

ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT NEWSLETTER



Annyeonghaseyo (안녕하세요) and Konnichiwa こんにちは

Warm greetings to you all. Our International Team has just returned from a highly successful trip to South Korea and Japan over the term break, where they visited schools and connected with our international partners.

The trip was incredibly fruitful. Not only did we establish many new relationships, but we were also completely immersed in both cultures. We learned about the Korean language, its writing, and how to read it. We were also immersed in the countries' rich traditions and we look forward to sharing those insights with staff and students at school.

As we start our final term at school for 2025, I encourage you to look ahead to the important dates and events on the calendar. We love to have whānau involvement and attendance at our school events, so we warmly invite you to save the dates and share in these final celebrations of the year.

Next week is the final week for our Year 12 and 13 students as they go on study leave for final exams. I would like to take this opportunity to farewell them as they transition from day-to-day school life to study. I pray for their clarity and confidence as they enter their final examination period. Year 11 finishes at the end of Week 4, and then they will go on study leave before their exam period.

This week, there is industrial action in schools throughout New Zealand. Whilst we are still able to operate and remain fully open this week, we want to thank our community for your understanding and support. We know that national industrial action can create uncertainty, and we are pleased to confirm that all classes are running as usual and our students' routines remain stable. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and will communicate immediately should any further changes to our operational status become necessary.

For your information, the **Board Election Parent Representative results** have been published on the school website. We once again extend our sincere thanks to all those who were nominated and stood for election. It is wonderful to see the level of interest and commitment within our community to support our school in this important governance role. I am looking forward to this next chapter, working collaboratively with an active and supportive Board to achieve our strategic goals.

Term 4 is always a period of much activity and celebration across all schools in Aotearoa New Zealand. Alongside the upcoming NCEA and final exams for our senior students, this term is full of prizegivings, end-of-year activities, graduation events and transition activities for students moving up a year level. It is a time for diligence and perseverance as we strive for excellence in learning, balanced with the joy of connecting as a community. I encourage students, whānau, and staff to commit to finishing this final term well. Let's work together to support one another, maintain our momentum in learning, and celebrate all the many achievements of 2025.

Annyeonghi gyeseyo안녕히 계세요 and Sayōnaraさようなら



Tania Calvert
Principal Tumuaki

"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3:14

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 8

Friday 28 November
Civvies Day
Market Day 2-4pm

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 6

Tuesday 11 November
Athletics Fun Day
EVENT ONSITE

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

Tue 4 - Wed 5 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

IMPORTANT UPDATE TO THE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL FAMILY EVENT

We were informed by the Council last week that the Lovelock Track is having maintenance and repairs throughout November. This affects our plans for the scheduled Athletics Carnival, which was going to be held on Wednesday 12 November.

Due to this change, we will now hold a **Year 1-8 Athletics Fun Day on site on Tuesday 11 November**. There will be a sausage sizzle run by the ARISE fundraising group. More details will follow around the logistics of ordering food. Year 9-10 students will attend regular classes but will be able to purchase food and drinks on the day as part of the fundraising for the school van.

MARKET DAY/ ENTERPRISE

We're excited to announce that our second Elim Christian College Market Day will take place on **Friday, 28th November, from 2- 4pm** on site at school!

Last year's event was a real highlight, and this year promises to be just as inspiring. Our talented Year 7-10 Enterprise students have been planning, budgeting, marketing and are busy creating their unique products, services and stalls. They've shown wonderful determination, initiative, creativity, teamwork and community spirit throughout the process.

Parents are warmly invited to come along from 2:50pm to browse the stalls and make purchases. We look forward to seeing you there!



ROADWORKS/CLOSURES

We have been informed that there will be roadworks and subsequent closures/detours on Allendale Rd from **Monday October 20 - Tuesday October 21**. The affected area is the section of Allendale Rd between McLean St and Mt Albert Rd.

Please be mindful of this change with drop off and pick up. In order to assist with congestion please be prompt in picking up your children at 2.50pm for Years 1-6, and after 3.10pm for Years 7-13.

EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY ACCESS

At our school, we take great pride in celebrating and sharing the memorable moments and achievements of our students. We regularly feature highlights from events and activities in our newsletter to keep parents and our wider community connected and informed.

Please note that all photo album links will be available for viewing for a period of three weeks. After this time, access to the albums will be closed.

We encourage you to view and download any photos you'd like to keep within this timeframe. Thank you for your continued support and engagement!

THE INAUGURAL JUNIOR YEAR SCIENCE FAIR

Mrs Jordana Ryu

At the end of Term 3, we celebrated our very first Junior School Science Fair, and what an incredible event it was! Students showcased a wide variety of inquiry projects – from exploring animal habitats to hands-on investigations involving experiments, observations, data collection, and research. The projects were thoughtfully judged, and it was inspiring to see the creativity and scientific thinking on display. Families came along in strong support, making the day even more special. To top it all off, students of the winning projects were awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals and trophies. Congratulations to all our budding scientists for making this inaugural event such a success!



Junior Science Fair Photo Link: [Click here](#)

BRAIN BEE INTERNSHIP

Lily Abrahams Year 11



In the recent school holidays, I had the privilege of spending a day at the Auckland University's Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences. I was given a tour of the Brain Science labs and got to see a room filled with body parts that were damaged or diseased in some way. This included brains with cancer, a super enlarged spleen, a heart with a shard of metal through it, real skeletons, and a whole lot more.

I got to see a model brain that was made by the medical students, which lights up to show what areas of the brain get affected by Alzheimer's at the different stages. I also learned about a technique that's been developed to turn skin cells into brain cells. I also got to look through a microscope at sections of the human brain, and I got to go around and see the labs where scientists work and learn about their jobs and schedules.

This internship opportunity came as an extension of the Brain Bee competition I took part in earlier this year. If you're interested in biology or neuroscience, or just like learning new things, I highly recommend participating in Brain Bee in Year 11.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Mrs Shinae Ha, Award Leader

Seven Year 10 students successfully completed their overnight tramp in the Waitākere Ranges during the school holidays as part of their Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award Adventurous Journey.

In preparation, the students worked as a team to complete an online training course, which covered key areas such as navigation, planning, first aid, and campcraft. They also attended practical workshops at school, including sessions on how to pack a backpack and set up a tent. Throughout the journey, the group not only achieved their expedition goals, but also learned about the native flora and fauna of the Waitākere Ranges. Along the way, they developed a wide range of valuable skills, including teamwork, leadership, problem-solving, resilience, communication, and environmental awareness.

A special thank you to Adventure Specialties Trust for supporting the team and helping to make this journey possible, and to Mrs Jamieson for her extra support and the generous time she spent joining the tramp with the students!



THE TRUSTS 38TH ART EXHIBITION

Mrs Jacqui Reid

Two students, Dhaya Christopher and Bethany Chua, entered in the Trusts 38th Exhibition held at Corban Estate in Henderson in October this year. Dhaya, who is in Year 10, entered a beautiful still life drawing which she did in art class. Bethany, who is in Year 12, entered a photograph from her project on identity. Bethany won **first prize of \$500 in Photography in the Youth section, 16-18year olds**. The judges commented that her ...'image stood out due to the creative way it has been photographed and presented...'



Dhaya Christopher



Bethany Chua

INVICTUS BONFIRE NIGHT

Mr Joseph Zoutenbier

During the last week of Term 3, we hosted our Invictus Bonfire Night. At this event, Year 9 students engaged in four different activities that encouraged networking and connection with their peers. The events included team-building activities, where students were tasked with reconstructing a piece of fruit in teams, sharing something they view as a strength with their group, and burning something they do not want to weigh them down. This year, we were also blessed by Year 10 leaders who volunteered to run the activities and lead the Year 9s for the night. Thank you to Mr Anderson, Mrs Mackenzie, Mr Feng, Mrs Ha, and Mr Blok for helping to run the event.



Year 9 Invictus Bonfire Photo Link: [Click here](#)

ENVIRO GROUP

Mrs Amanda Abrahams

During Week Two, our Enviro focus is “What do we do with our food scraps?” This week our Year 7-8 Enviro students did a great job collecting the school’s food scraps and adding them to our new rotating compost bin. With two food scrap bins on site, we can turn fruit and vegetable scraps into rich compost for our school gardens. This supports our school-wide environmental initiatives and reminds us that small actions can make a big difference for God’s creation.

A reminder: Junior students are required to take all their food scraps home. We encourage senior students to take any remaining scraps home to place in their council [food scrap](#) collection bins rather than sending food to landfill.



BADMINTON CLUB

Seiya Uematsu, Year 11

During Term 3 we have been going to the Lynfield Youth and Leisure Centre every Wednesday to play badminton. I had tons of fun playing with people from our school and getting to know them better.



YEAR 13 NETBALL

Mrs Amanda Abrahams

Congratulations to our Year 13 Netball team on a fantastic season! Captained by Emily Baxter, the team worked hard throughout the year, winning most of their games and finishing 2nd in their Grade. We are so proud of their commitment, sportsmanship, and the way they represented our school. A special thank you to our coach, Mrs Ruth Harrowfield, for her dedication and support.



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 comments and avoid confusion!



Yrs 1-3:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/l8rTyLttmwH1r2LPguptbD>



Yrs 4-6:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Lq6AMreO7zKlqvOD6ZgRs>



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



Yrs 9-10:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Cxcf73xOHAf50R1FpgEKKQJ>



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

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](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) or go to www.mykindo.co.nz to start ordering!

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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!



YEAR 0 - 8 CALENDAR ART

It's Calendar Art time again! The student's have been busy creating art work that can be made into affordable Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Mats and Sketch Pads. Each product is made from your own child's art. These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas.

Year 0 - 8 students will be receiving their individual Calendar Art info any day, for you to order online.

Follow these instructions to place your order online:

1. Go to www.kidsartworks.com
 2. Use the Entrance Code: KZ*.....
(add in your entrance code from your welcome letter e.g. "KZ3452")*
 3. Enter your child's room & name when prompted
- The order is open from today until 1st date:



Term 4, Week 3, Monday 20th October

Payment can be made over the website via credit card or account2account.

If you have any questions please contact the school.

MR WHIPPY

As part of Year 13 Leavers Week we will have Mr Whippy visiting the school on Wednesday October 22.

Students will be able to purchase from the van at the following times:

Years 1-8: 12.30pm - 1.20pm
(cash only)

Years 9-13: 1.20pm - 2.10pm
(cash or card)

If you would like your child to have something from the menu, please plan accordingly.

Extra Topping \$1 each
Soft Drink \$3.0
Choc Flake \$2.0

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1 Whippy Soda \$7.0	2 Choc Cup \$10.5	3 Titanic \$10	4 All Black \$13.5	5 Waffle Choc & Nut \$8.0	6 Wafer Delight \$8.0
7 Double Choc Dip \$9.0	8 Double Flake \$10	9 Double Choc Flake \$10	10 Double Nut Flake \$10	11 Double Sherbert Flake \$10	12 Double Sprinkles w/ Fruit Sticks \$10
13 Waffle Flake \$8.0	14 Parfait \$8.5	15 Waffle Sprinkles \$8.0	16 Mini Sundae \$7.0	17 Big Sundae \$9.0	18 Whippy Hedgehog \$7.5
19 Single Flake \$6.0	20 Single Choc Dip w/ Flake \$7.0	21 Single Nut \$6.0	22 Sherbert Flake \$7.0	23 Sprinkles \$6.0	24 Fish n Chips \$7.5
25 Triple Treat \$7.5	26 Single Choc Dip \$6.0	27 Whippy Creepy Crawly \$7.0	28 Single Sherbert \$6.0	29 Single Plain \$5.0	30 Whippy Choco Flat \$7.0