

ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT NEWSLETTER



Talofa lava Aiga

A very warm greeting to you in Samoan to celebrate Samoa Language week, 2025. This year's Samoa Language Week theme, "Ia malu lou sã. Folau i lagimã - A well-grounded self, is a successful self," beautifully reflects our values as a Christian school. Just as a well-crafted vaka (canoe) is built to withstand the challenges of the ocean, we strive to build strong foundations in our students - rooted in faith, identity, and purpose. Grounded in Christ, our learners are equipped to navigate life with resilience and courage. As we celebrate Samoan language and culture, we are reminded that true success begins with being firmly anchored in who we are and whose we are.

In Matthew 7:24-25, Jesus says: *"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock... the rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."*

We had a wonderful time celebrating and strengthening our faith during Hosanna Week. The theme, Joy in All Circumstances, challenged both students and staff to explore this idea more deeply, engage in meaningful discussions, and discover biblical truths that remind us joy can be found even in difficult times.

We were grateful for the support and involvement of several parents throughout the week, who generously gave their time and resources to enrich the experience and create more opportunities for our students. Special thanks to Pastors Ben and Anna Carrol for sharing an inspiring and encouraging message with our senior students during one of the lunchtime workshops.

You may have noticed the recent improvements to our junior playground, thanks to the efforts of our Staff and Elim Mt Albert Whānau at the working bee. A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated core group of parents who serve so faithfully at these events. It's truly heartwarming to witness your commitment to our school and your willingness to give up your weekend time to contribute. Special thanks to Tim Haycock, who has led this project with passion and continues to invest extra hours in preparation and planning.

Our Open Morning last week welcomed many new families who expressed strong interest in enrolling their children at our school. It's encouraging to see the growing interest in Christian education. As we approach capacity, we kindly remind all current families to submit applications for younger siblings starting in 2025 or at any time during 2026. Early applications help us plan effectively and ensure we can continue to cater for all students within our school community.

Tōfā soifua



Tania Calvert
Principal Tumuaki

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."
Psalms 32:8

IMPORTANT DATES

WHOLE SCHOOL

WEEK 6

Tuesday 3 June
Whānau hui / fono evening

WEEK 8

Wednesday 18 June
Civvies Day / Pizza lunch

Thursday 19 June **Teacher Only Day**
Friday 20 June **Matariki public holiday**

WEEK 9

Thursday 26 June **Last day of term 2**
Friday 27 June **Teacher Only Day**

JUNIOR (YEAR 1 - 8)

WEEK 6

Friday 6 June
Phase 2: Fossils Van Visit

END OF YEAR DATES

YEAR 1-2 NATIVITY

Tuesday 9 December 9-10:30am

YEAR 3-8 PRIZEGIVING

Tuesday 25 November 11am-1pm

YEAR 9-13 PRIZEGIVING

Tuesday 25 November 6:30-8:30pm

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Friday 5 December 3:30-5:00pm

YEAR 8 GRADUATION

Monday 1 December 6:00-8:30pm

Whānau Hui and Fono Invitation


An evening of connection, kōrero, and community


Join us for a relaxed and welcoming evening where parents, caregivers, and whānau come together to connect, share, and support one another on the journey of raising our tamariki.

This is a special opportunity to meet other families within our Elim community, share your hopes and dreams for your child, and be part of the conversation around how we can work together to support their growth, learning, and wellbeing.

Come as you are – whether you're new to the school or have been part of Elim for years, your voice matters and your presence is valued.

Details:

 Tuesday 3rd June

 7 pm - 8:30 pm

 The school 'Ballroom' ground floor of Rahiri House

For catering purposes please RSVP
<https://forms.gle/VGVjNi5Cz2GzSCTx6>

HOSANNA WEEK

This week, our school came together to celebrate Hosanna Week, a special time focused on coming together as a school and celebrating Jesus! The theme for this year was Joy in all Circumstances, highlighting the importance of activating a true joy in Jesus, rather than a circumstantial happiness on worldly things. It was a joy-filled week, filled with fun activities such as senior-junior Bible lessons, a reflection space, inspiring guest speakers, special assemblies, Hosanna Night, and a praise party. It truly was a week to remember, centered on the deep, unwavering joy that comes from our faith.

Throughout Hosanna Week, the library and ballroom were decorated to be the junior and senior reflective spaces respectively. We had a lovely team of seniors who helped decorate the spaces with fairy lights and palms and set up the different stations of activities. These activities included bible verse decorating, writing a letter to someone who brings you joy, a prayer and joy wall and a colouring/quiz activity. The ambience of the fairy lights and soft worship music combined to create a reflective environment for our school to give thought to the reason behind true joy in our lives, Jesus.

Our school also had the privilege of hearing an incredibly powerful message from Pastors Anna and Ben Carroll from Passion Church during Thursday lunchtime. They came to talk to us about having joy in all circumstances. They analysed the book of Philippians 4:4-9 and gave us some really great take-aways on how to have joy in any circumstances.



-Charis Abrahams, Year 13, Prefects

Throughout Hosanna Week, our senior students had the amazing opportunity to visit the junior classes, leading small groups in devotions and engaging in fun activities such as crafts, acting, and quizzes. These activities were centred around the Hosanna Week theme of 'Joy in All Circumstances'. This experience allowed senior and junior students to spend meaningful time working together and encouraged the younger students to connect with God's Word and grow their relationship with Him.

-Anita McFedries, Year 13, Prefects



HOSANNA WEEK

On Wednesday we had Hosanna Night for Year 9-13 students. We had worship, communion and Pastor Shane, from Elim City Church preached about our Hosanna theme for this year, Joy in all Circumstances. He was really funny and engaging. We had a ministry moment where students could come and get prayer for anything. This was led by some Year 13 students. Then we had a time to pray for each other which was really nice. We had a final worship/ praise song to rap us up and ice cream on the balcony. Overall it was an incredible night connecting with God and praising how amazing He is.

-Liam Butler, Year 13, Prefects



Hosanna Week included many assemblies for various years, e.g Year 9-13. Tuesday's assembly was directed for Years 9-10 and included a panel from some teachers, Mrs Abrahams, Mr Zoutenbeir, Mrs Calvert, and a brave Y9 student, Mikayla. In the Year 11-13 assembly we had our head students Taj and Lucy as well as Mrs Calvert and Mr Anderson. They shared some really insightful things about difficult things they've been through and we really appreciate their courage to share their hard experiences. We certainly learnt a lot from the experiences that they went through and how God is always faithful.

-Oliver Peng, Year 13, Prefects



Friday morning, all Whānau houses—Ezekiel, Daniel, Jeremiah, and Joshua—gathered together for a praise party, and it was so much fun, especially since we were all dressed in our house colours. After each praise song, we had a house chant, and everyone—from the primary students to the secondary—was so engaged, singing along and doing all the actions. It's such a privilege to be able to praise God together and truly feel the joy! :)

-Katrina Joseph, Year 13, Prefects

***Please see the 'Praise Party' photos on the next page and the attached link.**

PRAISE PARTY PHOTOS



Find more photos from here: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KWjaaQzEjwNfK6MB-0Jy1xMisA6cucy?usp=sharing>

HOSANNA WEEK

Intermediate Bible Quiz

Dominic Liu, Year 7

On Monday, there was a Y7/8 Bible quiz at lunchtime. Everyone was very excited and did their best to answer the questions. The quiz was based on the Bible, sports and history, quotes, general knowledge, and places in NZ. Our winning team was Rupert, James A. and Ollie.

Scripture Memorisation Contest

Miss Hannah Fale

On Friday, we held our Scripture Memorisation Contest Finals for Year 1-8. All participants demonstrated great māia and gave 100% of their efforts to memorise lengthy passages of scripture. It was an awesome opportunity for students to practise writing scripture in their hearts and minds. Ka pai tō mahi to all those who participated!

Psalms 119:105

**Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.**



ABIDE ministries and STEM activities

Mrs Natalie Escobar

Year 3 had an amazing time with ABIDE Ministries and their STEM activities. They were so engaged in bible code-cracking, bible quizzes, crafts, building, throwing and praising God.



TRAVELWISE ACTIVATION

Miss Jessica Kidd

Recently, we celebrated the Grand Opening of our school's Zebra Crossing and invited some very special guests to join in the special event. Our honorary guests included: Labour and National List MP's, Eden-Albert Board chair members, Auckland Transport representatives, our school constable, and Zarah the Zebra.

Travelwise Leaders: Zara the Zebra came and entertained people with her dancing. We encouraged more people to cross the road in the correct place by holding signs that said 'cross at the zebra crossing'.



YEAR 3 AND 4 GARDENING CLUB

Evelyn Mariam Jijo, Hannah Huang, Neriah Liu and Rayna Yu, Year 4

In this photo we pulled out all the weeds. We then planted a flower with white petals. After that we squished a tomato and squeezed out all the seeds spreading them in the garden. The next week we saw the tomato plants growing.



GEOGRAPHY TRIP

Mr Nigel Cato

Earlier this month all Geography students set out on a field trip to the Omaha / Tawharanui area. Mr Anderson took the year 12/13 group to Tawharanui, where they conducted field research on the variations between different beach types. Mr Cato and Ms Richter took the year 11 group to Omaha and Point Wells. Their aim was to make field observations of the Little Omaha Bay / Whangateau Harbour environment for our natural processes case study. It was a beautifully sunny, warm day and the students were able to collect all the data they needed.

Year 11 Geography Trip - 7th May, Omaha



Year 13 Geography Trip - 7th May, Tawharanui



SUPPORTING ATTENDANCE DURING WINTER

Regular school attendance is vital for learning, social development, and overall wellbeing. As we enter winter, there will naturally be times when it is appropriate for tamariki to stay home and recover from illness.

However, minor symptoms do not always require time away from school. Below is a link to information that will help you decide when it is okay to send your child to school, when you should keep your child at home, and when you should contact a health professional for advice.

Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school – Ministry of Education

SENIOR SCHOOL BALL

Kia ora whānau,

The Elim Christian College Mount Albert School Ball is fast approaching! Year 11-13 students have been given permission forms for parents/guardians to sign.

Date: Saturday 2 August 2025

Time: 7pm – Midnight

Venue: Ellerslie Events Centre

Dress: Formal

Price: \$135 per person (payment through Kindo)

Ticket sales close: Tuesday 22 July 2025

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Amanda Ray
Y13 Dean



MUSIC LESSON

Interested in Learning a Musical Instrument? We're excited to welcome a new Guitar/Bass teacher who is now available for lessons on Wednesdays!

If you'd like to learn **Guitar or Bass**, please get in touch by emailing:
itinerant.music@elimmtalbert.school.nz

We also have limited lesson spots still available for the following instruments:

**Saxophone, Flute, Clarinet, Violin
and Piano**

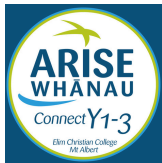
If you're interested or have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us at:
itinerant.music@elimmtalbert.school.nz



ARISE WHĀNAU UPDATES

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!



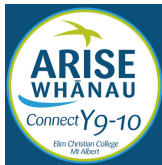
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Yrs 7-8:
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Yrs 9-10:
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Yrs 11-13:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HtfkyfiuFsB5Y0FqbsZIGj>



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!

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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](https://www.mykindo.co.nz) or go to www.mykindo.co.nz to start ordering!

For Apple and Android users download the mykindo app. Visit support.mykindo.co.nz or tel. 09 475 5287 (0800 395 8624) weekdays 8am-4pm. www.mykindo.co.nz / www.ezlunch.co.nz

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 Fundraising towards a.....

School Van

Here are some of the ways you can help with fundraising in 2025

Pizza lunches

Carnival Day Term 4
Details to come!

Y1-8
Disco
Term 3

Civvies - Kakahu
Kainga Days

Kindo
School Lunches

Help us reach our goal of \$20,000

A school van will provide essential transport for music groups, sports teams, curriculum trips, and many other valuable learning opportunities.

Ways to Give

Kindo - one off donation • Eftpos at the office

Participating in events



Elim get ready

“A C T S for A C T S” launches week 5



ASSIST CHILDREN TO SCHOOL (ACTS)
Plan your ACTS & set a goal ^{in rural Cambodia}
From week-5 :

- Create an online fundraising page & share it with EVERYONE!
- Raise funds for stationery, bikes, uniforms & tutors
- Compete between classes to raise the most money!

What ACTS will you do to make Elim's ACTS fundraiser fly?



ACTS of Asking



ACTS of Service



ACTS of Endurance