

# ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT NEWSLETTER



Kia ora tatou,

What a full term we are having! With so many events and trips happening each week, it is wonderful to see our students actively involved in activities outside of the classroom. These moments are such valuable opportunities for them to build lasting friendships and strengthen connections with their peers.

Last week, I had the pleasure of spending a day at the Year 7 and 8 combined camp for our Mt Albert and Henderson Elim schools. We were blessed with beautiful weather and a well-planned itinerary, which saw students participating in a range of outdoor activities. It was a joy to watch them developing their independence and practical life skills in such a positive environment. Thank you for our dedicated teaching team and Miss Jessica Kidd for your dedication and work during this week.

Thank you to the families who attended our Year 1 - 8 Meet the Teacher evening. The sessions provided a great insight into the programs and teaching methods we use across the school. We value the opportunity to partner with parents in their child's educational journey.

Next week is a major highlight of our school calendar - the Cultural Fiesta! We encourage you all to spend the afternoon with us celebrating our diverse cultures through food and various performances.

To make access easier, parking will be available **for this event only** on the field at the corner of McLean Street and Allendale Road, which belongs to Everill Orr.

- Access: The field will be open from 3:00 pm onwards and will be managed by staff until full.
- Overflow: Once the field is full, cones will be placed over the access ways. We will then open the school's lower field for additional parking if needed.
- Important Note: Please do not use the McLean Street/Allendale Road field on any other occasion. This land belongs to Everill Orr; they allow their staff to use it to help free up street parking for the community, and we want to remain respectful of that arrangement.

I look forward to seeing you all there!

Tania Calvert



**Tania Calvert**  
Principal Tumuaki

"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

Colossians 3:14

## IMPORTANT DATES

### WHOLE SCHOOL

#### Week 6

Friday - Civvies Day  
ARISE Whānau Fundraising - Secondary recreational equipment

#### 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 6

Friday 13 March  
Year 7 - 8 Camp Highlight Assembly

### SENIOR (YEAR 9 - 13)

#### Week 6

Wednesday 11 - Friday 13 March  
Auckland Senior Volleyball Champs

#### Week 8

Tuesday 24 March  
Academic Information Evening  
Year 11-13

**ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE  
MT ALBERT**

**2026**

**Cultural Fiesta**

**Wednesday 18 March**  
**3:30 PM – 6:30 PM**

**BRING:** Comfy chairs or Picnic blanket

**FOOD:** prepurchase **Cultural meals** on Kindo App, **Bakesale** during event or **BYO picnic**

**1 Mclean St, Mt Albert**

**See school emails for more details**

Thank you so much to everyone who has already offered to contribute towards our Cultural Fiesta. We are so grateful for your generosity and willingness to serve our school community.

At this stage, we are still needing additional meal contributions to ensure we have enough food for the evening.

If you are able to help by providing meals, we would greatly appreciate it. Families are also welcome to contribute towards food costs if that is an easier way to support the event.

If you would like to contribute food but need some financial support with ingredients, please indicate this in the form.

[Cultural Fiesta Volunteer Form.](#)

Thank you again for helping us make this a special event for our school community.

**For any food enquiries email:**  
[amanda.abrahams@elimmtalbert.school.nz](mailto:amanda.abrahams@elimmtalbert.school.nz)

For all other enquiries, email:  
[jo.robertson@elimmtalbert.school.nz](mailto:jo.robertson@elimmtalbert.school.nz)

# ATHLETICS

Ethan Baird, Year 12, Whānau leader

On Friday 27th of February, we had our Year 9-13 athletics day. The weather was super sunny making it an awesome time for us to try new activities and connect with our friends through sports. Everyone put in a great effort especially Ezekiel as we ended up winning the day.



Special thanks to Grace Wratten, Tudor Prelipceanu and Celyn Setyadi for the amazing photos. You can find more photos [here](#).

## WINTER OLYMPICS

*Mrs Natalie Escobar*

This term, Room 4 has been learning all about the Milano Cortina Winter Olympics and what it means to be an Olympian.

We created a torch with our shared class values written on it and did a torch relay around the top field. Just like the Olympic and Paralympic flames stay lit throughout the Games, our torch will be “burning” throughout our year of learning and we will all do our best to show our values.

We really want to go for gold in our learning this year! We have written our learning goals on medals and are all striving to achieve them this term, or this year.

Room 4 have enjoyed lots of fun Olympic-themed activities such as building ski slopes (marble runs), collaborating on winter-themed science experiments, designing symmetrical paper snowflakes, creating Olympic mascot masks, building stadiums, and showing teamwork in PE.

To top it all off, we invited our buddy class to join us in Week 5 as we met former NZ Olympian, Anna Willcox. Anna is also from Tāmaki Makaurau and she shared her inspiring story of how she overcame nerves, challenges, and the pressure to fit in and went on to become one of the top freestyle skiers in the world. Although she had to retire due to injury, Anna got to go to Milano Cortina 2026 as a reporter and had many stories to share! Rooms 4 and 9 blew her away with their ideas on how to show the Olympic values of Friendship, Respect, and Excellence in their daily lives. Who knows... one day some of these students may be back to visit and tell future Elim kids of their sporting achievements too!

## SENIOR GIRLS TENNIS

*Mrs Emma Abrahams*

Our senior girls tennis team this term was made up of eight girls and included two sets of sisters - Emily and Ashley Yang and Lily and Sophie Abrahams. The other members of the team were Narinda Dorst, Yayi Yu, Jasmine Rambhai and Jacinta Lewis. The girls played on Saturday mornings at various locations around Auckland, sometimes winning, sometimes losing, but always having a great time.



## SENIOR VOLLEYBALL

*Mrs Emma Abrahams*

This term we had four senior indoor volleyball teams competing in the Auckland Schools Tournament: one boys' team and three girls' teams. The boys trained against our girls' A team on Monday afternoons, and the B and C girls teams trained against each other on Wednesday afternoons. Games were played on Thursday afternoons at various schools around Auckland.

Both our boys team and our girls A-team will be competing in a one-day tournament this week.

Thank you to Mr Cato, Mr Ryu, Mr MacKenzie and Mrs E. Abrahams for managing and transporting the teams this season. Volleyball is a fast-paced and fun game, great for players of all skill levels to join in with.



## PRAYER AT THE GATE LAUNCH

*Sophia Wakelin, Year 13*

This year, as part of our Christian Living service activity, the Year 13 students have started an initiative called Prayer by the Gate! Each Monday, we arrive at school early to welcome students as they come in and offer prayer for individuals or groups who would like it. We had our first Prayer by the Gate in Week 4, and it was such a fun and positive way to start the week!

# SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

*Mrs Emma Abrahams*

Support your children's love of reading while also supporting our school library by purchasing books from the Scholastic Book Club. Scholastic puts out eight of these Book Club catalogues every year, and we send one home to every Year 1 to 8 student.

Students will bring home one catalogue in the first half of a term, and one in the second half of the term. Items can be purchased from either catalogue until the second-to-last week of that term.

Every dollar spent on Scholastic Book Club items will earn reward dollars that we can spend on new books for our school library. The bonus to you is that books are often cheaper in the catalogues than they are in stores. To make a purchase, simply download the Loop app, find our school, find your child's class and make an order under your child's name.

Thank you to all the parents who have already supported our library by purchasing from the Book Club!



## 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](mailto:john.ryu@elimmtalbert.school.nz)

# 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](mailto:joanna.emery@elimmtalbert.school.nz)).

## 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](#)

### GET INVOLVED WITH ARISE!

ARISE plays an active role in supporting our school community through fundraising events, Friday morning prayer, second-hand uniform sales, working bees, staff morning teas, and many other community initiatives that bring our school families together.

We'd love for you to be involved!

**Would you like to join the group? Please contact the office or sign up in foyer at school.**

