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## Message from The Principal

Kia Ora parents and whanau.

Welcome back to a very different Term 2. This is our first newsletter for the term and we thought we would share with you some photos submitted by children working from home at this time. Our teachers have really enjoyed connecting with your children online over the last couple of weeks. We hope that your children are getting engaged with their learning tasks and that you are finding the time to do your own work as well. It is a very different environment for learning and there have been some challenges and rewards to working in an online environment. Next week brings another change and challenge for us. I remind you that Monday is Anzac day and Tuesday is a teacher only day so there will be no online sessions for students on these days. They are welcome to continue and catch up on some of the independent activities they have been provided from previous weeks.

Thank you to all our families for your prompt response to my survey. We have now heard from nearly all our families and Nicola has begun phoning our outstanding families so we can finalise our confirmed list of students who need to return to school under Alert Level 3. We have divided our teaching team up so that we have a few teachers at school to cater to our returning students and the remainder of staff will continue to work from home providing at home learning and running online zoom sessions throughout the day for the majority of students who are still learning at home.

For those families that have indicated that their children need to return to school we will be in touch with you following our teacher only day with some of the procedures and guidelines we will need to follow to ensure bubble integrity. This will be quite restrictive compared to normal school with the school playground equipment remaining closed and restricted play areas and times. We will also communicate with you requirements around pick up and drop off zones for your children. Unfortunately we are not permitted to operate our before or after school care programme under Level 3 so children will need picked up by 3 pm each day.

I am pleased to announce that our quotes have arrived for the scooter/ bike track during the lock down and this will enable us to move another step closer to beginning construction later this year. If you have not seen the plans for the scooter/bike track it was posted on the Elmgrove facebook page a couple of weeks ago and has been added into our newsletter below.

I hope you are all coping well and looking forward to your last weekend at Alert Level 4. I am sure you all have things you are looking forward to as the restrictions begin to ease. Thank you for your support of your children and the school during this time and the work you have put into beating this virus by staying home over the last month.

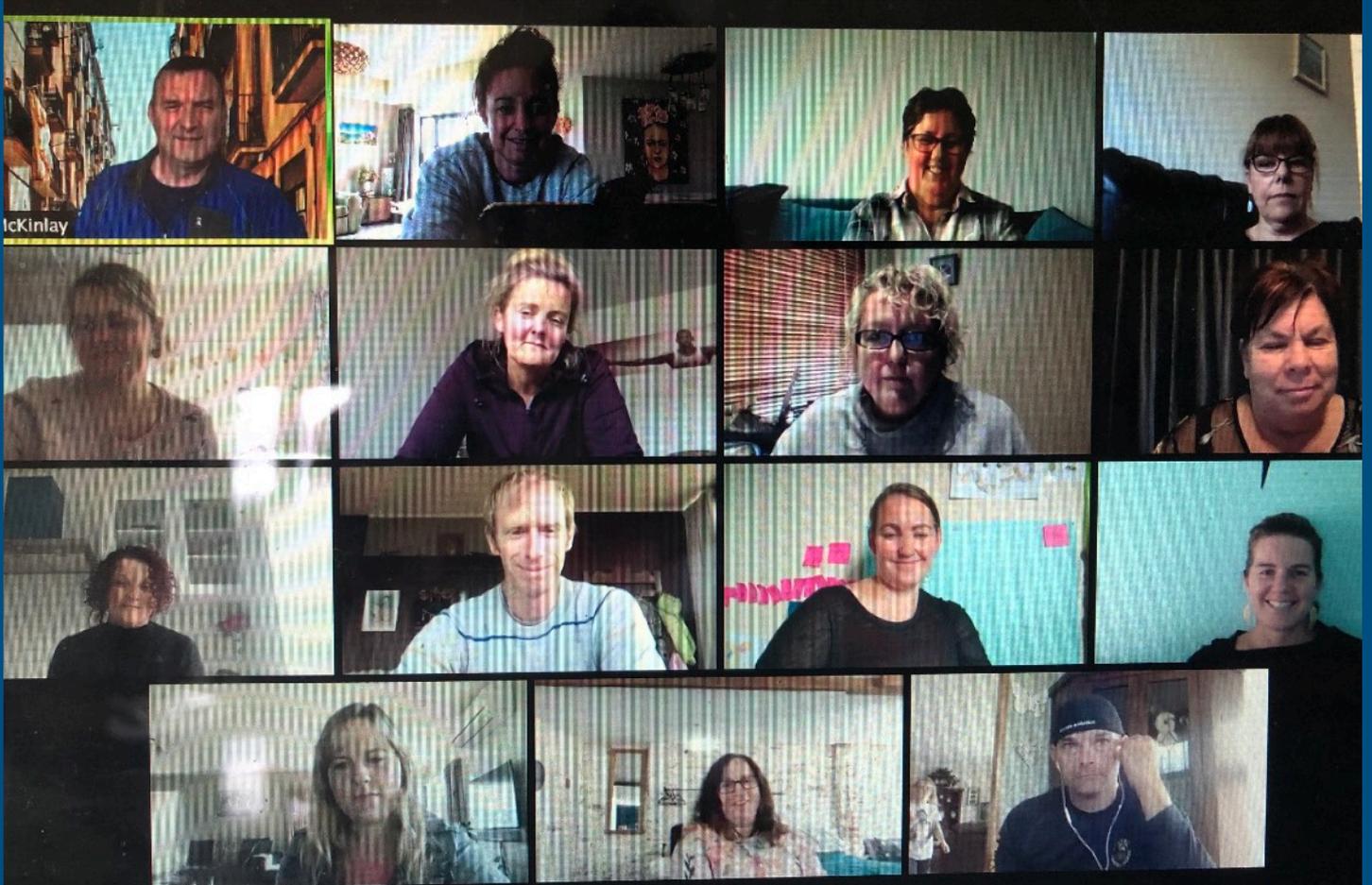
Remember the teachers and I are only an email away if you have queries about your children's learning, well being or school in general.

Kia Kaha

Chris McKinlay  
Principal



**OUR FABULOUS TEACHING TEAM STILL WORKING AS HARD  
AS EVER FROM THEIR BUBBLES AT HOME.**

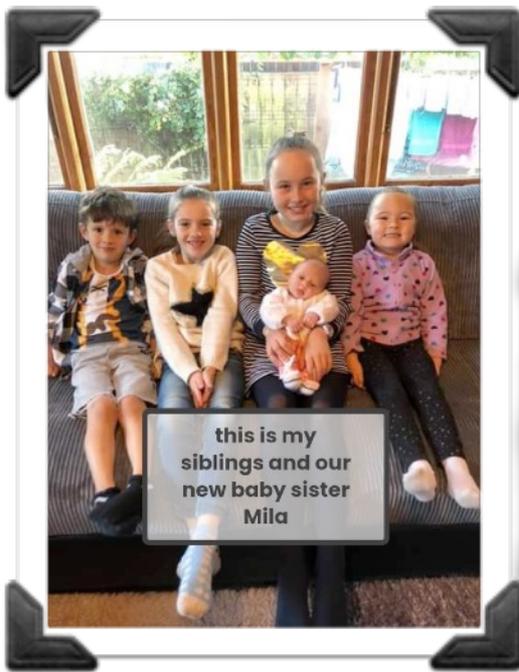


*We are all only an email away.*

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# Scooter / Bike Track Plans

We are pleased to share the final plan for our scooter/bike track. The designer has been busy working from home and plans are moving on ready for work to begin when lock-down ends.



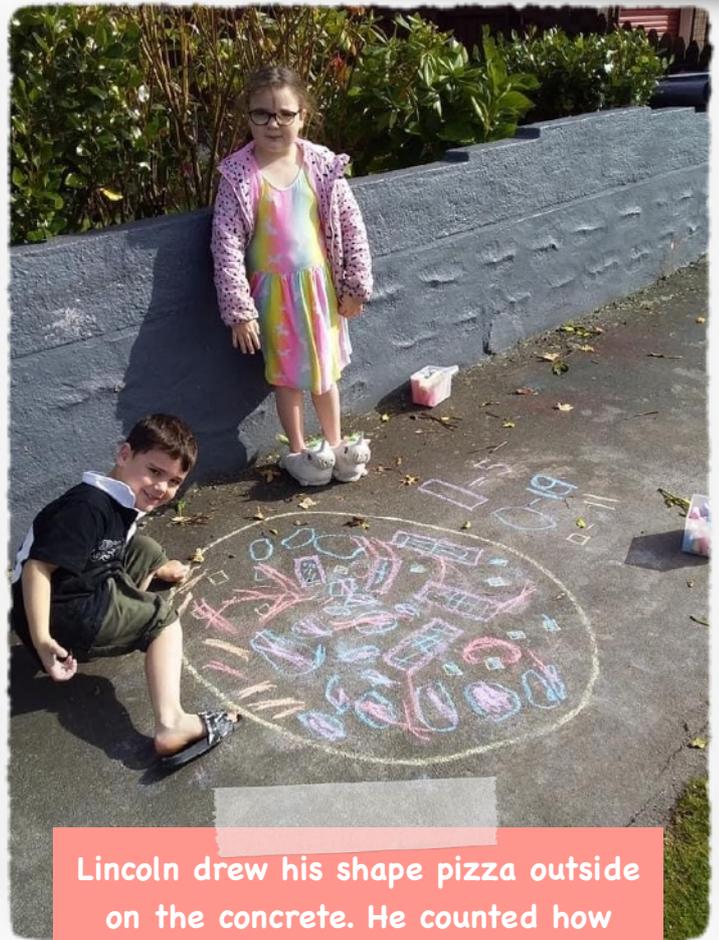
this is my siblings and our new baby sister Mila

**Melanie, Izaiah, Mikayla and Indi Welcomed a new baby sister during Isolation !!! Welcome to the world Baby Mila! Thank you for sharing your picture with us!!**

# Totara Learning from Home



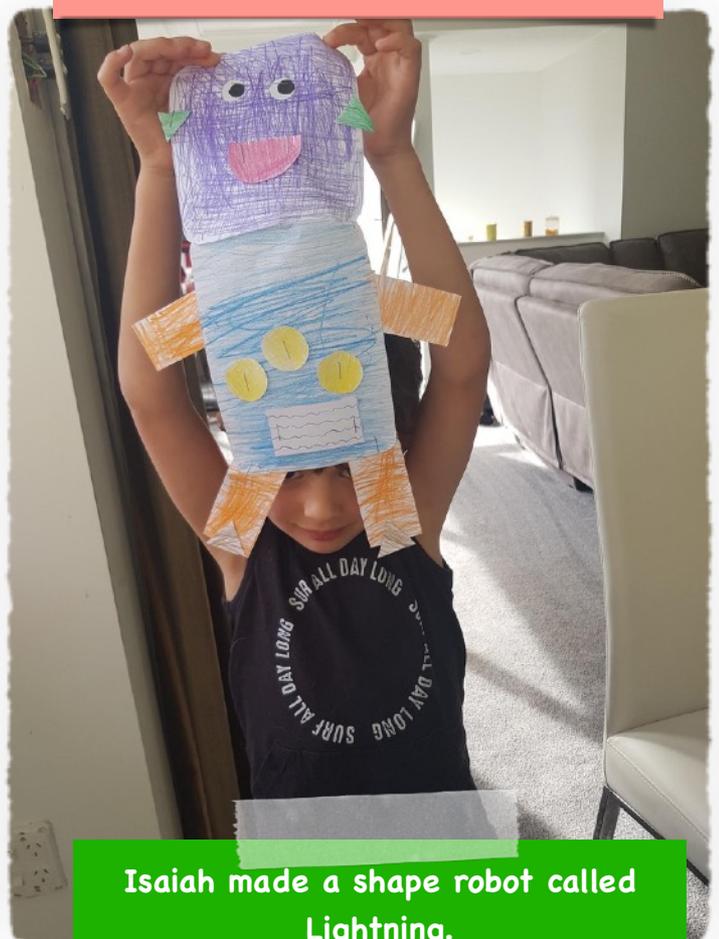
Mason with his lovely story writing about how he is feeling.



Lincoln drew his shape pizza outside on the concrete. He counted how many of each shape and drew his numbers.



Isaiah accepted the challenge of the day and made his own delicious sandwich.



Isaiah made a shape robot called Lightning.



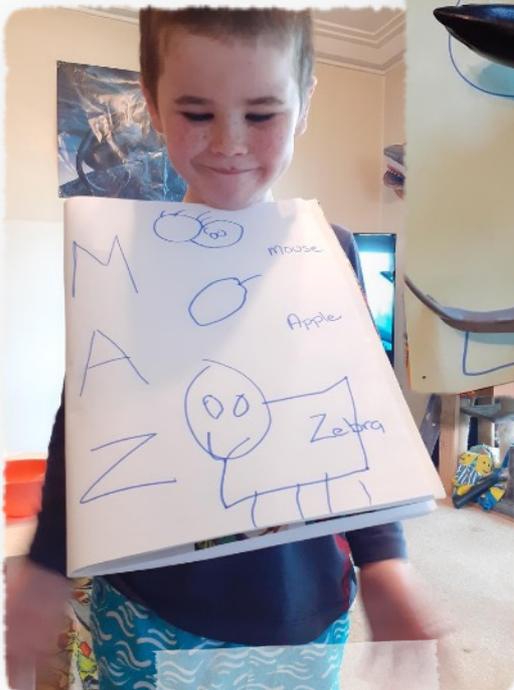
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Rocco collected lots of things out of his garden, and made a picture with them. There is even a little person. He also made his name with flowers, sticks and leaves.



Bella and her lovely letter and picture work.



Maz did a great job drawing things that start with his name letters, he then found sharks for his S Sounds.



Bring a pet to ZOOM day! We had dogs, cats and even snowy the chicken.



Grab a book and find the most creative place you can to read it, Send in pictures to Nicola ([nicolaw@elmgrove.school.nz](mailto:nicolaw@elmgrove.school.nz)) of where you have chosen to read your books and we will share them In next weeks newsletter.



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# READING CHALLENGE

