



‘For unto us a child is born .... He will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting  
Father, Prince of Peace.’

Isaiah 9:6



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[Nativity photo link](#)



# 2026 TERM DATES

## Term 1

Monday 2 February - Thursday 2 April (9 weeks)

## Term 2

Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July (11 weeks)

## Term 3

Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September (10 weeks)

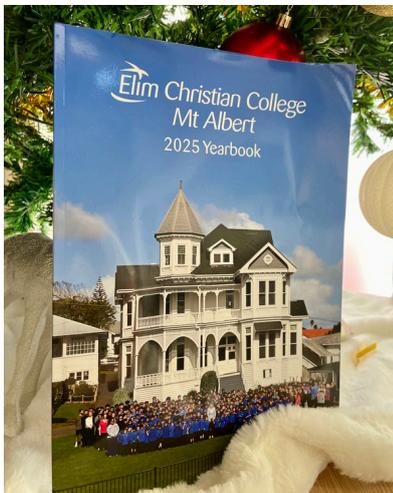
## Term 4

Monday 12 October - Thursday 10 December (9 weeks)

**PLEASE SEE DETAILED EMAIL UPDATE 9/12/25**

## LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be placed in front of the office for collection on **Friday 4 December - Thursday 11th December**. Un-named items will be donated after this period.  
If you have lost any jewellery or valuables, kindly inquire at the office.



## GRAB YOUR COPY OF OUR 2025 ELIM MT ALBERT YEARBOOK

*A limited number of Elim Christian College Mt Albert Yearbooks are still available from the school office for \$25. This beautifully presented publication is filled with highlights from our first two years as an independent Elim school. It showcases student achievements, special events, classroom learning, and memorable moments that capture the heart of our community. It is a wonderful keepsake for students and families.*

*Visit the office to purchase your copy while stocks last.*

## YEAR 6 GRADUATION

*Mrs Jordana Ryu*

We celebrated our Year 6 students with a warm and memorable graduation ceremony. Families enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea before the students performed a beautiful class item of *Pachelbel's Canon*. Heartfelt speeches from teachers, students, and family members highlighted their joy and gratitude. Each learner proudly received their graduation certificates, marking a special end to their primary school journey.



## YEAR 8 GRADUATION

*Mr Elijah Tay*

On Monday 1 December, we celebrated the graduation of our Year 8 students with teachers and whānau. Students arrived looking sharp in their best formal dress, the sun was shining, and the smell of sizzling sausages intertwined with the buzz of laughter and fun. Students reflected on their journey and teachers spoke words of wisdom and encouragement. The evening ended with a gallery tour in the ballroom, where students and whānau browsed through baby photos of students on the walls and remarked at how fast eight years flew by as well as how little or much students had changed throughout the years. Friends posed in front of the photobooth and captured memories with all the silliness and joy that the precious milestone deserved. Congratulations once again to our Class of 2025, Year 8 Graduates. May you always look back and remember God's blessing on you, and may you continue to walk with Him in your next journey!



# MARKET DAY

Mrs Amanda Abrahams

On Friday the 18th, we held our second Market Day. It was an amazing day! Our Year 7-10 Enterprise students worked hard to produce a wide range of products and experiences for our school community to enjoy. From handmade goods and face painting to sports challenges and baked treats, it was wonderful to see their entrepreneurial skills in action.

A huge thank you to our staff, families and students for supporting this event. It was so lovely to see our school community come together to support our students in this valuable learning experience. We're so proud of our students' efforts and the way they represented our school values throughout the entire process.

Thank you for helping make Market Day such a memorable and successful event!

You can find more photos from [here](#).



# TREAD LIGHTLY

Mrs Natalie Escobar

Year 1-3 students had a special visit from the Tread Lightly Caravan. We took part in lots of engaging, hands-on activities that helped consolidate our learning on being kaitiaki (guardians) of God's creation. Students sorted waste into rubbish, recycling, soft plastics, food scraps and donation bins to try and reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfill.

They explored the impact of our choices on animals in the ocean - "only rain goes down the drain".

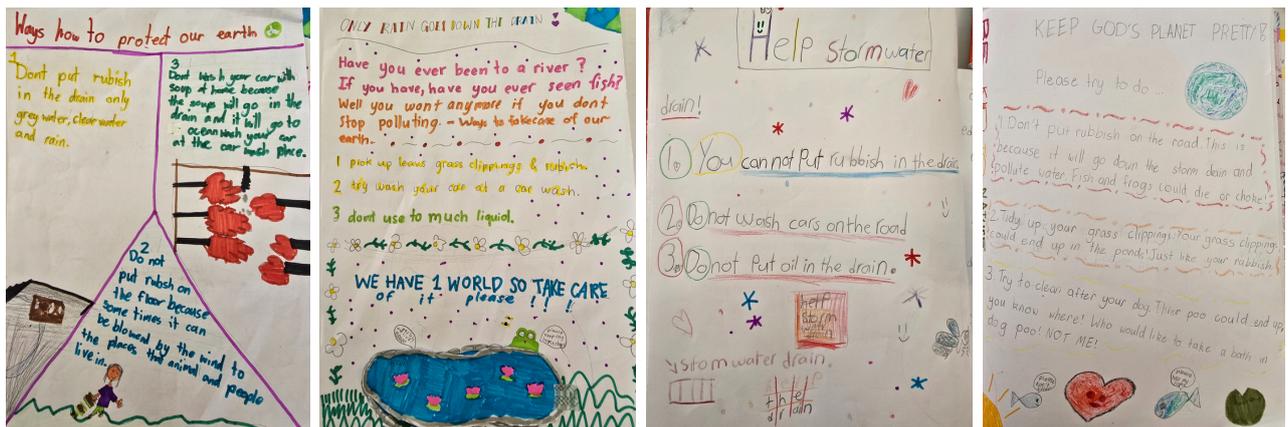
Finally, we went on a scavenger hunt and got to plant a seedling.

Thank you very much to all of the parent helpers who made this trip possible!

Each class has made their own pledge and whānau have been asked to consider making a family pledge for our planet. You may also like to try out the Tread Lightly Environmental Footprint calculator to find out what the environmental impacts would be if everyone lived the way you do:

<https://www.inccreative.co.nz/client/tread-lightly/environmental-footprint/>

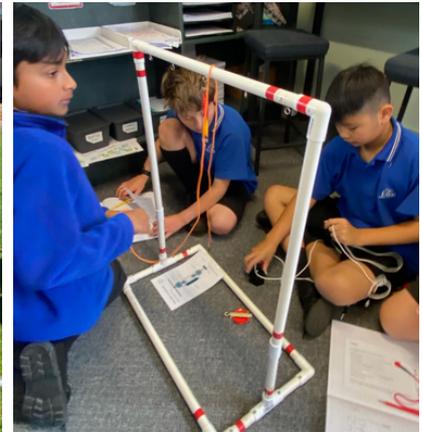
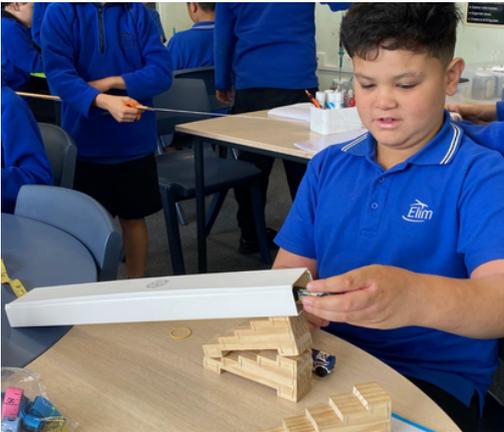
Room 4 has pledged to care for a school drain. Here are some of our posters.



# A GREAT YEAR FOR SCIENCE

Mrs Jordana Ryu

From the House of Science to our very first science fair, the Junior school has grown in leaps and bounds in science inquiry this year! I am always amazed at how students think critically about their learning by asking questions, and making observations and connections, not just in science, but in all areas of learning. Congratulations to all the JY teachers for your students' successes in science this year!

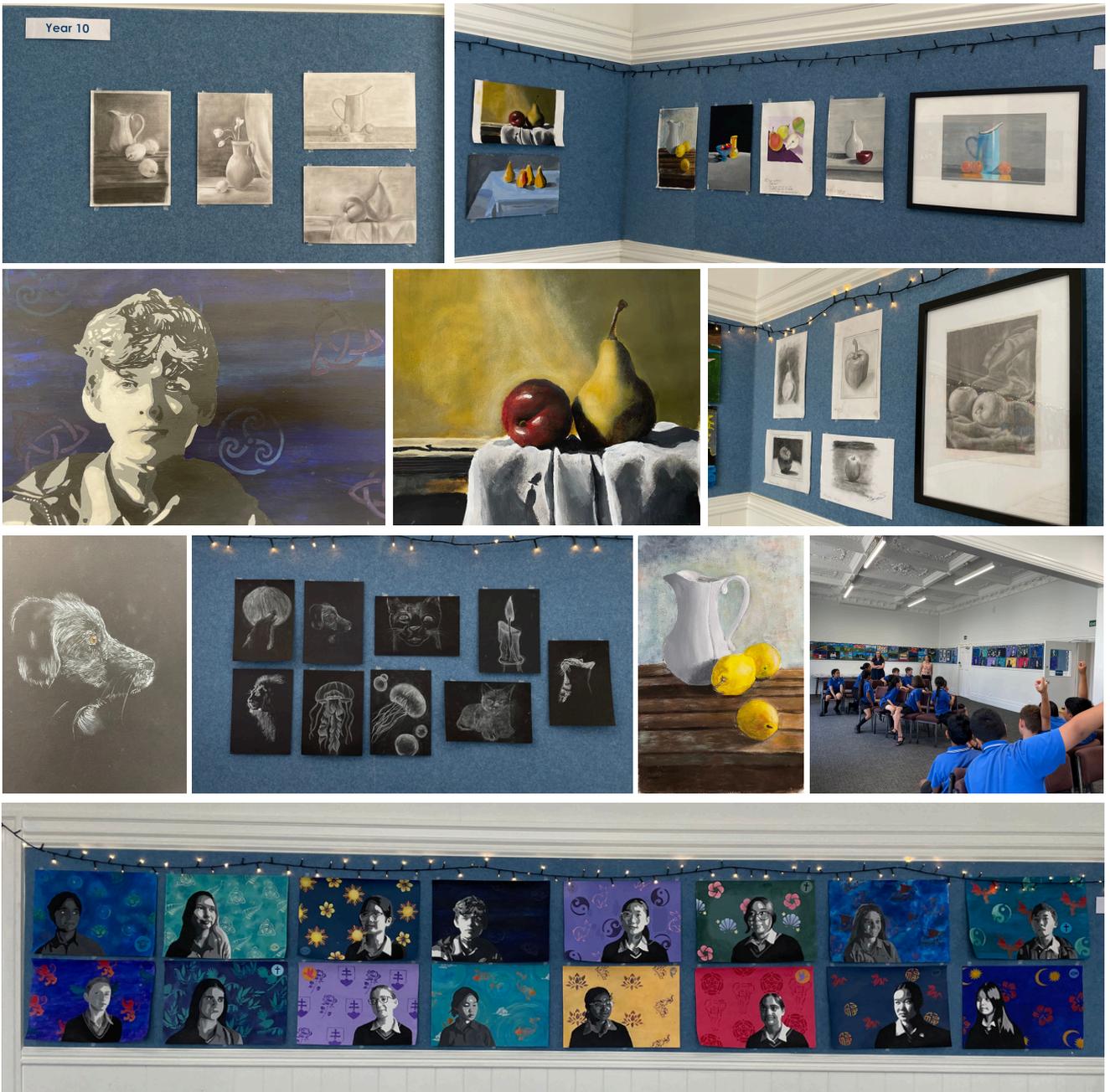


# JUNIOR ART EXHIBITION

*Mrs Shinae Ha*

On Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th November, the Art Department presented an exhibition of junior art students' work in the ballroom. The display included selected Nativity art, calendar art, and other pieces from Years 0 - 6, as well as drawings, paintings, and photography from Years 7-10. We hope all students found inspiration in the exhibition. It was also wonderful to see how Mrs Reid curated the artwork and explained the meanings and styles behind the students' pieces to the junior students.

Thank you to our amazing junior art teachers, Mrs Callender and Mrs Reid, for all your hard work and inspiring guidance for our young artists.



# INNOVATION TECHNOLOGY COMMUNITY PROJECT

MR PETER MCDONOUGH

This year, two year 10 students taking Design and Innovation Technology had the opportunity to create a park bench for the wider community of Auckland. Westlynn Gardens New Lynn is a non-profit public garden, mainly run by volunteers to bless the community of Auckland. It has a butterfly house for monarch butterflies and they run community events throughout the year. On behalf of the school, the students Azariah Chandra, Jonathan Liddell and their teacher Mr McDonough, presented the park bench as a gift to the gardens.



## MUSIC TUITION 2026 - ENROL NOW!



**Online enrolments are now open for 2026 Music Tuition!**

**Spaces are limited and enrolments close this week.**

Please Note: Current Students must also re-enrol to continue in 2026.

Choose from a wide range of instruments, with both **group** and **individual** lesson options:

- **\$700** for 30× Group Lessons
- **\$900** for 30× Individual Lessons

Before enrolling, please read our Itinerant Information and Terms & Conditions: [View Terms & Conditions](#)

Ready to sign up? Submit your application here: [Online Enrolment Form](#) (Separate forms required for multiple instruments.)

Lessons commence **Week 2, Term 1 - Monday 9 February.**

First payment due **Monday 2 February** once tuition is confirmed.

Start or continue your musical journey with us in 2026!

# Kowhai Kids Club SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The Holiday Programme will run from 15th to 19th December and 5th to 30th January 2026 at St.Mary's School, 2136 Great North Road, Avondale. Part-time enrolments, sibling discounts, and Work & Income Oscar subsidies are available. Brochures are available online.

Enrol now: [www.kowhaikidsclub.co.nz](http://www.kowhaikidsclub.co.nz)

Contact Details: 0800 KK CLUB / 0277 831 826 / [info@kowhaikidsclub.co.nz](mailto:info@kowhaikidsclub.co.nz)

Come join us for games, activities, friends, and loads of summer sunshine!

## BRICKS 4 KIDS



**bricks 4 kidz JANUARY 2026**  
**MT EDEN LEGO® STEAM HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

9:00am - 4:00pm  
 \$99 Single day  
 \$399 Full Week Special

**EXTENDED PACKAGE**  
 Add \$10 for extended hours: 9:30am - 4:30pm

10% Off Buddy-Up Special

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**MOTION MAYHEM 12-16 JANUARY**  
 Summer Spectacle - Kick off the year with unstoppable energy! Kids dive into fast-paced builds, wild races, spinning tops, catapults and momentum challenges. They'll test angles, speed and design like mini-engineers all while enjoying Beyblade battles, ninja-style games and action-packed LEGO® fun. A perfect mix of STEAM and pure excitement to keep everyone moving!

Monday 12 January <b>Speedy Sonic</b>	Tuesday 13 January <b>Raceway Rumble</b>	Wednesday 14 January <b>Ninja Knockout</b>	Thursday 15 January <b>Bey Battle Showdown</b>	Friday 16 January <b>Dragon Duels</b>
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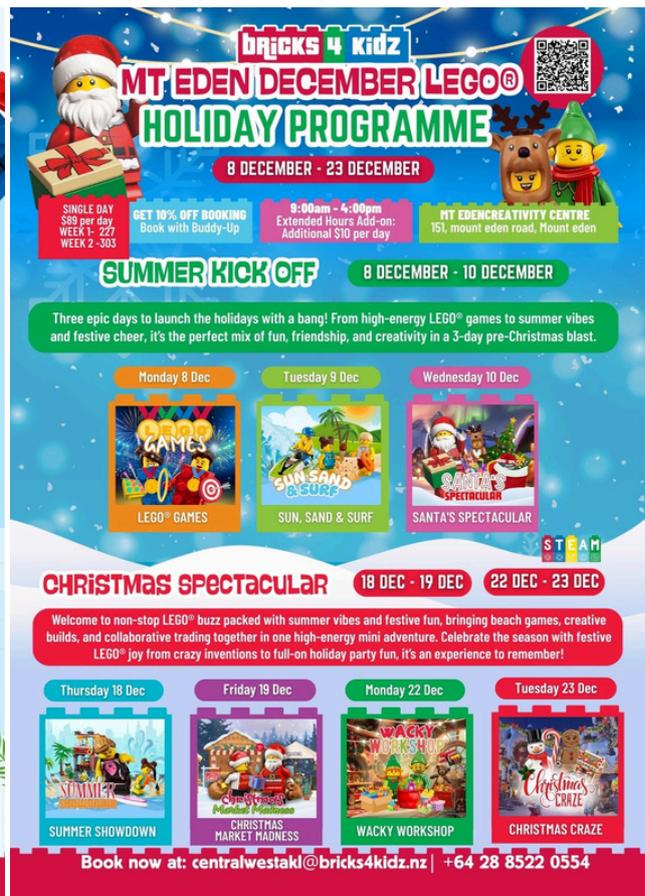
**IMAGINATION UNLEASHED 19-23 JANUARY**  
 A wild week of creativity where anything can happen! From movie-making and magical tricks to candy markets and minion madness, every day is a new adventure in building, acting, laughing, and letting imaginations run free. Dress up, show off, and let your creative side shine, it's all happening here!

Monday 19 January <b>Brickbuster Studios: Create</b>	Tuesday 20 January <b>Brickbuster Studios: Perform</b>	Wednesday 21 January <b>Magic Academy</b>	Thursday 22 January <b>Sweetopia Market</b>	Friday 23 January <b>Minion Madness</b>
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**SURVIVAL ON BRICK ISLAND 27-30 JANUARY**  
 Adventure awaits! Kids use teamwork, creativity, problem-solving and engineering skills to complete survival missions, treasure hunts and epic LEGO® challenges. Build, explore and conquer Brick Island together!

Tuesday 27 January <b>The Great Treasure Hunt</b>	Wednesday 28 January <b>Survivor Island</b>	Thursday 29 January <b>Aqua Adventures</b>	Friday 30 January <b>The Ultimate Survivor</b>
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Book now at: [centralwestaki@bricks4kidz.nz](mailto:centralwestaki@bricks4kidz.nz) | +64 28 8522 0554



**bricks 4 kidz**  
**MT EDEN DECEMBER LEGO® HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

8 DECEMBER - 23 DECEMBER

SINGLE DAY \$89 per day  
 WEEK 1- 227  
 WEEK 2- 303

GET 10% OFF BOOKING  
 Book with Buddy-Up

9:00am - 4:00pm  
 Extended Hours Add-on:  
 Additional \$10 per day

MT EDENCREATIVITY CENTRE  
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**SUMMER KICK OFF 8 DECEMBER - 10 DECEMBER**  
 Three epic days to launch the holidays with a bang! From high-energy LEGO® games to summer vibes and festive cheer, it's the perfect mix of fun, friendship, and creativity in a 3-day pre-Christmas blast.

Monday 8 Dec <b>LEGO® GAMES</b>	Tuesday 9 Dec <b>SUN, SAND &amp; SURF</b>	Wednesday 10 Dec <b>SANTA'S SPECTACULAR</b>
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**CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR 18 DEC - 19 DEC 22 DEC - 23 DEC**  
 Welcome to non-stop LEGO® buzz packed with summer vibes and festive fun, bringing beach games, creative builds, and collaborative trading together in one high-energy mini adventure. Celebrate the season with festive LEGO® joy from crazy inventions to full-on holiday party fun, it's an experience to remember!

Thursday 18 Dec <b>SUMMER SHOWDOWN</b>	Friday 19 Dec <b>CHRISTMAS MARKET MADNESS</b>	Monday 22 Dec <b>WACKY WORKSHOP</b>	Tuesday 23 Dec <b>CHRISTMAS CRAZE</b>
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**SATURDAY 31ST JANUARY, 8-4PM**

*ARISE parents: we would love your help making our school beautiful.  
Come for some, or come for the day - there will be a job for you - and a sausage sizzle!  
(Sorry, we can't have children on site due to health and safety.)*

<https://forms.gle/KzPX3ajKFTDVnevA8>

*Any questions, please feel free to contact Tim Haycock at [timhaycocknz@gmail.com](mailto:timhaycocknz@gmail.com).*

# He panui Nau mai piki mai haere mai

We warmly invite you to join us for a Pōwhiri to welcome new staff, and students and their families



**Date:** Monday 2nd February 2026

**Location:** 1 Mclean Street  
Mt Albert

**Key Information:**

- 8:30 am: Guests and new to Elim whānau arrive and gather in front carpark
- 9:00 am: Pōwhiri starts
- 9:45 am: Refreshments and fellowship with Tangata Whenua in Rahiri House



## ARISE to a future and a hope.

We look forward to welcoming you into our Elim Christian College Mt Albert Whānau

**Naku te rourou nau te rourou  
ka ora ai te iwi**



**Kia ora rawa atu**

***Elim Christian College***  
***Mt Albert***