

ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT NEWSLETTER



Tenā koutou katoa

Welcome back to the new school term! It's been a wonderful week, with plenty of sunny days and chilly nights, and we're so pleased to see the fields finally drying out after all that rain.

We really enjoyed seeing so many of you at the Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences on Tuesday afternoon and evening. We truly value these opportunities to connect with you, celebrate your child's learning and discuss their next steps.

Our second day of conferences is coming up this Thursday. During this time, you'll also have the chance to meet informally with members of our leadership team and staff. This will be from 2:15 PM to 3:15 PM in the staffroom, where you can pop in for a cuppa and a chat. Don't worry about the kids - they'll be supervised in the library. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

We're thrilled to report that the new school van has already been instrumental in facilitating trips and supporting our sports teams this week. Its early arrival is a huge blessing, particularly during this demanding season filled with sports, various excursions and music events. We're so grateful for this valuable addition and look forward to how it will continue to benefit our students.



Please stay connected this term by reading our fortnightly newsletter. This has upcoming dates and showcases the learning and activities happening throughout the school. There are also many ways to be involved in the school. Please see the ARISE Whānau section of this newsletter for information on ways you can do this.

Kia pai tō rā - Have a good day.



Tania Calvert
Principal Tumuaki

"Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine."

John 15:4

IMPORTANT DATES

WHOLE SCHOOL

WEEK 2

Tuesday 22 July 3:30 - 7:30pm /
Thursday 24 July 1 - 5pm
Parent Teacher Student Conferences

Wednesday 23 July
EPRO 8 Y9/10 and 11-13

WEEK 5

Monday 11 August
Staff Only Day

WEEK 6
18 - 22 August
Dental Planet at School Year 9 - 13

BOOK WEEK

WEEK 8

Friday 5 September 8 - 9:30am
Father's Day Event

JUNIOR (YEAR 1 - 8)

WEEK 7

Friday 29 August TBC
Year 1 - 8 Disco

WEEK 8

Friday 5 September 8 - 9:30am
Father's Day Event

WEEK 9

Tuesday 9 September
Immunisations Year 7 and 8

WEEK 10

Sports camp Year 7 and 8

SENIOR (YEAR 9 - 13)

WEEK 2

Wednesday 23 July
EPRO 8 Y9/10 and 11-13

WEEK 3

Saturday 2 August
Year 11 - 13 School Ball

WEEK 4

Thursday 7 August
NCEA Subject Information Evening

WEEK 6

18 - 22 August
Dental Planet at School Year 9 - 13

WEEK 8

1-5 September
Senior Practice Exams

WEEK 9

8-12 September
Co-Requisite Second Round

PLASTIC-FREE JULY AT ELIM - LET'S DO OUR PART!

Mrs Amanda Abrahams and Mr Jason Ridler

This week, Elim Christian College is supporting **Plastic-Free July**, a global movement to reduce single-use plastics. From **Wednesday to Friday**, we're encouraging all families to join us in going **single-use plastic-free**. That means saying no to plastic wrappers, bags, straws, and cling film in lunchboxes and at home. Lunchboxes and other reusable plastics are acceptable.

Let's be good stewards of God's creation by making small changes that lead to big impact. Students who participate will be eligible for **spot prizes** throughout the week!

Together, we can care for the Earth and inspire lasting change - one reusable container at a time.

To find more information about Plastic-Free July, visit: <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>



BRAIN BEE

Lily Abrahams, Year 11

Naomi and I spent the day at The University of Auckland's Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences learning from university students and lecturers about neuroscience and what it's like to study science. The day consisted of multiple activities, including a tour of the campus, a neuroscience quiz and a look at embalmed body parts. It was fascinating learning about different people's lives and what it's like to be a scientist. We met a range of interesting people, from university students experimenting on reducing nerve death in spinal cord injuries, to a post-graduate student researching the effects mushrooms have on people, to a researcher who travels all around the world while juggling a family. We ended off the day by watching the top ten competitors from the North Island compete in the third round of Brain Bee. I'm really glad I gave Brain Bee a shot and would recommend it to anyone who wants to know a bit more about how the brain works. Give Brain Bee a go, and if you get to go to the university, enjoy the sandwich. It's good.



VISIT TO UNITEC TRADES DEPARTMENT

Tyler Chambers, Year 11

On Wednesday the 16th July, a small group of Y11-13 students visited Unitec so that we could learn the basics of different trades and the career paths they offer. The trades that were covered were carpentry, automotive engineering, mechanical engineering, plumbing, drainlaying, gasfitting and being an electrician. As a Year 11 student, this trip was a great opportunity to get an idea of what I could do after school and I highly recommend it to anyone else that is looking to get into trades, or even if you're not.



SENIOR ART WORKSHOP

Mrs Shinae Ha

Our Year 12 and 13 senior art students had the privilege of participating in a workshop on Monday 21st July with art educators from the Auckland Art Gallery and New Zealand artist Ani O'Neill, as part of the Pat Hanly Creative Project.

Following their visit to the Auckland Art Gallery in Term 2, students created artworks based on the theme "Ko Wai Au?" ("Who am I?"). During the workshop, they engaged in group presentations and critique sessions, sharing their work and receiving valuable feedback from gallery educators.

This was an incredible opportunity to connect with practicing artists and art educators. The thoughtful and constructive feedback helped students further develop their art, encouraged deeper reflection on their creative practice and inspired many to consider how they can grow as future artists.

Selected students will have their work exhibited at the Auckland Art Gallery in August- stay tuned and keep an eye on our art journey!



CAREER EXPO AT MOUNT ALBERT GRAMMAR TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST 4-7PM

Parents and caregivers of Year 11-13 students are warmly encouraged to attend the upcoming Career Expo at Mount Albert Grammar School, just a short walk from our school. Held from 4-7pm, the Expo will feature representatives from all major universities, the New Zealand Defence Force, Police, a range of trades, Whitecliffe College, Yoobee College, hairdressing schools and more. This is a fantastic opportunity for students and their families to explore future pathways together and have meaningful conversations about life after school.

Students can either sign up (the form is on Google Classroom) to walk over with Mr. Anderson and I after school, or you're welcome to attend together at a time that suits your family.

Ngā mihi nui,
Mrs Amanda Ray

CAREER EXPO for Y11-13s

Please complete the Google Form on the Careers Google Classroom if you wish to attend.



4-7 PM
5 AUGUST

Mount Albert
Grammar School,
Alberton Avenue

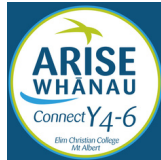
ARISE WHĀNAU UPDATES

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!



Yrs 1-3:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/I8rTyLttmwh1r2LPguptbD>



Yrs 4-6:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Lq6AMreO7zKlgvOD6ZgRs>



Yrs 7-8:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EFbCWDJBh9OHGcP6Jcmk5u>



Yrs 9-10:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Cxc73xOHAf50R1FpgEKKQ>



Yrs 11-13:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HtfkyfiuFsB5Y0FqbsZIGj>



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!

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Pizza Lunch

& Civvies Day Fundraiser

Friday 1 August

Fundraising for the New School Van

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