

# ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT NEWSLETTER



Tenā koutou katoa,

As Term 2 draws to a close, I want to take a moment to acknowledge and thank our incredible Elim staff and families for their unwavering support in making this a term filled with rich learning, memorable events, and special moments.

To our families – thank you for the many ways you've contributed throughout the term.

- We had a successful working bee as progress continues on the junior play area. A heartfelt thank you to our core team of parents who consistently volunteer their time and energy at these events and also to the new parents who joined us this time.
- During Hosanna Week, our parents stepped up, supporting our teaching team and student leaders in a variety of ways. It is a joy to see the Christian Character of our school flourishing and being woven through everything we do.
- Our first Whānau Hui/Fono was a well-attended and uplifting evening. Parents and school leadership came together to share ideas and build a stronger future for our school. It was a truly positive and engaging time of connection.
- We are also so grateful to our ARISE whānau for their ongoing support. From student pizza lunches to a thoughtful soup and rolls morning tea for our staff – your generosity has warmed both our hearts and our stomachs!

Staff have been working hard to assess student progress and prepare reports as we approach the end of the first half of the year. These reports provide a snapshot of your child's learning journey, highlighting their progress and achievements so far. Early in Term 3, Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences will offer a valuable opportunity to discuss the reports in more detail and plan the next steps together. We sincerely thank our teachers for the time, thought, and effort they have invested in preparing these reports.

We're in the middle of our major mission fundraiser for 2025 – **the Acts for ACTS campaign!** Here are some important details to note:

- Fundraising continues until the end of **Week 2, Term 3** – so there are still 5 weeks to go!
- Our goal this year is to raise \$22,000 to support 40 Cambodian children with access to education for a full year.
- In week 4 of the campaign, we have already raised \$14,000, which means that 22 students get to go to school. We are almost halfway there. What an incredible effort so far!

We're excited to be using a new online fundraising platform this year. If your tamariki haven't set up their fundraising page yet, here's a video that explains how they can get started.

[How to create a fundraising page](#)

Let's keep the momentum going – every effort counts!



**Tania Calvert**  
Principal Tumuaki

*"Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines,...yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation."*  
**Habakkuk 3:17-18**

# IMPORTANT DATES

## WHOLE SCHOOL

### 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 **Civvies day**  
**Junior: Crazy hat and socks**  
**Senior: Lounge wear**  
**Last day of term 2**

Friday 27 June  
**Teacher Only Day**

## TERM 3

### WEEK 2

Tuesday 22 July 3:30 - 7:30pm /  
Thursday 24 July 1 - 5pm  
Parent Teacher Student Conferences

Wednesday 23 July  
EPRO 8 Y9/10 and 11-13

### WEEK 3

Saturday 2 August  
Year 11 - 13 School Ball

### WEEK 5

Monday 11 August  
**Staff Only Day**

### WEEK 6

18 - 22 August  
Dental Planet at School Year 9 - 13

### WEEK 7

**BOOK WEEK**  
DETAILS TBC

Friday 29 August TBC  
Year 1 - 8 Disco

### WEEK 8

1-5 September  
Senior Practice Exams

Friday 5 September 8 - 9:30am  
Father's Day Event

### WEEK 9

8-12 September  
Co-Requisite Second Round

Tuesday 9 September  
Immunisations Year 7 and 8

### WEEK 10

Sports camp Year 7 and 8

## 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



## 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*



# ACTS FOR ACTS

FOR LIVE UPDATES VISIT THE SITE BELOW  
[HTTPS://ELIMACTS.ASIANOUTREACH.ORG.NZ/](https://elimacts.asianoutreach.org.nz/)

**Elim** **Asian Outreach NZ**

## "ACTS for ACTS"

ASSIST CHILDREN TO SCHOOL (ACTS) *in rural Cambodia*

- This year we'd love for EVERYONE to take their fundraising online!
- Create an online fundraising page here: [elimacts.asianoutreach.org.nz](https://elimacts.asianoutreach.org.nz)
- Plan your ACTS & set a goal
- If, for some reason, you're not keen to participate online, pick up a fundraising booklet from the office to log donations manually.
- Share your fundraising page with EVERYONE!
- Help our school raise \$22,000 to fund stationery, bikes, uniforms & tutors for rural Cambodian kids!
- Get all your questions answered on the website under FAQs

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

- ACTS of Asking**
- ACTS of Service**
- ACTS of Endurance**

**Only 5 weeks to go!**

### JUNIOR INCENTIVES

- \$5,000 - CIVVIES (CRAZY SOCK/HAT DAY)
- \$10,000 - MYSTERY FOOD QUIZ: QUIZ WITH STRANGE/UNUSUAL FOOD
- \$15,000 - BARBECUE SIZZLE
- \$22,000 - EXTENDED LUNCHTIME WITH GAMES

### SENIOR INCENTIVES

- \$5,000 - DANCE BATTLE
- \$10,000 - THEMED CIVVIES
- \$15,000 - CHILLI EATING COMPETITION
- \$22,000 - LUNCHTIME GAMES WITH BARBECUE SIZZLE

**WE HAVE REACHED OUR FIRST TWO INCENTIVES!**

<b>384</b> Fundraisers	<b>\$14,468</b> Raised so far	<b>22</b> Cambodian Children fully sponsored so far
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### Elim's Top Fundraisers

Top Individuals	Top Classes
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Timothy Hydes ACTS for ACTS Page \$855</li> <li>Evangeline Abah's ACTS for ACTS Challenge \$819</li> <li>Ethan Chua ACTS for ACTS Challenge \$650</li> <li>Natasha Penny's ACTS for ACTS Challenge \$582</li> <li>(Isabelle Goundar) ACTS for ACTS Challenge \$504</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Room 7 \$2,033</li> <li>Room 9 \$1,743</li> <li>Room 4 \$1,665</li> <li>Room 10 \$1,205</li> <li>Room 5 \$1,056</li> </ol>

**OUR THEMED CIVVIES DAY  
WILL BE NEXT  
THURSDAY 26 JUNE!**

**JUNIORS**  
CRAZY HAT / SOCK DAY

**SENIORS**  
LOUNGE WEAR

## BIG SING CHOIR FESTIVAL

Mrs Tania Calvert

On Tuesday evening, Year 9–13 students proudly represented Elim Christian College as part of a combined Elim Voices Choir at The Big Sing. The concert was held in the majestic Auckland Town Hall. During the daytime performance, they presented a repertoire of three songs, and at the evening Gala Concert, they delivered a stunning performance of Lovely Day, accompanied by our Senior Jazz Band.

The students represented our school with excellence, and their performance was a standout item on the programme. We extend our heartfelt thanks and congratulations to our vocal coach and choir trainer, Alanah Jones, who prepared both school choirs and brought them together seamlessly for this event. Her dedication, talent, and commitment to our students are very much appreciated.



## ARBOR DAY - TREE PLANTING

Amanda Abrahams

Last week, in celebration of Arbor Day, we gathered to plant a fig tree on our school grounds — a symbol of growth, care, and our ongoing commitment to creation stewardship. Our two newest students, Merrick Wang and Elizabeth Clague, were given the honour of planting the tree alongside members of the Enviro Team, our Head Boy and Girl and school Principal. What a beautiful way to nurture both the earth and our school community!



Enviro group led by Mr Jason Ridler and Mrs Amanda Abrahams.



Principal, Mrs Tania Calvert, Head students Taj and Lucy and newest students Merrick and Elizabeth.



# PADDINGTON POSTCARDS

Mrs Natalie Escobar

In our Term 2 inquiry, Room 4 has been learning about how the Good News spread around the world. We are learning to identify countries, continents and oceans and to recognise how we fit into the world and the Great Commission.

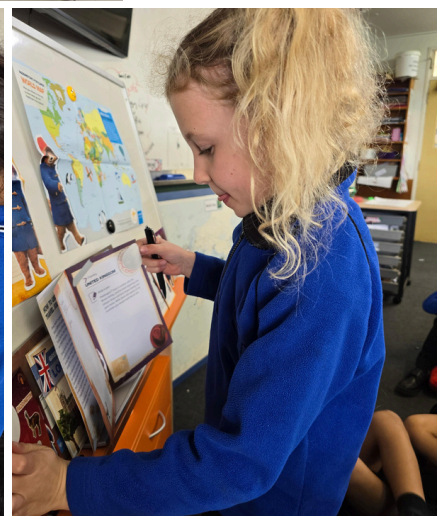
In our ACTS for ACTS fundraising, we are learning about the challenges that children around the world have. We are seeing first-hand that we can make a difference and share the love of Jesus by helping others. All of this learning reminded Mrs Escobar of a little bear who could help us on our learning journey.....

Room 4 were so excited to receive our first postcards this week from Paddington Bear!

We got a map of the world, a travel diary, stickers, postcards and fact cards. We have been able to track the start of Paddington's journey from Peru to England and we can't wait to see where he goes next.

In our Peru pack, we learnt about an 8 year old girl called Kesia who wants to be a nurse when she's older. She doesn't have drinking water in her village and has to collect water from a well. Paddington and his charity UNICEF give water purification tablets to kids like Kesia so that she can drink safe, clean water.

Over the rest of this year, Paddington's postcards will help us to learn about countries around the world and kids that charities like UNICEF help.



## YEAR 3 NETBALL

Mrs Shinae Ha

The Year 3 Netball team, Team Jets, is doing a fantastic job this year under the guidance of Coaches Chelsea and Mille from Year 11. They are practicing regularly once a week and playing games every Thursday.

There are new members on the team this year, and their addition has made the Jets even stronger! The students are thoroughly enjoying themselves and are highly engaged. It's a privilege to witness how they are building not only teamwork but also strong friendships with one another.

They may be young, but they dream big and aim high—well done, Team Jets!



## 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





# 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!



Yrs 1-3:  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/l8rTyLtmwH1r2LPguptbD>



Yrs 4-6:  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Lq6AMreO7zKlgvvOD6ZgRs>



Yrs 7-8:  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EFbCWDJBh9OHGcP6Jcmk5u>



Yrs 9-10:  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Cxc73xOHAf60R1FpgEKKQj>



Yrs 11-13:  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HtfkyfiuFsB5Y0FqbsZIGj>

Are you part of a What's App parent group? Here is some information to help you understand how the group works.

### Purpose of the Group

- To inform whānau about specific school-related updates for that year group as a way of building community alongside other families in the school.
- Reminders/ notices from the school that reinforce previous communication (whole-school newsletters, home learning notices, emails).
- Families can ask questions to clarify information for school related activities or events.

### Respect for Personal Time

- Be mindful of when messages are sent. If possible, avoid messaging between 9pm-7am and during the weekends.
- If there are urgent matters (e.g., school closures, emergencies), it's okay to send messages.

### Maintaining Privacy and Confidentiality

- Refrain from sharing private details of group members with others without their permission.



## 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!



### 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!

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

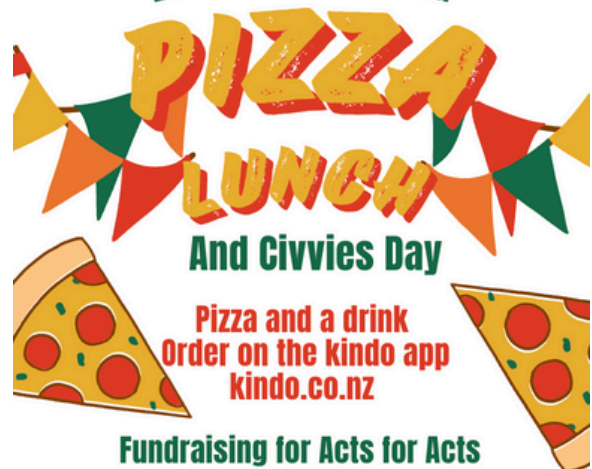
[www.mykindo.co.nz](https://www.mykindo.co.nz) / [www.ezlunch.co.nz](https://www.ezlunch.co.nz)



Wednesday 18th JUNE



LUNCH FOR A GOOD CAUSE!



Fundraising for Acts for Acts



Once again, Elim is joining forces with Asian Outreach New Zealand (AONZ) to help keep kids in school, in rural Cambodia. The ACTS (Assisting Children to School) programme, sponsors the education of children who would otherwise be working in the fields. Together we can help these children break the generational poverty cycle with education.



## UNIFORM DONATION



Do you have Uniforms that no longer fit?  
Uniform donations are gratefully accepted  
at the office.

## LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be placed in front of the  
office for collection  
**from Monday 23 June  
to Tuesday 24 June.**

Please note that any unclaimed, unnamed  
items will be donated after this period. If  
you have lost any jewellery or valuables,  
kindly inquire at the office.

## SEUSSICAL

Our very own Molly Haycock, Year 8  
Room 6, is performing in the Seussical.  
If you would like to attend one of the  
shows, please check out the notice.



**Starring Your Elim Christian  
College Mt Albert Student**



**Molly Haycock**

**Tickets from \$35.00\* Ticketmaster**  
**\*Booking & Credit Card fees additional**



## HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

*Previously Carpe Diem Kids*

**Kowhai Kids Club Elim will be having a fun Holiday Programme.**

**St.Mary's School, 2136 Great North Road, Avondale from 30th June to 11th July.**  
Part-time enrolments, Sibling discounts and WINZ subsidies are available.

Brochures are available online.  
Enrol online on [www.kowhaikidsclub.co.nz](http://www.kowhaikidsclub.co.nz)  
Ph: 0800 KK CLUB Mob: 0277 831 826  
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