

# ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT NEWSLETTER



Kia orāna kōtou kātoatoa - Greetings to you all

This week we want to celebrate Cook Island Language Week with our students, family and staff from the Cook Islands.

What a fabulous Year 13 class of 2025! The ball was an evening of fun and celebration enjoyed by students and staff alike. Our Year 13 dance was once again outstanding! Thanks to all the students for their time practising and polishing their piece to such a high standard. The Ellerslie Event Centre hosted the event superbly with delicious food, great entertainment and a safe atmosphere. Our thanks go to the staff who planned and executed the event, Mrs Carol Pottow (Botany) Mrs Amanda Ray and Mrs Rachel McFedries. Their efforts and hard work are appreciated.

Our Acts for ACTS has now finished. I want to take a moment to celebrate this incredible achievement. This year, our school and the wider community came together for our annual Mission fundraising campaign to support children in Rural Cambodia to get an education.

I am so proud to announce that, thanks to your hard work and generosity, we have raised a grand total of \$33,277.61! This amazing amount will make a huge difference in the lives of many children and their families. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed.

A project like this doesn't happen without the dedication of some incredible people.

- First, a big thank you to Jason Ridler and Maddie Chester who led this at school.
- To our team of Student Mission Leads, in particular Liam Butler and Necia Abrahams.
- To Mrs Preeti Bulsari at Abide Ministries and a parent of the school, who donated all of the money raised during the activities she ran during Hosanna Week.
- Finally, to all the students and families who participated and supported this so well. Your enthusiasm and commitment to this cause are truly inspiring.

We will be celebrating this week with a **free civvies / super hero themed dress up day** on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August. Students will all be given an icecream/ice block to congratulate them on reaching \$22,000. Please let your child's teacher know if they cannot have an icecream or ice block.

We are so grateful for this outpouring of generosity.

Meitaki ma'ata - Thank you very much!



**Tania Calvert**  
Principal Tumuaki

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

**Psalm 118:24**

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

**Psalm 126:3**

# IMPORTANT DATES

## WHOLE SCHOOL

### WEEK 4

Friday 8 August

Free themed Super-Hero civvies and ice block/cream day celebrating ACTS

### WEEK 5

Monday 11 August

Staff Only Day

### WEEK 6

BOOK WEEK

18 - 22 August

### WEEK 8

Friday 5 September

Father's Day Event 8 - 9am

Cross Country 12 noon - 3 pm TBC

## SENIOR (YEAR 9 - 13)

### WEEK 4

Thursday 7 August

NCEA Subject Information Evening

### WEEK 7

25 - 29 August

Dental Planet at School Year 9 - 13

### WEEK 8

1-5 September

Senior Practice Exams Y11-13

### WEEK 9

8-12 September

Co-Requisite Second Round Y10/11

## JUNIOR (YEAR 1 - 8)

### WEEK 6

Thursday 26 August

Y7-8 Mathex Competition

Friday 22 August

Year 1-8 Character Parade and Prizegiving

### WEEK 7

Friday 29 August

Year 1 - 4 Disco 4 - 5:50pm

Year 5 - 8 Disco 6 - 7:30pm

### WEEK 8

Thursday 4 September

Year 1-3 Poetry Recital 9:30 - 10:30am

Year 4-6 Speech Final 11:30 - 12:30pm

Year 7-8 Speech Final 2 -3pm

### WEEK 9

Tuesday 9 September

Immunisations Year 7 and 8

Wednesday 17 September

Year 1-8 Science Fair 2 -3pm

### WEEK 10

Sports camp Year 7 and 8

## UPDATED 2026 TERM DATES

Please note the updated term dates for 2026.

The term is extended one day earlier and one day later.

Friday 30 Jan - Thursday 2 April

Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July

Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

Monday 12 October - Friday 11 December

## 100% ATTENDANCE TERM 1-2

Miss Jessica Kidd

What an incredible achievement! The following Year 1-8 students had 100% attendance for all of Term 1 and 2. This means they did not miss one day of school! These ākongā were awarded with a special certificate to celebrate the occasion. Keep up the amazing work!



# SENIOR BALL

*Mrs Amanda Ray, Year 13 Dean*

Last Saturday evening Year 11 - 13 students from Elim Christian College Mount Albert and Elim Christian College Botany came together for a truly special occasion, our Senior Ball. It was held at the Ellerslie Event Centre. The evening was filled with joy, laughter, and lots of dancing! Our students looked wonderful in their beautiful ball dresses and smart suits. The atmosphere was vibrant, the food was particularly delicious, and the night ran smoothly from start to finish. It was a real joy to see our students enjoying themselves so much, whilst still demonstrating our school values. I was very proud of them and I'm looking forward to the 2026 one already!



Fifteen of our students have been involved in the Pat Hanly Creative Art Award project, and we're proud to announce that Bethany Chua (Year 12) has been nominated for the award. Her stunning photographs will be exhibited at the Auckland Art Gallery from 15 August to 31 August.

To celebrate, there will be a Young Gallery Night and exhibition opening on Friday, 15 August, from 6-9pm. This exciting event is open to all participating students, teachers, family, and friends. All 15 students who contributed to the Pat Hanly Creative Project will have their work featured on the big screen during the celebration. The night will be filled with art, music, food, dancing, and interactive experiences, showcasing the creativity and passion of young artists from across Auckland.

Well done to all involved. We're incredibly proud of you!



Bethany Chua, Year 12

### Artist Statement

In Her Name, 2025

With pansy flowers symbolising remembrance and reflection of her heritage. The phrase “我是家族的延续，也是我自己的声音” (“I am the continuation of my family and my own voice”), highlights the balance between tradition and individuality. Gold paint spilt near her mouth represents the richness of language and culture flowing from within.

This work explores the connection between cultural heritage and personal identity. It honours the legacy of the women in her family symbolising how her identity is shaped by the strength, culture, and memory they passed down.

## SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL GATE

Miss Jessica Kidd

We understand that the traffic congestion outside schools in the morning and afternoon peak times is very frustrating. With the Zebra Crossing in place, the roads have generally been less congested, but more work can be done. Thank you to all of our families who are actively using the crossing and keeping our students safe. We encourage all families who park on the opposite side of the road to use the crossing.

To make school zones safer, please don't:

- park across driveways, in driveways, or on people's lawn
- turn your vehicle around in the middle of the road
- stop in the middle of the road to collect your child
- park on yellow lines or stop on yellow lines
- let kids run across the road

Parking rules help to protect children and keep them safe. Drivers who park illegally put children at risk. Parking at least 400m away from school and walking to the gates reduces the risks of crashes and injuries. Thank you for your continued support outside our school gate.



## ELECTRIC GUITAR, ACOUSTIC GUITAR AND BASS GUITAR LESSONS!

Miss Sarah Dunn

Are you interested in learning any of these instruments?

- We have several spots still available for lessons this year.
- The style of these lessons is ideal for Yr 5 upwards.
- Pricing is calculated upon enrollment and based on the starting and finishing date.
- If interested, please email: [itinerantmusic@elimtalbert.school.nz](mailto:itinerantmusic@elimtalbert.school.nz)



## UNIFORM DONATIONS AND SALES

Uniform sale to be held on  
Thursday 18 September 2.30 - 3.30pm in Rahiri House RH1.

Do you have Uniforms that no longer fit?  
Uniform donations are gratefully accepted  
at the office.

# ARISE WHĀNAU UPDATES

## ARISE WHĀNAU CONNECT

Please join only the group/s you currently have a child/ren in.  
Parents please exit other WhatsApp groups in order to streamline comms and avoid confusion!



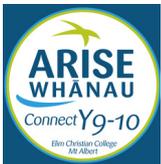
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**Yrs 11-13:**  
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### ARISE WHĀNAU PRAYER

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

**When:** Friday 8:40 - 9:00 am  
**Where:** Library  
**Who:** Everybody is welcome!

### Get connected through Kindo



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# SAUSAGE SIZZLE



**FRIDAY  
8 AUGUST  
LUNCHTIME**

## \$1

**PURCHASE THROUGH KINDO  
BEFORE 9AM THAT DAY**

# BOOK WEEK

Garden of Eden  
18-22 August 2025

Y1-6  
DANCE SESSIONS  
with Kirsty Sim

Y1-8  
BOOK CHARACTER  
PARADE & PRIZEGIVING  
Friday 22 August  
9:50 - 10:30am

Y9-13  
AUTHOR VISIT  
Becs Green

PRIZES FOR:

- Best costume
- Reading log
- Garden of Eden drawing

SCHOLASTIC  
BOOK FAIR  
Thursday 21 August  
2:20 - 3:30pm  
Friday 22 August  
10:45am - 3:15pm

and more...

Elim Christian College  
Mt Albert