

ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT NEWSLETTER



Kia ora whānau,

Last Wednesday was a true highlight on our school calendar. Since the date was set last year, our students and staff have worked incredibly hard to prepare, and seeing our community come alive was a powerful reminder of why we put so much heart into this event.

There are several reasons why we hold this fiesta annually and place such a strong emphasis on it:

- This is an act of worship, glorifying our Creator by celebrating the incredible diversity of His creation. As Psalm 139 reminds us, every student is "fearfully and wonderfully made."
- The Cultural Fiesta creates vital links between our staff, students, whānau, and neighbours. It's about knowing where our students and families come from and celebrating this.
- This event sets the tone for our school year. It shows that we value cultural identity as a core part of who we are.
- It is also, simply, about joy and happiness. Seeing students dance and enjoy music brings a level of energy and delight that sustains us all when the school year gets busy.

My hope is that the unity and pride we felt on Wednesday continues to reflect in our classrooms and our daily lives. Thank you for being part of such a wonderful event. More about this on page 3.

As we approach the final days of the term, we encourage all students to keep up the hard mahi and finish well. Full attendance is expected until Thursday.

To celebrate the first term, we will have a Full School Assembly on the top field at 2:30 pm next Thursday. We will be presenting attendance certificates for those who achieved 100% attendance in Term 1, alongside celebrating other significant achievements. Please note that this is weather-dependent and will be cancelled if it is raining. School will finish for all students at 2:50 pm on this day.

At this time we're also reflecting on the message of Easter. It's such a significant time for our faith, reminding us of the hope we share and the victory that brings us all together.

I hope the upcoming holidays are a time of rest and happiness for your whānau.



Tania Calvert
Principal Tumuaki

"He is not here; He has risen,
just as He said."

Matthew 28:6

IMPORTANT DATES

WHOLE SCHOOL

**Term 1
Week 9**
Thursday 2 April
Term 1 Ends 2:50 pm for all

**Term 2
Week 2**
Monday 27 April
ANZAC Day observed

Week 4
Mother's Day celebration

Week 5
Hosanna Week
Thursday 21 May
Civvies Day

Week 7
Monday 1 June
King's Birthday (public holiday)

Week 10
Friday 26 June
Civvies Day

Week 11
Language's Week
Friday 3 July
End of Term 2

JUNIOR (YEAR 1 - 8)

**Term 1
Week 8**
WoW (Walk or Wheels Week)
poster attached

Week 9
Wednesday 1 April
Year 5-6 camp information 3:15pm

**Term 2
Week 1**
Wednesday 22-Friday 24 April
Year 5-6 Camp

Week 11
Wednesday 1 July
Year 1-8 reports go live

SENIOR (YEAR 9 - 13)

**Term 2
Week 1**
Thursday 23 April
Year 12 and 13 Art - Auckland Art
Gallery Workshop and Trip
Saturday 25th April
Mt Albert Anzac Service

Week 5
Thursday 21st May
Hosanna Night

Week 6
NCEA L1 Co-requisites

YEAR 7-8 HUNUA FALLS CAMP

Jamie Lee, Year 7



On Tuesday 3 March, the Elim Christian College Mount Albert and Henderson Year 7 and 8s went on a camp to Hunua Falls. Camp was full of fun activities such as the flying kiwi, chariots of fire, and my personal favourite, the burma trail. In the mornings and evenings, teachers and parents shared messages about God with us. During their devotions, I learned a lot about God. In one of the devotions, I learned that we should ask God to help us to help others, like King Solomon did instead of just thinking of ourselves. Overall, school camp was the best experience of my school life so far. Thank you to all the parents and teachers for all of your support and prayers!



CULTURAL FIESTA

On Wednesday, 18th March, we came together to celebrate our annual Cultural Fiesta, with such a huge crowd coming out to support the event. We thank God for the beautiful weather that added to the joy of the evening and are incredibly proud of our students, whose hard work was evident in the vibrant and high-quality performances they delivered.

Our junior students delighted us with African and Spanish dances, alongside a beautiful Year 4–6 Korean performance. Our senior students showcased a range of cultures through Latin American, Cook Islands, Tongan, and Samoan dances, as well as a colourful Indian group performance.

We were also blessed by our Junior Pasifika group sharing Cook Islands and Fijian dances, our lively Junior dance group and both our Senior and Junior Kapa Haka teams, who performed with pride and passion. The evening concluded with our much-anticipated Year 13 dance, which is always a highlight.

A heartfelt thank you to our parents and families who generously contributed food, baking, and their time to help prepare and serve throughout the evening. Each year, this helps us to raise funds to buy some cultural uniforms and pay for the stage.

Finally, we want to give special thanks to our Year 12 & 13 student leaders who have faithfully championed this event and led groups each year with dedication.

- Mrs Jo Robertson



Our cultural night was a spectacular event. It was a great time of unity and togetherness with various different cultural performances. We got the chance to represent and appreciate one another's cultures. This event would not have been possible without all of the parent and teacher volunteers, as well as all the cultural leaders who helped make it so special. Special thanks to Mrs Robertson for all the hard work she put into organising the whole event.

- Alisha David, Year 13

You can find more photos from [here](#). Special thanks to the amazing photographers, Tudor Prelipceanu and Dhaya Christopher.

TUAKANA TEINA

Mrs Natalie Escobar

Year 3 and Year 9 students enjoyed working together on a science experiment to make salt crystals (snowflakes). Our hypothesis was that creating a supersaturated salt solution would create salt crystals upon cooling.

Year 9 tuakana supported their Year 3 teina to understand the safety rules of the science lab, correctly collect the necessary materials, and to follow the method. After our shared session, we shared the experiments between our classes so that we could observe the results.

Thank you to Mrs Ray and the Year 9's for welcoming us into the lab and preparing such an engaging lesson.



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).

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Kowhai Kids Club Elim will be having a fun Holiday Programme at St.Marys School, 2136 Great North Road, Avondale from 7th to 17 th April. Part-time enrolments, Sibling discounts and WINZ subsidies are available.

Brochures are available online.

Enrol online on www.kowhaikidsclub.co.nz

Ph: 0800 KK CLUB Mob: 0277 831 826

Email: info@kowhaikidsclub.co.nz

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

LOST PROPERTY

THE LOST PROPERTY BOXES ARE OVERFLOWING

Please ask your child to check the boxes for any missing belongings.

The boxes are located:

- Outside Room 3 in the junior hallway
- Upstairs near Room 11, above the library



END OF TERM

Lost property will be placed in front of the office for collection from 30 - 31 March

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.

ARISE WHĀNAU UPDATES

ARISE WHĀNAU CONNECT

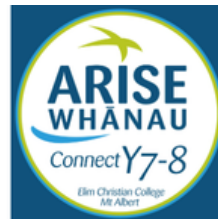
Please join only the group/s you currently have a child/ren in.
Parents please exit other WhatsApp groups in order to streamline comms and avoid confusion!



[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.

