

ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT NEWSLETTER



Kia ora Elim whānau

What a fantastic winter term it's been! As the term draws to a close, we want to extend a huge thank you to our incredible students, staff, and families for making it such a success. We have been so impressed by the focus and dedication of our students, who have truly embraced the value of pukuahuwheua - diligence, in their learning and studies. This commitment has been reflected in their fantastic attendance throughout the term.

I am pleased to announce the new School Board. Congratulations to our parent representatives: Emma Fale, Tim Haycock, Hamish Mowat, and Lenati Aho. We also congratulate our staff representative, Ellouise Richter, and our student representative, Evie Harrowfield. Thank you to everyone who showed their commitment to our school by putting their name forward.

This term was packed with memorable moments. Beyond the classroom, we have also created some wonderful memories and had a number of successful community events. We kicked things off with our well-attended parent-teacher-student conferences and it was great to see so many of you engaging in your child's learning journey. These partnerships are so valuable, and we appreciate your commitment.

Our whole-school cross country event was a huge hit, showcasing the grit and determination of our students. We also celebrated the magic of reading during Book Week, and it was wonderful to see our students and staff embrace their favorite characters. The recent Father's Day celebration was another highlight, bringing our community together in a special way.

For our junior students, their outstanding speeches and poetry recitals were a joy to watch. We also want to give a special shout-out to our ARISE whānau parents group for running a very successful junior years disco. Their time and effort created a night of pure fun and laughter for our younger students.

I want to acknowledge the hard work of our senior students who recently completed their practice exams. We know this can be a stressful time, and we are so proud of their perseverance and effort.

Our sports teams have also had an exceptional season. A big round of applause to all our players for their dedication and sportsmanship. We also want to express our sincere gratitude to the dedicated coaches and teachers who volunteered their time and expertise to support our teams; your guidance and encouragement made all the difference.

We wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday break. We look forward to seeing you refreshed and ready for an exciting new term.



Tania Calvert
Principal Tumuaki

"Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established"

Proverbs 16:3

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 4

WHOLE SCHOOL

WEEK 2

Thursday 16 October
National Shakeout Drill

WEEK 3

Thursday 23 October
Civvies Day

WEEK 4

Monday 27 October
Labour Day

WEEK 5

Monday 3 November
Orientation Afternoon
New 2026 students and families

WEEK 6

Wednesday 12 November
Athletics Carnival
WHOLE SCHOOL FAMILY EVENT

WEEK 8

Friday 28 November
Civvies Day

WEEK 10

Wednesday 10 December
Year 0-10 reports go live

Thursday 11 December
Last day of school Y1-10

JUNIOR (YEAR 1 - 8)

WEEK 3

Friday 24 October
Kiwileles Jam at Botany

Thursday 13 November

Y5 - 8 Road Patrol Training for 2026
with Police Constables

WEEK 8

Tuesday 25 November
Year 1- 8 Prizegiving 11am - 1pm
Elim Christian Centre City

WEEK 9

Monday 1 December
Year 8 Graduation 6-8:30pm

Friday 5 December
Year 6 Graduation 3:30 - 5:00pm

WEEK 10

Tuesday 9 December
Year 0-2 Nativity 9:00 - 10:30am

Wednesday 10 December
Year 0 - 6 Family Picnic

SENIOR (YEAR 9 - 13)

WEEK 3

Leavers Week Year 13
Friday 24 October
Last day of Year 12 -13

WEEK 4

Friday 31 October
Last day of Year 11
Study Leave Year 12 -13

WEEK 5

NCEA Exams (4-24 November)
Study Leave Y11

Wed 5 - Fri 7 November
Y9 -10 Exams

WEEK 6

NCEA Exams (4 - 24 November)

WEEK 8

Tuesday 25 November
Year 9 -13 Prizegiving 6:30 - 8:30pm
Elim Christian Centre City

WEEK 9

Y9 -10 Activity Week

WEEK 10

Monday 8 December
Year 9 -10 End of year outing

FATHER'S DAY EVENT

Mr Marvin Anderson

On Friday September 5 we celebrated our fathers, grandfathers and significant male figures in our school. A BBQ breakfast along with music, a photobooth, games and a wall of dad jokes made it a fun time for all. Junior classrooms were then open for visits by those in attendance.

As a school we recognise the significant role each plays in the lives of their children and the school more broadly.

Photo album link: [Click here](#). Please note that this photo album will be closed in 3 days. Thank you!

WELLINGTON LEADERSHIP TRIP

Taj Trebilco, Lucy Harrowfield, Jordan Penny and Jordane Melchizedek, Year 13

Personal Highlights

At the start of Week 9, the four head students had the privilege of traveling to Wellington with Mrs Calvert and Mr Anderson. We had the opportunity to visit Parliament, explore and grow in leadership. It was an incredible experience filled with learning, relationship building and many laughs. Some of our main highlights were getting to watch question time in parliament which was both intense and entertaining as we got to see the MPs debating live in front of us. We also spent time with our local MPs Helen White and Hon Melissa Lee who talked to us about leadership and how we can use our positions for positive change.

Leadership learnings

Each of us prepared a short encouragement devotion to share with the group during the trip. Taj reflected on a recent family event and how he found peace when he put God first. Lucy spoke about God's promises and the certainty and confidence we have in God and his character. Jordane spoke into leadership and the impact past leaders have had on her and how as leaders we are to be welcoming and supportive of all around us. Jordan dwelled on the truth that we can be genuine with God, trusting him with all our thoughts and emotions. We can talk to God about anything and he listens.



EMERGING LEADERS BREAKFAST

Mr Marvin Anderson

On Wednesday September 3 the Aotearoa Resettled Community Coalition (ARCC) in partnership with the Ministry of Education held an Emerging Leaders breakfast to recognise student leaders from diverse ethnic backgrounds. Students were recognised for demonstrating exceptional leadership and service in their schools or communities.

We were pleased to be able to nominate Year 13 students Jordane Melchizedek and Vanis Apiratsangri.

“Jordane is part of the student leadership team and serves as Deputy Head Girl. She has always demonstrated an interest in student and community issues and was nominated for youth parliament this year. At school Jordane is a worship leader, and is involved in the jazz band and choir. She has served at the aged care facility and does volunteer work in the community. Jordane has also done peer support and tutoring of younger students”.

“Vanis is a Year 13 student who is academically driven, honest and hard working. He has a high level of integrity and is a great role model to younger students. Vanis regularly assists with tasks around the school such as cultural week, hosanna week, photography at events, designing slides for assemblies and anything asked of him. He has a strong sense of responsibility and servant leadership”.



YEAR 13 WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

Liam Butler, Year 13, Christian Character Student Leader



The Year 13s took over the worship assembly on Friday. The team included a mix of people who are regulars in the worship band and several who are not. It was a really fun morning praising Jesus together with our God-given talents.

CROSS COUNTRY

Celyn Setyadi, Year 12, Whānau Leader

On Friday 5th September, the school held a cross country event where students could compete for placings in long distance running. Our wonderful Mr Mackenzie and Mr Zountenbier worked very hard to organise the event and it went swimmingly. The student body had so much fun and, despite it being exam week, there was a large turnout of senior students which made all the difference. As a whanau leader, it was very exciting to see all the whanau leaders work in solidarity to organise activities for the primary kids. All in all, the event was successful and there were many surprising wins. It was a very fun day.



Cross Country photo album: [Click here.](#)

SCOOPING UP STATISTICS: YEAR 13 DIVE INTO HOKEY POKEY

Mr Albert Feng

This week our Year 13 Statistics students took part in a classic kiwi classroom activity- the Hokey Pokey Ice Cream Investigation. This hands-on task is a staple in New Zealand mathematics education, designed to explore probability, counting techniques, and systematic thinking through the sweet lens of hokey pokey ice cream: vanilla ice cream dotted with crunchy honeycomb toffee lumps.

What's the Scoop?

Students were given a simple but surprisingly rich challenge: count the number of hokey pokey lumps in each scoop. From there, they applied statistical tools to:

- Estimate averages and variation
- Model the lump counts using the **Poisson distribution**, ideal for discrete events occurring randomly over a fixed space (or scoop!)
- Explore sampling techniques
- Discuss fairness and consistency in product packaging

It is a playful yet powerful way to connect abstract statistical concepts with real-world thinking and, yes, there was some taste-testing involved too!

Leadership in Action

We were especially proud to have our Head Boy and Head Girl join the investigation, modelling curiosity, collaboration, and a love of learning. Their presence reminded us that leadership is not just about speeches and service- it's also about rolling up your sleeves and engaging with the everyday moments that shape our school culture.

Why It Works

This activity is more than just counting lumps. It encourages students to:

- Think critically about randomness and variation
- Apply probability models to everyday contexts
- Collaborate and communicate findings clearly
- Reflect on how mathematics helps us make sense of the world, even the dessert aisle

Statistics at Elim: Fun, Relevant, and Real

At Elim Christian College Mt Albert, our Statistics programme is designed to be engaging, meaningful, and full of discovery. Whether we're modelling ice cream scoops, analysing survey data, or exploring real-world trends, our students learn to:

- Ask thoughtful questions
- Use data to tell compelling stories
- Apply mathematical thinking to everyday life

We believe Statistics should be fun and interesting and this week's investigation proved just that. It's not just about numbers; it's about curiosity, creativity, and making sense of the world around us.

YEAR 3 NETBALL

Mrs Shinae Ha

Team Jets, our enthusiastic Year 3 netball team, consists of 7 talented players who take to the court every Thursday at Windmill Park in Mt Eden. Under the guidance of their two fantastic coaches, the team has shown remarkable improvement in their skills and teamwork throughout the season. A highlight of their year was competing in the Christian School Netball Tournament, where they played with heart and determination- earning an impressive 2nd place finish.



YEAR 7 AND 8 NETBALL



The wonderful Year 7/8 mixed netball team, Magic, was made up of four boys from Year 7 and six girls from both Year 7 and 8. The team, which was coached by Mrs Emma Abrahams and managed by Mrs Beta Faamausili, competed in the B grade on Monday evenings at Windmill Park. The team also competed in the Auckland Christian Schools Tournament and won all their games there except for the final, coming second in the Intermediate competition.

We awarded two very special certificates at the recent celebration prizegiving: Sportsmanship, which went to Georgia Faaiu, and Most Valuable Player, which went to Neri Faamausili. Ka Pai, girls! Thank you to all the parents and players who made this netball season possible.

Mrs Emma Abrahams

YEAR 7 AND 8 NETBALL



Our very own Year 8 Tactix netball team had a season to remember! This incredible team of 10 played with so much unity, joy, and encouragement for one another. They absolutely dominated the court, honing their skills and steamrolling the competition. With only one loss- a tough one played in torrential rain- they went on to win their grade! What a fantastic and well-deserved win for the Tactix! Excellent work team, you made us so proud!

Mrs Emma Fale



The Year 7 Steel netball team did really well this season and had some incredible improvements! They gave it their all every game, even if they had no subs. It was a wonderful opportunity to coach them and I'm so grateful to Ms Richter for being such a great parent helper/manager. All the parents were so good at cheering their kids on and the games day were always so fun. Overall, it was a great season and I hope next season is even better!

Sophie Abrahams, Year 10



On Monday the 1st of September we had a combined awards and scrumptious tea to celebrate the star performances of our three Year 7-8 netball teams. This season has been a long one with the many practices and games, and the ever-enthusiastic efforts of players and parents (on the side-lines) has been phenomenal. Thank you to all our coaches and managers for putting in so much love to the teams!

As has become the tradition, the parent student game was a highlight of the afternoon. Well done to the parents who played three consecutive games and won all three. Despite the obvious height advantage, our netball stars certainly gave the adults a run for their money and will be having the last laugh as parents battle stiffness for the next week.

Mrs Ellouise Richter

YEAR 10 NETBALL

Mrs Emma Abrahams

Our Year 10 netball team had an amazing season, moving up a grade in round 1 and going on to win all their games in the championship round. They were awarded the first place award for the D grade at a recent Auckland Netball Prizegiving.

The girls also competed in the Auckland Christian Schools Netball Tournament, where they won/drew all their games, finishing up second in the Year 10 grade.

The team was coached by parent, Anna Carroll, and went from strength to strength throughout the season.



YEAR 11 AND 12 NETBALL

Mrs Emma Abrahams

The Year 11/12 Netball Team had an amazing season, winning all but one game in Round 1. They moved up a level for the Championship round, where they came second in the grade.

The team was coached by Alisha David and Jessie Spemann, and managed/umpired by Mrs Emma Abrahams.



Auckland Christian Schools Netball Tournament photo album link: [Click here.](#)

JUNIOR DISCO

Miss Jessica Kidd

Our Year 1-8 students had a wonderful time at the disco! Our tamariki loved grooving to the awesome music (courtesy of DJ Steph), getting fancy hairstyles from our secondary students, getting decorative art on their faces, munching away on a sweet treat pack, and enjoying a delicious sausage. The older students also spent time playing games on the turf. There was definitely something for everyone. We truly appreciate the ARISE whānau group for putting this event together! Our kids were raving about it the following week.



Photo album link: [Click here.](#)

FATHER'S DAY & POETRY RECITAL

Mrs Rita Ah Kau

Room 2 students had a wonderful time celebrating Father's Day with their Superhero dads and participating in our Junior Poetry Recital. It was a memorable occasion filled with creativity and connection!



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!



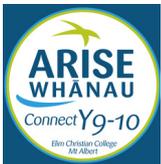
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ARISE WHĀNAU PRAYER

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.



Kowhai Kids Club HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Kowhai Kids Club Elim will be having a fun Holiday Programme at St.Mary's School, 2136 Great North Road, Avondale from 22nd September to 3rd October.

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

Enrol online on www.kowhaikidsclub.co.nz
 Ph: 0800 KK CLUB Mob: 0277 831 826
 Email: info@kowhaikidsclub.co.nz

RESEARCH SURVEY

A parent in our school is pursuing her Master's in Applied Business at Unitec Institute of Technology. She is undertaking a research paper and would like parents to complete this anonymous [questionnaire](#) to support her studies. This is completely voluntary. Click on the link for more information.

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- Shapes innovative and creative thinkers for the future
- Builds self-confidence, presentation and communication skills
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- Fosters teamwork and collaboration
- Sparks imagination and creativity
- Provides a safe, enriching environment to create and play

MONDAY
 12:30pm - 01:20pm
 Lesson Cost: \$12
 Location: Room-4

EMPOWERING TODAY'S STUDENTS TO BECOME TOMORROW'S PROBLEM SOLVERS AND INNOVATORS

Elim School Term 4

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- PROBLEM SOLVING
- TECHNOLOGY & ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
- CREATIVITY & INNOVATION
- EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE & SOCIAL SKILLS
- IMAGINATION & SELF EXPRESSION

EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION OF INNOVATORS & PROBLEM SOLVERS

JUNIOR ROBOTICS Junior Robotics (Years 0 - 4)
 Our Junior Robotics class is designed to introduce kids to robotics and basic coding principles. It combines "drag and drop" pictorial coding with our own Bricks 4 Kidz® models to spark and develop young students' interest in Science, Computing, Engineering and Technology subjects.

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 Location: Room-4
 Lesson Cost: \$35

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 Lesson Cost: \$25

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