

ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT NEWSLETTER



Kia ora tatou, Elim Mt Albert whānau!

Happy Lunar New Year to our whānau who celebrate this occasion. We hope that you have all enjoyed this special time of year with your friends and family.

This term our students and teachers are exploring culture, sharing aspects of our cultural identity and learning about others in our school. Today we have students from our cultural groups spending the day getting to know each other more, while preparing items for our upcoming Cultural Fiesta. Details later in newsletter.



TANIA CALVERT

Principal / Tumuaki

"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."
Matthew 5:15-16

We are delighted to have had prefects attend our first camp of the year last week. Year 7 and 8 will head away to their camp next week, which is in Hunua. Later in the term Year 5 and 6 also have a camp planned. Thank you to our staff for the time spent preparing for these important education outside the classroom events. It is a time where students can grow in independence, nurture friendships, develop lifelong skills, enjoy device free fun and create cherished memories. Also, to our parent helpers, we couldn't have camps without your help.

Thank you for your support and positive feedback about the closure of the school gate. The school appreciates the way our community has offered possible solutions to make our surrounding streets safer. Please read the newsletter update for information on the steps the school is taking and what you can do with regard to this.

Please ensure you use the new school website to access the new Parent Portal - link at the bottom. Your old login details will give you access.

<https://elimmtalbert.school.nz/> = the new website link

<https://elimmtalbert.school.kiwi/> = the new portal link

Ngā mihi, Kia ora
Tania Calvert

IMPORTANT DATES

PRIMARY SCHOOL (YEAR 1-6)

Monday 26th February
Itinerant music lessons start

Friday 8th March
Kakahu Kainga / Civvies Day
(No school uniform day)

Wednesday 13th March
Photolife class and individual photos

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

Week 11: Nanogirl assembly

MIDDLE SCHOOL (YEAR 7-8)

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

Friday 8th March
Kakahu Kainga / Civvies Day
(No school uniform day)

Wednesday 13th March
Photolife class and individual photos

SECONDARY SCHOOL (YEAR 9-13)

Friday 8th March
Kakahu Kainga / Civvies Day
(No school uniform day)

Wednesday 13th March
Photolife class and individual photos

Tuesday 19th March
NCEA Academic Evening

PEER SUPPORT

Connie Yang, Year 12, Peer Support leader

Peer support is a really cool program where Year 9s and Year 12s get to know each other. The first session went well. We shared something about ourselves through drawings and played some group games, which were loads of fun. We are looking forward to the future sessions and are glad to have this opportunity to meet some amazing Year 9s!



TE KURA AWARDS

Mrs Amanda Ray

We presented Te Kura awards to Lois Walton and Taj Trebilco in last week's Y11-13 assembly.

Taj won a 'Highly commended in L1 Accounting' award and Lois won a 'Subject award for L1 Geography' which came with a \$40 voucher.

Well done, Taj and Lois!



PREFECT CAMP

Mr Marvin Anderson



The 2024 Prefect team recently went on a leadership camp to Mangawhai to participate in some leadership training and bond as a team. The camp included a visit to Puhoi, swims at Mangawhai estuary and Langs beach, a bush walk, master chef cooking challenges, devotions and worship, strategic planning and team building. A highlight of the trip was a visit from the Elim City Church pastor Dan and their intern, Gustav, who spent time connecting with our student leaders and presented a workshop on the 3 C's - Character, Competence and Chemistry. Mrs Ray also joined the group on Friday evening and ran a special segment on prayer. A big thank you to Mrs Nola for the use of her bach.



Here are some reflections from our student leaders.

"Prefect camp was an amazing opportunity for us prefects to bond together and to get to know each other."

"You're not alone as leader, because you have a whole team backing you up. I also learnt to rely on God's strength, whenever life gets tough."

"Prefect camp allowed us to really connect with each other and come up with particular visions for the upcoming school year."

"Alongside our beneficial leadership sessions, learning about each other and the school, we also had such a refreshing, enjoyable and connective time as a team."

"I think it was a great opportunity to really bond with our co-leaders and teachers in an informal environment."

"It was a really cool opportunity to get to know each other better and learn more about our school. Between our master chef competitions, Twister night and endless laughter, we were able to connect with God and each other."

"It was a great opportunity to have fun with the rest of the group, in a pressure free environment, while learning about the different things we all want to bring to school this year."

"We had so many moments of laughter and connection and deepened our relationships with God. We are all super excited to see what God has in store for Elim in 2024!"

"The leadership sessions and reflection/devotion times I found very beneficial for helping me and the rest of the prefects set goals that will glorify God and aid our new school in 2024."

LETTER LEARNING FUN

Mrs Jane Young

Room 25 Pirates with their parrots and prayer partners, playing in the playground and popping popcorn!

Can you tell we are learning about the letter “P”!!



MORNING DEVOTION

Mrs Rita Ah Kau

Below are pictures of Room 2 enjoying their daily morning devotion and getting to know each other during mat time.



JUNIOR ASSEMBLY

Miss Natalie Harbott and Miss Hannah Fale

The first junior assembly of 2024 was led by our wonderful Miss Kidd who explained our whānau house points system.

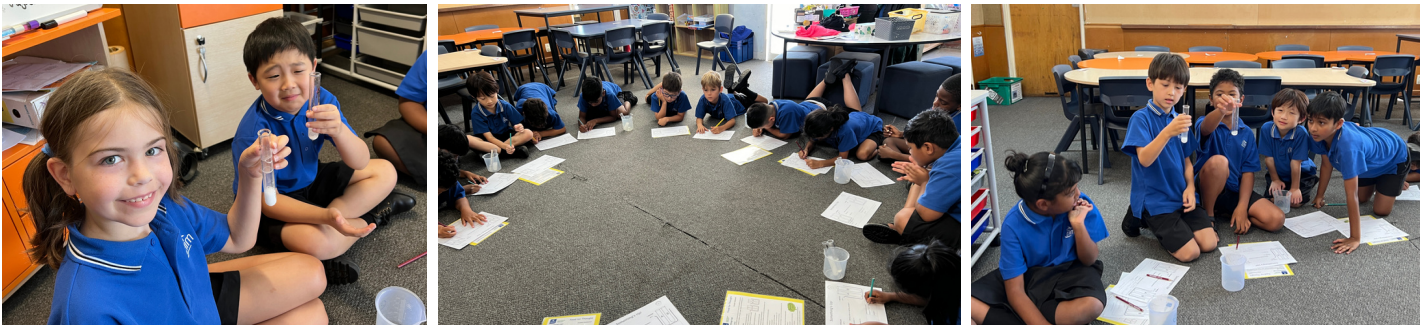


The Junior Years team loves having Mrs Calvert and Mr Anderson in our junior assemblies. We get to worship God and celebrate our hard work together.

THE JOY OF WONDERINGS AND DISCOVERIES

Mrs Lauren Dixon

Last week Year 4 used the House of Science ‘Food for Thought’ kit. The students paired up with a buddy and worked through an experiment. We made observations and found it really interesting watching chemical reactions occur. We didn’t know why some materials reacted and why other materials didn’t react when vinegar was added to them. Excitement built and we started our wonderings journey!



FOOD SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

Miss Hannah Fale

Our Room 9 students conducted some Food-Science experiments. Some groups made curd by mixing milk and vinegar together. Other groups worked to decipher which mystery powder was baking soda and which one was baking powder.



HARD TECHNOLOGY

Mrs Yen Kim

In Hard Tech, students are learning how to use different tools safely. Here they are making wooden tic tac toe boards.



HEALTH AND SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL GATE

Mrs Tania Calvert

Thank you for your support and for making changes to your pick up and drop off routines. We would like to update you on this matter. The school has worked tirelessly over the past six years with Auckland Transport, families and the community to explore solutions to the traffic issues in the surrounding streets.

Here is what we have been doing:

- We have worked with Auckland Transport through their Travelwise program. Our teachers and students have promoted initiatives like 'Park and Walk', 'Slow Down Around Schools', 'Be Bright Be Seen' and many more.
- Making McLean Street one way, creating angle parks and having no parking on one side have all been ideas proposed by our leadership to Auckland Transport. Unfortunately none of these have been possible to date.
- We have had a crossing approved for McLean Street in previous years. However, funding was an issue resulting in this not being completed.
- This year, we have again reached out to Auckland Transport several times to revisit the school and support our students to be safer around the school. Reducing the speed around our school and limited parking zones are new ideas we can also present to Auckland transport when they are able to attend a site visit.
- Duty staff continue to ensure safety of students leaving school.
- We will be assisting senior students with a safe crossing in McLean Street and will show them a safe route to public transport using controlled crossings. We ask that junior students be crossed across McLean Street by parents if possible.
- We have been working with our proprietors on creating a new rear gate entrance for pedestrians from Allendale Road.
- We have asked parents to treat McLean Street as a one way. This has had a mostly positive uptake by our families but the public are still able to use this as a cut through, so this has not solved the gridlock.

What you can do:

- Use Allendale and McLean Streets as one way during peak times. Although we cannot ask the general public to do this, with our community all following this request the majority of traffic will be going the same way.
- We encourage you to park in surrounding roads as suggested in our Travelwise handouts and posters. This will help to ease the gridlock traffic situation at peak times.
- We ask you to drive cautiously and slowly around the surrounding areas, watching out for students and showing courtesy to other drivers. Please help our school to be positive light in our community through our road use.

EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM (EOTC) BLANKET CONSENT REMINDER

Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) is the name given to all events / activities that occur outside the classroom, both on and off the school site.

This blanket consent will be sought at the beginning of each year. For more detail see email sent on 14th February or the website.

We ask that the blanket consent is filled in for every student Year 1-13 each year.

FILL OUT THE FORM for each child in your family attending Elim Christian College Mt Albert.

Thank you if you have already done this.



EXCITING LAUNCH OF ARISE WHĀNAU

We are excited to announce the official launch of Elim Christian College Mt Albert ARISE Whānau. ARISE Whānau covers the school, students, staff and our families with prayer, pastoral and fundraising needs. The purpose of this group is to communicate information about these needs to the school community.

We have a facebook group for our ARISE Whānau that all parents/caregivers are invited to join.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/667527865426206>

ARISE Whānau has some subgroups that have been formed that you may like to be involved in.



ARISE Whānau Prayer

Elim Christian College Mt Albert is centered around the Lord and His will for us as a school - we exist to bring Him glory! Please pray for all our wonderful students, teachers and leadership team. If you have some free time on a Friday morning, we would love you to pop in to our **ARISE Whānau Prayer** group where parents and caregivers get together to intercede for our school. We meet every **Friday morning at 8:40 - 9:00** in the staff room. We would love to see you there!



ARISE Whānau Fundraising

With the move to being a standalone school, we are now able to actively plan and execute our own fundraising projects. This is an exciting new opportunity and one we do not take lightly!

A small group has been formed who will take care of the planning for these initiatives. However, we will surely need an army of helpers to make these projects happen throughout the whole year ahead! And this is where we would love you to be involved! Please keep an eye out for an email coming soon regarding this. It will contain a google form which will have sections for your input in the following ways:

1. Suggestions of particular projects around the school that we could fundraise for
2. Fundraising initiatives that could work for our school. For example: ice-block Fridays, a school disco, etc.
3. Things you're able to contribute for various projects. For example: your skills, your time, goods/services at discount/free or connections with businesses that could contribute on some level.
4. Grant applications - accessing and applying for these on behalf of the school.

Please start to think about this. - we'd really appreciate your feedback Thank you very much in advance!



ARISE Whānau Connect

You will have received an email on Thursday 22nd February about our official WhatsApp groups. This initiative is to help our whānau to connect with others in their team. It will be run using WhatsApp (a popular messaging app). The WhatsApp groups will be facilitated by a designated "parent representative (rep)" who has a child/ren in that team. We have our reps ready to go!



Please sign up for your child/rens group on this google form.

<https://forms.gle/2mFVaKtkwqmKY1Zi7>

See website or email for details. We encourage all parents/caregivers to join these groups.



ARISE Whānau Second Hand Uniforms

You can buy and sell your second hand uniform items through the facebook page or your Elim Connect WhatsApp group. Alternatively, you can donate items that are washed and in good condition at the office. We will have a Second Hand Uniform sale once per term and monies raised will go into fundraising projects.

SAVE THE DATE!

CULTURAL

FIESTA!

MARCH 27TH

4 PM – 7:30 PM

ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT

MUSIC • FOOD • DANCE

MORE DETAILS TO COME



WE NEED YOUR HELP

**PARENT REPS FOR OUR CULTURAL GROUPS,
SUPPORTING STUDENTS TO PREPARE THEIR
ITEM AND CULTURAL DRESS FOR THE
CONCERT (NEED POLICE VETTING WITH NEW
SCHOOL)**

DECORATING THE SCHOOL FOR THE FIESTA

**PERFORMANCE STAGE – LOAN /
SPONSORSHIP OF A STAGE FOR THE
CULTURAL PERFORMANCES**

**ORGANISING FOOD STALLS / TRUCKS FOR
THE FIESTA**

**FULL SIZE FLAGS FROM YOUR COUNTRY FOR
FLAG PARADE AT THE FIESTA**

**SHARING CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN CLASSES
/ ASSEMBLIES**

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