

ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT NEWSLETTER



Kia ora tatou whānau,

What an absolute delight to see the faces of some of our newest Elim whānau on the front of this week's newsletter. In our last edition, our Year 13 prefects featured on the front of the last newsletter and this week we have some of our Year 1s. This highlights the unique and very special educational journey our students have. The relationship between students and teachers, school and family that is fostered over 13 years creates a safe and stable environment in which all of our students can be known and thrive. We value strong and healthy relationships with you our Elim whānau very much.

We also place importance on our relationship with our local community. We read in Matthew 5:15-16, "No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." We have a prominent physical presence in our community. Our school is seen and well recognised. We instil in our students that they represent the school in their presentation and actions and that they are showing Christ to those around us. We ask that our whānau also remember this in their interactions with our neighbours. Please be considerate of them when you are parking and driving around the school, ensuring you are not blocking their driveways and that we extend to them our Christian values and God's love.



TANIA CALVERT

Principal / Tumuaki

*Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart
from it.
Proverbs 22:6*

Last week we had a fantastic Year 7 and 8 camp. Thank you to Yen Kim for her superb organisation and leadership the teaching team for their hard mahi also and the parent helpers without who this would not have been possible. The weather was brilliant and the activities challenged our students to achieve new goals. The highlight for me was seeing students praising God, hearing inspiring messages and having opportunities to strengthen their faith and relationship with Christ. The camp was another reminder of the incredibly special school we have.

Coming up in Week 9, Wednesday 27th March 4-7:30 pm, we have our Cultural Fiesta. This is a time of connection through food, fellowship and a cultural concert. All of your whānau / aiga is invited to join us for this event. **WE NEED YOUR HELP.** Please see flyer at the end of the newsletter for opportunities to help out to make this an incredible celebration of our diverse cultures.

May your weekend be safe and blessed with fun and family time.
Tania Calvert

IMPORTANT DATES

PRIMARY SCHOOL (YEAR 1-6)

Wednesday 13th March
Photolife class and individual photos

Monday 18th March
Year 1-3 Author visit

Wednesday 27th March
Cultural fiesta 4-7.30pm

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

Week 11: Nanogirl assembly

MIDDLE SCHOOL (YEAR 7-8)

Wednesday 13th March
Photolife class and individual photos

Wednesday 27th March
Cultural fiesta 4-7.30pm

Wednesday 10th April
Science Roadshow

SECONDARY SCHOOL (YEAR 9-13)

Wednesday 13th March
Photolife class and individual photos

Tuesday 19th March
NCEA Academic Evening

Wednesday 27th March
Cultural fiesta 4-7.30pm

CULTURAL CAMP

Mrs Jo Robertson

On Friday 23rd February we held our first cultural camp day where 70 students joined in for a day of cultural activities and rehearsals. The day focussed on the importance of creating a whanau within our community and connecting students to experiences that affirm their own God-given culture and identity and to exploring other cultural experiences. We started the day with worship and a few of our cultural leaders shared a short word followed by Pastor Luka.



The students spent the day rehearsing items including Kapa Haka, Indian, Fijian, Samoan, Line-dancing and KPop. These items are being specially prepared for our upcoming cultural fiesta in Week 9! Alongside the rehearsals students also participated in team challenges and quizzes, sports and a wonderful whanau dinner.

A special thank you to the families and whanau who contributed to teaching dances and preparing food for the dinner.



YEAR 7-8 CAMP

Mrs Yen Kim

The intermediate school headed out to Kokako Lodge on February 27th for a jam-packed 3-night camp at Hunua Falls. From epic hikes in Hunua Ranges Regional Park to building rafts, tackling the high ropes and racing to make the best pancake, there was never a dull moment!

We also had some special times for worship and prayer, where we prayed for each other and felt the presence of God among us. With teachers and parent helpers by our side, we laughed, we learned and we made some amazing memories.

We thank God and everyone who helped make this camp a success. We can't wait for the next adventure together!



YEAR 5 ARISE VALUE

Miss Hannah Fale

The Year 5 students are discussing our ARISE values and preparing to make our class treaty. We are practicing taking turns, talking and listening to our buddies. Our ARISE values are:

- Achievement
- Responsibility
- Inspiration
- Skills and
- Elim christian character.

The students shared many thoughtful ideas about our values.



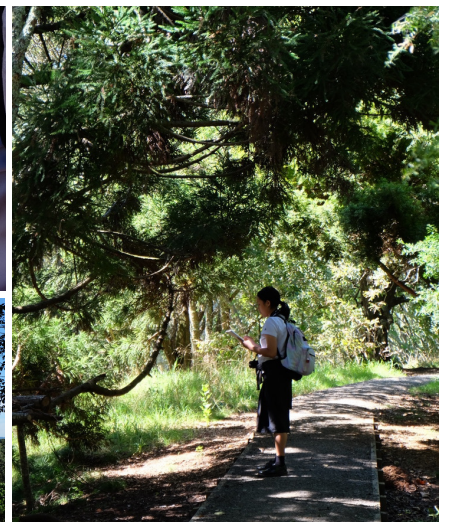
YEAR 11 VISUAL ARTS FIELD TRIP

Mrs Shinae Ha



On 29th February, the Year 11 Visual Arts students visited Mount Albert which is a historical site to Māori and also to the school.

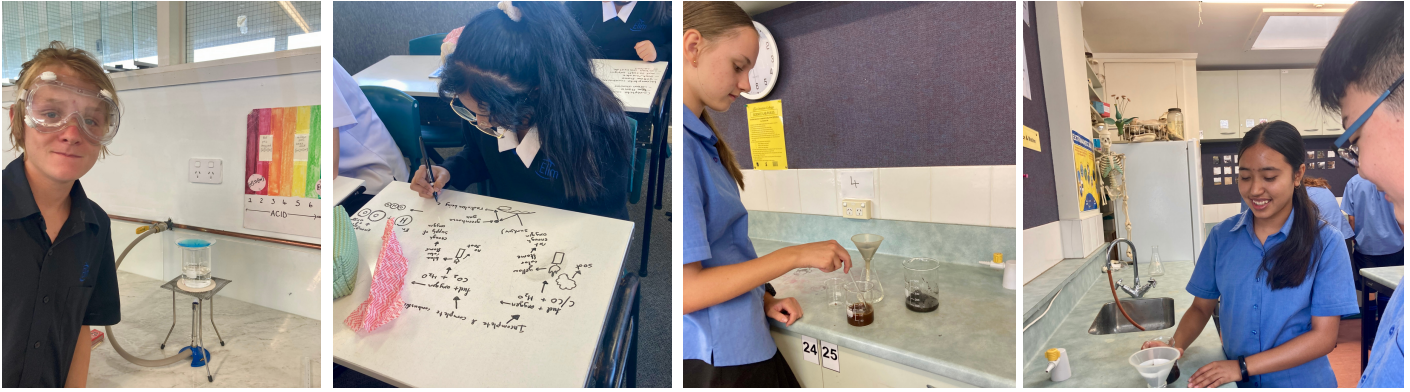
Students had the opportunity to connect with nature and learn about the cultural heritage and significance of the site. Experimenting with their camera techniques and applying their drawing skills, students enjoyed capturing the scenic view of Mount Albert.



YEAR 11 SCIENCE

Mrs Amanda Ray

We're having a great time carrying out lots of experiments in both our Year 9 and Year 11 Science classes. We always enjoy using our whiteboard desks too!



SENIOR PRAYER GROUP

Lily Brading, Year 13, Prayer group leader

On Tuesday 5th March we had 44 students out at prayer group. THANK YOU, JESUS!



- 1 We prayed that we would carry the fruit of the spirit patience, learning to be patient with those around us and trusting in God's timing.
- 2 We prayed that we will grow in hearing God's voice so we are able to know the things God is calling us to do.
- 3 Lastly, we prayed that we will have the confidence and courage to follow the individual calls of God over our lives.

YEAR 12 / 13 SAFETY N ACTION

Mrs Amanda Ray



In Week 5, I took a number of Year 12 and 13 students to ELIM Botany for a Health and Safety course run by Safety n Action. The course included job safety analysis, health and safety requirements and risk assessments. The students enjoyed the course and gained a number of Level 3 credits for taking part.

YUMMY APPLES

Mrs Hannah Taylor

We recently received 18 awesome brand new soccer balls for our junior students from last year's apple-munching efforts. Lots of happy faces! Thank you so much to all of you who are collecting Yummy apple stickers and bag cut-outs! Every sticker counts!

Please continue to hand in the completed sticker sheets at the office - don't forget to write your child's name and class on the sheets as we are going to work out the top contributors, and make sure we reward them!

What is accepted?

Stickers: Anysticker from any Yummy apple!

Bag labels/coupon cut-outs: These are worth 10 stickers each. Please cut out both of these from the bags and attach to the sheet.

Packaging: It has come to our attention that there are also Yummy apples you can buy that are packaged in sealed transparent bags with yummy apple printing on it - please save this packaging and attach to the sheet (these are worth 10 stickers each).

You can just attach bag cut-outs and packaging to the sheet somehow. Don't worry too much about how it all comes in. All of the counting up and sorting will be done and double-checked by us.

PLEASE SAVE THIS PACKAGING AND ATTACH TO THE STICKER SHEET!



THANK YOU!

PLEASE CUT OUT BOTH OF THESE FROM THE BAGS!



THANK YOU!

Calling all sticker-collecting champions!

Why don't you approach co-workers, friends, grandparents, neighbours... see if you could get them to collect on your behalf? We are aiming to at least double last years' efforts (we raised approx \$300). The wonderful office staff have spare sheets, or feel free to print your own - here is the [LINK](#) (or just Google "Yummy apple sticker collection sheet").



Thank you very very much for supporting our school with these efforts to purchase new sports gear!



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN 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. Please contact hannah.taylor@elimmtalbert.school.nz if you have any questions. Please join our Facebook group for our ARISE Whānau! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/667527865426206>



YEAR 1-6 ICEBLOCK FRIDAYS

Mrs Hannah Taylor



Iceblock Fridays start **next Friday** 15th March for Year 1-6 students.

Cost : \$1 (no change given)

When: Every Friday until the end of term 1

Who: Year 1-6

Students bring their coin to class at the start of Friday and it is collected by the classroom teacher.

Their name is recorded on a class list. At lunchtime all students who paid for an iceblock that day will be given it to eat with their lunch.

No prepaying or preordering.



ARISE WHĀNAU PRAYER

Please join us to pray for our school, our students and staff.

When: Friday morning 8:40 - 9:00 am

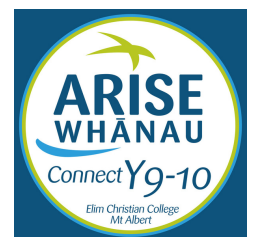
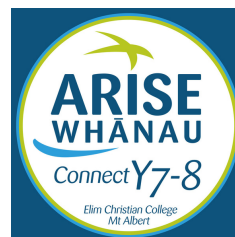
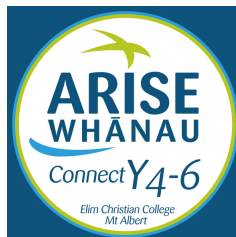
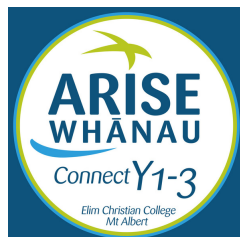
Where: Staffroom

Who: Everybody is welcome - just come along

ARISE WHĀNAU CONNECT

Our WhatsApp groups are up and running now. Thank you parent reps for getting these started.

If you would like to join, please email the office.



SAVE THE DATE!

CULTURAL

FIESTA!

MARCH 27TH

4 PM - 7:30 PM

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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**

**PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE GOOGLE FORM
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