

ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT NEWSLETTER



Kia ora tatou, haere mai whānau,

What a wonderful start we have had as a new school. At the end of Week Two we see our students settling well into the new routines and classes are well underway. We are grateful for all the work that has been done to prepare for us to operate as an independent school and the grace shown by everyone as we smooth out any issues as they arise.



TANIA CALVERT

Principal / Tumuaki

“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

A very warm welcome to all families as we embark on this journey together. We are humbled to have your children entrusted to us for their education and look forward to partnering with you to ensure that during their time here, they have the opportunity to thrive and reach their God-given potential.

We have some important events happening this term that will require your support. Please see details in this newsletter, on the website and school calendar. If you have any questions, please contact your child/ren’s pastoral or tutor teacher.

We appreciate your support on trips and classroom events. A reminder that you will need a police vet with this school as we cannot carry them over from the previous school. Please come to the school office to complete the form.

Ngā mihi; Kia ora
Tania Calvert

IMPORTANT DATES

PRIMARY SCHOOL (YEAR 1-6)

Monday 26th February
Itinerant music lessons start

Wednesday 13th March
Photolife class and individual photos

Wednesday 3rd - 5th April
Year 5-6 camp

Week 9: Cultural Week

Week 11: Nanogirl assembly

MIDDLE SCHOOL (YEAR 7-8)

Wednesday 13th March
Photolife class and individual photos

Friday 23rd - 24th February
2024 Cultural Camp

Tuesday 27 Feb - March 1st
Year 7-8 Camp

SECONDARY SCHOOL (YEAR 9-13)

Wednesday 13th March
Photolife class and individual photos

Thursday 15th - 17th February
Prefect Camp

Friday 16th February
Senior Athletics Day- BC

Friday 23rd - 24th February
2024 Year 9-13 Cultural Camp

Tuesday 19th March
NCEA Academic Evening

PŌWHIRI

Mrs Julie Nola

On Monday 29th January, we were blessed to open our new school with a powhiri, led by Matua Matt, which welcomed new students, staff and families to our site. It was delightful to have the Rutherford College Kapa Haka team, led by Matua Geoff, lead us in waiata and welcome guests with karanga. We had a number of distinguished guests at the event, including Elim Founding Pastor Luke Brough, Pastor Steve Green, Elim Principals, Murray Burton and Andy Lawrence, and Jireh Principal, Sandra Bisman. Our Foundation Principal Tania Calvert spoke on behalf of the school highlighting the significance of the occasion and of becoming a Christian state-integrated, standalone school. The opening of our new school was a truly auspicious celebration.



Photos from the Year 9-10's Amazing Race on the first day of the school.



NZQA SCHOLARSHIP

Mrs Shinae Ha

Huge congratulations to former student Kareena Penny on receiving her NZQA scholarship. Her NCEA Level 3 painting theme was about vicious cycles in relation to mental health and created beautiful external art boards last year.



Kareena Penny

NZQA Year 13
Visual Arts Painting Scholar



CULTURAL CAMP

Mrs Jo Robertson

On Friday 23rd February to Saturday the 24th of February we will be running a Cultural Camp. The purpose of this camp is to encourage students to explore their cultural identity and share in other students' cultures. As part of this camp, we would like to invite you and your whānau to a dinner on the Friday night at 6pm. Could you please bring a favourite cultural dish to share.

This is an overnight camp for Year 9-13 students. Year 7s and 8s will be attending during the day on Friday and can go home after the cultural dinner on Friday. A letter will be coming out soon.

Year 7 and 8 Students

Start: Friday 23rd February 9.00am

Finish: After the cultural dinner on Friday (8.00pm)

Location: St John's Presbyterian Church, 422 Mt Albert Road, Mt Roskill.

Transport: Please drop your child off at the venue at 9.00am Friday and take them home after the dinner.

Cost: \$0

Year 9 and 10 Students

Start: Friday 23rd February 9.00am

Finish: Saturday 24th February 4.00pm

Location: St John's Presbyterian Church, 422 Mt Albert Road, Mt Roskill.

Transport: Please drop your child off at the venue at 9.00am Friday and collect them at 4.00pm Saturday.

Cost: \$25

What to bring: Lunch for Friday

Clothing to participate in cultural practices and activities

A sleeping bag or a sheet and duvet

As we will be sleeping in the church, a mat or air mattress to sleep on

Toothbrush and tooth paste. There are bathrooms but no showers on site.

YEAR 7-8 CAMP

Mrs Yen Kim



Kokako Lodge, Hunua Falls

Camp fee payment

Please use the account number below to make a camp payment of **\$400** for your child by **22nd of February**.

Elim Christian College Mt Albert BOT
02-0124-0184112-000

Reference: Camp, Child's name, Student ID

Links: [Camp Letter](#) and [Camp Permission Form](#)

CULTURAL FIESTA

Mrs Jo Robertson



We have a cultural fiesta coming up in Week 9 and as part of this we have a cultural camp for students at the end of week 4.

We are looking for parents to be involved in our cultural fiesta preparation. If you can help with leading or supporting a cultural group with their item or the organisation and preparation of cultural food stands, decoration, set up and pack down please contact Mrs Robertson.

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WORKING BEE

Mrs Tania Calvert

To prepare our new school for welcoming back students, many of your teachers volunteered for a working bee. Staff painted, did gardening and completed many other odd jobs to create a welcoming fresh look for you to return to.

Thank you to our staff for serving our community in this way. The school is looking fabulous and we can all be very proud of it.



WORKBOOKS FOR YEAR 1-6

After a thorough clean out of some of our resource areas at school, we have a number of older student workbooks available for use. The workbooks have not been written in and are mostly aimed at primary school levels Years 1- 6.

They cover a range of subjects including mathematics, spelling and other language skills. They will be displayed outside the main entrance after school Monday - Wednesday, Week 3 (12 - 14 February) between 2:30 and 3:30 pm.

Please park outside the school if you wish to look at the books not in the carpark. A donation for the books, that will go towards general school fundraising, would be much appreciated. We will have a cash box at the table.

Feel free to help yourself to the books.



YUMMY APPLE

Mrs Hannah Taylor

Dear Families,

Thank you so much to all those who have been faithfully collecting Yummy apple stickers and bag coupon cut-outs over the recent holidays. Please keep it up!!

At the end of 2023 we were blessed to be able to order new soccer balls for the juniors. This year we would love to smash last year's earnings (\$300) so we're asking you to reach out to your family, friends and neighbours to collect stickers/bag cut-outs on your behalf!

Which stickers? Any yummy apple sticker! Check out these photos to see which bag cut-outs/labels are accepted.

Sticker sheets will be sent home with the junior students soon - please keep an eye out for these in their school bags. New sticker sheets can be picked up from the office, or you can print your own at home (by typing into your browser "Yummy Apple sticker collection sheet" and you'll be taken to the downloadable page to print).

Full (or partially completed!) sticker sheets can be handed in to our lovely office staff any time. (Every sticker counts!) Write your child(ren)'s name on the sheet so we know which students to award. We are aiming to award the top contributors half-yearly and again at the end of the year.

Thank you so much for supporting our school to earn \$\$ for sports gear - we appreciate your help very VERY much!

