ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT
NEWSLETTER



Tēnā koutou katoa

As we celebrate Te Wiki o te Reo Māori and reflect on the unique place te reo Māori holds in Aotearoa, we are reminded of the rich opportunity we have to embrace our nation's indigenous heritage. In Week 7, our community was privileged to host Aaron Hardy, leader of Te Rautini church in Hamilton. Aaron brought valuable insight into what it means to build authentic, cross-cultural relationships grounded in faith.

Scripture calls us to love our neighbours intentionally, honour partnership, and celebrate God's design for unity within diverse cultures. Aaron's visit reminded us that pursuing biculturalism as Christians goes far beyond cultural protocol, it is an act of love, humility, and active whanaungatanga (relationship). Te Wiki o te Reo Māori serves as an encouraging reminder to keep walking out this commitment to our Te Tiriti partnership together in our daily lives, learning, and worship.

We are grateful for the vaast opportunities our students have at school. There are trips across multiple year levels being organised giving students rich learning outside the classroom. Also, the wide range of extra curricular opportunities that provide new learning, growth and challenge in areas of interest. Thank you ot the teachers who put energy and time into providing these opportunities and to the many parent helpers who come along to ensure they are able to be adequately supervised and safe.

Another group of parents I would like to extend thanks to are our special assessment conditions volunteers. These wonderful people come into school to provide support for students in examinations so that they are able to achieve their potential. We are so grateful for their willingness to volunteer during these important times.

Our Senior Practice Examinations have now finished and students have returned to school to finish the term. This is a time for students to act on teacher feedback, address any learning gaps, and set clear goals for their final preparation toward NCEA external examinations.

Our new student rep on the Board has been elected. Congratulations to Tobias Kailing, a Year 12 student who has been at Elim Christian College Mt Albert since Year 7. We appreciate his willingness to serve the school.

Enjoy the final two weeks of term and have a safe and relaxed term break. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 12th October for an exciting and full Term 4.

Ka kite ano
Tania Calvert



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Principal Tumuaki

"My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him."

Psalm 62:1–2

TERM 3 AND 4 IMPORTANT DATES

WHOLE SCHOOL

Term 3

Week 10
Wednesday 23 September
Civvies Day

Friday 25 September
End of Term 3

Term 4

Week 4
Friday 6 November
Civvies day

Week 5
Friday 13 November
Year 0-11 Carnival Athletics Day

Week 7
Wednesday 25 November
Year 3-8 and Year 9-13
Prizegivings

Week 9
Wednesday 9 December
Civvies Day

Thursday 10 December
Last day of Term 4

JUNIOR (YEAR 1 - 8)

Term 3

Week 9
All Week: Year 7-8 Sports Camp

Wednesday 16 September
Phase 2 (Year 4-6) Auckland Museum Trip

Friday 18th September
Phase 1 (Year 2-3) Maritime Museum Trip

Term 4

Week 2
Thursday 22 October
Year 5 and 6 Eden-Albert Choir

Week 6
Monday 16, Wednesday 18, Thursday 19
and Friday 20 November
Year 0-8 Life Education

Tuesday 17 November
Year 7-8 Immunisation

Week 8
Thursday 3 December
Nativity Year 0-2

Friday 4 December
Year 6 Graduation (3:30-5pm)
Year 8 Graduation (6-8pm)

Week 9
Tuesday 8 December
Year 7-8 outing day

Wednesday 9 December
Year 0-6 end of year picnic
at Owairaka Park

SENIOR (YEAR 9 - 13)

Term 4

Week 3
Year 13 Leavers' Week
Friday 30 October
Elim Leaver's Assembly

Week 4
Y12-13 Study Leave

Week 5
Year 9-11 Exams

Tuesday 10 November onwards
NCEA Exams

Week 9
Year 9-11 Activities Week



END OF TERM

Lost property will be placed in front of the office for collection from 21 - 24 September

Please note that any unclaimed, unnamed items will be donated after this period

If you have lost any jewellery or valuables, kindly inquire at the office.

PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS! CLEARLY NAMED ITEMS ARE EASIER TO FIND.

TERM DATES 2027

	Term Dates	Weeks
Term 1	Tuesday 2 February - Friday 9 April	10 weeks
Term 2	Tuesday 27 April - Friday 2 July	10 weeks
Term 3	Monday 19 July - Friday 24 September	10 weeks
Term 4	Monday 11 October - Wednesday 15 December	10 weeks

YEAR 7-8 MATHEX

Aviva Liu, Year 7

On Thursday, the 20th of August, we had our 2026 Year 7 and 8 Mathex competition. Mathex is an annual mathematics competition held at the Barfoot and Thompson Stadium. It is where student teams race to complete twenty questions within a 30-minute time limit. Both teachers and students attended the competition, as markers and competitors. This year, more than 150 school teams from Auckland participated in the event, so it was a tough competition. It felt incredible to be representing Elim and also seeing just how massive and lively the event was. I especially loved how fun the competition was and enjoyed working out all the questions with my team. One key takeaway is that successful teamwork is just as important as knowing how to solve the problem and having the speed to beat the clock. Thank you to all of the people who supported, worked and helped to make this event possible, and we look forward to the competition coming alive again next year!

Congratulations to our teams!

Year 7α - 100 Points 20/20
Aviva Liu
Esther Harrowfield
Joshua Harris
Avie Jamieson

Year 8α - 100 Points 20/20
Ollie Mowat
James Abrahams
Samuel Bayldon
Abigail Sutich

Year 7Ω - 75 Points 15/20
Jonathan Hydes
Grace Sporli Alcantra
Lidiia Eremenko
Sungjin Kim

Year 8Ω - 75 Points 15/20
Lumana Karki
Tom Taylor
Rachelle Eccles
Jessica Chiang







MATHEX

Jillian Mae Gonzales and Suhana Senthilkumar, Year 10

On August 19th, some of our students had the privilege of going to compete for our school in the inter-school Mathex competition. In the competition, we had to solve 20 math questions in under 30 minutes. There were some incredibly fast teams, and even though we did not win, we had lots of fun, and we are very grateful that we got the opportunity to go and represent Elim Christian College Mt Albert. It was a really cool experience, being able to reflect our school values through teamwork, perseverance, and joy. Thank you to Mrs Edwards, who organised all of our practices, and was the reason we were able to go to Mathex.

BOOK WEEK

Miss Jessica Kidd

What an incredible Book Week we had! Our Year 0-8 students celebrated their love of reading with lots of activities centered around our theme, Moses: Prince of Egypt. The library and ballroom were beautifully decorated to bring the story to life.

Some highlights included book-inspired dance sessions run by Mrs Sim, mystery readers and special story times. The week concluded with students dressing up as a character from a book and then parading around the field in front of their parents and peers. The costumes were absolutely remarkable! There were also plenty of prize packs up for grabs for colouring in competitions, reading log milestones, literary quiz and best dressed awards. A huge congratulations to all of our students for participating in a wonderful event!

Families also had the opportunity to purchase Scholastic books from the book fair. A huge thank you to Mrs Emma Abrahams for her passion, enthusiasm and effort in organising another great Book Week.



Book Week Parade Photo Album. Please note that the photo album will be restricted and closed in two weeks' time.

OUR MARITIME MUSEUM ADVENTURE

Mrs Rita Ah Kau

Last Friday, our Year 0 -1 students embarked on an exciting adventure to the Hui te Ananui a Tangaroa - Maritime Museum! The children explored fascinating exhibits that brought Aotearoa's maritime history to life, including the incredible journeys of Māori and Polynesian voyagers who navigated across the Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa ki Aotearoa (Pacific Ocean to Aotearoa).

The students enjoyed hands-on activities, learning about traditional navigation, making small waka, and taking part in a fun scavenger hunt. They also had the opportunity to experience sailing on the moana, making the day even more memorable!

It was a wonderful day filled with discovery, curiosity and fun, helping our tamariki develop a deeper appreciation for the moana, our history and the journeys of those who came before us.
A huge thank you to all our wonderful parents and teachers for your support in making this special experience possible!

"Ka mua, ka muri." *We walk backwards into the future.*



Maritime Museum Trip Photo Album.
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DUKE OF EDINBURGH
SILVER'S QUALIFYING ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY



On the 9th -11th of September we, the Duke of Edinburgh Silver team, went on our qualifying tramp to Waiheke Island. We took the ferry to Waiheke Island and spent two days walking around the island and staying at our campsite, setting up tents and cooking meals. We walked all around Whakanewha Regional Park and Park Point Peninsula, which is on the western head of the island.
-Zoe Goodchild

The goal for this tramp was to answer "How does the landscape change as we walk?" This was a very interesting, especially on Waiheke Island, because of how quickly it changed from coastal to the town to dense bush to wetlands. We all had individual goals that contributed to the big main goal, such as observing wildlife, vegetation, human development and the coastline/water.
-Jacinta Lewis

There were many highlights from the tramp, but some particularly memorable moments were, we had the pleasure of watching the sunset one night, and the morning that followed, Mr Blok led a morning devotion where we had the opportunity to memorise Psalm 23 together.
-Yayi Yu



The tramp was so much fun, and we all learnt so much along the way from how to work better as a team and navigate, to preparing food and, most importantly, remembering to close the waterproof layer of our tent!
-Narinda Dorst



During this tramp, we worked as a team by sharing many experiences and supporting each other throughout the journey. We communicated regularly before the tramp to prepare and plan together. During the tramp, we continued to work as a team to make sure we stayed on track and did not get lost, and we prepared and shared meals together. We showed resilience by supporting one another and never giving up on each other, even when things became challenging.
-Daniel Young and Harley Pedersen

We would like to give a huge, huge thanks to Mrs Ha for sacrificing so much of her time to organise this tramp and ensuring that everything ran smoothly, without you we wouldn't be doing the tramp! We would also like to deeply thank Mrs Rambai and Mr Block for supervising us on the tramp, you made it so fun, and your time, effort and care is deeply appreciated! The tramp truly would not be the same without all of your support.
-Elise Bayldon



KBB MUSIC FESTIVAL

Lily Abrahams, Year 12

On August the 10th our chamber group combined with Botany to compete in the KBB Music Festival. We played the pieces “Libertango”, by Astor Piazzolla, “A Bonnet Trimmed With Blue”, by John Rutter, and “That Gershwin Rhythm”, arranged by Douglas E. Wagner.

We performed at Saint Mary’s in Holy Trinity Church, which was beautiful, and really lovely to perform in. We also enjoyed listening to the other schools’ performances on the night, since some were really unique and creative. Mrs Crellin led us and she did an amazing job by organizing extras practices when we needed them, shaping us into a cohesive group and providing us with plenty of chocolate for morale. Chamber group is always so fun, and we would love to have more people join.





SENIOR GEOGRAPHY TRIP

Sophia Wakelin, Year 13

In our Year 12 and 13 Geography class this term, we have been conducting a research assignment around the features of playgrounds and how they determine public use. In Week 6, we went on two short trips where we travelled to a few playgrounds in Auckland and rated the parks based on various categories, took photos, and interviewed parents.

JUNIOR POETRY RECITAL WEEK

Mrs Rita Ah Kau

What an amazing Junior Poetry Recital Week! Our Year 0 - 3 ākonga came in full clutch, presenting their class poems with confidence, enthusiasm and great pride.

Our finalists showed incredible mana, bravery and courage as they stood on stage and performed in front of our school community. We are so proud of every one of them!

A huge thank you to all our wonderful parents for supporting our ākonga - from helping them choose a poem to practising and encouraging them along the way. Your support made a huge difference!

Congratulations to everyone for the hard mahi and for making this such a successful and memorable event! Kia ora!





PHASE 2 SPEECH COMPETITIONS 2026

Mrs Jordana Ryu

Voices were raised, ideas were shared, and confidence grew as our students took to the stage for the 2026 Phase 2 Speech Finals on September 10. Joshua Victor Kirubanidhi took First Place with his speech entitled “Why We Should Pray Everyday.” Meanwhile Mathias Fale’s speech about “Why Schools Should Have a Later Start” earned Second Place with Enlin Yu’s speech about why “Reading Books is Better than Movies” took Third Place. Honourable mentions went to our year 5 students Janelle Fernandes and Hugo Martin, and our youngest finalist, year 4 Abigail Aho for their inspirational speeches. The Phase 2 kaiako are incredibly proud of the persuasive writing journey that all our students have undertaken and the growth they have demonstrated as confident, purposeful writers and communicators. Ka mau te wehi te Wāhanga 2! Fantastic work Phase 2!



YEAR 1 JUNIOR NETBALL

Molly Haycock, Year 9, Coach



The year one netball team have learnt and improved so much this season. They went from not knowing how to throw and catch the ball, To throwing the ball all the way down the court to each other and scoring goals. It has been wonderful watching them play and grow in al their games and trainings and I know that they are going to do great next year as well.

Special thanks to Cat Clague for coaching and supporting the team.

YEAR 4 JUNIOR NETBALL

Over the netball season this year, the Year 4 netball team improved a lot. We got better as a team, remembering to call each other's names and working out ways for hard games. Sometimes we had to use bounce passes when other teams were tall, or high passes to get past their defence. As individuals we got better at shooting, and defence, remembering to stay in our positions and stick with our partners. We remembered that all that matters is to have fun!

- Adeline Haycock, Year 4



The Year 4 Netball White team had fabulous training every Tuesday and fun games every Thursday. Throughout the season, the team learnt lots of new things, such as how to communicate, help and support one another. When a player had a challenging time, the others encouraged and supported them. Through this, we learnt how important friendship and teamwork are. We also learnt that it is not just about winning, it is about having fun, working together and enjoying the experience. A big thank you to Emily and Yayi for supporting us, teaching us new skills and coming to all of our games. We really appreciate everything you did for our team!

- Saeron Ha, Year 4

We had a great season of Netball this year. It is a fun team sport that keeps you fit, teaches you sportsmanship, and helps you overcome challenges. Some challenges that we faced in netball this year were: staying committed to play our game even when it was raining and really cold, staying positive even when we were losing and showing good sportsmanship and being like Jesus, even when our opponents were not being kind. We were able to overcome these challenges as a team because we had our supporters and coaches encouraging us, and our Elim uniform reminded us that we had to set a good example to our opponents!

- Abigail Aho, Year 4



UNISS 2026 SENIOR NETBALL

Madison Carroll, Year 11

UNISS 2026 was such an epic experience for our senior netball team. A week long tournament filled with the best teams in the upper north island, our girls really held our own coming away with 3 wins. We grew stronger as a team and loved every minute of the tournament. After a long week of netball we've come back proud to represent our school and grateful to have experienced UNISS!

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

A huge thank you to all of the fathers, grandfathers and significant male role models who came along to the Father's Day breakfast. It was wonderful to celebrate the incredible role you play in your children's lives. Our guests enjoyed eating bacon and egg rolls, taking photos at the photo booth, playing games outside, and visiting their children's Year 0-6 classroom. Please click on the link below to view the photos from the event.

Father's Day photo album. Please note that the photo album will be restricted and closed in two weeks' time.











INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FROM JAPAN

The Ueno experience was a great opportunity to learn more about Japanese culture and connect with others. It was really enjoyable being able to take part in different activities and also being able to share parts of the kiwi culture. I especially enjoyed meeting new people and making friends that I will remember for a long time. Overall, it was a fun and rewarding experience that was worth every second of preparation.

-Zein Fung, Year 13

We had 30 Japanese students from UENO highschool come and have a school day with us, here at Elim Mt Albert. It was a pleasure being a part of the team organising and helping make this happen.

Throughout the day, we had the opportunity to do many things together such as having class, eating lunch, playing sports and climbing Ōwairaka. All of these were fun, but what I enjoyed most was just being around them and making friends.

I want to say thankyou to the teachers and the team for making this happen, and to all of our students for being so friendly towards them. The Japanese students loved their time here and left with many great memories. Thank you to everyone who helped make this day so special!

-Seiya Uematsu, Year 12











SEPTEMBER PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for:

The health of our students, staff and families. This winter has been difficult time for many so this is appreciated.

Senior students examination preparation and course completion. Also, for decisions about heir next steps in their educational journey or move into the workforce.

HOMESTAY

Mr John Ryu, International student coordinator

We are currently seeking welcoming and supportive families who may be interested in hosting international students as part of our homestay programme. Hosting an international student is a rewarding experience for the whole family. It provides a wonderful opportunity to learn about another culture, build global connections, and support a young person during their educational journey in New Zealand. Our homestay families play a vital role in helping students feel safe, included, and part of the community.

Our peak demand periods for homestay families for short-term studies are:
late January, end of March/April, & July, August.

We might need host families for long-term studies in the near future. If you are available during any of these times and would like to express your interest in becoming a homestay family, please contact Mr Ryu, the international student coordinator directly by sending him an email at john.ryu@elimmtalbert.school.nz .

ROAD SAFETY ADVICE FOR FAMILIES

Please find the information about Road Safety information for families in multiple languages. Link here.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Kowhai Kids Club Elim will be having a fun Holiday Programme at St.Mary's School, 2136 Great North Road, Avondale from 28th September to 9th October. Part-time enrolments, Sibling discounts and WINZ subsidies are available. Brochures are available online.

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