

ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT NEWSLETTER



Tēnā koutou katoa

Hasn't the weather been stunning this week? We have been truly blessed with beautiful sunny days and clear skies, making for a wonderful start to the official beginning of winter.

A big thank you to all our families for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school when they are well. Your efforts have directly contributed to a fantastic, positive increase in our attendance rates this term, let's keep this great momentum going!

Last week, I had the opportunity to visit several Christian schools in Christchurch to connect, share insights, and collaborate on ideas with our fellow Christian colleagues. It was an inspirational time away, and encouraging to see how God is working through Christian education across New Zealand.

Acts for ACTS Fundraising Campaign 2026.

What an incredible milestone! Because of your phenomenal support, creativity, and engagement, we have officially exceeded our fundraising goal for this year's Acts for ACTS campaign. A massive thank you to every single student, family, and supporter who has contributed so far.

With 2 weeks still to go, we aren't slowing down. We are officially raising the bar and pushing toward a new target of \$25,000!

We know plenty of students still have brilliant fundraising ideas and events planned over the next fortnight. Remember, last year this amazing community raised a staggering \$34,000, so when we all work together, absolutely anything is possible. Let's keep striving forward, putting our faith into action, and finish this campaign stronger than ever!

Updating Your Details with the school office

It is important that we have your current details in our School Management System (SMS). If any of your contact or personal information has changed since your child's enrolment, please contact the school office to update it.

This includes changes to your address, phone numbers, health information, custody arrangements, or emergency contacts. Having accurate information on file is crucial for ensuring we can reach you quickly in an emergency.

Thank you for your attention to this and have a wonderful weekend.

Ngā mihi nui

Tania Calvert - Tumuaki | Principal



Tania Calvert
Principal Tumuaki

*"Sanctify them in the truth;
your word is truth."*

John 17:17

IMPORTANT DATES

WHOLE SCHOOL

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 10
Monday 22 June
Year 7-8 MP visit

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

SENIOR (YEAR 9 - 13)

Week 9
Tuesday 16 - Thursday 18 June
Big Sing

Saturday 20 June
School Ball



ACTS FOR ACTS

Mr Thomas Blok

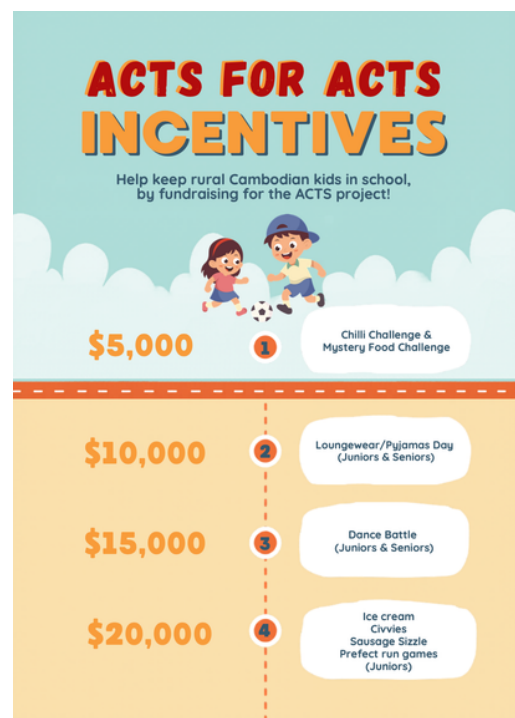
Every year, our school runs the ACTS for ACTS programme to raise money for students to go to school in Cambodia. Students can raise money in three ways:

- 1) ACTS of Asking: Simply asking others to support their fundraiser page
- 2) ACTS of Service: Offering to do a job or service in exchange for fundraiser funds
- 3) ACTS of Endurance: Similar to a 40 hour famine, students can fundraise by doing challenges of endurance (no food for 40 hours, 40km in 40 hours, etc).

Our goal this year is to raise \$20000 for the students in Cambodia. Every \$600 allows a student to go to school for a year, which will massively impact their life and allow their family to escape poverty.

Students are already exceeding our expectations, meeting our incentive goals.

Over the next few weeks, we will be engaging in a few of our other incentives, including a dance battle and PJs & Sweats civvies day. We still need your support to raise as much money as we can for the students in Cambodia. Please go to <https://elimacts.asianoutreach.org.nz/> to help!



HOSANNA WEEK 2026

Mrs Jo Robertson

In Week 5, we celebrated Hosanna Week, with students across the school focusing on the theme of the Presence of God. Throughout the week, students explored what God's presence is, how we can encounter Him, and the difference His presence makes in our daily lives.

Students participated in times of worship in classes and assemblies. They also engaged with a beautiful reflective space in the library and took part in classroom devotions designed to deepen their understanding of God's presence.

Our senior students enjoyed several special activities, including the "Preach It" Challenge, where students were given a topic and had to spontaneously share a short message, and the "Amazing Grace" Race, which saw teams competing around the school while solving Bible-themed challenges.

A highlight of the week was seeing our older students serving younger students through devotional lessons. In the Junior School, teachers led students through a range of engaging activities that helped bring the week's theme to life.

On Thursday evening, we gathered for Hosanna Night, where we were privileged to welcome guest speaker Ps Hayley Lafaele from Elim Manurewa. Ps Hayley shared a powerful message about being filled with the Holy Spirit, followed by a meaningful time of worship and ministry.

We are grateful for the way God's presence filled our school throughout Hosanna Week and continue to pray that what began during this special time will overflow into our classrooms and community every day.



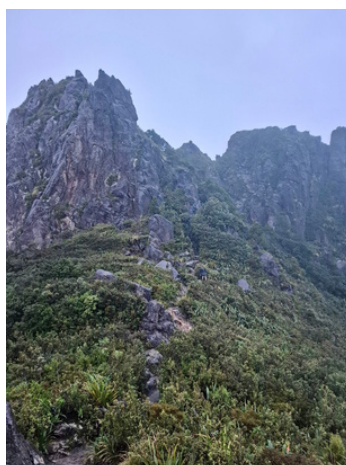
DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Mrs Shinae Ha

The Year 11 Duke of Edinburgh Silver team went to the Pinnacles in Coromandel with Mr Blok and Mrs Rambhai from Thursday to Friday last week, alongside the Elim Botany Team.

Although the weather was challenging at times, the team's positive attitude, energy, and motivation helped make the trip a success. The team had spent a long time preparing for the tramp, and they demonstrated strong teamwork and leadership throughout the journey. They encouraged one another during the more difficult sections of the track, worked together as a team, and showed resilience when conditions became tough. Throughout the trip, they took responsibility for their own equipment, supported their teammates and made sensible decisions as a group. These experiences helped them build confidence, independence and valuable outdoor skills. It is always impressive to see how they challenge themselves, step outside their comfort zones, and grow through these experiences.

A special thank you to Mr Blok and Mrs Rambhai for their time, commitment and support in making this tramp possible. Thank you also to everyone who prayed for good weather and for the health and safety of the team during the trip.



ARBOR DAY

Mrs Amanda Abrahams

To celebrate Arbor Day, our two newest students, Matthew Zhang and Martina De Leon, joined our Head Boy and Head Girl, along with the Enviro Team, to plant two feijoa trees on our school grounds. It is wonderful to see our students' commitment to care for our environment and to see our garden grow. The trees were kindly donated by King's Plant Barn, St Lukes and we are grateful for their support. We look forward to seeing the trees flourish, and in years to come, enjoying the fruit they produce.



BRAKE ROAD SAFETY WEEK

Miss Jessica Kidd

Our Year 0-8 tamariki had a blast during Road Safety Week! It all began with a special visit from Delia, a staff member from Auckland Transport. She shared some important information during the junior assembly, followed by special leadership training for the Y5-6 Travelwise leaders.

Over the next few days, students engaged in a road safety quiz, colouring in activity and a road safety heroes civvies day! We also ran a walk or cycle to school competition. Congratulations to Room 7 (Year 7-8 class) for having the most students participate. It was fantastic to see everyone hop on board with this initiative!



YUMMY APPLE

Mrs Emma Abrahams

Once again our school is collecting Yummy apple stickers and bag labels to earn a share of \$200,000 worth of sports gear. We have earned great prizes through this initiative in the past.

Each class in the junior and middle years will be competing against each other to see which one can earn the most Yummy points for our school. The winning class at the end of Term Three will be rewarded with a class movie and ice-block afternoon.

Each Year 1-8 classroom has a collection station for stickers and labels, so students are encouraged to bring them in a ziploc bag to transfer to their class station. Alternatively, students can print out collection sheets from this website <https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/> and bring those to their classroom.



High School students are also welcome to collect Yummy stickers and bag labels. We have a collection point for them outside the hall.

You can buy Yummy apples at New World, Pak'N'Save and Four Square. Most Yummy apple stickers are worth 1 point each, but yellow Yummy Ambrosia apple stickers, red Yummy Lemonade apple stickers and white Yummy SweetTango apple stickers are all worth two points each. Labels cut out from Yummy apple bags are worth 10 points each.

Thank you for your help with this initiative. Please email Mrs Abrahams at emma.abrahams@elimmtalbert.school.nz if you have any questions.

Time to COLLECT Yummy apple stickers for our schools share of
\$200,000 FREE SPORTS GEAR
 The more we collect, the more gear we get!
 EAT YUMMY APPLES & BRING YOUR STICKERS TO SCHOOL!

THE Yummy FRUIT COMPANY

Please hand in all sticker sheets before Wednesday 14 October.

ARISE WHĀNAU UPDATES

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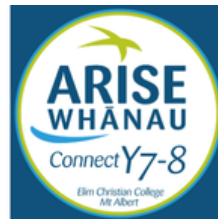
Please join only the group/s you currently have a child/ren in.
Parents please exit other WhatsApp groups in order to streamline comms and avoid confusion!



[Year 1-3 Link](#)



[Year 4-6 Link](#)



[Year 7-8 Link](#)



[Year 9-13 Link](#)

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Parents prayer group is currently not meeting. Instead we encourage you to pray with your children for the school.

June Prayer Points:

- **Your child's class**
- **Their peers**
- **Their teachers**

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