



Elim Christian College Mt Albert

Tuesday 13th October

Principal's Update – Term 4, Week 1

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Welcome back to another term at school! We are so happy to see Spring is finally here and the sun is shining! The blossoms are certainly beautiful this year. Please remember that your child/ren should now be in their *summer uniform*. Hats must be worn at break times by Year 1-6 and are highly recommended for Year 7-13 from Labour Day. No scarves or long sleeved polos can be worn in Term 1 and 4. Please refer to the student handbook on the website for more detail about uniform.

We extend a very warm welcome to Miss Madeleine Smith, our new school data administrator. It is great to have her join our fantastic office team!

We are excited for the final term of 2026 and have many events and activities planned to finish the year well. Please ensure you refer to our google calendar and newsletter updates for all the upcoming events so you can be part of them.

2027 Student Prefects

I am pleased to announce our Year 13 Prefect Team for 2027:

Lily Abrahams • Evie Harrowfield • Isaac Hydes • Tobias Kailing • Daniel Leung •
Zephaniah Nabete • Isabelle Stewart • EseraTasi

Thank you to Mrs Julie Nola and Mr Harry Kershaw who conducted the interviews along with myself and to staff and students for their feedback on candidates. We are delighted with the team and know that they will be fantastic leaders in the school and role models for our student body. Head students will be announced at the Prizegiving.



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Attendance

Attendance in Term 3 improved from 58% in 2025 to 63% in 2026 and we extend our congratulations to those who managed full attendance despite the winter illnesses. This term we expect full attendance throughout the term for all Year 0-11 students. There will be a reward for all students from the Whanau House with the highest attendance on the last day of term.

Year 12 and 13 will go on study leave for their NCEA examinations on Friday 30th October. Students are expected to be working at home, preparing for their external exams at Avondale College, our external exam centre.

Year 0-8 Carnival and Athletics Day

Friday 13th November 9 am - 3 pm

This is a great opportunity to spend the day with your children enjoying the carnival atmosphere and fun athletic activities. ***Your whole family is invited to come to this day to support your child and meet other families. Please join us!***

ARISE Whānau Fundraising would love your support to run the 'Carnival' part of the day. This could be helping with food stalls, running fun activities, supervising the bouncy fun run, facepainting or many other fun jobs! If you are willing and able to help out for some of the day, please contact Summer Haycock. summer.haycock@gmail.com

This will be a normal school day for Year 9-10. Year 11 will be leading and helping with the days organisation.

Important End of Year Dates to Attend

Wednesday 25th November

Year 3 - 8 Prizegiving, 1 pm - 3 pm

Year 9 - 13 Prizegiving and Year 13 Graduation, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday 3rd December

Year 0-2 Nativity and Prizegiving, 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Thursday 10th December

Last day of School 2026, 12:30 pm. Farewell assembly at 12:15 pm.

(Please note early finish on this day for all students)



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Term Dates for 2027

Term 1	Tuesday 2 Feb - Friday 9 April
Term 2	Tuesday 27 April - Friday 2 July
Term 3	Monday 19 July - Friday 24 September
Term 4	Monday 11 October - Wednesday 15 December

Employment

There are a number of employment opportunities at our school at the moment. This is due to growth and expansion.

- Gateway and careers Administration 6 hours per week, day to be determined
- Learning Assistant, Part time, Permanent
12 hours per week, 4 days per week Mon - Thurs (Year 1-8)
- Learning Assistant, Part time, Fixed term
22 hours per week, 4 days per week Mon - Thurs (Year 1-8 and Year 9-13)
- Scale A Teacher/s Year 1 - 6, Full time, Permanent

Please see the website for more details and to apply.

A reminder that the school newsletter is now being emailed on the third Tuesday of the month. It has important upcoming dates and information also. The school website is also a great place to go to find letters that have been sent, access the Google Calendar or find out information from our student handbook. There will be further communications from Junior Years and Senior Years with Year level specific information. Please ensure you read these.

We hope you enjoy Term 4 and we look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming community events and celebrations.

Ka kite ano
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Tumuaki | Principal

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