

ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT NEWSLETTER



Tēnā koutou katoa and warm greetings to you all

As we enter Week 8, we reflect on how quickly this term has progressed. With the arrival of spring, we anticipate warmer weather and lighter mornings. We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to all families for their commitment to student attendance, particularly throughout the recent period of seasonal illnesses. We recognise that ensuring consistent attendance can be challenging, and your efforts are instrumental in fostering a stable learning environment. Every day of classroom instruction provides valuable opportunities for learning and growth, and your dedication ensures our students do not miss out on these essential experiences.

A heads-up for parents, a new animated movie on Netflix, **'K-Pop: Demon Hunters'**, has been getting a lot of media attention and is very popular with young people. You may have seen it mentioned in the news or heard its catchy tunes. While the music is engaging, the film's themes may not align with a Christian worldview. We want to encourage you to be aware of what your children are watching and if you choose to have your children watch it, consider watching it with them. This can be a great opportunity to discuss any topics that don't align with your family's values and to help your children navigate media with a discerning eye. At school, we are committed to providing a safe and positive learning environment for all our students. As such, we will not be allowing the use or discussion of this content.

This year, I had the privilege of being part of a professional learning group of Principals from Christian schools across New Zealand. On three separate occasions, we spent time in Christian schools around the country to connect and learn from one another. It has been truly wonderful to see this network so connected and supportive of each other as we all work to deliver quality education through a Christian worldview. It is no surprise that Christian schools throughout the country are experiencing huge growth, with long waiting lists, as more and more families seek this kind of education for their children.

Today, key staff from all three of our Elim schools are at Elim Christian College Henderson, joined by Murray Burton, CEO of the Elim Education Office. Our focus for the day is a comprehensive review of our Christian curriculum. This is a valuable opportunity to work together to ensure we are providing the best possible faith-based education for all our students.

It is this commitment to a robust, faith-based education that underpins all we do, from our daily lessons to our collaborative curriculum review. We are so grateful to have your partnership in this journey. We look forward to sharing more about the outcomes of our review and how it will continue to benefit our students.

This week, we have two wonderful community events. On Friday morning, we have our Father's Day Breakfast. This is followed later in the day by our Whole School Cross country. Senior Students are required to come to this event as practise exams will have finished.

We look forward to seeing you at these events.



Tania Calvert
Principal Tumuaki

"For behold, the winter is past;
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth,
the time of singing has come."

Song of Solomon 2:11-12

IMPORTANT DATES

WHOLE SCHOOL

WEEK 8

Friday 5 September
Father's Day Event 8 - 9am
Read more on page 7

Cross Country
Owairaka Park, 12:15 - 2:30pm
[Senior students are required to attend](#)

SENIOR (YEAR 9 - 13)

WEEK 8

1-5 September
Senior Practice Exams Y11-13

WEEK 9

8-12 September
Co-Requisite Second Round Y10 - 11

JUNIOR (YEAR 1 - 8)

WEEK 8

Thursday 4 September
Year 1 - 3 Poetry Recital 9:30 - 10:30am
Year 4 - 6 Speech Final 11:30 - 12:30pm
Year 7 - 8 Speech Final 2 - 3pm

WEEK 9

Tuesday 9 September
Immunisations Year 7 and 8

WEEK 10

Wednesday 17 September
Year 1 - 8 Science Fair 2 - 3pm
Sports camp Year 7 and 8

END OF YEAR DATES

YEAR 1-2 NATIVITY

Tuesday 9 December 9-10:30am

YEAR 3-8 PRIZEGIVING

Tuesday 25 November 11am-1pm

YEAR 9-13 PRIZEGIVING

Tuesday 25 November 6:30-8:30pm

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Friday 5 December 3:30-5:00pm

YEAR 8 GRADUATION

Monday 1 December 6:00-8:30pm

2026 TERM DATES

Please note the term dates for 2026.

Monday 2 Feb- Thursday 2 April
Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July
Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September
Monday 12 October - Thursday 10 December

MCLEAN ST DROP OFF / PICK UP / PARKING

Just a friendly reminder in relation to morning and afternoon drop off, pick up and parking on McLean St.
It is essential that road rules are adhered to at all times.

Please do not stop or park on the yellow lines under any circumstances. Our relationship with our neighbours is also vitally important and as such we ask that you do not drop off, park or use their driveways for turning. 3 point turns and U turns are extremely dangerous on McLean St and student safety is paramount.

Please also ensure you and your children are using the pedestrian crossing at all times.

Thank you for your cooperation with these requests.

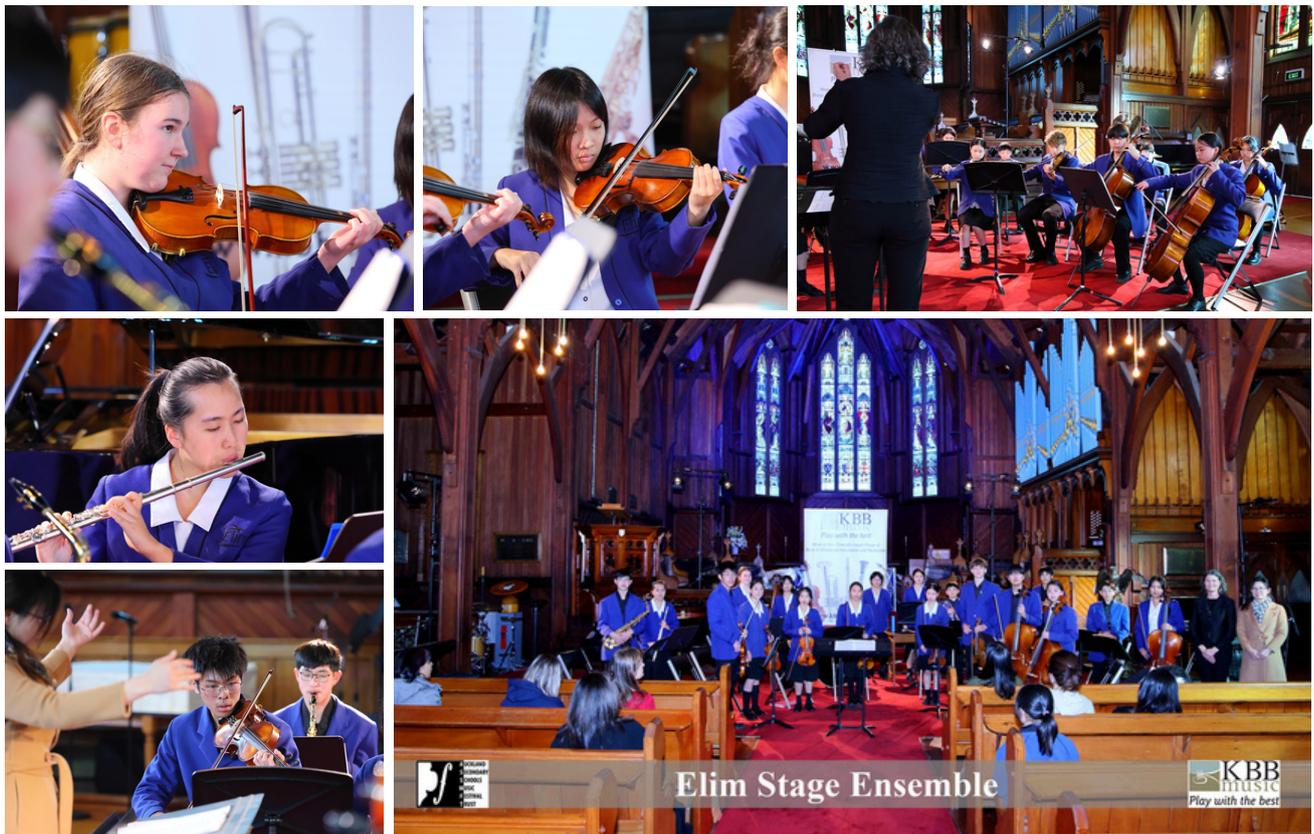
KBB MUSIC FESTIVAL

Mrs Rachel Crellin

On Monday 11th August eight of our talented musicians from Years 9-13 performed in the combined 'Elim Stage Ensemble' at the KBB Music Festival. Their concert was held in the beautiful setting of St Mary's Church, next to Holy Trinity Cathedral. The students did an outstanding job of presenting their programme of three pieces with vibrancy and musicality. Even though there were only two combined rehearsals with the students from Botany and Golflands, the group demonstrated strong ensemble skills and were 'Highly Commended' by the adjudicators who noted their confidence and quality of preparation.

It was my privilege to train our Mount Albert students, alongside Karen Liu who trained the students at Botany and Golflands. Thanks are also due to Miss Dunn for her invaluable support. We are all very proud of our students' performance and acknowledge the hard work they have done through their personal practice in addition to group rehearsals to prepare for this event. Our school was also honoured to receive a KBB Joyce Fisher Professional Development Award to support our development over the coming year - a further acknowledgement of the great commitment and potential shown by these students.

Congratulations to: Laura Sohn (violin), Nathanael Senn (violin), Zikai Wen (violin), Lily Abrahams (violin), Minwoo Han (cello), Vicky Zhao (flute), Hayley Moon (violin) and Ashley Yang (percussion).



MATHEX COMPETITION

Mr Elijah Tay

On Thursday 21 August, four teams from Year 7-8 represented our school at the annual Casio Mathex Competition for the first time. The stadium was packed and reverberating with excitement from participants across approximately 84 schools. Our students conducted themselves outstandingly, and their enduring effort from their practices throughout the term was evident right up to the end of the competition. By the end, all of our students were buzzing with enthusiasm for mathematics and were already asking about next year's competition. Congratulations to the following students for their effort and thank you to all parents and teachers for supporting this event.

Y7 Alpha

Abigail Sutich
Jessica Chiang
Ollie Mowat
Rachelle Eccles (Runner)
75 points

Y7 Omega

James Abrahams
Gideon Goh
Dominic Liu
Filoialii Faaiu (Runner)
65 points

Y8 Alpha

Lucas Chien
Rupert Harrowfield
Ruben Wysoski
Charlie Carter (Runner)
75 points

Y8 Omega

Judy Zhu
Daniel
Thekkepadamattam
Levi Mason
Austin Carroll (Runner)
65 points



BOOK WEEK

Mrs Emma Abrahams

In Week 6, we celebrated our love of reading with a Garden of Eden themed Book Week. Every day there were different activities happening around the school, including poetry-inspired dance classes, mystery readers, library storytimes, an author visit from Becs Green, the Scholastic Book Fair, and the absolutely delightful Book Character Parade and Prizegiving. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this year's Book Week so fun for our tamariki. The Book Fair was our most successful one to date, raising over \$1000 for our school library.



Book Week photos: [Click Link Here](#)

Book Week Parade: [Click Link Here](#)

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!



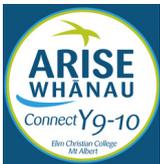
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Yrs 9-10:
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Yrs 11-13:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HtfkyfiuFsB5Y0FqbsZIGj>



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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UNIFORM DONATIONS AND SALES

Uniform sale to be held on
Thursday 18 September 2.30 - 3.30pm in
Rahiri House RH1.

Do you have Uniforms that no longer fit?
Uniform donations are gratefully accepted
at the office.

