feel free to contact the office.

Thank you

Kowhai Hub Writing



This week in writing we were practicing using contractions in our writing **Contractions (joining words)**. Conjunctions link / join sentences together **so** they have more meaning and **are** more interesting to read. Here is an example of some of the wonderful work the children have achieved.



As his wings spanned wide, he soared above. The king of the sky. That's what he felt like, **until** a brown dot came into sight. The dot was large, I wasn't sure what sort of bird it was, it moved fast. **Like** a fly **but** it wasn't. **As** it came closer I could see it was another male hawk. A much bigger hawk than me. It's chest muscles bulged **and** his eyes squinted tightly. That's when I realised he was flying straight towards me, it was then that I made a sharp turn and swiftly raced off in the other direction. The wind brushed the soft feathers off my face **as** my speed increased, just **as** I thought I'd finally lost him and began to slow down I heard the mild flap of wings behind me. Quickly I spun my head around to see **where** he was. I gasped when I saw how quickly he had gained on me. This is when I had to take a sudden drop towards the water, **hoping** I had surprised him and it would give me time to plan my next move.....

By Isabella Scholten

Kowhai Anti Bullying Art



This is how the Kowhai Hub show our support for Pink Shirt Day, it was really nice to see so many of our children wearing pink today.



Pink Shirt Day





be kind.



Whats coming up at ElmGrove.

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

Week 3 - 17th May - 23rd May

21st May

Pink Shirt Day - Anti Bullying (children to wear pink)

21st May

Family Time Assembly - Hosted by Kauri

Week 4 - 24th May - 30th May

28th May

Family Time Assembly - Hosted by Rata

Week 5 - 31st May - 6th June

31st May

National Young Leaders Day

3rd June

Sausage Sizzle available today

3rd June

Family time assembly - Hosted by Kowhai

4th June

Teacher only day- No School

Week 6 - 7th June - 13th June

7th June

Queens Birthday - No School

9th June

Jnr Assembly

Week 7 - 14th June - 20th June

18th June

Family Time Assembly - Hosted by Matai

Week 8 - 21st June - 27th June

22/24th June

Parent Teacher Interviews

25th June

No Family Time Assembly

25th/26th/27th

40 Hour Famine

Week 9 - 28th June - 4th July

29th June

BOT meeting

2nd July

Family Time Assembly - Hosted by Rimu

2nd July

School Disco

Week 10 - 5th July - 11th July

7th July

Mataraki Evening

8th July

Sausage Sizzle Available today

9th July

No Family Time Assembly

9th July

Last day of school for Term 2

Reporting Absences

We have several ways for parents to advise that a child is not attending school

1. Use the Skool Loop App (Download this in your App Store)
2. Ring and leave an absence on phone line. 03-489 6252
3. Text - 0274622920
4. Email office@elmgrove.school.nz

Whanau Fun



FELLOWSHIP

FUN

FOOD
provided

*Come and join us
for*

Celebrations

Sunday May 23rd 5-7pm

at the Mosgiel Presbyterian Church,
11 Church Street

and

June 27th Minute to Win it
July 25th Games night

Organised by the Mosgiel Presbyterian Church. admin@mosgielchurch.org.nz

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