

ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT NEWSLETTER



新年快乐 , 새해 복 많이 받으세요, Chúc Mừng Năm Mới, Happy New Year!

As we settle into the term, we want to acknowledge the Lunar New Year, which was celebrated last week. We extend our warmest greetings to all our families who celebrated this special time. It is a wonderful season for honouring your heritage and gathering with loved ones, and we are grateful for the rich culture you share with our school community. We hope your celebrations were filled with peace and joy as you look ahead to the year's new beginnings.

We had a great Cultural Practice day on Friday at St John's Presbyterian Church. A big thank you to Minister Colin Marshall, a past Board Member and current family member of our school, for the use of the church. Year 9-13 students who are involved in cultural items spent the day getting to know each other, playing games, and practising for the Cultural Fiesta in Week 7.

We are looking forward to this event with much anticipation and hope you will all join us to celebrate our rich cultural diversity with food, fun, and a spectacular concert. We also appreciate your support and involvement with items, costumes and food preparation. Please read the updates emailed to you for ways you can help. This is a highlight of the Elim school calendar, save the date!

Thank you to those families who attended the Whānau hui/fono at the end of the practice day and shared a meal. It was great to hear from new families and those who have been with us much longer about their experiences of school and also receive some positive feedback. We very much value your input and thoughts on creating a school where everyone flourishes.

Our newsletter features a photo of newest five year olds! Seeing their bright faces reminds us of the unique blessing of being a Year 1-13 school. There is a very special atmosphere created when our youngest learners have the opportunity to look up to our senior students as role models. It fosters a sense of belonging and community that spans all ages, and we love watching these connections grow.

Have a blessed week,
Tania Calvert, Tumuaki / Principal



Tania Calvert
Principal Tumuaki

"You crown the year with your
bounty, and your carts overflow
with abundance."

Psalm 65:11

IMPORTANT DATES

WHOLE SCHOOL

Week 4

Tuesday 24 February
Expression of Interest Morning

Week 5

Monday 2 March
Class and ID photos

Week 6

Monday 9 March
Teacher Only Day

Week 7

Wednesday 18 March
Cultural Fiesta

Week 8

Tuesday 24 March
Expression of Interest Morning

Week 9

Thursday 2 April
Term 1 Ends

JUNIOR (YEAR 1 - 8)

Week 4

Tuesday 24 February
Meet the Teacher Year 1 - 8 afternoon

Week 5

Tuesday 3 - Friday 6 March
Year 7-8 Hunua Falls Camp

Week 6

Friday 13 March
Year 7 - 8 Camp Highlight Assembly

SENIOR (YEAR 9 - 13)

Week 4

Friday 27 February
Year 9-13 Athletics Day

Week 6

Wednesday 11 - Friday 13 March
Auckland Senior Volleyball Champs

Week 8

Tuesday 24 March
Academic Information Evening
Year 11-13

REMINDER - School Photo Day

Next week - Monday 2nd March

Individual and Class photos will be taken on this day. Please remember: full, correct uniform, neat and tidy hair correct socks and polished shoes.

CULTURAL PRACTICE DAY

Mrs Julie Nola

On Friday the 20th of February we had our Cultural Practice and and Whānau and Fono Hui at St John's Presbyterian Church. The students have made fantastic progress with their items and we look forward to seeing them perform at our Cultural Fiesta later this term. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the hui. We appreciate your support, encouragement and input.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP CAMP

Mrs Julie Nola

On Thursday the 12th of February the student leaders, Mr Mackenzie, Mrs Ray and I headed to Mangawhai Heads for the student leadership training camp. The themes for the camp were servant leadership and hauora - spiritual, mental, physical and social wellbeing. One of the highlights was the Student Leader Masterchef, where the students cooked dinner and dessert. Team One cooked a beef stirfry and a baked cheesecake from scratch. Team Two cooked chicken carbonara and apple crumble. They were a fantastic team to travel with. We have an exceptional leadership team this year and it was an absolute pleasure to go on camp with them.



YEAR 11 MT ALBERT/ ŌWAIRAKA DOMAIN FIELD TRIP

Mrs Shinae Ha

Last Tuesday, the Year 11 Visual Art students went on a field trip to Mount Albert / Ōwairaka Domain. As part of their study of significant places connected to our school, students explored the area by taking photographs using a range of techniques, sketching the surrounding views and native plants, and collecting leaves for future learning activities and an upcoming workshop at AUT. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and would like to thank Mrs Nola for her support and for joining us on this inspiring trip.



YEAR 11 AND 12 AUT WORKSHOP AND TOUR

Mrs Shinae Ha

Last Thursday, the Year 11 and 12 students visited AUT for a special workshop in cyanotype printing at the Art and Design faculty. During the visit, they also enjoyed a guided tour of the school. The students learned new cyanotype techniques using photographs and soft materials, and they found the hands-on process both engaging and enjoyable.

In addition, the AUT staff and technicians warmly welcomed us and provided an informative tour of the art faculty. It was an inspiring experience for the students, as they discovered the wide range of creative fields within the arts and gained ideas for their future career pathways. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are grateful to AUT for providing such a valuable opportunity.

We would also like to sincerely thank Mrs Reid and Mr Zoutenbier for giving their time to accompany and support the students during the workshop and tour.



CURRICULUM UPDATE 2026

Mrs Julie Nola

Please find the **attached link** for the Y9-13 Curriculum update, which has been sent out to the parents of our Year 9-13 students today.

University Scholarships 2025

AUT Find Your Greatness Scholarship
UOA Academic Potential

Value: up to \$25000
Value: up to \$23000

Rishaab Chandra
Emily Baxter



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NCEA Subject Scholarships 2025

Calculus

Physics

English



Oliver Liddell (Y12) Jordan Penny Rishaab Chandra

EPRO8 ELECTRONICS KIT

Mr Jason Ridler



Each year our school participates in the EPro8 engineering competition, where teams of four students from different schools compete by carrying out various engineering challenges. These challenges involve a mixture of mechanical and electrical engineering. For the last few years, our school has had two practice kits that our students have used to prepare themselves leading up to the competition. However, these practice kits only contain mechanical engineering equipment. The electronics practice kits have to be purchased separately. Now, thanks to a generous donation from one of our families, we have obtained an electronics kit that our students will be able to use along with the existing practice kits to better prepare themselves for the competition. Our students have had some good success in the competition in the past, and we expect that this new electronics kit will make us even more competitive.

ASSESSMENT ASSISTANTS

Mrs Joanna Emery

We currently have a small, committed group of amazing parents who assist with assessments and exams. We would love to welcome anyone else to volunteer assisting Y9-13 students with special assessment conditions during assessment periods. Volunteers could be parents, caregivers, university students, older family members or past students of the school. Volunteers would need to have fluent English and be confident in reading aloud, as well as writing/typing for the student. They would need to be available in term time and during the school day. All volunteers would need to complete a police vetting application, as well as a short training session. If you are interested or would like to inquire further please email Joanna Emery. (joanna.emery@elimmtalbert.school.nz).

MISSION TRIP 2026

INFORMATION EVENING

We are excited to announce a combined mission trip in 2026 for our **Year 12 and 13 students**. This is an incredible opportunity to serve rural Cambodian communities, grow in faith, and experience a life-changing cultural connection.

Trip Details

- **When:** Late November - Early December, 2026 (Following NCEA exams).
- **Estimated Cost:** *approximately* \$6,000 NZD.
 - Includes: Flights, transport, accommodation, meals, and travel insurance.
- **Note:** Final dates and costs are subject to change based on airline schedules.

Join the Information Evening

If you have a heart for missions and want to learn more about how you can be part of this team, please join us for our upcoming information session. You will also find out how to apply.

- Tuesday 3rd March
- 7pm - 8 pm
- Elim Christian Centre Botany Auditorium
- 159 Botany Road, Botany Downs, Auckland (online option available on request. However, in person is recommended.)



Elim Education Missions Information Night 2026

Tuesday 3rd March | Elim Botany auditorium at 7pm
(Livestream available on request)

Come along and find out more about the student missions trip to Cambodia in December 2026.

This life-changing trip is open to senior students from Elim Mt Albert and Elim Botany.

Hear about Elim's mission history in Cambodia, what our team will do and experience, trip costs and dates.

Open to senior students from Elim Christian College Mt Albert and Elim Christian College Botany.

Elim Christian College

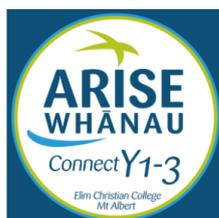
ELIM MISSIONS

ARISE WHĀNAU UPDATES

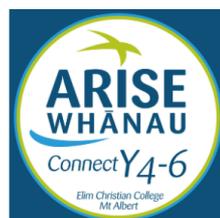
ARISE WHĀNAU CONNECT

Please join only the group/s you currently have a child/ren in.

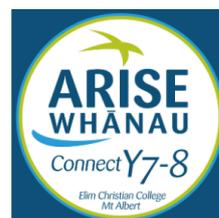
Parents please exit other WhatsApp groups in order to streamline comms and avoid confusion!



[Year 1-3 Link](#)



[Year 4-6 Link](#)



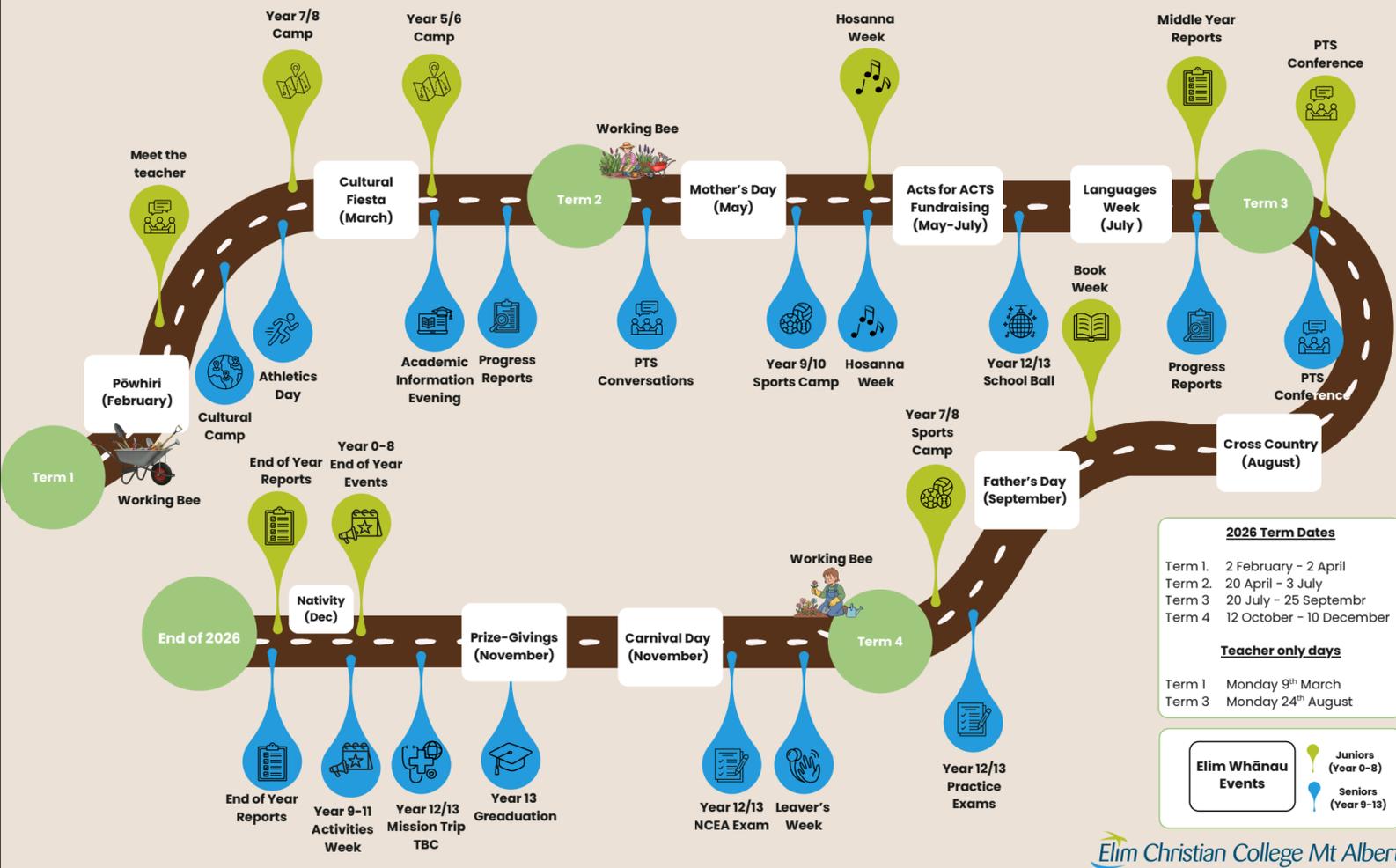
[Year 7-8 Link](#)



[Year 9-13 Link](#)

SAVE THE DATE

Road Map of Elim Whānau Events 2026



Elim Christian College Mt Albert