

ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT

NEWSLETTER



Tena koutou, kia orana, namaste, noa'ia, bula vinaka, talofa lava, malo e lelei, guten tag, halēā, ni hao, bonjour, an nyeong ha seyo, vanakkam, selamat siang, suosaday, olákon'nichiwa, fakaalofa lahi atu, hei, sa wat dii, hallo, xin chào, choum reap sur, sanibonani, salaam. What an incredible Cultural Fiesta we had! It was such a joyful time of connection and celebration with our Elim Whānau. This event showcased what a unique and truly special school we are. The event was only made possible through the combined efforts of our talented student's, our cultural leaders, staff and the wider Elim whānau.

A special thanks to Mrs Jo Robertson for her inspirational and servant-hearted leadership of the event. Her passion and commitment to our cultural groups is so appreciated. Thank you to Mrs Amanda Abrahams and Mrs Hannah Taylor for their organisation of the cultural food stalls and our Elim Whānau/Aiga who volunteered their time to decorate and supply and cook food.



TANIA CALVERT

Principal / Tumuaki

Thank you to everyone for the part you played and for your generosity and willingness. ***“Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.” Romans 12.4-5***

This past week our Year 5 and 6 classes have been on camp at Chosen Valley Christian Camp. Camps provide a wonderful opportunity for students to learn in a new and engaging environment. They develop independence, social skills and experience positive interactions with each other outside of the classroom. Students are also able to challenge themselves and take controlled risks. Camps are an irreplaceable part of school education for students that create life-long memories. Our thanks to Miss Kidd for her superb leadership, Miss Fale and to our parent volunteers for their help.

As we break for the school holidays, I pray that you all have a safe and enjoyable time away. Haere tū atu, hoki tū mai, go well and return in good health.

Tania Calvert

IMPORTANT DATES



WHOLE SCHOOL (YEAR 1-13)

Week 11

Cultural shared lunch in classes (date tbc)

Friday 12 April

Last day of school - Kakuhu Kaianga / Civvies day \$2

School Holidays

Friday 12 April - Monday 29 April

ANZAC Day 25th April - Lest we forget.

Term 2

Tuesday 7th May

Year 7-8 Olympic Ambassador Visit

CULTURAL FIESTA

Mrs Jo Robertson

On Wednesday 27th March we held our Cultural Fiesta! There was an amazing variety of cultural foods and delicious baking to eat. It was wonderful to see so many of our students performing items from cultures around the world. We are proud of the incredible efforts of our students who worked so hard this term to produce items of outstanding quality. The fiesta was a wonderful whanau experience to celebrate our cultural diversity at Elim Mount Albert. Our special thanks go out to all those who donated food, invested time into choreography, served or helped planning.



Year 1



Year 2



Year 7-8



Year 4-6



*You will find out the Cultural fiesta photos in the next newsletter.

YEAR 4-6 CHILDREN'S BIBLE MINISTRIES AND TEAM TIME

Miss Jessica Kidd



This term, the Year 4-6 students have been privileged to have some special visitors from Children's Bible Ministries come into our classes. Students learnt about the story of Ben Carson, the importance of doing everything with all of their might and the Easter story.

During Wednesday tutor period, we have been doing knee-to-knee prayer where students pray for each other and their families. We also do a prayer walk around the school.



MASSEY UNIVERSITY VISIT

Lucia Calvert, Year 13



This week, Jazmin from Massey University visited our school and presented at our senior assembly. She offered great insight into the many courses offered at the different Massey University locations. Students also had the chance to ask questions which was very helpful.

There are various open days later this year for Massey University which could be a great opportunity for those wanting to explore different study options.



- Manawatu
Wednesday 7th August 9-2pm
- Auckland
Friday 16th August 9-2pm
- Wellington
Friday 23rd August 9-3pm
- Aviation
Saturday 14th September

READING, WRITING AND MATHS IN YEARS 1 - 8

Miss Natalie Harbott, Miss Jessica Kidd and Mrs Yen Kim

Ministry Guidelines: From the beginning of Term 1 2024, schools and kura with students in years 0-8 will spend an average of one hour a day teaching each reading, writing, and maths, pānui, tuhituhi, and pāngarau. This could be in dedicated lessons and in other learning areas as students read, write, and engage with maths in a variety of purposes and contexts. Have a look at the wonderful learning the Junior Years have been engaging in so far this term.

Our **Year 1-3** ākonga love learning! Our lessons are engaging and involve a wide range of activities that allow students to be hands-on and excited about reading, writing and mathematics. In reading, we are learning to identify letters, sounds and spelling patterns through hands-on games, songs, big books and class poems. Visiting the library and buddy reading sessions are student highlights in our reading programme. During writing, we focus on recounts and have enjoyed retelling personal experiences, bible stories and weekend adventures. Our students are learning to discuss their ideas and say a sentence verbally before writing it down. With support from kaiako, or when working independently, they sound out words and use word cards or dictionaries to assist them in spelling high frequency words. Our classes take pride in their handwriting and are consolidating the correct pencil grip. This term, we have particularly enjoyed incorporating mathematics into our Cultural Fiesta preparations. Students have engaged in music and dance sessions and enjoyed counting the beat in multiple languages and learning to keep in time. In class, we use resources such as blocks, puzzles, beans and counters to give ākonga multiple means of recognising numbers, groups and patterns.

This term, the **Year 4 - 6** team have been engaging in a wide range of purposeful learning activities. Students have been reading junior journals and school journals and reading about different cultures. Their focus has been on predicting, questioning and utilising prior knowledge. Students wrote recounts in the first few weeks sharing their exciting activities and holiday adventures. Throughout the rest of the term they have been writing procedural/instructional texts about hands-on experiments such as making sorbet, making ice cream in a bag, creating a sandwich and much more. During mathematics, the team have been unpacking various addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems through mini workshops and problem solving opportunities. The tamariki also focused on statistics where they created a wide range of graphs. The older students got involved in a statistical investigation. Check out the photos!

In the **Year 7 and 8** classrooms, structured programs are in place for reading, writing and maths. Reading activities include small group sessions with the teacher, shared class novels, an independent reading rotation and silent sustained reading (SSR) sessions. This term, the Year 7-8 team have been learning to make connections while reading and use clues from a text to predict what will happen next. Writing is integrated into several subjects across the curriculum, such as Social Studies or Christian Living, with a focus on creative writing and language arts. We have been learning how to organise the researched information to write an information report of a selected topic. The Year 7-8 maths involves a new structured program with multi-level group teaching and small teacher-led sessions. It aims to effectively target the students' needs and increase the explicit teaching from the teacher. Our Reading, Writing and Maths programs are supported by weekly timetables, tumble plans, and structured activities. These tools help to streamline teaching methods and foster independent learning among students.

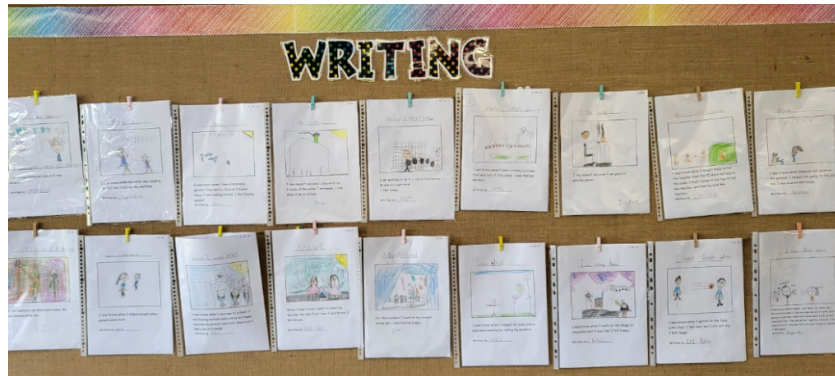


Year 6 students completing their 'ice cream in a bag' writing task.



Room 25 observing birds after being inspired by the story "A bird's tale". Here they are watching how birds walk, what they eat and how they fly - then drawing them and writing about them.

Room 2 having fun in mathematics - building numbers, shapes, and making patterns.



Room 3's published writing, proudly presented for all to see!



Room 3 learnt that with many dancing styles, you have to keep a count of 8. During their dragon dance, they kept count while moving their bodies, making shapes and keeping in time.



Reading highlights in Year 3: Buddy reading with Rm 6 and visiting the wharepukapuka.



ARISE Whānau covers the school, students, staff and our families with prayer, pastoral and fundraising needs. Please join our Facebook group for our ARISE Whānau! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/667527865426206>



ARISE WHĀNAU PRAYER

Please join us to pray for our school, our students and staff.

When: Friday morning 8:40 - 9:00 am

Where: Staffroom

Who: Everybody is welcome - just come along



ARISE WHĀNAU FUNDRAISING

We are excited to officially launch our ARISE Whānau Fundraising group. This group has been established to fundraise for identified projects in our school. Working alongside Staff, the Board and Proprietors, our goal is to support the school's growth, continual improvement and enhance the wonderful environment we have.

We require an army of volunteers to carry out simple tasks. There are many various helpers that we will need to make fundraising initiatives happen. Please indicate on the form your availability, expertise and connections.

Please complete the form to indicate ways in which you can support the school.

<https://forms.gle/aCnfVEsVUE2XmbQH7>

ARISE PARENTS WORKING BEE



Please sign up if you can help at the working bee. <https://forms.gle/7hVP9JLy5aGM4nx76>



LOST PROPERTY AND SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

We have a large amount of lost property this term. We will be displaying it at the front office on **Monday and Tuesday of Week 11**. Senior students are encouraged to look for their lost items during break times. Junior students will look at the items during the day with their class. Parents are invited to look for their children's lost items between 2:40 and 3:20 pm. All named items will be returned to students.

This is a timely reminder that all personal belongings that come to school should be named. This includes lunch containers, drink bottles, all clothing, books and stationery. Named items will be returned promptly when found.

We are currently collecting donations of second hand uniforms for our sale. The sale will now happen at the start of term 2 to give us time to sort donations. We welcome donations of good-quality second hand uniforms to be dropped at the school office.

Foster Hope Donations

Foster Hope is a local charity that provides essential items for children living in foster care. Their initiatives include putting together backpacks of personal items for children going into care and ‘flat packs’ of essential items for those leaving care to go flatting at 17 or 18 years old.

HOW TO HELP:

Some of the Year 12 and 13 students are organising a school wide donation drive for Foster Hope.
If you would like to contribute, any donation will be very much appreciated.
Below is a list of items each class could contribute to ensure we collect a wide range of goods.

Please note that all items must be new unless otherwise stated.
All year levels are welcome to donate new pyjamas or clothes.
‘Flat pack items’ include cheap kettles and toasters, dinnerware, cutlery and Edmunds cookbooks

Rahiri House – New Entrants	Rm 1 – Year 4	Rm 2 – Year 1	Rm 3 – Year 2
Smaller: Nappies Bigger: Bibs	Smaller: Combs/hair brushes Bigger: Underwear (boys most urgent)	Smaller: Baby wipes/face cloths Bigger: Bibs	Smaller: Infant toothbrushes and toothpaste Bigger: Small or soft toys (ages 2-11)
Rm 4 – Year 3	Rm 5 – Year 5	Rm 6 – Year 6	Rm 7 – Year 7/8
Smaller: Baby soap and shampoo Bigger: underwear (boys most needed)	Smaller: soap and shampoo (250mls or less) Bigger: underwear (boys most needed)	Smaller: Kids toothpaste and toothbrushes Bigger: Small or soft toys (ages 2-11)	Smaller: Nappies and Baby wipes Bigger: Facecloths
Rm 8 – Year 7/8	Rm 9 – Year 7/8	M9T – Year 9	M9M – Year 9
Smaller: Adult toothbrushes and toothpaste Bigger: Bibs	Smaller: Adult toothbrushes and toothpaste Bigger: Bibs	Smaller: Roll on (only!) deodorant Bigger: Bath towels or facecloths	Smaller: Adult toothpaste and toothbrushes Bigger: Bath towels or facecloths
M10B – Year 10	M10Z – Year 10	M11R – Year 11	M12R – Year 12
Smaller: Soap and shampoo (250mls or less) Bigger: Books (especially for teenagers)	Smaller: Combs Bigger: Books (especially for teenagers)	Smaller: Roll on (only!) deodorant Bigger: Flat pack items	Smaller: Feminine Products Bigger: Flat pack items
M12Z – Year 12	M13N – Year 13		
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VACANCY- LAB TECHNICIAN

Lab Technician

Permanent Part-Time - Tagged position (8 hours per week, days by negotiation)

Elim Christian College Mt Albert seeks a lab technician to join our Science Faculty. This position requires the applicant to be familiar with and uphold the school's Special Character, to assist in the delivery of the New Zealand Curriculum, and ensure laboratories are operated in accordance with the MOE Safety and Science/Pūtaiao Guidance for NZ Schools 2021.

Please state your lab experience and qualifications relevant to this position.
Interested candidates with a Bachelor of Science are encouraged to apply.

Position commences Term 2, 2024.

Applications are through our website: <https://elimmtalbert.school.nz/about/employment/>

For any confidential enquiries please email: principal@elimmtalbert.school.nz

Job description: [Science Job Description](#)

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



Carpe Diem Kids Elim will be having a fun Holiday Programme at St.Marys School, 2136 Great North Road, Avondale from 15th to 26th April 2024. Part-time enrolments, Sibling discounts and WINZ subsidies are available. Brochures are available online.

Enrol online on www.carpediemkids.co.nz

Ph: 0800 CD KIDS/ 0800 23 5437 Mob: 021 1550242

Email: info@carpediemkids.co.nz



We are back...
ENCOUNTER CAMP 2024!
(This is not a school event)

You are invited to sign up for Encounter Camp 2024. Join us for an amazing weekend along with youth from Elim churches across the North Island.

Giveaways, Camp Activities, Guest Speakers, Tribe Wars and more!

For more info contact Kaylin at kaylin.tamihana@elimchristiancentre.org.nz or get in touch with your youth pastor."

Location: Ngaruawahia Christian Youth Camp

Date: 19th – 22nd April

<https://elimchristiancentre.org.nz/encountercamp/>

