

ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT NEWSLETTER



Tēnā koutou katoa

Welcome to Week 4 of Term 2. On Monday morning, we had a beautiful start to the week with our Mother's Day Morning Tea and classroom visits. It was a privilege to host so many mothers, grandmothers, and significant ladies in our Ballroom at Rahiri House. These moments of connection are vital to our school culture, and we thank you for the support you give to our school.

This week is also Support Staff Week. We want to acknowledge the dedicated Learning Assistants, Librarian, Science Technician, and Administration staff who work hard to keep our school running smoothly and safely. Thank you to the team for their hard mahi.

As we move further into the term, our Hauora focus remains on Taha Wairua (Spiritual Well-being). We are encouraging students to deepen their relationship with God and to live out their faith through our core values of Māia, Manaakitanga, Pukuahuhenua, and Aroha. This focus is particularly evident in our current "Acts for ACTS" campaign, where we are raising funds for children in rural Cambodia to attend school. It is inspiring to see our students engage in healthy competition for such a worthy cause. Please support your children to set up their page and find ways they can contribute to this worthy cause. We also have our Hosannah Week next week. The theme of this week is presence, and students will have activities and opportunities to be immersed in spiritual growth through reflective spaces in the library, student-led devotions, and the Hosannah Night for Years 9-13 on Thursday, May 21st.

We also have some staffing updates to share. We will soon be farewelling Albert Feng. We extend our thanks to Mr Feng for his work at our school over the past 18 months. We look forward to welcoming Mrs. Mercy Edward as our new Head of Department for Mathematics and Statistics.

This year, we are trialling the new SMART assessment tool for students in Years 3 -10 this term to help map individual growth in literacy and numeracy. This will be used as part of our teacher judgements for reporting on student attainment and progress this year.

Crucial to your child reaching their potential and achieving well is their attendance at school. Please see a separate communication later this week outlining the STEPS approach to Attendance required this year by the MOE. There is also a comprehensive attendance management plan for 2026 that you are able to see on the school website. If you have any questions about attendance, please contact the school.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we support every student in reaching their potential.

Tania Calvert - Principal



Tania Calvert
Principal Tumuaki

*"Greater love has no one
than this: to lay down one's
life for one's friends."*

John 15:13

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IMPORTANT DATES

WHOLE SCHOOL

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 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 5
Thursday 21 May
Hosanna Night 6:00-8:15pm
(change of time)

Week 6
NCEA L1 Co-requisites

Week 7
Thursday 4 - Friday 5 June
Duke of Edinburgh Silver Tramp

Week 9
Tuesday 16 - Thursday 18 June
Big Sing

Saturday 20 June
School Ball

MOTHERS DAY

Thank you for the Mother's Day celebration and for joining us. Blessings to all the mums.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Mrs Shinae Ha

From 30 April to 1 May, the Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze students went on a tramp to the Pinnacles, Coromandel with the Elim Botany Bronze Team. Before the tramp, the students attended regular meetings to prepare meals, set group goals, and practise navigation skills using maps to meet the requirements of the tramp.

During the trip, the weather was beautiful and throughout the tramp the students worked on their goals and research tasks while completing the journey. The students climbed to the summit to enjoy the stunning sunset and scenery. On the first night, they also gathered together to worship God.

After the tramp, the team reported that they had learned the importance of teamwork, communication and living in harmony with one another while working together throughout the journey. They also learned how important good preparation is for a successful tramp. The students said they thoroughly enjoyed the experience and cannot wait to go on the qualifying tramp later this year.

In addition, a huge special thank you goes to Mr Blok, Mrs Miller, and Mr Cooper for accompanying the team on the tramp. Because of your support and guidance, the students were able to successfully complete this journey.



Beautiful photos were taken by Suhana Senthilkumar.

YEAR 5 AND 6 CAMP

Brea Moore & Joshua Victor Kirubanidhi, Year 6

From Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th April, the Year 5 and 6 students attended school camp at Chosen Valley Christian Camp. Camp was full of activities, fun experiences, exciting challenges, and delicious food. We had lots of fun!

There were many great activities at camp, such as kayaking, archery, trolleying, and much more. Camp was also filled with God's presence. Every morning and evening, we had devotions where we learnt new Bible verses about God's love and His Word.

We would like to extend our thanks to the parent helpers, teachers, and camp staff for giving us such an amazing experience.



Heads up!

**Carrington Road
Improvements
starting soon!**



**To sign up for construction
updates**

Construction on the Carrington Road Improvement project starts soon- sign up at the link below to register for the regular construction e-newsletter.

[Carrington Road Construction Updates – Fill out form](#)

JOIN THE WALKING SCHOOL BUS!

Miss Jessica Kidd

We are partnering with Auckland Transport to set up our Walking School Bus programme!

A Walking School Bus is a fun, safe and social way for our tamariki to get to school, walking along a set neighbourhood route with parent volunteers. It helps build confidence, well-being and road-safety skills, while also reducing traffic and congestion around our school gates.

If you are interested in joining/starting a Walking School Bus, please contact our School Travel Coordinator, Maggie Hablous, at walkingschoolbus@at.govt.nz

The Walking School Bus

Join us!

A Walking School Bus is a group of children who walk together to/from school with parent volunteers. Complete this form and email to walkingschoolbus@at.govt.nz

Name:

Contact number:

Email:

Address:

Benefits of a Walking School Bus:

Parents

- Meet and connect with other parents
- Spend time with your child
- No traffic jams, no seat-belt dramas, 3x less air pollution than in a car, more fuel efficient
- Get to attend Auckland Transport events

Children

- A fun, social, healthy way to get to school
- Do better academically, socially, physically & psychologically through active engagement with the school
- Higher levels of physical activity
- Learn about Road Safety
- Good for heart health

Schools

- Students arrive on time
- Less congestion at the school gate/on roads

Community

- Families get to know other families
- More aware drivers
- Fewer cars on the road at peak times

It's cool to walk to school

For more information visit at.govt.nz/walkingschoolbus or email walkingschoolbus@at.govt.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 connected through Kindo



Create a Kindo account to order sushi lunches and join in ARISE events at school. One account for the whole family! Get started now and be ready... [Click here](#) or go to www.mykindo.co.nz to start ordering!

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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@elimtalbert.school.nz


HOSANNA WEEK AND NIGHT INFORMATION

HOSANNA WEEK

PRESENCE

MAY 18 - MAY 22

The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." - Exodus 33:14

 **WHAT IS HAPPENING?**

Tuesday Yr 9-10 Panel (Assembly)
Pick it up & Preach (Yr 9-13 lunch)

Thursday Yr 11-13 Panel (9-10 am)
Amazing Grace (Yr 9-13 lunch)

Thursday evening Yr 9-13 **Hosanna Night**

*Reflective Space in the Library
Guest speakers & devotions
Worship
Junior school teaching
Activities & more*

HOSANNA NIGHT

PRESENCE

THURSDAY 21ST MAY

6 - 8:15 PM

Worship
Prayer
Ps Hayley Lafaele
Connection
Ice Cream

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Exodus 33:14

Current Year 9-13 students of Elim CC Mt Albert only