

# ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT

# NEWSLETTER



Noa'ia gagaj 'atakoa. Greetings, everyone, as we celebrate Rotuman Language next week at school.

It has been a busy start to the winter term with many of our sports teams entering their competitions. As you will see in the pages of the newsletter, there has been so much happening already at school. We have also hosted many visitors in the school including an olympic ambassador, Elim Botany prefects, tertiary providers, Asian Outreach NZ and more. Some classes have taken part in field trips and education outside the classroom. The school calendar is on the website. It has links to relevant communications as they are sent out. Important dates for the term are also on page 2 of this newsletter.

During the holidays, our head students and prefects commemorated ANZAC Day at Mt Albert War memorial. They marched in the parade and our Head students Hannah Walton and Joah Schnee laid a wreath on the cenotaph. We were proud to be part of this very important community event.



TANIA CALVERT

Principal / Tumuaki

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Ephesians 4:2

We look forward to celebrating the wonderful ladies at our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea. Thank you ladies for the love and care you give our tamariki.

May you be blessed, this week of the Rotuman Language. A'alum 'āus 'e gasav ne fāeag rotuām te'is.

Tania Calvert



ezlunch lunch orders available Wednesdays and Fridays! See Page 8.

# IMPORTANT DATES

## FULL SCHOOL

Monday 13rd - Friday 17th May  
Rotuman Language week  
**Family help needed!**

Monday 20th - 24th May  
Road safety week

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May  
Samoan Language Week  
**Aiga help needed!**

Friday 31st May  
Civvies Day  
(Asian Mission Outreach fundraiser)

Monday 3rd June  
King's Birthday

**Tuesday 4th June  
Teacher Only Day**

Monday 10th -Friday 14th June  
Hosanna Week

Monday 17th - Friday 21st June  
International Language Weeks  
:China and India  
**Family help needed**

Tuesday 18th June  
Open Morning

Friday 28th June  
Matariki public holiday

Friday 5th July  
Last day of Term 2 and Civvies Day

## JUNIOR YEARS (YEAR 1-8)

Thursday 27th June  
Reports sent home via Kamar to whanau

Thursday 4th July  
Year 1-6 Disco fundraiser and  
Year 7-8 Movie Night 6-7.30pm

## SENIOR YEARS (YEAR 9-13)

Monday 20th - Friday 24th May  
Year 9-10 Sports Camp

Thursday 23rd May  
Big Sing Combined Rehearsal  
with Botany  
10am - 3pm

**NCEA L1 Literacy and Numeracy  
Co-Requisites. Year 10 and selected  
Year 11, 12 students**

Monday 27th May: Reading (5 credits)  
Tuesday 28th May: Writing (5 credits)  
Thursday 30th May: Numeracy (10  
credits)

Thursday 30th May  
University of Otago visit  
Year 11-13 Assembly

Thursday 6th June  
Prefect Ball Venue visit  
1.00pm-3.10pm

Friday 7th June  
Uxbridge concert  
10am-2pm

Thursday 13th June  
Hosanna Evening  
6.30pm-8.30pm

Saturday 15th June  
Big Sing combined rehearsal at Botany  
12pm-4pm

Friday 14th June - Saturday 15th June  
Mission Camp

Thursday 20th June  
Big Sing

Thursday 20th June  
NZ Careers Expo  
10am-3pm and 5-7pm

Friday 21st June  
NZ Careers Expo  
10am - 2pm

## CULTURAL FIESTA PHOTOS

You can see photos from: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1iY-rzIKxdBbQ13i\\_01SmON\\_bkIUPWHCX](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1iY-rzIKxdBbQ13i_01SmON_bkIUPWHCX) or [click here!](#)

Special thanks to amazing photographers, Venis Apiratsangsri and Tudor Prelipceanu





# YEAR 5 - 6 CHOSEN VALLEY CHRISTIAN CAMP

Miss Jessica Kidd

On Wednesday 3 - Friday 5 April (Term 1 Week 10) the Year 5-6 students headed to Chosen Valley Christian Camp! For many akonga, this was their first time away from home. All of the students had an absolute blast!

A highlight for many were the activities where akonga faced their fears, stepped out of their comfort zones and deepened their friendships. Some of the activities included kayaking, a water slide where kids plunged into the lake, a confidence course with 3 selections to test their levels of courage, rifle shooting, trolleys, zipline and much more.

In the evening, the atmosphere changed and the presence of the Lord was even more evident. We had a wonderful time of worship and fantastic devotions from Mrs Harrowfield and Mrs Taylor. Thursday night's session was in front of the campfire!

Thank you to all of our parent helpers who sacrificed their time to enjoy a few days with us!





## ANZAC DAY

*Mrs Lauren Dixon*

At the beginning of this term the Year 4 students learnt about Anzac Day and why we remember it. We are thankful for those individuals that chose to be protectors and went off to war. We remember their sacrifice and the sacrifice of their families when their loved ones didn't make it back home.

Our silhouette stands alone as day breaks, and the words on the background remind us to not forget the sacrifice of those that went before us. We dyed our background to represent dawn when the sun first breaks through the dark.

Lest we forget!



## YEAR 9 AND YEAR 11 SCIENCE

*Mrs Amanda Ray*

The Y9 and Y11 Science classes continue to explore the nature of matter and chemical reactions!





## YEAR 9 SCIENCE FIELD TRIP

*Sophie Abrahams, Year 9*

On the Science field trip, we assembled outside at the lunch tables. The teachers gave us a brief safety speech, then we started to walk toward Edendale Primary School.

Once we arrived, we got to look around the Science roadshow. They gave us a brief talk and a cool demonstration of some different science experiments like elephant toothpaste and changing the colours of liquids. They also showed us an infrared camera. Then we got to look around the displays. There was one stand where you could see what works well in a microwave. There were little blocks of different materials that you slotted in and it would stop beeping if the material blocked the microwave. There was another stand where you could see how you eat. You put a small piece of bread inside and turned some levers and it would churn it up and fall into a bowl to mimic eating.

After we had looked around, we watched a second demonstration. During this one, Hyunwoo volunteered to have slime poured on his head. Luckily for him, it was oobleck and it didn't pour. Then we started the walk back to school. We stopped in a field to eat our lunch then we continued to walk back to school. Overall it was a fun trip and I am glad I went.



## YEAR 12 - 13 GEOGRAPHY PARKS RESEARCH TRIP

*Mr Nigel Cato*

On Thursday 2nd May, Year 12 and 13 Geography students conducted research on local parks and playgrounds. The aim of our research is "To investigate whether or not neighbourhood parks meet the needs of Aucklanders with young children". We visited 10 parks around the Auckland area, where we made notes, took photos and conducted interviews with families who were enjoying the parks.

We would love to include your opinions about local parks as part of our research. Please scan the QR code or click on [this link](#) to complete the short survey. It will only take you a few minutes, and it will be very helpful for our assignment. Please share this link with any other families who could participate in the research.





# PREFECTS VISITS FROM BOTANY CAMPUS

Mr Marvin Anderson

Last Thursday we had the privilege of hosting the prefects from the Botany campus. The purpose of the visit was to network and exchange ideas with our prefects here at Mt Albert. Some of the discussion points were: organising of the Year 13 Ball, Hosanna Week, service ideas, Christian character initiatives and some other general sharing time. The time was invaluable and helped establish a strong link between the student leaders now that we are a stand alone College. The students are creating a chat group to continue the discussions and ideas sharing and we look forward to working closely with them.



# PEER SUPPORT

Liam Butler, Year 12, Peer Support Leader



In term one the Year 12s ran peer support with the Year 9s every Wednesday during tutor time. We really enjoyed doing some activities and having some great discussions with them. It was a great experience for us to grow in our leadership skills and build relationships with the Year 9s.

Quotes from Year 12 Peer Support leaders:  
“Teamwork is very important. Always trust your team mates and just do your part to the best of your ability.”  
  
“We are all unique individuals and working together allows us to combine our strengths and work together better.”

# ELIM VOICES

Mr Nate Collings

Elim Voices is our premier choir, which is a combined Mt Albert and Botany ensemble. On the last Thursday of Term 1, they had their first combined rehearsal at Botany Campus in preparation for The Big Sing in Term 2.





## EVERIL ORR VISIT

Year 12 and 13 Students



"I really enjoyed our trip to Everil Orr this Tuesday. We taught some of the residents how to make paper poppies and had some lovely conversations with them as we did that, which was lots of fun."

-Arabel McNaughton, Year 13

"It was very cool getting to go to Everil Orr. I got the opportunity to play the National Anthem for them and really enjoyed listening to their stories about the war."

-Liam Butler, Year 12

"I loved going to Everil Orr! It was really fun chatting with the residents and hearing their personal stories about the war."

-Lucy Harrowfield, Year 12

"It was great visiting Everil Orr. An awesome experience learning about the resident's stories of the past."

-Abraham Li, Year 12

"I really enjoyed visiting Everil Orr for our service period. It was a cool opportunity to get to know some of the residents there. We made Anzac poppies with them and it was awesome to hear some of the war stories they shared."

-Tessa King, Year 13

"For our service period, a group of us Year 12 and 13 students had the awesome opportunity to head over to Everil Orr. We were able to connect with the residents while making Anzac poppies and sharing stories of the War. Overall, it was such a lovely experience and I felt encouraged by their advice for the future."

-Beth Donaldson, Year 13

"It was amazing to have the opportunity to be able to go across the road to Everil Orr. I enjoyed hearing about some of the stories the residents had about family members during the war, as well as a chance to see some unique artifacts that some of the residents had brought along to share. For example, one lovely lady had medals that her husband's brother had earned for being brave during the war."

-Julia Davidson, Year 13



"Thank you to all the students, not only did we love having you all here, but I heard such wonderful comments about the children afterward as well. They were friendly and confident, but their manners were out of this world."

You and their parents should be very proud of them all."

- Maria, Everil Orr



# ROTUMA LANGUAGE WEEK

Elizabeth Harman Year 10

Next week, we celebrate Rotuman Language Week. Did you know that there are three students in our school that are from an island in the Pacific called Rotuma? There's my brother, Michael (Year 9), our cousin, Ezra Inia (Year 7) and then there's me! More often than not, I've left people so confused and puzzled when I explain where I'm from. "Rotuma???", "Where's that?!", "Did you mean Romania?", "Never heard of that place before!"

Okay, so let me explain exactly where I'm from and tell you a little bit about Rotuma. Rotuma is a little island about 465 km north of Fiji. Many world maps do not even have Rotuma on them, which doesn't help with the confusion. Rotuma is a former British colony and, every year, we celebrate Rotuma day on the 13th of May. This is in commemoration of our cession to Great Britain on May 13th, 1881.

Rotumans are Polynesians with our own unique language, culture and traditions. Christianity is the main religion on the island and plays a vital role in the everyday lives of the people. In a 2017 census, the population of Rotuma Island was 1,594. There are more Rotumans living abroad than on the island, the majority of which live in Fiji. The Rotuman diaspora in New Zealand is about 1,000, but not everyone can speak Rotuman. This is a grave concern as the Rotuman language is listed as 'definitely endangered' on the UNESCO List of Endangered Languages. As a young Rotuman so far removed from my homeland, it is even more crucial that I actively practice and speak Rotuman so I do not lose my identity and heritage.

For me, this year's Rotuman Language Week is a timely reminder of the value, beauty, and cultural richness of my language. At the end of the year, my parents will be taking Michael and I to Rotuma for the first time. This time next year, I hope to share photos of Rotuma. Oh and did I mention that Rotuma has the most beautiful beaches?... But that's a story for another time.


Happy Rotuman Language Week!

## ☐EZLUNCH lunch orders available Wednesdays and Fridays!

Commencing Term 2 (Wednesday 15 May), you can order Pita Pit's delicious and healthy range of Pita's and Nagoya Sushi's fresh sushi, dumplings and more by simply clicking here! Order (or cancel) before 9am on the day or schedule in advance. Your lunch will be delivered to the school in time for lunch.

[Click here](#) to view the menu.

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**YEAR 13 ART**  
*Mrs Shinae Ha*



*Shristi Lee*



*Kayleigh McGlynn*



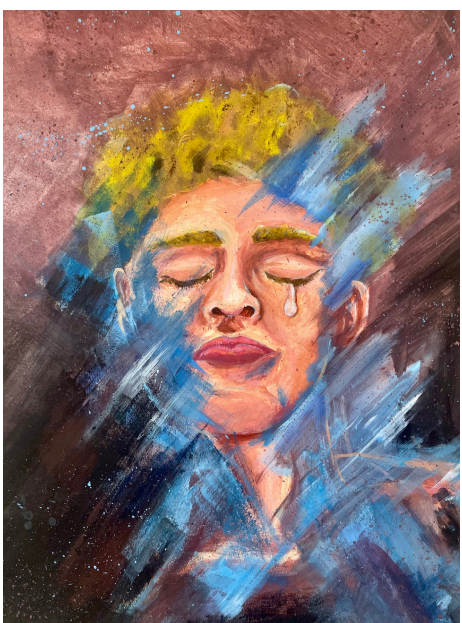
*Jerusha'h Chand*



*Grace Chhour*




*Julia Davidson*



*Joah Schnee*




WHAT IS HAPPENING IN ARISE WHĀNAU?



ARISE Whānau covers the school, students, staff and our families with prayer, pastoral and fundraising needs. Please join our Facebook group for our ARISE Whānau!


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



**ARISE WHĀNAU PRAYER**

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

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




**ARISE WHĀNAU FUNDRAISING**



is well underway with more exciting events planned for this term.

There are many ways you can help too Sponsorship, time, contacts, donations and more. Please fill in our google form to indicate how you can help. <https://forms.gle/8rKsiQx1gATU8xgQA>

**ARISE WHĀNAU COMMUNITY GAREN**

Are you a keen gardener who would like to hep out with our vege gardens?  
Details on how you can be involved to come.





**ARISE WHĀNAU Second Hand Uniform Sale**

**Thursday 16th May, 2:30 - 3:10 pm**  
**Rahiri House**

Please drop any further donations of good quality clean uniform to the school office.



To connect with parents in your children's team and hear about events and reminders, please sign up with our whatsapp groups. The office can help you with this.

*Year 11-13 students are encouraged to take responsibilty and communicate what is happening at school with their families.*





# ARISE WHĀNAU WORKING BEE

Thank you to all of our ARISE whānau who came to serve alongside the leadership team in the school holidays at the Working Bee. It was a productive and thoroughly enjoyable time of connection as we worked together to improve the outdoor spaces.

During the day the vegetable gardens were moved to a sunnier spot. We started the process of transforming the current sandpit area into an outdoor classroom. All the gardens were weeded and tidied.

Special thanks to Tim Haycock who put together a creative concept plan for the areas and then facilitated the day. Your expertise and generosity is so appreciated.

