

# ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT NEWSLETTER



Kia ora e te Whānau

I hope the term is going well and that you're enjoying the beautiful weather. Preparations for the Cultural Fiesta are well underway, and it's shaping up to be a highlight of our school calendar. This event is a wonderful opportunity for our school family to celebrate our diverse cultures through performances, food, and fellowship. We invite all families and friends to join us and encourage everyone to wear cultural dress if they'd like. If you haven't signed up to help yet, there's still time—please refer to last week's letter for ways to get involved. Previous communications can also be found on the school website.

As we host such a significant event, we want to ensure we represent our school and Christian character well. Please help us at this event by respecting parking and road rules, avoiding blocking driveways, and parking in surrounding streets to keep the area safe.

This Thursday, we're excited to host some players from the Moana Pacific Rugby team, thanks to our wonderful parent, Joe Faaiu, for facilitating this. We invite you to stay for the fun full-school assembly, which will be held on the upper field from 8:45 am to 9:30 am.

Last week, we celebrated Pi Day (March 14th), an annual event for math lovers to recite Pi's infinite digits and enjoy pie. The event was organized by our Secondary and Primary Curriculum Leads, Mr. Charlie Ahn, Mr. John Ryu, and Mr. Elijah Tay, and we're grateful for their creativity in celebrating learning.

Thank you for your attention to improving school attendance. We've already seen noticeable improvements in punctuality and attendance, with fewer unjustified absences, making a real difference in the classroom. Please remember to email the Deputy Principal for your child's year group for any leave requests outside of sickness and medical appointments.

As we come together for events like the Cultural Fiesta and celebrate learning, it's a reminder of the importance of living out our Christian values both within the school and beyond. As theologian Bruce Ashford says, "We must live Christianly not only as the Church gathered on Sunday morning for worship, but also as the Church scattered into the world in our work, leisure, and community life." Let's continue to embody these values in all that we do, inside and outside of school.

Ngā mihi nui



**Tania Calvert**

Principal Tumuaki

*"Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."*

Colossians 4:6

# IMPORTANT DATES

## WHOLE SCHOOL

**WEEK 8**  
Thursday 27 March  
Moana Pacific Visit 8:45-9:30 am

**WEEK 9**  
Thursday 3 April  
Cultural Fiesta 4-7pm

**WEEK 10**  
Asian Outreach Cambodia visit  
Monday 7th April

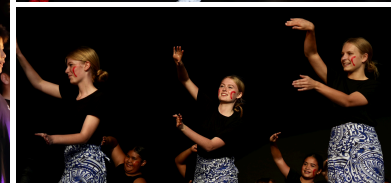
## SENIOR (YEAR 9 - 13)

**WEEK 7**  
Student leaders Year 13 Camp  
27-28 March All day

## TERM 2

**WEEK 3**  
OPEN DAY FOR  
NEW FAMILIES/STUDENTS  
Wed 14 May 9:00 am – 11:00am

**PLEASE NOTE THE  
STAFF ONLY DAYS**  
**WEEK 8: THURSDAY 19TH JUNE**  
**WEEK 9: FRIDAY 27TH JUNE**



Our Cultural Fiesta is fast approaching, and we can't wait to celebrate the incredible diversity within our school community!

Delicious cultural meals will be available for pre-order later in the week via *Kindo*, so be sure to place your order. A limited number of meals will also be available for purchase on the day via EFTPOS.

In addition to cultural dishes, there will be a bake sale, BBQ, bubble tea, mango lassi, fizzy drinks and juice. We look forward to celebrating with you!

## YEAR 7 AND 8 CAMP

*Miss Hannah Fale, Miss Madeleine Chester, Mr Elijah Tay, and Miss Jessica Kidd*

Last week, we took an eager group of Year 7 and 8 students to the Peter Snell Youth Village camp in Whangaparāoa. Students had a fantastic time over the four days and three nights. Some highlights included the Initiative Course, Bivouac Building, Hobo Stoves, Geocaching, Frisbee Golf, Archery, Paintball, Rifles, the Water Slide, Hill Sliding, and free-time play. Students passionately engaged in worship and listened attentively to the devotions.

The Camp Concert was a blast! Students confidently performed songs and skits in front of their peers. As communicated earlier this month, we are holding a special highlights assembly for Year 7-8 whānau this Friday at 2:15 p.m. in the school hall. If you are available, please come along and join in the celebration. More photos will be shown in this Friday's assembly and featured in the Week 10 newsletter.



## LEARNING ABOUT WORK AND OCCUPATIONS IN ROOM 1

*Mrs Jane Young*

We have been learning about work and occupations in Room 1, and we have so enjoyed exploring all the different jobs that are on offer in our amazing world. We have set up a "hospital" in class, which has sparked lots of wonderful conversation, lovely use of new vocabulary and imaginary play!



## NEW JUNIOR LIBRARY

*Mrs Emma Abrahams*

Our library had an upgrade this year! We now have a dedicated Junior Library. This is the space at the end of the library where each of the Year 1 to 4 classes have a special story-time with me once a week. The Junior Library has been custom fitted with smaller couches to suit our youngest students. It has also been fitted with browser bin style shelving to house all the picture books and easy readers. It's so much easier for our junior students to find exciting books to read now that they are all front facing and in a room dedicated to their level of books.



## PI DAY (MAR 14) CELEBRATION

### JUNIOR SCHOOL

*Mr Elijah Tay*

Pi Day was a fantastic celebration of maths, creativity, and problem-solving! Students embraced the challenge, including solving complex word problems in their classes, memorising as many digits of pi as possible, crafting Pi bead-bracelets and even learning to solve Rubik's cubes. It was incredible to see so many students engaged and excited about maths in new ways.

A highlight of the day was the Pi Memorisation Challenge, where Josh Harris (Room 5) amazed us all by recalling 96 digits of pi! Many others reached 30, 40, 50, or even 60+ digits!

Students also put their skills to the test in a Rubik's Cube tournament, where Kairos Tingson (Room 5) took first place with an impressive time of 19.56 seconds! Ruben Wysoski (Room 8) secured second place - despite having one arm in a cast - at 27.1 seconds, and Gideon Goh (Room 8) came third with 35.7 seconds.

Thank you to all the teachers and students who made this event such a success! It was inspiring to see our students thrive in a fun and challenging learning environment.

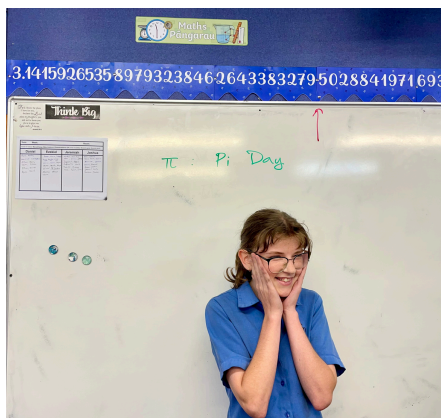


### SENIOR SCHOOL

*Mr John Ryu*

Seniors also enjoyed celebrating the international Pi Day. All senior students enjoyed playing maths games and solving maths puzzles in their maths class.

Seiya Uematsu was able to recite 103 digits of Pi, while tens of students participated to solve Rubik's Cube to win house points. Y13 students also had the opportunity to order a pie from Muzzas. What a way to celebrate Pi Day and mathematics!



## GET INVOLVED WITH ARISE WHĀNAU IN 2025



Thank you to everyone who was involved in the fundraising effort for 2024! You might have noticed the children REALLY enjoying the pool heater and cover that we had installed over the Christmas break. We couldn't have done it without the support of the whole community.

As last year was our first year setting up the new Elim Mt Albert ARISE Whanau Fundraising group, we would appreciate any feedback you can give us... we will use this to help plan how we do things this year. Please fill in the feedback form.  
<https://forms.gle/t12msVsMZPxBMNDu6>

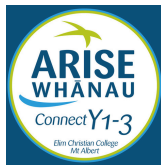
As always, we would love any ideas / volunteers / suggestions for how you'd like to be involved! Join us for our meeting 8:40 am Wed 9th April in the library. Preschoolers welcome.

And finally, as an early reminder... all volunteers for school events need to be police vetted, so if you haven't done this, please enquire at the school office)

Thanks,  
The ARISE Whānau Fundraising Team

### 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.



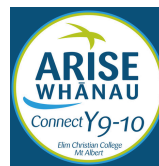
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**Yrs 7-8:**  
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**Yrs 4-6:**  
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**Yrs 9-10:**  
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### Get connected through Kindo



Create a Kindo account to order sushi lunches and join in ARISE events at school. One account for the whole family! Get started now and be ready... [Click here](https://www.mykindo.co.nz) or go to [www.mykindo.co.nz](https://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!

## ASSESSMENT ASSISTANTS

*Mrs Jo Emery*

We are currently seeking anyone who would be happy to volunteer assisting Y10-13 students with special assessment conditions for internal assessments. Volunteers could be parents, caregivers, university students, older family members or past students of the school. Volunteers would need to have fluent English and be confident in reading aloud, as well as writing/typing for the student. They would need to be available in term time and during the school day.

All volunteers would need to complete a police vetting application, as well as a short training session. If you are interested or would like to inquire further please email Joanna Emery.

[joanna.emery@elimmtalbert.school.nz](mailto:joanna.emery@elimmtalbert.school.nz)

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?

We still have a few lesson times available in some of the following instruments, starting in Term 2:  
**Saxophone, Flute, Clarinet, Violin, Piano.**

If you are interested or have any questions, please email: [itinerant.music@elimmtalbert.school.nz](mailto:itinerant.music@elimmtalbert.school.nz)



DO YOU HAVE  
UNIFORMS THAT NO  
LONGER FIT?

UNIFORM DONATIONS  
ARE GRATEFULLY  
ACCEPTED AT THE  
OFFICE.

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

**Wednesday April 9**  
**2.30pm - 3.30pm**  
in Rahiri House

Please send in any donations  
prior to this date.