

ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT NEWSLETTER



Tēnā Koutou Katoa

A very warm welcome back to our Elim whānau. It is wonderful to be underway for the year. I was delighted to introduce you to the team in the email update in January. We are pleased to have new staff join us, bringing new skills and enthusiasm to make this an even better school for your children to attend.

It was wonderful to see the school abuzz last week with orientation activities. These moments are so important for helping our students settle into their new classes and build those vital connections. I think we all appreciated the extended weekend after such a full-on first week!

In the last weekend of the summer break, the ARISE parents and leadership staff joined forces at a working bee. This group is such an integral connection and support for the school. They worked tirelessly to provide the finishing touches to the junior playground revamp and gardens. Thank you team! We would love more people to join us for our next working Bee in April.

Our Student Leaders have stepped into their new roles and are already bringing fresh ideas to the table, showing great initiative in how they want to serve our school community this year. On Thursday, they will be attending a student leader camp where they will explore what it means to lead with a servant's heart and begin planning the events and initiatives that will shape our school culture.

Introducing the 2026 Team:

- Head Boy: Fa'atuatua Isaaka | Head Girl: Sophia Wakelin
- Deputy Head Boy: Tudor Prelipceanu | Deputy Head Girl: Celyn Setyadi
- Student Leaders: Bethany Chua, Jadie Yii, Dania Khan, and Alisha David

We look forward to a great year of connection, growth, and partnership as we journey together.

Ngā mihi mahana,
Tania Calvert



Tania Calvert
Principal Tumuaki

"If you are pleased with me,
teach me your ways so I may
know you and continue to find
favor with you."
Exodus 33:13

IMPORTANT DATES

WHOLE SCHOOL

Week 4

Tuesday 24 February
Expression of Interest Morning

Week 5

Monday 2 March
Class and ID photos

Week 6

Monday 9 March
Teacher Only Day

Week 7

Wednesday 18 March
Cultural Fiesta

Week 8

Tuesday 24 March
Expression of Interest Morning

Week 9

Thursday 2 April
Term 1 Ends

JUNIOR (YEAR 1 - 8)

Week 3

Tuesday 17 February
Road Patrol Refresher Training

Week 4

Tuesday 24 February
Meet the Teacher Year 1 - 8 afternoon

Week 5

Tuesday 3 - Friday 6 March
Year 7-8 Hunua Falls Camp

Week 6

Friday 13 March
Year 7 - 8 Camp Highlight Assembly

SENIOR (YEAR 9 - 13)

Week 2

Thursday 12 - Friday 13 February
Gateway health and safety course

Thursday 12 - Saturday 14 February
Student Leader Camp

Week 3

Friday 20 February
Cultural Camp Year 9 -13

Week 4

Friday 27 February
Year 9-13 Athletics Day

Week 6

Wednesday 11 - Friday 13 March
Auckland Senior Volleyball Champs

Week 8

Tuesday 24 March
Academic Information Evening
Year 11-13

ACCESS EVENT PHOTOS AND GUIDELINES

The school will capture beautiful moments of students during school events and share the photo links with families through the school newsletter. Please note that the photo link will be available for two weeks, after which access to the folder will be restricted for safety reasons.



SENIOR PRAYER GROUP

Alisha David, Year 13

This week we held our first prayer group of 2026, with a great turnout from Years 9–13. We prayed for a blessed start to the school year, a strong sense of community within our school, and growth in our relationships with God throughout the year. We also brainstormed new ideas for the prayer group. It was a great way to begin the new school year.

ENVIRO

Mrs Amanda Abrahams

On Friday, Litta Traps were installed on two of our school's stormwater drains as part of a new partnership with Sustainable Coastlines.

Sustainable Coastlines is a well-known New Zealand organisation that works with schools and communities to reduce litter, protect waterways, and prevent waste from reaching our oceans. The Litta Traps capture rubbish before it flows out to sea, helping us understand what litter is leaving our school environment.

Over the next couple of terms, the traps will be monitored by Sustainable Coastlines, with support from our Enviro Team, who will help sort and analyse the collected waste. With more than 200 different types of plastic commonly found in stormwater, this project will give us valuable insight into how we can improve our environmental practices as a school community.

We're proud to be taking practical steps to care for God's creation and to empower our students to be responsible, informed kaitiaki of our environment.



WHATSAPP COMMUNICATION

There are four official school WhatsApp groups.
Please click on the following link(s) to access your child(ren)'s WhatsApp group.



YEAR 1-3



YEAR 4-6



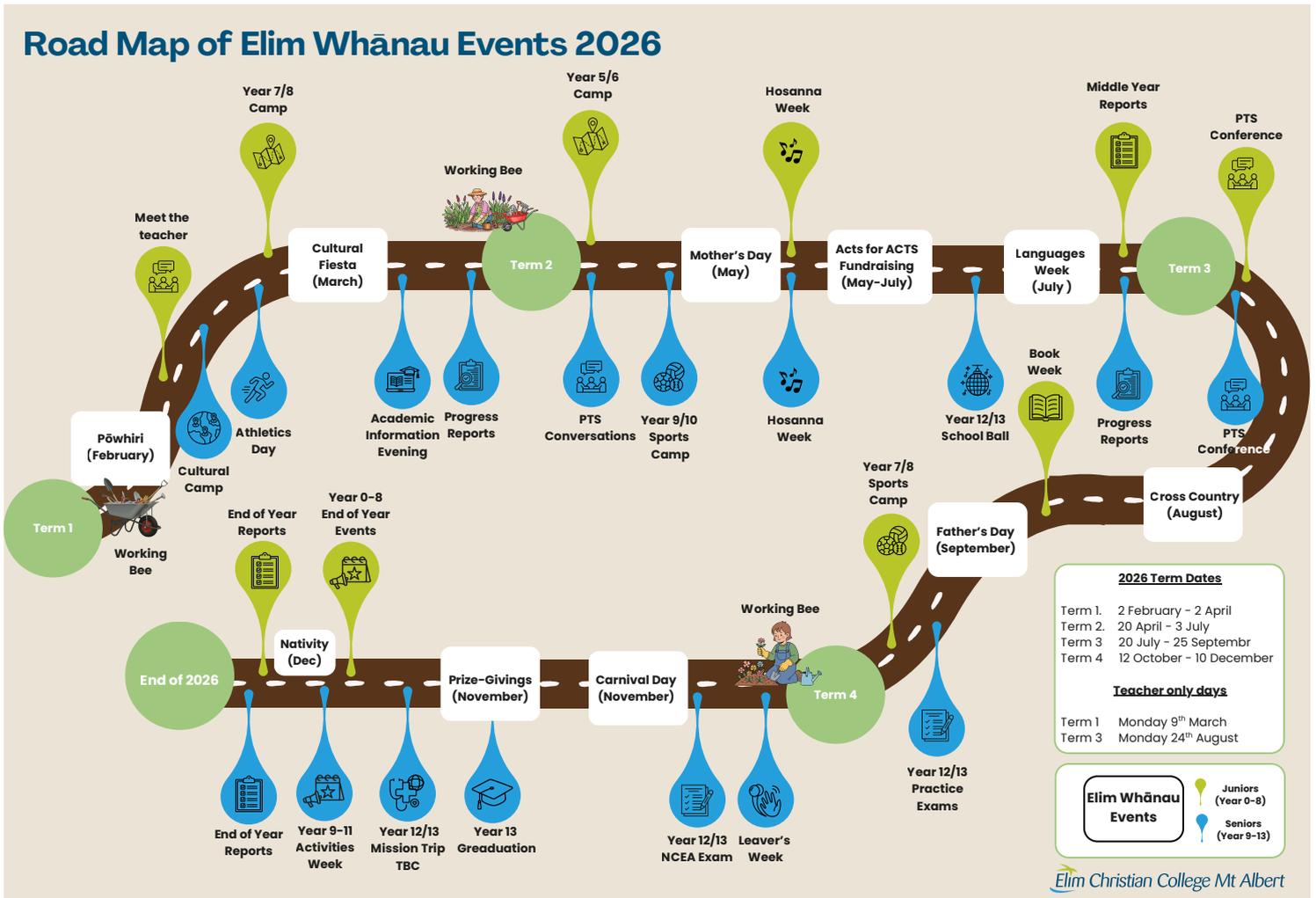
YEAR 7-8



YEAR 9-13

After a few weeks, all new members will be approved by our parent representatives before gaining access to the chat. The school sent an email with information about the WhatsApp groups last week, on 5 February. Please find more information from there.

SAVE THE DATE 2026



This year, we have a ‘Road Map’ of all the key events in the school. This is to help families plan ahead so they can attend many of our wonderful connection opportunities. Specific days and times are still being confirmed and will be in the **school calendar**. Subject and class specific trips will also be planned throughout the year. These will be emailed to you.

Elim Whānau Events are in the white boxes. These are the times that we invite all families to join us at event.

Junior and Senior Specific Events are in the green (junior) and blue (senior) bubbles.

Please note the school ‘Term Times’ and ‘Teacher Only Days’ also.