

ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT NEWSLETTER



Kia ora tatou parents and whānau,

It is incredible to be halfway through an 11 week term already! With so many calendar events happening across the school, the weeks are absolutely flying by.

Many of our winter sports teams are now well underway, competing in various competitions across Auckland. I want to extend a huge thank you to Mr. MacKenzie and Mr. Prickett for providing these wonderful opportunities, both within and outside of school, allowing our students to take part both socially and competitively.

I also want to thank the teachers, parents and senior students who have stepped in to coach and manage our teams. Your support of these programmes is invaluable and a real asset to our school community. Furthermore, it is wonderful to hear reports of our teams being praised for their sportsmanship and kindness on the field. What a great witness to our Christian Identity!

We have recently completed our first round of testing using the government's new SMART testing tool. This digital assessment was run from Years 4 to 10, while our Year 3 students participated using paper-based tests. The first round went very smoothly, and we are currently awaiting the data set this will provide. Because these tests are standardised across the country, the insights will form a valuable part of our teachers' overall judgment of your child's ability and attainment.

Last week, our school students celebrated Hosanna Week, which was centred around the theme of God's "Presence." It was a wonderful time of reflection and connection across all year levels.

A special thank you to Mrs. Jo Robertson and Mrs. Amanda Ray, who created beautiful activities and experiences throughout the week. These opportunities allowed our students to deepen their relationship with God and grow in their understanding of His love for them. Also, to our junior teachers who wove this throughout their programmes and planned special activities for our junior students.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the significant fundraising efforts of some of our students already in our Acts for ACTS campaign. We have already reached a fantastic \$13,000! We still have more time to reach our target, or even exceed it, so I encourage everyone to get behind this very worthy cause.



Tania Calvert
Principal Tumuaiki

*"Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am
your God; I will strengthen
you, I will help you, I will
uphold you with my
righteous right hand"*

Isaiah 41:10

IMPORTANT DATES

WHOLE SCHOOL

Week 7
Monday 1 June
King's Birthday Holiday

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 6
Brake Week
Friday 29 May
road safety themed civvies

Week 7
Tuesday 2 June
Eden-Albert Choir (Year 5/6)
Rehearsal 1

Week 10
Monday 22 May
Year 7-8 MP visit

Friday 26 May
Year 0-3 and Year 4-6 disco

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

SENIOR (YEAR 9 - 13)

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



ACTS FOR ACTS

Odette Haycock, Pippa Singleton, Elizabeth Teal and Esther Harrowfield

On Sunday the 17th May, we had a bake sale to fundraise money for Acts for Acts. We sold cupcakes, cookies, muffins, brownies and punch. We raised \$154 all for the kids in Cambodia. Lots of our customers were keen to donate extra for the cause. We had approximately 30-40 customers and sold each item for 1-2 dollars. We would recommend doing a bake sale to raise money if you do it right, it works really well.



If you would like to share how you fundraised money for Acts for Acts for the newsletter, please email it with Mrs Ha.



WEEK 6: YEAR 1-8 STUDENTS

THEME: ROAD SAFETY HEROES

MON

SPECIAL VISITOR

- Whole school assembly notice about Brake week.
- Maggie from Auckland Transport will come and speak with the Year 0-6 students during the junior assembly.
- Travelwise student leadership training 12:30pm.

TUE

ROAD SAFETY QUIZ

- Road Safety Quiz at 12:30pm in the Ballroom (Run by Hugo, Jayden, Zeal).

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CREATE A POSTER

- Poster decorations: Design a poster about road safety OR colour in the poster about road safety at 12:30pm in the Ballroom (Run by Mario, Ethan.B, Joshua VK).

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WALK OR BIKE COMPETITION

- Class competition: the class that has the most number of students who walk or cycle to school (over 200 metres) will receive a reward.

FRI

DRESS UP AS A ROAD SAFETY HERO

- Dress up as a road safety hero
Ideas: police, fire, ambulance, road worker, doctor, nurse or cyclist.
The best dressed boy and girl from each class will get a prize.

Molly Haycock, Year 9

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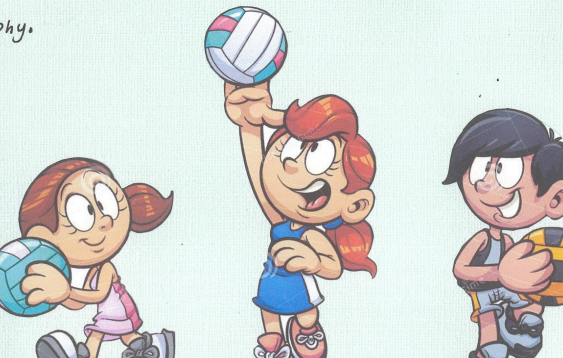
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Jayen Badhan, Year 4

Netball fun

I am Jayen from year 4 Netball team. We compete against other school every week. It is a game of teamwork. I enjoy playing it with my friends. When we win, we celebrate. When we lose, we encourage each other. We take turns when we play the game. At the end of the game one player gets a "Player of the day" trophy.

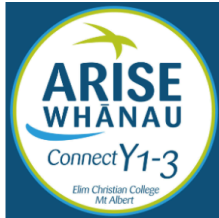


A cartoon illustration of three children playing netball. On the left, a girl with brown hair in pigtails, wearing a pink netball uniform, is holding a blue and white netball. In the center, a girl with red hair in a ponytail, wearing a blue netball uniform, is jumping high to catch a blue and white netball. On the right, a boy with black hair, wearing a grey netball uniform, is holding a yellow and black netball.

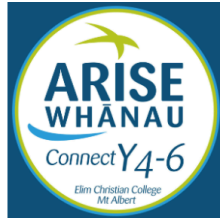
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ARISE WHĀNAU CONNECT

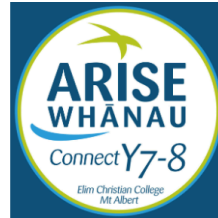
Please join only the group/s you currently have a child/ren in.
Parents please exit other WhatsApp groups in order to streamline comms and avoid confusion!



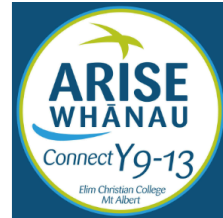
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[Year 4-6 Link](#)



[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@elimtalbert.school.nz

AUCKLAND TRANSPORT ARE SEEKING YOUR FEEDBACK NOW ABOUT THE WOODWARD ROAD LEVEL CROSSING (THIS IS NOT A SCHOOL SURVEY)

Auckland Transport, with support from KiwiRail are removing and replacing all **remaining level crossings across Auckland, including the Woodward Road level crossing** to help unlock the full benefits of the City Rail Link.

Replacing rail level crossings with safer connections is a key part of making it happen and allowing even more trains to run in the future, while making it safer to get around your community.

AT want to know how you travel through and around this level crossing, share your feedback on their survey now **(due by 31 May - end of this week)**.

Further information is available on the project website - <https://at.govt.nz/projects-and-initiatives-western-line-level-crossings>

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!

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

AT

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

ACTS FOR ACTS - CELEBRATING OUR PROGRESS

WE HAVE REACHED \$13,000!

Why We Are Fundraising

Every dollar raised goes directly to supporting Asian Outreach NZ and their incredible ACTS project (Assisting Children to School). In rural Cambodia, many families face immense financial hardships, making it incredibly difficult to send their children to school. Our fundraising efforts help break the cycle of poverty by providing these children with:

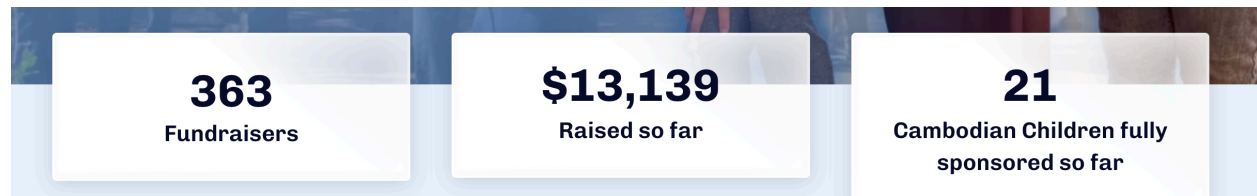
- Life-changing access to education
- School uniforms and footwear
- Essential learning resources and stationery
- Bike programmes to help students safely travel long distances to school

Let's Keep the Momentum Going!

With more time left in the campaign, we are in a wonderful position to not only reach our ultimate target but potentially exceed it. Let's keep this amazing momentum going!

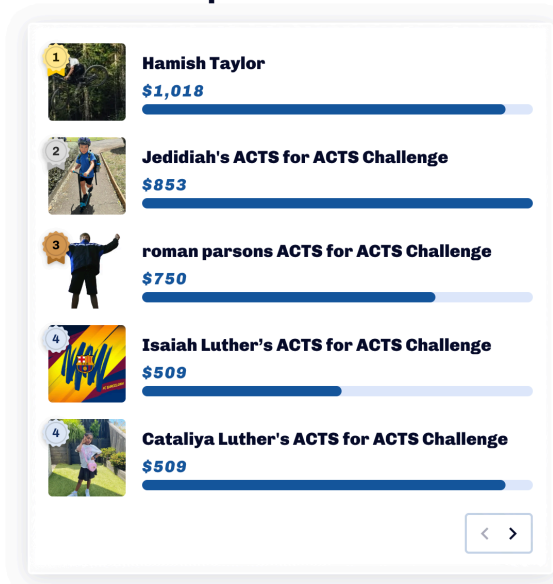
Thank you all for your continued support, and I encourage everyone to keep getting behind this very worthy initiative. Every contribution makes a tangible difference in a child's life.

To find out more, track our progress, or make a donation, please visit our official campaign page: elimacts.asianoutreach.org.nz



Elim's Top Fundraisers

Top Individuals



Top Classes

