

ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT NEWSLETTER



Kia ora, Talofa, Mälō e lelei, Bula, Namaste, Kia orāna, Fakalofa lahi atu, Mälō ni, Fakatalofa atu, Noa'ia e mauri, Konnichiwa, Annyeonghaseyo, Ni hao, Sawasdee, Halo, Bawo ni and Greetings to you all.

Today we celebrate our school's cultural diversity and community with our annual Cultural Fiesta. This concludes a vibrant term that has been filled with learning, extra curricular opportunities and celebrations of various cultures from around the world. Today we come together to embrace our differences, share our traditions and celebrate what makes us unique as individuals, while also recognising our shared faith. This afternoon there will be dance performances, delicious food and vibrant art displays. This event is a beautiful reflection of the diversity within our school community. Let this day be a reminder of the richness that our cultures bring to our lives and how we can continue to foster a more inclusive, understanding and respectful environment for everyone.

Our special thanks to everyone who has contributed to the success of the event

- Mrs Jo Robertson and Mrs Amanda Abrahams who have put tireless hours into preparing for the event.
- Our parent teams who have supported dance practices, sewn costumes and cooked the delicious food for tonight.
- All the teachers who have organised dance groups and supported students with their many rehearsals.
- The Cultural Lead students and groups leaders who have supported the teachers and their groups.
- All of our students performing tonight, well done on the hard mahi, pukuahuwhenua and maia!

So, tonight we celebrate with joy and unity, as we honor the many cultures that make our community so special. Enjoy the festivities and may we continue to learn, grow, and celebrate diversity.

Next week we have our term break and during this time we celebrate both Easter and ANZAC Day. Easter is a significant occasion to remember the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the hope and new life He brings to all believers. It's a time to reflect on God's love, grace and the promise of eternal life through Christ.

On April 25th, our Student Leaders will represent our school at the ANZAC Day remembrance at the Mount Albert War Memorial Hall and Cenotaph. All families are welcome to join us on this important day for New Zealand, commemorating the landing of Australian and New Zealand troops at Gallipoli in 1915. It also serves as a national day of remembrance for all New Zealanders who have served and died in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations.



We pray you have a restful break, enjoying time with family and celebrating the joy of Easter.

Malo



Tania Calvert
Principal Tumuaki

"He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay."

Matthew 28:6

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 2

WEEK 2

MOTHERS AND SIGNIFICANT LADIES MORNING TEA
Thursday 8 May from 9:00-10:30am in the Ballroom

WEEK 3

OPEN DAY FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES/STUDENTS
Wed 28 May 9:00 am – 11:00am
Please encourage interested friends and family to register for this event on our website

PLEASE NOTE TEACHER'S ONLY DAYS

WEEK 8

Thursday 19th June (Friday 20th Matariki public holiday)

WEEK 9

Friday 27th June (last day of term 2)



Our Cultural Fiesta is on tonight, and we have been preparing delicious meals and cultural items to share with our school community.

If you have not purchased food yet, there will be an opportunity to purchase some meals, sausage sizzle combos, drinks and items from our bake sale. Cash and eftpos purchases of tickets will be available from 3:15 pm outside the office.

Don't forget your picnic blankets, chairs and dress warmly. We look forward to sharing our talents with you tonight!



MOANA PASIFIKA

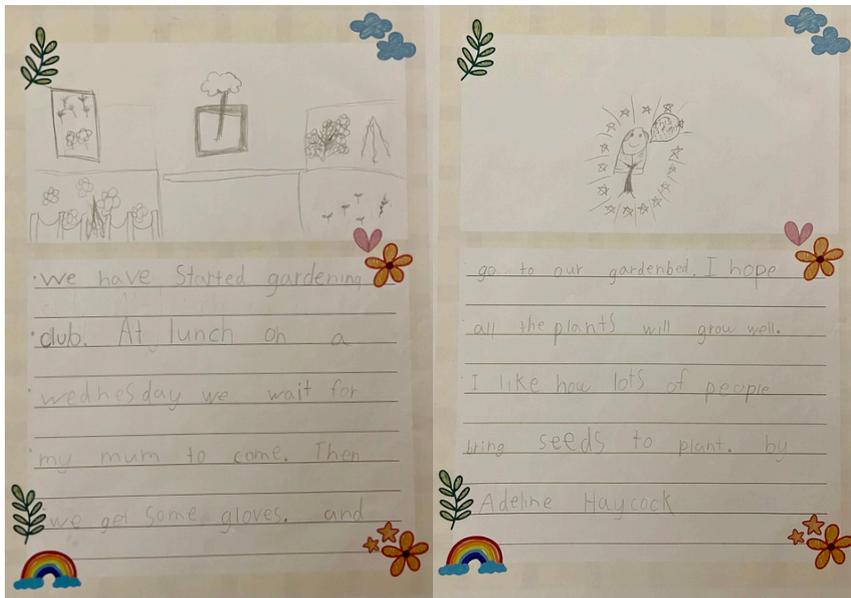
Alisha David, Year 12, Whānau leader

On Thursday 27th April, Years 1-13 had the privilege of having Moana Pasifika come to visit our school. Famous former **All Black**, Sir Michael Jones also spoke to us and introduced the Moana Pasifika players and talked about the team. We then got to hear some insights from three of the players as they were interviewed by some of the whānau leaders. The assembly closed with students getting autographs and photographs from the team. Special thanks to parent of the school Mr Joe Faaiu for organising this memorable experience for our students.



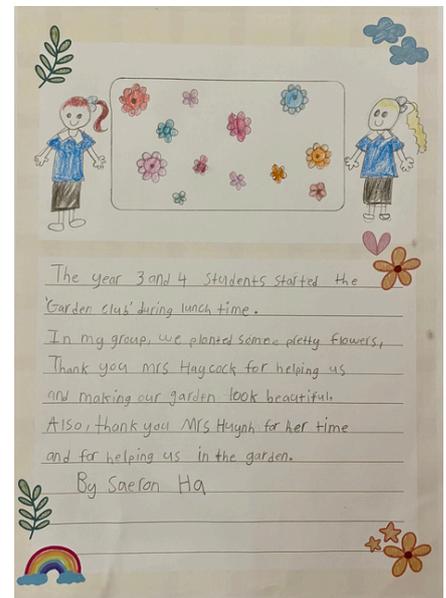
You can find more photos [here](#). A special thanks to Tudor Prelipceanu and Vanis Apiratsangri for the photos.

YEAR 3 AND 4 GARDENING CLUB



We have started gardening club. At lunch on a Wednesday we wait for my mum to come. Then we get some gloves and go to our gardenbed. I hope all the plants will grow well. I like how lots of people bring seeds to plant.

By Adeline Haycock, Year 3



The year 3 and 4 students started the 'Gaden Club' during lunch time. In my group, we planted some pretty flowers. Thank you Mrs Haycock for helping us and making our garden look beautiful. Also, thank you Mrs Huynh for her time and for helping us in the garden.

By Saeron Ha, Year 3

MITEY: MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION

Miss Jessica Kidd

Lorraine from Mitey, the Sir John Kirwan Mental Health Foundation, came and modelled Lesson 1.4 on Being Brave. The session provided our new kaiako with an opportunity to learn about the teaching conventions involved in Mental Health Education and how to follow a Mitey learning sequence. Our Year 5 and 6 students discussed concepts such as what it means to be brave, how to show courage and what this looks like in practical ways.



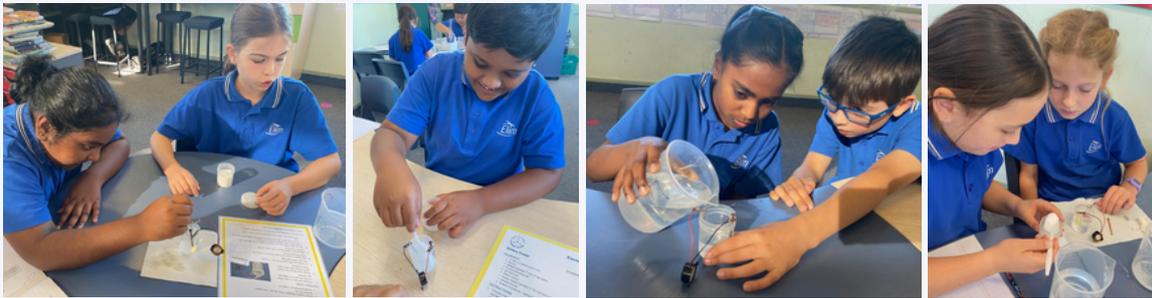
TERM 1 HIGHLIGHTS IN ROOM 9

Mrs Jordana Ryu

In The Arts, Room 9 ākonga explored the cultures and music of Latin America and Samoa through dance. We learned that dance can benefit us as a form of expression, exercise, entertainment and identity!



The House of Science has brought us truly engaging experiments this term! In Week 7, Room 9 students made salt water batteries to power an electric buzzer. We learned that the salt helps conduct electrical energy.



Aquatic Education is the highlight of each week. Ākonga have gained much confidence in the water. We are able to execute a variety of aquatic survival skills such as floating, rotating and recovering from an accidental fall.



YEAR 7 AND 8 CAMP HIGHLIGHTS ASSEMBLY

The Intermediate Teachers

The Year 7-8 ākonga celebrated the success of camp by sharing photos, testimonies, worship, awards and prizes during a special assembly. Thank you to all the families who joined us in the celebration. Below are a few photos from the gathering. A link to all of the camp photos can be found [here](#).



HARD TECHNOLOGY

Peter McDonough

Year 10 students are currently learning about working with the material, pewter and making jewellery. They are designing their own pendant, putting them on chains and have a jewellery box to keep it stored. The two photos show students at work shaping their pieces and Katelyn's finished heart pendant.



ARISE WHĀNAU UPDATES TERM 1



THANK YOU ARISE WHĀNAU FOR TREATING OUR STAFF TO MORNING TEA THIS TERM AND TO OUR ARISE PARENTS PRAYER GROUP FOR THE EASTER BLESSING. WE APPRECIATE YOU!



This week we have our first fundraising meeting for 2025. At this meeting we will share the plan for the year and how we can support the school vision and strategic plan.

The meeting will be held in the library from 8:40 - 9:00 am tomorrow Wednesday 9th April. We would love any ideas / volunteers / suggestions for how you'd like to be involved! We look forward to seeing you there. Preschoolers welcome.

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 other WhatsApp groups 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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Yrs 7-8:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EFbCWDJbH9OHGcP6Jcmk5u>



Yrs 4-6:
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Yrs 9-10:
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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](#) 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!

ASSESSMENT ASSISTANTS

Mrs Joanna Emery

We are currently seeking anyone who would be happy to volunteer assisting Y10-13 students with their 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

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:

itinerantmusic@elimmtalbert.school.nz

*Please note: lessons are available to Year 3 students and older.



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE



DO YOU HAVE UNIFORMS
THAT NO LONGER FIT?

UNIFORM DONATIONS ARE
GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED
AT THE OFFICE.

Wednesday April 9

2.30pm - 3.30pm in Rahiri House

Payment by eftpos

Last minute donations gratefully accepted.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be placed in front of the office for collection from **Wednesday 9 April until Thursday 10 April.**

Please encourage your children to check for any lost items.

Please note that any unclaimed, unnamed items will be donated at the end of the Term.

If you have lost any jewellery or valuables, kindly inquire at the office.