

ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT NEWSLETTER



Tenā Kotou katoa

Term 2 is off to a great start! We have already had a successful Year 5 and 6 camp at Chosen Valley. Thank you to Mrs Jordan Ryu (Phase 2 Lead) and Miss Jessica Kidd (Assistant Principal Junior Years), along with Mr Minsoo Kim for your organisation and leadership. Thank you to our wonderful parents who helped out at the camp also, your participation and efforts are invaluable!

This week we have fourteen students attending the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award tramp in the Kauaeranga Valley to the Pinnacles. Mr Blok and Mrs Miller will be leading this with a group of students and Mr Tim Taylor from Elim Botany.

Outdoor experiences are a great way to build resilience and give children and adolescents much-needed time away from screens. They are an important part of growing independence and self reliance. They bring to life our school values of Māia (Courage), Manaakitanga (Respect), Pukuahuwhenua (Diligence) and Aroha (Kindness) when students face challenges and overcome them both independently and by working with others.

On Saturday the 25th April, the student leaders, along with Mrs Nola and I, attended the Mt Albert Anzac Service, held at the Mt Albert War Memorial Hall. It was a time to reflect on the sacrifices New Zealanders have made and continue to make for our country. Our local MP, Helen White, spoke in detail of the service men and women from Auckland who left their homes in order to protect their country.

It was especially poignant this year, due to the current global conflicts. However, it was also a reminder of how blessed we are to be in a country where we are not at war and where our military is engaged primarily in peacekeeping operations.

During the service, our Head Boy, Fa'atuatua Isaaka, had the privilege of reading the poem "For the Fallen", by Laurence Binyon. He represented our school exceptionally well, giving the respect and honour due to the soldiers and their families, through his reading. We encourage you to attend your local Anzac Service, or the Mt Albert Anzac Service in future years.

Have a good week enjoying this beautiful autumnal weather.

Tania Calvert
Principal



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Principal Tumuaki

*"Greater love has no one
than this: to lay down one's
life for one's friends,"*
John 15:13

IMPORTANT DATES

WHOLE SCHOOL

Week 3

Monday 4 May
Acts for ACTS launch
and Open Morning

Y3-10 SMART Testing begins -
further information to be emailed
this week.

Week 4

Monday 11 May
Mother's Day celebration 9-10am

Week 5

Hosanna Week
Thursday 21 May
Civvies Day

Week 10

Friday 26 June
Civvies Day and
Acts for ACTS celebration

Week 11

Language's Week
Friday 3 July
End of Term 2

JUNIOR (YEAR 1 - 8)

Week 2

Friday 1 May 2:30-3:30pm
Year 5-6 camp presentation in Room 9

Week 7

Tuesday 2 June
Eden-Albert Choir (Year 5/6)
Rehearsal 1

Week 11

Wednesday 1 July
Year 1-8 reports go live

SENIOR (YEAR 9 - 13)

Week 3

Year 9 & 10 SMART Testing Week

Week 5

Thursday 21 May
Hosanna Night 6:30-8:30pm

Week 6

NCEA L1 Co-requisites

Week 9

Tuesday 16 - Thursday 18 June
Big Sing
Saturday 20 June
School Ball



A NOTE FROM YOUR BOARD

Following our elections in September 2025, it has been a joy for the Elim Christian College Mt Albert Board to settle into our work. We are excited to serve this wonderful community and support the journey of every student in our care.

Our board is made up of the following parents and leaders who are passionate about our school's future. Danie Vermeulen (presiding member), Diana Bell, Emma Fale, Evie Harrowfield, Hamish Mowat, Julie Nola, Lenato Aho, Tania Calvert, Tim Haycock, and Vicki McInnes.

Our main priority is to champion the vision and strategy that makes Elim Christian College Mt Albert special. We work hard to ensure that our **unique Christian Character** shines through in everything we do, while also staying on top of the governance and compliance that keeps our school running smoothly and safely.

As a State Integrated School, we operate through a partnership with the **Elim Christian Centre**, our "Proprietor." The Proprietor holds the integration deed with the Ministry of Education and provides the school buildings, which are funded through attendance dues.

Long term maintenance funding is provided by the Ministry of Education to the proprietor. Routine repairs are covered via government grants to the school. Special Character Donations are made to the proprietor to support and promote the outworking of our unique Christian character.

We are all in this together to ensure our students achieve their very best! If you've ever wondered about the "behind-the-scenes" of the Board or the Proprietor, please don't hesitate to reach out. We'd love to connect with you.

Blessings,
Danie Vermeulen Presiding Member

PAT HANLY CREATIVITY PROJECT AND AWARDS

Mrs Shinae Ha

This year, the Auckland Art Gallery invited 29 high schools to participate in the Pat Hanly Creativity Project and Awards. We are grateful that our Year 12 and 13 Painting and Photography students were able to take part in this exciting opportunity with the gallery's support.

Last Thursday, we visited the gallery for a workshop with New Zealand artist Reuben Paterson. During the session, students explored his artistic practice and developed new skills. They learned about the intricate technique of marbling, while also gaining insight into the importance of artistic process, personal experience, and creative journey. In addition, students participated in guided tours and activities led by the gallery's curators, where they were introduced to both New Zealand and international artists and their works. Based on student feedback, the workshop was highly engaging and inspiring. Many students are eager to incorporate what they learned into their own art projects.

The theme for this year's work is "I Am Environment" ("Ko Au te Taiao.") Through this theme, students will create their own artworks reflecting their connection to the environment. In the coming weeks, the gallery team will visit our Art Department to view the students' work and take part in an interactive presentation session. A selected work will then be exhibited at the Auckland Art Gallery for four weeks.

Please keep an eye out for the beautiful and meaningful artworks our senior students will create. We hope our ākonga feel inspired by the artist and this valuable experience.

Finally, thank you to the Auckland Art Gallery and the Pat Hanly Creativity Project for providing such a wonderful opportunity for our young artists to explore their creativity. A special thanks also to Mrs Reid for giving her time to support the trip.



SUSTAINABLE COASTLINES

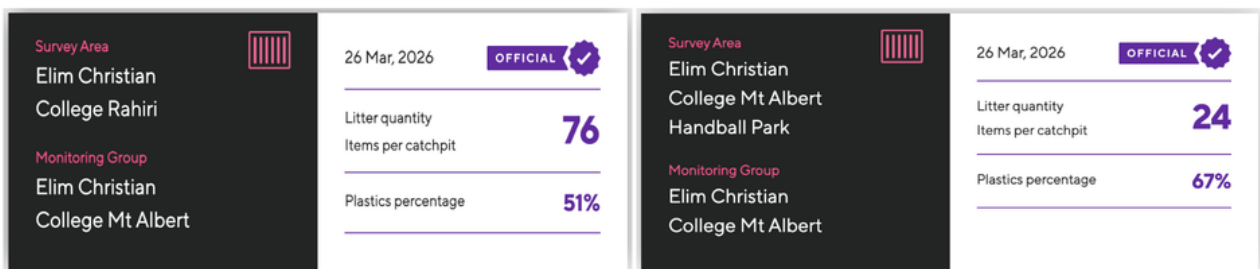
Mrs Amanda Abrahams

Late in March, we had a visit from Sustainable Coastlines. This organisation delivers education programmes nationwide focused on Love Your Coast, Love Your Water and Litter Intelligence.

At the end of last term, Mr Sam Judd, co-founder of Sustainable Coastlines, delivered two engaging presentations to our Year 1-6 and Year 7-8 students. He shared how easily rubbish can make its way into our oceans and highlighted the important work being done to protect our marine and animal life and clean up New Zealand’s coastlines.

Following the presentations, a group of our Enviro students took part in analysing our LittaTrap data, gaining hands-on insight into the types of waste collected and its impact on our waterways. The results of our first collection can be seen below. A comparison of other schools can be seen [here](#).

On Saturday, Sustainable Coastlines also hosted a beach clean-up day at Coyle Park in Pt Chevalier. It was wonderful to see families from our school community getting involved and supporting this important cause.



WOW WEEK

Joshua Victor Kirubanidhi and Mario Cottrell, Year 6

On the 23rd of March - 27th of March we had an amazing week. During Walk or Wheels Week (WoW), we participated in many activities such as Chalk the Walk, Park & Walk, Wheelie Wednesday, and Funky Feet Friday. These incentives were designed to help reduce traffic on McLean Street and Allendale Road, to preserve petrol and reduce pollution. Many students took part and we are grateful for their participation. To show our appreciation we held a price draw and selected winners to receive awesome prizes. We extend our thanks to all the parents and participants who helped and gave up their time to support this event.

Thank you.



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](#)

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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!

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