

# ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT NEWSLETTER



**Kia ora Whānau**

What a spectacular day we had at our Athletics and Carnival Fun day! The weather was perfect and our beautiful school site and neighbouring Anderson Park provided the ideal setting. This would not have been possible without the hard mahi of our ARISE fundraising team and the huge number of parent volunteers. In particular, I would like to mention Summer Haycock, the creative genius behind many of the events and who pulled all of this together. Thank you, Summer, and parent team.

Thank you to our school team; our sports teachers, Victor Peach and Sam MacKenzie who organised and ran the Athletics activities, our Year 1-8 teaching team who ensured all of their students were safe, fed and participated in all of the fun and our Year 10 students who helped to run activities. Thank you to the exceptional Miss Kidd, our junior school DP, for overseeing the organisation and running of the day.

What an incredible team all working together to create a memorable and fun time for our tamariki and school community. I was incredibly moved by this coming together of the school community and having so many of our families join us for this day.

As we enter the middle of the term, the school continues to be a thriving hive of activity. Exams at Avondale are going smoothly. There is good attendance at school as we continue to run engaging and full classroom programmes for our Year 0-10 students. Trips have been happening across the school and there are many end-of-year events already underway in planning stages.

We encourage all to attend the Prizegiving events and invite extended families to these also. There will be a celebration of learning and there will also be items performed. Please see the email for information and invitation at the end of the newsletter.

I hope you have a blessed week and enjoy this Spring weather!



**Tania Calvert**  
Principal Tumuaki

" Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor. "

**Ecclesiastes 4:9**

# IMPORTANT DATES

## TERM 4

**WHOLE SCHOOL**

**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

**SENIOR (YEAR 9 - 13)**

**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

**JUNIOR (YEAR 1 - 8)**

**WEEK 7**  
Thursday 20 - Friday 21 November  
Year 0 - 3 Tread Lightly Caravan

**WEEK 8**  
Tuesday 25 November  
Year 3 - 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 and Prizegiving  
9:00 - 10:30am

Tuesday 9 December  
Year 7 - 8 Outing Day  
Mount Albert Pools

Wednesday 10 December  
Year 0 - 6 Family Picnic

## 2026

## TERM DATES

<b>Term 1</b>
Monday 2 February - Thursday 2 April
<b>Term 2</b>
Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July
<b>Term 3</b>
Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September
<b>Term 4</b>
Monday 12 October - Thursday 10 December



## YEAR 0 - 8 CALENDAR ART

It is Calendar Art time again! The students have been busy creating artwork 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](http://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 second cut off date is **Term 4, Week 7, Monday 17th November**

Payment can be made over the website via credit card or account2account. If you have any questions please contact the school.



## MARIMBA FESTIVAL AND KIWILELES JAM

*Mrs Rachel Crellin*

Two of our junior/intermediate instrumental groups have taken part in special events recently. The Marimba Group took part in the 10th Auckland Marimba Festival at the Barfoot and Thompson Stadium along with hundreds of other students from schools across the city. The final performance of the ten pieces we had prepared sounded amazing with the massed marimba orchestra, drum kit and a variety of other instruments. There was also singing and dancing along the way, and a huge musical game involving “Paper, scissors, rock.” Our students represented Elim Christian College Mt Albert with exemplary manners while also having lots of fun.



Then our Ukulele Group took part in a ‘Kiwilele Jam’ at Elim College Golflands Campus. Again this involved a massed performance of ten songs along with students from a number of other schools. It was a lovely opportunity for our group to connect with students from Elim Henderson as well as our host students from Elim Golflands. Elim Mount Albert took the stage for two songs, “Whakarongo” and one of our favourites, the “The Seagull Song.” The students worked hard to prepare for this event and participated brilliantly on the big day.



## YEAR 3 FEED THE WORLD

*Mrs Natalie Escobar*

This term, Room 4 has been learning about some of the problems that children around the world face and finding out what we can do to help.

In Week 5, we hosted some of the junior classes to present our learning. We took our visitors on a trip around the world to find out more about:

**Indonesia**, where Christians are being persecuted (treated badly and unfairly) for their faith. Their churches are often damaged or destroyed by other people.

**Sudan**, where children and families are getting sick and dying because of famine - more than 24 million people don't have enough food to eat, and don't know where to get food from.

**Saudi Arabia**, where if Christians worship in public, they could go to jail and their family and friends might not want to see them any more.

Finally, we came back home to **Aotearoa New Zealand** where many children suffer because of racism, (getting treated unfairly, left out, or made fun of because of their country, their culture, or the colour of their skin).

Volunteers tried to build a church out of popsicle sticks, estimate how much rice was in the containers, and 'keep the faith' by worshipping God in our Secret Church game. We role-played what to do when you hear or see someone being racist so that you can show aroha and help the person in need, and we shared examples of some of the artwork that we have made for persecuted children in Asia.

What can your family do to help?

- Research charities and choose one to donate to. Room 4 recommends UNICEF's Paddington postcards for 4-10 year olds.
- Make artwork or write a letter to Christian children in Central Asia. You can find out more information on the guidelines and where to send your work to at: <https://opendoors.org.nz/frontline-faith/encouragement-for-children-in-central-asia/>
- Be kind, show interest in others, and stand up for them.
- Answer trivia questions on Free rice. Every correct answer = 10 grains of rice for the UN World Food Programme. <https://freerice.com/home>
- Tell everyone you can the good news about God!



# AUCKLAND PRAYER BREAKFAST

*Taj Trebilco, Year 13*



Attending the Auckland prayer breakfast was an incredible experience that brought together people from all over the city to pray and worship together. I had the privilege of leading a prayer about kingdom multiplication, which was both nerve-wracking and exciting. It was amazing to see so many people united by faith, praying for our communities and leaders. I am really grateful to have represented our school at such an inspiring event that reminded me of the power of prayer and connection.



# YEAR 11 DT TRIP TO MYTONA

*Mr Jason Ridler*

Eight of our Year 11 Digital Technology students visited the headquarters of a game development company called Mytona. This company employs almost 600 people worldwide, but is based here in Auckland. The students were shown around the offices and then watched a presentation from some of the employees about the different aspects involved in developing games. They were given some free items, asked some good questions and spent a bit of time testing the games developed by Mytona. It was an enjoyable and beneficial experience for everyone involved, and we are grateful to Mytona for hosting us.

More information about the company and their games can be found [here](#).



# WAIHEKE WORK PLACEMENT

Mrs Amanda Ray, Gateway and Careers coordinator

This term, two of our students, Fa'atuatua and Shalom, had the opportunity to complete two days of work experience at a building site on Waiheke Island. This work placement was part of their BCITO building/plumbing programmes. The boys really enjoyed their experience, particularly the ferry trip over there, and we received wonderful feedback about how they represented us as Elim students. Thank you to IBL Residential for providing this opportunity!



## YUMMY APPLE

Miss Jessica Kidd

A huge thank you to everyone who collected Yummy stickers. Your apple munching has definitely paid off! We raised \$494 to spend on sports gear, and the order will arrive next year.

Congratulations to Ulrick for earning the most points! You can continue collecting Yummy stickers in preparation for 2026!

## ARISE WHĀNAU UPDATES



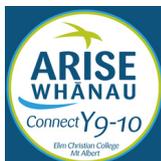
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Elim Christian College Mt Albert

# PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY

## 2025

Dear Elim Christian College Mt Albert Whānau, we are excited to invite you to our special prize-giving ceremonies as we celebrate our year and the outstanding achievements of our students. Join us for a time of celebration, recognition, and community as we honour the hard work and accomplishments of our students. Your presence will make this occasion even more special.

**YEAR 3 - 8**  
**JUNIOR PRIZE-GIVING**  
25 NOVEMBER 2025  
11 AM - 1 PM

**YEAR 9 - 13**  
**SENIOR PRIZE-GIVING**  
25 NOVEMBER 2025  
6.30 - 8.30 PM

**Elim Christian Centre City | 74 Cook Street**

*Some parking is available in the church car park. There is additional paid parking in Cook Street or across the road at the City Works Depot.*

The Nativity and Prize-giving for Year 0-2 students will be held at school on Tuesday 9th December. More details to come.

As we gather in the spirit of the season, let's celebrate our students' hard work and the pathways God has set before them.

We look forward to celebrating with you!