

ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT NEWSLETTER



Tena koutou katoa

We've had a really positive start to the school year, with strong roll growth at all levels. New staff and students have settled in well and classroom programmes are off to a great start.

In our first newsletter, we celebrated the 2024 achievements of our ARISE Whānau groups. We are grateful to the many families who have already been involved in getting this initiative underway and supporting its success. The ARISE Whānau Fundraising team worked especially hard throughout the year to plan fun and memorable events and activities for students, raising funds for a solar heating system and a new pool cover. The target was met and the heating system was installed over the break. As a result, students can now enjoy aquatics education for two terms and throughout the day, thanks to the more comfortable water temperature.

We also met as an ARISE Whānau group for the first time last week. We're excited to see growing interest from families eager to join and support the school through this important community connection. Look out for updates in our fortnightly newsletter from the ARISE Whānau groups on ways you can get involved.

I'd like to update you on the projects currently underway at the school. Our new Music Block is almost complete. It will provide additional classroom space and purpose-built practice rooms for our itinerant Music programmes. This is a welcome addition and we look forward to it being fully operational soon. The new block will also enable the back gate on Allendale to be opened for drop-off and pick-up.

The construction of the McLean Street pedestrian crossing was postponed due to consultation. Auckland Transport has informed us that this work will now be carried out during the April holidays. We ask that you continue to support Travelwise initiatives by parking in surrounding roads and walking to collect your child/ren. This helps reduce street congestion and improves visibility for our students as they leave school.

A friendly reminder to all families: The school gate opens at 8:10 am for students to begin arriving. We kindly ask that children not be dropped off before this time. In the afternoon, Year 1-6 students finish at 2:50 pm and Year 7-13 students finish at 3:10 pm. We ask that all children leave promptly at these times. If you are unable to collect your child/ren immediately, please ensure they are booked into after-school care. We are unable to provide supervision on school grounds after dismissal. Thank you for your understanding.

We look forward to seeing our Year 1-8 parents and caregivers tonight at our Meet the Teacher Information Evening.

Ngā mihi nui,
Tania Calvert



Tania Calvert
Principal Tumuaki

*"Commit to the LORD
whatever you do, and he will
establish your plans."*
Proverbs 16:3

IMPORTANT DATES

WHOLE SCHOOL

WEEK 6

Monday 10 March
Photolife individual and class photographs

WEEK 9

Thursday 3 April
Cultural Fiesta 4-7pm

JUNIOR (YEAR 1 - 8)

WEEK 4

Tuesday 25 February
Meet the Teacher 6:30 pm -7:30 pm

WEEK 6

Tuesday 11 March
Year 7 and 8 Parent Helpers
Camp Briefing 3:15-4:00pm

WEEK 7

Tuesday 18- Friday 21 March
Year 7 / 8 Camp at Peter Snell

SENIOR (YEAR 9 - 13)

WEEK 4

Thursday 27 - Friday 28 February
Gateway Health and Safety course

Wednesday 26 February
High School Cultural Camp Day
Auckland City Elim Church 9-4 pm

WEEK 6

Tuesday 11 March
NCEA Information Evening Y11-13
6:30-7:30pm

CULTURAL FIESTA

Mrs Jo Robertson

Kia ora, we are excited about our upcoming Cultural Fiesta, which will take place in Week 9 on Thursday the 3rd of April at Elim Christian College, Mount Albert. To prepare for this event, we are now running cultural groups across the school. Attached are posters with details of the different groups. Please encourage your child to join a group if they haven't already. Our junior students will also be preparing items in classes.

As part of the preparations we are holding a Cultural Camp Day for our high school students on Wednesday, 26th of February at Elim Christian Centre, Auckland City.

We are also seeking parents who would like to be involved in hosting food stalls and preparing meals to help fundraise for our cultural groups. If you are interested, we would love to hear from you! Please email Mrs Robertson jo.robertson@elimtalbert.school.nz or amanda.abrahams@elimtalbert.school.nz



ACADEMIC SUCCESS FOR OUR NCEA STUDENTS

Mr Marvin Anderson

We are delighted to share with you some highlights from the 2024 NCEA. Our Elim Mt Albert students have achieved some outstanding results. Below is a breakdown of the results by level.

LEVEL 1

	<i>Elim Mt Albert Students</i>	<i>National Average</i>
Awarded Level 1 Certificate	96%	45%
Endorsed with Excellence	19%	11%
Endorsed with Merit	41%	29%
NCEA Literacy Requirement	100%	77%
NCEA Numeracy Requirement	96%	75%

LEVEL 2

	<i>Elim Mt Albert Students</i>	<i>National Average</i>
Awarded Level 2 Certificate	95%	73%
Endorsed with Excellence	33%	25%
Endorsed with Merit	50%	26%
NCEA Literacy Requirement	100%	89%
NCEA Numeracy Requirement	100%	89%

LEVEL 3

	<i>Elim Mt Albert Students</i>	<i>National Average</i>
Awarded Level 3 Certificate	100%	68%
Endorsed with Excellence	27%	14%
Endorsed with Merit	50%	26%
University Entrance	86%	48%

SUBJECT SCHOLARSHIPS

This is an award that recognises top secondary school students. Top students in each subject are given the opportunity to do NZ Scholarship assessments in order to achieve this award.

We would like to recognise and congratulate the following students:



Zachary Senn
Scholarship in Chemistry, Physics and Maths with Statistics



Julia Davidson
Scholarship in Art Painting

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

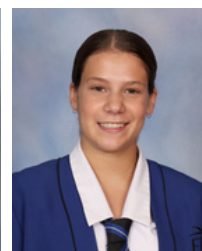
We would like to recognise and congratulate the following students for receiving scholarships:



Lucia Calvert
University of Otago New Frontiers Excellence Scholarship



Zachary Senn
University of Otago Vice Chancellors Scholarship



Hannah Walton
University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship

MEET OUR 2025 STUDENT LEADERSHIP



Head Boy and Head Girl
Taj Trebilco and Lucy Harrowfield



Deputy Boy and Deputy Girl
Jordan Penny and Jordane Melchizedek



Prefects
Liam Butler, Cranston Shandil , Jordan Penny, Taj Trebilco, Oliver Peng, Rishaab Chandra
Anita McFedries, Ella Carroll, Charis Abrahams, Katrina Joseph, Jordane Melchizedek and Lucy Harrowfield



Whānau Leaders
Tudor Prelipceanu, Jessie Spemann, Tushar Shaji,
Celyn Setyadi, Tevita Filimoehala, Sophia Wakelin, Nathanael
Senn and Alisha David



Peer Support Leaders
Sophia Wakelin, Caleb Sim, Celyn Setyadi, Nathanael Senn,
Grace Wratten, Tevita Filimoehala, Indiannah Rhoda, Fa'atuatua Isaaka,
Bethany Chua, Jordan Medidha, Dania Khan, Austen Pedersen, Jadie Yii,
Tudor Prelipceanu and Alisha David

SENIOR ATHELETICS DAY

Tudor Prelipceanu, Year 12, Ezekiel Whānau leader

Elim Mt. Albert hosted our annual Elim Athletics at LoveLock track on Friday 21st February.

Students earned points for their respective Whānau groups by competing in a variety of sports during the day, including high jump, long jump, 100-meter sprints, shot put, and discus. It was a fantastic experience and it was wonderful to see everyone taking part and giving each stand their all!

We appreciate Mr. Mackenzie's extensive preparation and help in making this fantastic day possible.



Here is the link to the photos from Senior Athletics Day:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1uliqS0QD-3BamgcZaKOK8oAWL686q3Mo>

A special thanks to the amazing photographers- Grace Wratten, Indiannah Rhoda, and Tudor Prelipceanu for capturing the events.

YEAR 11 VISUAL ARTS FIELD TRIP

Mrs Shinae Ha

Our Year 11 Art students recently visited Owairaka Domain as part of their internal assessment. The purpose of the trip was to explore a local historical site that holds significant cultural meaning to both Māori and the school community.

The students had a wonderful time capturing photographs and drawing the scenic views from the top of the mountain. They researched and gathered imagery that highlighted the cultural and historical importance of the site, using these insights to inform their artwork for assessment. We're excited to share that their amazing creations will hopefully be showcased to the Elim Mt Albert community very soon.

A special thank you to Mr. Anderson for accompanying us on the field trip and providing invaluable support to our Year 11 artists.



PEER SUPPORT

Jordan Medidha, Year 12, Peer Support Leader

What is Peer Support?

Many may think that Peer Support is just a group of people (Year 12s and Year 9s) who meet every Monday to have a nice chat. These people would be mistaken. Instead our small, focussed groups meet to explore ways to strengthen ourselves and the relationships in the groups we lead. It is a journey of discovery for both Year 12s and Year 9s.

The journey we choose to undertake together is that of providing advice and support, offering a hand of friendship to younger students because we have been in their shoes. The Peer support programme uses targeted activities and discussions that prepare the Year 9s for the challenges and joys of embarking on their high school journey. It also helps the students and the leaders unlock aspects of their own potential.

As leaders we invest in the Year 9s by sharing our own experiences of high school and our walk with God. Our activities have an underlying goal of leaving a lasting impact on the lives of the year 9s so that they too create chain reactions in future students' hearts. Together we can lead the school forward promoting promising futures filled with hope and love.

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations... Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always" Matthew 28: 19-20



SENIOR PRAYER GROUP

Liam Butler, Year 13, Prayer Group Leader

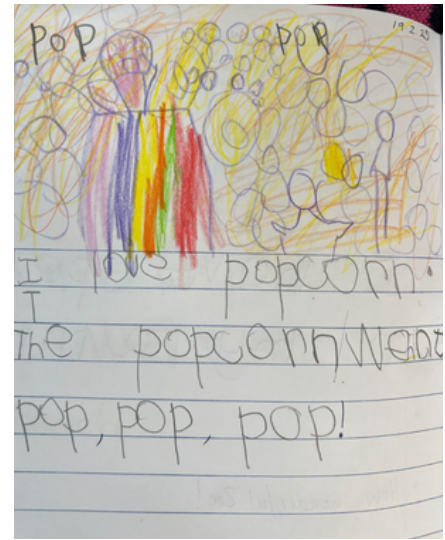
This week we had our first Prayer Group of the year for Years 9-13. We had 33 students come along and it was so cool to see everyone come together and pray with each other. I cannot wait to see what God will do in Prayer Group for 2025.



THE LETTER "P" IN ROOM 1

Mrs Jane Young

We are learning about the letter "p" in Room 1, so we popped and ate some delicious popcorn and wrote all about it!



TOITŪ TE TIRITI

Mrs Natalie Escobar



Room 4 learnt about Waitangi Day and how differences between the English and Te Reo Māori translation of the treaty caused a lot of problems and still make many people in Aotearoa feel sad or angry. We prayed for Aotearoa New Zealand, writing out our prayers on strips of paper which are woven together in our classroom. Some of Room 4's prayers were:

I pray that we can share.
 I pray that everyone will get along.
 I pray that more people will learn to speak Māori.
 I pray that we will love and care for each other.
 Amen!

We know that God hears our prayers and that He can do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine.

Ephesians 3:20

GET INVOLVED WITH ARISE WHĀNAU IN 2025

Join the Elim Christian College Mt Albert ARISE Whānau Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1BARdEABc8/>



Please join us to pray for our school, our students and staff.

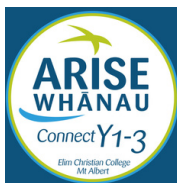
When: Friday 8:40 - 9:00 am

Where: Library

Who: Everybody is welcome!

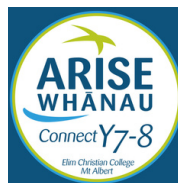
ARISE Whānau Connect

Please join only the group/s you currently have a child/ren in. Parents please exit the other WhatsApp group in order to streamline comms and avoid confusion! Year 11 - 13 students are encouraged to be independent and take responsibility for events and information concerning them.



Yrs 1-3:

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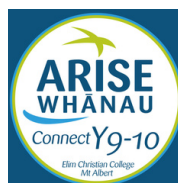
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Yrs 4-6:

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Yrs 9-10:

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Get connected through Kindo

Create a Kindo account to order sushi lunches and join in ARISE events at school.

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www.mykindo.co.nz
www.ezlunch.co.nz

Before/ After School Care Survey

We are conducting a survey to see if there is any interest from parents in having a before and after school care program on site at Elim Christian College Mount Albert. Please note this is a user pay system and regular bookings need to be made.

Survey link: [CLICK HERE!](#)

