

ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT NEWSLETTER



Tena koutou, whānau and 新年快乐, Xīnnián kuàilè, Happy Chinese New Year!

Welcome back to all our returning families and a warm welcome to our new families and staff! We are thrilled to have you as part of the Elim Christian College Mt Albert community.

As I reflect on the remarkable achievements of our foundation year, I am sincerely grateful for the strong and supportive community that has developed around our school. We've made significant progress across all areas—from academic growth and curriculum development to building a strong sense of belonging and connection. The success of our ARISE Whānau Groups and improvements to our school facilities are just a few examples of how we've come together to create an environment where everyone can thrive. I am excited about the opportunities and growth that the year ahead will bring. Building on these successes, we enter 2025 with a focus on **'strengthening our foundation.'**

This year we will be continuing to implement the new English and Maths curricula and programmes, ensuring they align with our vision for student growth and success. A key focus for the year will be regular school attendance, which is essential for academic achievement and long-term success. We will continue working together as a school and community to support our students in being present and engaged in learning every day. More updates on this important area will be shared soon.

Our school verse, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future," Jeremiah 29:11, reminds us that the foundation we've laid is part of a greater purpose. With your continued support, we are confident that our school will grow into a place of hope, learning, and community, where every student has the opportunity to thrive.

As we start the year, please note that our first whole school event, the **Cultural Fiesta** is coming up on Thursday 3rd April. We encourage all families to attend as it is a highlight of the school year. It is also a great way to connect with other members of our community and be involved in our school. More information will follow soon.

I look forward to all that this year will bring as we strengthen our foundation and work together to achieve even greater things.

Ngā mihi
Tania Calvert



Tania Calvert
Principal Tumuaki

*"For I know the plans I have
for you... plans to give you
a hope and a future"*
Jeremiah 29:11

IMPORTANT DATES

WHOLE SCHOOL

WEEK 3

Tuesday 18 February
ARISE Whānau info session 2 - 2:45 pm

Saturday 22 February
Welcome to Elim Evening - *New parents*

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 6:30-7:30pm

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 3

Friday 21 February
Year 9-13 Athletics Day

WEEK 4

Thursday 27 - Friday 28 February
Gateway Health and Safety course

WEEK 6

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

IMPORTANT PARKING NOTICE

We request that parents and caregivers follow road rules and respect our neighbours when parking. Do not block driveways, park on grass areas berms or on yellow lines. Everill Orr owns the grass land at the top of the street. This is used as a recreational facility for residents. This is NOT to be used for parking and offending vehicles may be towed. There will be an update on safety improvements being carried out by Auckland Transport shortly.

TOP ART EXHIBITION

Mrs Shinae Ha



Congratulations to Julia Davidson on being selected for the NZQA Top Art Exhibition tour! Julia, who graduated last year, created some incredible painted boards that have earned her this recognition. The Top Art Exhibition, organised by NZQA, showcases the best art produced by NCEA Level 3 Visual Arts students. It travels across various galleries, museums, and schools throughout New Zealand. This exhibition offers the public a chance to view the high caliber of student work, while also giving this year's Visual Arts students an opportunity to see what they can strive for to achieve Excellence in their own work.



"The theme of my work came from a place of uncertainty as to who I was and who I wanted to be. Throughout the boards I explored the pressure, expectations and emotions that overwhelmed me. The ideas in my work came from the emotions that I was feeling, identifying the problems I faced and discovering a way to journey through and away from these.

My works were created with graphite, coloured pencil and acrylic paint, as well as incorporating string, cloth, metal chain, impasto and gloss medium in particular compositions. The symbolism, colour, layering, composition and surrealism was inspired from many artist studies of their techniques." -Julia Davidson



CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS IN OUR FIRST YEAR OF OUR ARISE WHĀNAU GROUPS

Establishment of Groups

To foster a stronger and more connected school community, ARISE Whānau has established several parent-led groups that focus on different aspects of school life and contribute to the overall wellbeing of the school. These groups include:



ARISE Whānau Fundraising

Through community-driven efforts, the group raised significant funds to improve the school's facilities and sustainability.



ARISE Whānau Prayer

The ARISE Whānau Prayer group meets on Friday from 8:40-9:00 am. Whānau come together to pray for the school, students, teachers, and community. This initiative has created a space for spiritual support and solidarity among the parents.



ARISE Whānau Secondhand Uniform

A secondhand uniform system was established to provide affordable options for families while promoting sustainability. Parents have been able to purchase or donate uniforms, helping reduce costs for families in the school community.

ARISE Whānau Connect

WhatsApp groups serve as a quick and efficient way for parents to connect and support various school activities and initiatives.

Events

ARISE Whānau also organized a variety of fun and engaging events for students and families, including:

- School Y1-6 Disco & Y7-8 Movie Night: These events allowed students to have fun in a social setting. The younger children enjoyed a lively disco, while the older students had a relaxing movie night.
- Ice Block Days & Pizza Lunches: Fun and popular events such as Ice Block Days and Pizza Lunches were held, which not only delighted the students but also served as fundraising initiatives.

Through these events and initiatives, ARISE Whānau helped strengthen the connection between parents, students, and the school community. Their dedication and efforts have been instrumental in the first year of success at the new school.

THANK YOU ARISE WHĀNAU FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE EFFORTS LAST YEAR

Key Achievements

Throughout the first year, ARISE Whānau achieved several significant milestones that have contributed to the school's development and community:

- Cottage Garden Project: Parents came together to create a beautiful and sustainable cottage garden on the school grounds, providing a space for students and families to enjoy and learn from.
- Junior Playground Upgrade. The first phase of upgrading the junior playground was planned and started. The aim is to create a safer and more engaging play area for the younger students.
- Kindo School Lunches: The group organised school lunches through the Kindo platform, making it easier for families to order meals while also raising funds for the school.



Get involved with ARISE Whānau in 2025

We would love to have more people join our ARISE whānau groups.
If you would like to hear more and be involved, you are invited to an informal get together.
Tuesday 18th February, 2 pm - 2:45 pm in the library. Toddlers are welcome.

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.

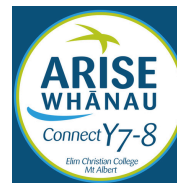
When: Friday 8:40 - 9:00 am
Where: Library
Who: Everybody is welcome!

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:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/I8rTyLttmwh1r2LPguptbD>



Yrs 7-8:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EFbCWdJBh9OHGcP6Jcmk5u>



Yrs 4-6:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Lq6AMreO7zKlgyvOD6ZgRs>



Yrs 9-10:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Cxcf73xOHAf50R1FpgEKKQj>

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](#) or go to www.mykindo.co.nz to start ordering!



For Apple and Android users download the mykindo app.

Help? Visit support.mykindo.co.nz or tel. 09 475 5287 (0800 395 8624) weekdays 8am-4pm.

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!](#)



PŌWHIRI PHOTOS



PLEASE FILL IN THE ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT EOTC BLANKET CONSENT FORM FOR EACH OF YOUR CHILDREN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS IS REQUIRED EVERY YEAR. THE LINK IS HERE. [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/PHNIBIL2ZVKIOACU8](https://forms.gle/PHNIBIL2ZVKIOACU8)