

# ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT NEWSLETTER



Namaste and Ni Hao 你好

This week we have been celebrating International Languages, with a focus on China and India. This comes after our wonderful Hosanna Week, where students were encouraged in their faith journeys through the many activities and events during the week. It is so good to be able to celebrate our faith at school and to see students grow in this.

We have seen an increasing number of students away with winter illnesses. This highlights the importance of all students attending school when well and avoiding any unnecessary absences. As noted in a recent review on attendance by ERO, 'Attendance is really important, not only for achievement but for wellbeing and lifelong outcomes.' We strongly urge you to ensure your child/ren are at school unless unwell.

'Attendance affects achievement - The evidence shows that attendance is directly related to how well learners achieve. The more learners attend, the higher their achievement. There is no safe level of non-attendance – even missing just two days a term is linked to lower achievement. Missing school leads to lost opportunities to learn, which impacts on achievement, even if learners have good engagement.

Attendance affects wellbeing. Going to school is important for learners' wellbeing. The research shows that more frequent non-attendance is associated with worse wellbeing outcomes, including schoolwork-related anxiety, decreased sense of belonging, fewer friendships with peers, exposure to bullying and feeling like teachers are being unfair. The relationship between attendance and wellbeing works both ways: poor wellbeing leads to poor attendance and poor attendance leads to poor wellbeing'. [ERO review](#)



**TANIA CALVERT**

Principal / Tumuaki

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*  
Romans 15:13

Thank you to our families who have made adjustments to their morning and afternoon drop off and pick up routines. We have seen an increasing number of our families parking in neighbouring streets and walking to collect their children, which is appreciated. Senior students are being encouraged also to leave school promptly to catch public transport or to go to a prearranged pick up spot in surrounding streets to lessen the congestion in McLean Street.

We have recently had good news from the Albert-Eden Local Board that they have offered to fund the construction of a crossing in McLean Street. We appreciate their support in ensuring pedestrian safety outside our school. Unfortunately, we have received some concerning emails from neighbouring residents and road users about parents of the school who are driving dangerously and being abusive. It is a reminder that we all play a part in the promoting our school's image and maintaining a good reputation as a christian school.

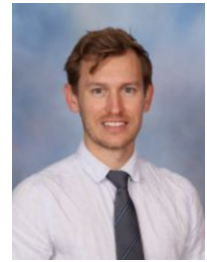
We are currently fundraising as a school in our ACTS for ACTS campaign, supporting children in rural Cambodia to attend school and get an education to break the poverty cycle. Money goes directly to the cause through our mission partners, Asian Outreach New Zealand. The fundraising booklets were sent home two weeks ago and has ways that your child can fundraise including ACTS of kindness, ACTS of service and ACTS of endurance. The booklet also has different options for donating money. Please support your child/ren as they take part in supporting this worthwhile cause.

Have a wonderful weekend Elim whānau,  
Tania Calvert - Principal

**Matariki Public Holiday Friday 28th June**

## STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with sadness that we announce the departure of Mr Nate Collings, Head of Music. He is taking up a new role closer to his home. We would like to take the opportunity to express our gratitude for the enormous contribution he has made to the school over the past 3 years. Nate is to be commended for building an exceptional music department during his time at Elim. He will be incredibly missed and we wish him well in his new role.



## IMPORTANT DATES

### FULL SCHOOL

Thursday 27th June  
ARISE Fundraising Pizza lunch  
**(Order through Kindo)**

Friday 28th June  
Matariki public holiday

Thursday 4th July  
Reports sent home via Kamar to whanau

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

### JUNIOR YEARS (YEAR 1-8)

Tuesday 25th June  
Y1-8 Paralympian Visit

Wednesday 25th June  
BSLA Whānau Workshops (Year 1)

Thursday 4th July  
Year 1-6 Disco fundraiser and  
Year 7-8 Movie Night 6-7.30pm  
**(Order through Kindo)**

### SENIOR YEARS (YEAR 9-13)

Wednesday 26th June  
Jazz Combo Concert  
Everil Orr Community Centre 1.45pm

July 1st - July 4th  
Dental Planet Van at school

## HOSANNA WEEK

### YEAR 1-3

Miss Natalie Harbott

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." - Matthew 19:14

Our Year 1 to 3 ākonga loved celebrating Hosanna Week together. On Tuesday, we enjoyed a special morning of hands-on scripture workshops that were led by the Y1-4 kaiako. Over the week, our classes spent time connecting with God in the Hosanna Week reflection space, learning memory verses and building our holy habits. Although worship, prayer, bible reading and scripture lessons are a part of our daily routines, Hosanna Week allowed us to focus on these even more than normal. We are so thankful to be starting our learning journeys with Jesus at the centre of everything we do.





"How incredible was Hosanna Week! During lunch time on Tuesday the students had a 'Pancakes and Prayer' gathering. Just over 60 students came together to pray for each other and our community and to enjoy some kai at the end!

On Thursday evening we had our annual Hosanna Night! It was beautiful to witness the presence of God moving in the lives of the students throughout the worship, preaching and ministry time. At the end of the evening, there was an invitation for anyone to make a personal decision to follow Jesus as their Lord and Saviour and 31 people responded! Thank you God, what a night to celebrate and remember!"

-Lily Brading, Year 13

"Throughout the week we had our reflection space open in the ballroom for Years 1-13. It was set up with various quiet stations that students could visit to connect with God, like the journaling area, reading corner and prayer wall! On Tuesday, the whole high school attended teacher seminars. It was amazing to learn more about God's word and all the ways it can guide and speak to us!

-Lucy Harrowfield, Year 12



This Hosanna Week our theme was 'The Word of God.' Over the course of the week many events were held that helped to engage students with this idea. To start each day, the prefects and whānau leaders ran devotions for the various tutor classes. Later, lunchtime activities focused on getting the students actively participating and included Bible quizzes and 'Capture the Bible'. Other week-long challenges such as a Bible Verse Hunt and a memory verse competition were also held. On Tuesday, we were privileged to have visiting speaker Ruth Anderson lead a session for the high school on hearing God's voice through journaling and were jointly blessed by her and Trent Membrey's Hosanna Night prophecies. Overall, it was so cool to hear God's voice through the Bible and those around us during Hosanna Week. On behalf of the Hosanna Week leaders a big thank you to all the staff, visitors and students who blessed us with their gifts, we pray that God will continue to use them powerfully!

-Hannah Walton, Year 13

## UXBRIDGE

Mr Nate Collings

On Friday 7 June, Elim Christian College Mt Albert joined the Botany and Golflands Campuses to perform at the Uxbridge Centre in Howick. The concert featured several of our senior music groups including, Elim Voices choir, Isaac Premkumar, Chamber Ensemble, Chamber Quartet, Jazz Combos and Worship Teams.

The concert was a sellout and was very well received by the audience. Check out the [Elim Performing Arts YouTube channel](#) to view the concert.



## ROCKQUEST

Mr Nate Collings

After successfully making it into the Top 12 for the Smokefree Rockquest Auckland Central Final, Miles, the Year 8/9 Rock Band, performed in front of a packed out crowd for a chance to make it to the National Finals. They performed two originals, one of which was written two weeks ago. They smashed it and should be extremely proud of their efforts. These boys have a bright future!

Miles is made up of Isaac Premkumar (guitar/vocals), Dominic Jackson (guitar), Aaryan Shabu (bass), Ezra Schnee (keys) and Dave Talluri (drums).

You can check out their performance on our [Elim Performing Arts YouTube Channel](#)



## JAZZ COMBO CONCERT

### Important info for parents and supporters

#### Everil Orr - Astley Building

\* If coming from Allendale Road it is the second building on the right at the bottom of the driveway. Come to reception and sign in on the visitor's log.

\* If coming from McLean Street, follow the driveway path around past Frampton building and Astley building is the second building on the left. Come to the reception and sign in on the visitor's log.



## YEAR 12 - 13 VISUAL ARTS FIELD TRIP

On Thursday last week the Year 12 and 13 art students (design, photography and painting) visited the Auckland Art Gallery. We spent the first hour being guided through 'The Robertson Gift' art exhibition and we were able to learn about artworks from a variety of artist such as Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse and Claude Monet. The second half of the day the students were given their own time to explore the gallery. It was beautiful to absorb, admire and be inspired by the artists who went before us and take note of the many different expressions of art. This exciting trip was an eye opening experience and the students are very grateful to have been given this opportunity. A big thank you to Mrs Ha who generously organised this memorable day.

*-Lily Brading, Year 13*



"My highlight from the art trip was walking around the museum and looking deeper at the art and seeing the history behind the artworks. We had some free time for 1 hour and were able to walk around the museum at our own pace. My friends and I spent most of our time in the Victorian era paintings. We all had a really fun time. Best trip ever!"

*-Ella Carroll, Year 12*



## YEAR 6 NETBALL

*Ms Ellouise Ritcher*



The Year 6 netball team are on the ball!

The Year 6 netball team have performed exceptionally well this season. Out of the four games they have played, they have won three convincingly. The team shows great skill on the court and is committed to improving their game. The coach, Madison Carroll, is determined and is encouraging in her professional approach to the team. We continue to persevere and have fun in our games.

## SENIOR BASKETBALL

*Jordan Penny, Year 12*

This week's game was a huge success against Mount Albert Grammar School's blue team. The team played very well, managing to score first and maintain a strong lead for the entire game. The boys are showing lots of improvement since the start of the season and are working well as a team. The final score was 38 - 22 in Elim's favour. Big shout out to James Lee, the player of the match, who managed to dunk and score 18 points.

## FIRST XI BOYS FOOTBALL

*Jordan Penny, Year 12*

Last week, the First XI Boys Football team played against Waitakere College and fought for a close 3 - 2 victory. Having been down a player, Waitakere kindly shared a player with us allowing us a full team. We later received a re-enforcement from the junior boys' team. Waitakere scored the first goal, which Caleb soon countered before the end of the first half. Early into the second half, Cranston scored to take the lead, Waitakere later equalising. Caleb managed to score one final goal a couple minutes before the end of the game and the defence managed to keep Waitakere from scoring. It was a tough match but the boys persevered despite having no substitutes and they all played well. Special mentions to the goal scorers, Caleb and Cranston, Jordan in goal, and Jonothan Liddell who, after playing in the junior boys team's game earlier that morning, joined us at half time. The team only has eleven players, often resulting in being down a player when players are sick or away. If anyone would like to join the team, even if they are not available every week, they are welcome to talk to Mr Mackenzie who will happily sort that out.



This week's game was against Liston College in Henderson. We had a full squad and four subs thanks to a few of the junior football players and other friends who joined in. It was an overwhelming victory after an unfortunate start with Liston scoring during the first play but eventually losing 11 - 2 against the Elim team. The team played well, was happy to have subs and adapted really well to the new players and different play styles.

## YEAR 9-13 SPORTS HOODIE

*Mr Sam MacKenzie*

Presenting the **Elim Mt Albert Year 9-13 Sport Hoodie!**

**\$45 per hoodie**

Available for pre-order and sizing at the Sports/Music Office  
with Mr MacKenzie.

More information coming soon, pre-orders close Friday 5th July.



## EVERLASTING VISIT

*Jordane Melchizedek on behalf of the Year 12 and 13 Service Team*

Kia ora, everyone. As a continuation from last term, the Year 12 and 13 students have been serving in the community and finding multiple ways to bless our neighbours during our service periods.

This term a group of students have been helping out at Everlasting, a non-profit organisation that focuses on recycling clothing and using sales to help support families across New Zealand. It has been such an incredible experience seeing how our efforts have gone towards helping reduce the amount of clothing that ends up in landfills and helped benefit other charities that support countless people.



For more information on Everlasting visit <https://shop.everlasting.org.nz>

## EVERIL ORR CHAPEL SERVICE

*Jordan Penny, Year 12*

On Thursday, during Hosanna Week, Mrs Ray's Year 12 Christian Living Class went over to the Everil Orr Retirement Village on the other side of MacLean Street. During the visit the class sang hymns, shared testimonies and gave out encouragement cards to the attending residents. It was a great trip which allowed the students to connect with an older generation and to learn and listen to their life stories and wisdom. Overall it was a great success which we hope to have the opportunity to do again in the near future.



# ASIAN OUTREACH FUNDRAISING

Mr Jason Ridler

Here are some updates for Elim Christian College’s fundraising weeks! Firstly, fundraising has been extended. Booklets will now be collected in Week 10. This gives students plenty of time to organise their sponsors, challenges and activities. Secondly, incentives have been decided for senior and junior students. Thirdly, we are encouraging students to make their own Givealittle page for fundraising, which they can do by clicking [here](#).




Finally, as mission leaders we encourage students to try their hardest with fundraising. We, as a school, can make a difference through Asian Outreach and use it to build God's kingdom.

**Proverbs 19:17**

**“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.”**

Please read the booklet your child brought home last week and get behind this worthwhile mission’s fundraiser. For more detail contact [jason.ridler@elimmtalbert.school.nz](mailto:jason.ridler@elimmtalbert.school.nz)



YOU CAN ASSIST CHILDREN TO SCHOOL

## ACTS FOR ACTS

ASIAN OUTREACH NZ

**WHEN**  
WEEK 6-8 (5th - 21st June)

**WHERE IS IT FOR?**  
Children from rural families in Cambodia

**WHO**  
Elim is partnering with Asian Outreach NZ

**WHAT**  
Junior School: Acts of Service  
E.g: Feeding the pet, watering plants...  
Middle/Senior School: Acts of Service  
E.g: Car Washing, Gardening...

**\$50 BACKPACK**  
**\$160 BIKE**  
**\$250 REPAIRING ROOF**  
**\$500 FULL SPONSORSHIP**  
**- 1 CHILD, 1 YEAR**





## 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!



### ARISE WHĀNAU PRAYER

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

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



### ARISE WHĀNAU FUNDRAISING

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

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

Contact Summer Haycock if you would like to help organising either event. Save the dates. More details on Kindo and the fundraising email.

**Purchase tickets through Kindo by clicking on the links below**

#### Disco

#### Movie night

#### Pizza Lunch

## ARISE WHĀNAU MĀRA KAI COMMUNITY GARDEN

Are you a keen gardener who would like to help out with our vegetable gardens? We have our beautifully positioned vegetable gardens ready to be cared for. In order to get these started, we would love offers of help from some keen volunteers. We would also welcome donations to get the gardens ready

### Items needed:

- Compost - trailer load for gardens
- White chip or a fine grade gravel for seating area
- Park bench in new / good condition
- Gardening tools

If you would prefer to donate money towards purchasing any of these items, please let the office know.

Once we have the gardens and seated areas prepared, we would welcome donations of seedlings and vegetable plants also.



THE MOBILE DENTAL VAN IS VISITING

ELIM MT ALBERT CAMPUS  
1 - 5 JULY 2024

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YEAR 9-13 STUDENTS (UNDER AGE 18)

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## Elim Christian College Mt Albert (on-site)

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Junior Robotics:  
Coding Introduction  
(Ages 7-9)

Combines your child's model building & engineering skills with WeDo "drag and drop" coding and robotics

DAY - TBC

Junior Robotics Level 1:  
Coding Introduction

Term 3: 9 Week programme  
**\$270.00**



Junior Engineer  
(Ages 5-7)

Experience the fun of hands-on model building to develop engineering & problem solving skills

DAY - TBC

Junior Engineer

Term 3: 9 Week Programme  
**\$225.00**



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Carpe Diem Kids Elim will be having a fun

**Holiday Programme**  
at St. Marys School,  
2136 Great North Road, Avondale  
from **8th to 19th July 2024.**

Part-time enrolments, Sibling discounts  
and WINZ subsidies are available.

Brochures are available online.

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