

ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT

NEWSLETTER



Mōrena e te whānau

We are in Week 10 of a long 11 week term, and there are still so many wonderful things happening across our school right now! I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Mercy Edward who has joined our leadership and teaching team. Mrs Edward comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience teaching in Auckland schools. She will be working in the Secondary team as Head of Mathematics and teaching senior maths classes. We are delighted to have you at Elim Christian College Mt Albert, Mercy.

Currently, our ARISE Parents Prayer group is on hold. This is due to the capacity of staff and spaces at present. We really value your prayers and would love you and your family to continue to pray for our students, staff and school! Please see our prayer points in the newsletter.

Last week, I had the privilege of spending the afternoon and evening at our premier choir event, The Big Sing. We had a fantastic choir of 39 students taking part this year and this was our very first time performing as our own independent school! The students represented us incredibly well, performing beautifully and demonstrating exceptional behavior throughout the event. We are so proud of them.

Our Phase 1 (Years 0-3) team recently visited the Everill Orr Rest home, bringing entertainment and delight to the residents. This is such a valuable outreach initiative and a great way to further strengthen our connections within our local community. Please help us maintain and build this positive relationship with the resthome by respecting their request NOT to park on their field during school drop-offs or pick-ups. The field is strictly reserved for their staff. Thank you for your cooperation!

⚠️ Another gentle reminder ⚠️ Please also continue to be vigilant and safe when dropping off and picking up your children. Drive cautiously in the surrounding streets, watching out for pedestrians. Do not obstruct driveways or park on yellow lines and obey all the road rules, showing courtesy and respect for other drivers.

We are in our final week of the Acts for ACTS fundraising campaign, and the total just keeps growing! What an incredibly generous and mission-focused school community we are. On behalf of Asian Outreach, I feel incredibly grateful for the support you have all shown to ensure this campaign's success so far. Your efforts will impact so many lives. To celebrate, we are holding a Civvies Day and Sausage Sizzle this Friday! All proceeds will go directly toward our final fundraising total. This is the perfect opportunity for everyone to contribute, even if your child hasn't been able to participate yet. There is still time, so help them to get signed up today or give their efforts one final push!

As we head towards the next holiday, please remember that 'every day matters' for learning and attending school is crucial to your child's learning and achievement. We also love having students at school. Thank you for ensuring all holidays are taken during the break not in school time.



Tania Calvert
Principal Tumuaki

"The Lord is righteous in all His ways, gracious in all His works."
Psalm 145:17

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 11
Wednesday 1 July
Year 1-8 reports go live

SENIOR (YEAR 9 - 13)

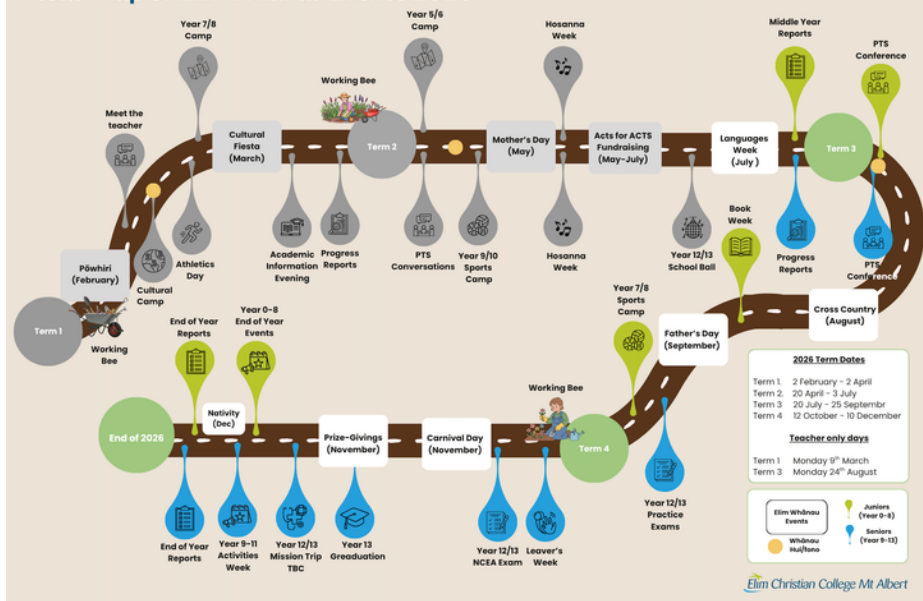
Week 10
Saturday 27 June
Senior Jazz Band Rehearsal

Week 11
Tuesday 30 June
Year 12 and 13 Art
Pat Hanly Creativity Project Session

Thursday 2 July
Year 9-13 Reports go live

TERM 3 DATES AT THE HALFWAY MARK!

Road Map of Elim Whānau Events 2026



Week 1
Dental Planet Year 9-13
Junior Disco

Week 2
PTS conferences
Year 13 Bio Trip

Week 3
Cross Country

Week 6
Year 0-8 Bookweek

Week 7
Father's Day Breakfast

Week 8-9
Practice Exams Year 12-13

Week 9
Sports Camp Year 7-8

ELIM GRACE NOTES PERFORMS AT THE BIG SING 2026

Miss Sarah Dunn and Zoe Goodchild, Year 11

On Tuesday 16 June, after 10 weeks of lunchtime rehearsals, a Saturday workshop, a Year 9/10 assembly performance, and a train ride into the city, the senior choir, Elim Grace Notes, took to the stage at the Auckland Town Hall! Our itinerant singing teacher, Alanah Jones, guided us through preparing our vocal parts with enthusiasm and confidence and conducted our performances.

During the afternoon session, we performed two songs, "Blackbird" and "Feeling Good". We were joined by four talented student musicians: Seth Unni (guitar), Azariah Chandra (bass), Ezra Schnee (piano), and Juan Puno (drums). Their dedication and energy helped bring our music to life.

After dinner together on Queen Street, we returned for the evening Gala performance. Every school that had presented a full programme during the day was invited to perform one favourite piece again, and we were thrilled to share "Feeling Good" with the audience once more.



It was a busy day filled with music, laughter, and memorable moments. Performing in such an iconic venue was an exciting experience, and it was wonderful to see our hard work rewarded with warm audience responses and enthusiastic applause.

POP-UP MARKET DAY

Mr Guy Storrs

We had a wonderful time at the pop-up market for our Year 9 Business class. The hall was filled with students buying products that our business students created. It was wonderful to see the Year 9s demonstrate their understanding of how a business functions as well as apply their money literacy. They all did an exceptional job and the mahi paid off.



EVERIL ORR VISITS

Mrs Rita Ah Kau

The Junior Years 0-3 had the opportunity to serve the residents at Everil Orr through singing, sharing cards, and prayer. Our students showed kindness and confidence, giving joy, encouragement, and even tears of happiness to our elderly friends.



MELISSA LEE, MP VISITS OUR SCHOOL

Esther Harrowfield, Year 7

Melissa Lee came to our school to talk to all of the Year 7 and 8 students and answered our questions. She explained about her childhood, how she got into politics and what her current work is like. It was very interesting and she told lots of funny stories about her experiences growing up in different countries. One thing that I learnt from her visit was how hard and how much the Members of Parliament need to work to keep our country running smoothly. Now, I have a new appreciation of the sacrifices they make to help society. A huge thank you to Ms. Lee for taking the time out of her schedule to speak to us!



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](#)



ARISE Parents Prayer is currently on hold due to capacity. Instead, we encourage you to pray with your family for the school.

June Prayer Points:

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



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!

CIVVIES DAY AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE!



FRIDAY 26TH JUNE



Let's help children
in **Cambodia**
go to school.

Your support helps
provide school fees,
uniforms, books and
learning resources.



GREAT
FOOD!
GREAT
CAUSE!



SAUSAGES CAN BE
ORDERED THROUGH
KINDO.



Orders close
midday
Thursday 25th June.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! ❤️



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Kowhai Kids Club Elim will be having a fun Holiday Programme at St.Mary's School, 2136 Great North Road, Avondale from 6th to 17th July.

Part-time enrolments, Sibling discounts and WINZ subsidies are available. Brochures are available online.

Enrol online on www.kowhaikidsclub.co.nz

Phone: 0800 KK CLUB / Mobile: 0277 831 826

Email: info@kowhaikidsclub.co.nz



READING AND WRITING: A HOLISTIC APPROACH

Join Professor Jan Gaffney, and Associate Professor Aaron Wilson from the University of Auckland as they delve into the long-standing debates on literacy. Discover why a holistic approach to teaching reading and writing is crucial for children's learning, and what this looks like in practice for your child at school.

Tuesday 30th June 6-7pm at Balmoral School Hall

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

How to decide if a child should be at school

Health New Zealand has information to help schools and whānau know when it is okay for a child to still be at school and when a sick child should be at home.

[Healthy habits for learning – Ministry of Education](#)