

# ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT

# NEWSLETTER



Kia ora tatou whānau,

**Titiro whakamuri, kōkiri whakamua – we look back and reflect so that we can move forward**

As Term 2 draws to an end, we reflect on what an incredible six months we have had as an independent Elim school. We have seen the school continue to flourish with engaging learning programmes, new initiatives and opportunities. New staff and students have become an integral part of our Elim whānau. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank all of our teachers and support staff for their incredible dedication and hard work. Thank you for your commitment to fostering an enriching and supportive learning environment for your students, whānau and community.

This term, teachers have been assessing students abilities and writing progress reports. These are a glimpse of your child's progress this year. There is an opportunity to meet with your child/ren's teacher/s at our parent-teacher-student conferences in Week 2 next term. Please make sure you book for these and ensure your child attends these with you. Year 0-8 conferences are 12 minutes and Year 9-13 are 6 minutes. Please see newsletter and email for more details.



**TANIA CALVERT**

Principal / Tumuaki

*“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday  
and today and forever.”*  
**Hebrews 13:8**

Today we farewell Mr Nate Collings, our Year 7-13 Music teacher. Thank you for the incredible pioneering work you have done establishing our Music Department over the past 2 1/2 years. You have worked passionately and with tireless devotion and the fruit of these efforts is our thriving and dynamic Music programmes and groups. We wish Nate well in his new role.

During the holiday break, work will be done on construction of a rear pedestrian access to Allendale Road. We look forward to opening this access next term.

I hope you all have a safe, restful holiday break and look forward to seeing you in the new term,

Tania Calvert - Principal

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**Prizegiving Y3-8**  
Tuesday 26th November  
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

**Prizegiving Y9-13**  
Tuesday 26th November  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

**Nativity and Prizegiving Y0-2**  
Thursday 5th December  
9:15 am -10:30 am

**Last day of school Y0-10**  
Friday 13th December  
12:30 pm

# PROGRESS REPORTS AND CONFERENCES

Term 2 Student reports are now available on the portal.  
Go to <https://elimmtalbert.school.kiwi> to download your child's report. You will need your parent login details.

Term 3 Parent-Teacher-Student conferences will be held at the following times:

**3:30pm - 7:30pm Tuesday 30th July**  
**1:00pm - 5:00pm Thursday 1st August**

Teachers from all year levels will be available on both of these dates.

School will close at 12:20 pm on Thursday 1st August.

To book your conference(s), please refer to communication emailed Thursday 4 July.

## IMPORTANT DATES TERM 3

### FULL SCHOOL

#### Term 3

##### Week 2

Parent-Teacher-Student conferences  
Tuesday 30th July 3:30pm - 7:30pm  
Thursday 1st August 1:00pm - 5:00pm

##### Week 4

Thursday 15 August  
Cross Country

##### Week 5

Friday 23 August  
Civvies day

##### Week 7

Book Week (schoolwide)

##### Week 10

Friday 27 September  
Civvies day

### JUNIOR YEARS (YEAR 1-8)

#### Term 3

##### Week 1

Wednesday 24 July  
World Drowning Prevention Day 'Go Blue' Year 1-8

##### Week 9

Tuesday 17 September  
Year 1-3 poetry recital/ Year 4-6 & Year 7-8 speech competition

##### Week 10

Year 7-8 sports camp

### SENIOR YEARS (YEAR 9-13)

#### Term 3

##### Week 1

Thursday 25 July  
EPRO 8 Competition Year 9-10 and Year 11-13 teams  
NZDF Visiting Y11-13 Assembly

## STUDENT APPLICATIONS FOR 2025

To all families of current students, we kindly remind you to complete an application for younger siblings who you are wanting to enrol in 2025.

The closing date for guaranteed processing of applications for 2025 enrolment is **31st July, 2024.**





# BSLA WHĀNAU WORKSHOPS

Miss Natalie Harbott

Our Year 1 classes are using a research based way of teaching reading and spelling called the Better Start Literacy Approach (BSLA).

We are really excited to have the opportunity to use BSLA in our classrooms and held our first whānau workshops in Week 9. Mrs Butler, Mrs Young and Mrs Ah Kau shared examples of what this Approach looks like in the classroom, and how whānau can support their children at home.



# TUAKANA TEINA - MATARIKI

Miss Natalie Harbott

Our Y1-3 teina adored celebrating Matariki with their Y7-8 tuakana. We learnt about the stars of Matariki, sang waiata and worked together to make whetū with cardboard and wool. Thank you to everyone who donated wool for this project and to the Y7-8s for guiding your teina with so much love and kindness. Mānawatia a Matariki!



Whakataukī: Matariki hunga nui I Matariki, the gatherer of people. In Te Reo / Visual art this term, Room 3 learnt about how God created the land and the seas, the sun, the moon and stars. Students enjoyed exploring the pūrakau of how Māui slowed the sun and used clay to create whetū / stars, in time for Matariki.





# YEAR 6 ROCKET CHALLENGES

Miss Jessica Kidd

The Year 6 ākonga had a blast this term! They participated in the Wonder Project’s ‘Rocket Challenge’ and learnt all about Newton’s laws of motion and the engineering design process. Students put their new-found knowledge to excellent use and created their very own rocket out of 1.5 litre bottles! Thanks to our ambassador Gjin for supporting us along the way!



# PARALYMPIC ATHLETE

Mrs Yen Kim

Last week, we had a special assembly with Kurt Peterson, a para athlete who competes in triathlons. It was a meaningful learning opportunity for our Y1-8 students, wrapping up our inquiry unit on the Olympics and Paralympics. Students enjoyed listening to Kurt's life story and his journey as a para athlete, which highlighted the importance of perseverance.





## BRAIN BEE CHALLENGE

*Mr Charlie Ahn*

At the beginning of the year, four Y11 students participated in round 1 of the Brain Bee Challenge. The Brain Bee Challenge is a competition where Y11 students learn about the brain and neuroscience and compete by answering questions on Education Perfect.

Celyn Setyadi did very well in the first round and made it to the second round. The questions in the second round were even more challenging but Celyn did exceptionally well and made it to the top 10 in the North Island.

On Wednesday 26 June 2024, Celyn had the privilege of visiting the University of Auckland Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences as part of Brain Bee Challenge Round 2, where she competed with the other students in front of a lecture theatre full of students and teachers. It was an intense competition but Celyn was placed 4th equal in the North Island Championship.

During the visit she got to explore the faculty, which included meeting with scientists, hearing about some of the studies being done at the university and hands-on experience with microscopes. The favourite part for most students was the visit to AMRF Medical Science Learning Centre where over a thousand pathology specimens and anatomical models are displayed.

Brain Bee Challenge runs every year and is open to Y11 students. It would be great to see more students participating in 2025.



## INDIAN AND CHINESE CULTURES

*Alisha David, Year 11*

This past week was a celebration of Indian and Chinese cultures, highlighted through our school's International Week. Years 1-13 got the opportunity to experience these cultures and hear about the beautiful diversity of Asia. A team of cultural leaders put together an interactive slideshow where students were able to learn a few sayings in Hindi and engage in fun facts! The presentation was followed up by a dance to an Indian worship song, performed by our very own seniors.





## ACTS FOR ACTS

### -WHAT HAVE OUR MISSION LEADS BEEN DOING TO FUNDRAISE?

These last few weeks, I have been fundraising for the ACTS programme. This year I decided to walk a half marathon to fundraise for the children in Cambodia who cannot get to school.

I raised a total of \$200 this year. Thank you to everyone who has fundraised and supported the ACTS program this year.

*-Julia Donaldson, Year 13*



During the last few weeks I fundraised some money for Asian Outreach NZ. I helped my dad fix the washing machine, a somewhat labour intensive task which took us about 2 hours. I think it was a great way to offer my skills to someone else and to help support Cambodian children who are less fortunate than I.

*- Jordan Penny, Year 12*

I set up a Givealittle page and asked for donations from my close friends and family. Although I couldn't participate in a physical endurance challenge, their generous contributions are still able to help out those in need through Asian Outreach.

*-Necia Abrahams, Year 12*

**We would love to hear the ways you and your whānau have fundraised for ACTS for ACTS this year.**

**Please email Mr Ridler with a short paragraph about what you did. Some of these will be shared in upcoming newsletters.**

[jason.ridler@elimmtalbert.school.nz](mailto:jason.ridler@elimmtalbert.school.nz)

For my fundraising this year I am planning to do 40 hours with no food in the holidays. I am choosing to go without food because I am blessed to be able to eat everyday but some children in Cambodia don't have the opportunity. I can not wait to go to Cambodia at the end of the year and see the impact of the money that we are fundraising.

*-Liam Butler, Year 12*

For the last three weeks, Elim Mt Albert has started fundraising for the ACTS Programme. Fundraising finishes this week, so remember to give your teachers your booklets! For fundraising, I have helped around the house with chores and done various acts of service for my extended family. I have raised a total of \$130! I believe we can make a huge difference for the children in Cambodia as we partner with Asian Outreach! So excited to see how much Elim Mt Albert raises this year!

*-Amisha Chauhan, Year 13*



**It is not too late to take part!**

If you have not had time to fundraise yet, you can continue in the holidays. We will be collating our efforts for this term then will add any further fundraising to the grand total next term. Please help us to reach our **\$10,000 goal.**

Find more information: <https://asianoutreach.org.nz/elimacts/>

## BIG SING

*Mr Nate Collings*

On Thursday 20 June the Elim Mt Albert Senior Choir combined forces with the Botany Campus Senior Choir to form Elim Voices. In the early hours of Thursday morning we all made our way to the Town Hall to compete in The Big Sing - a national choral competition. In the Auckland region alone there were 75 choirs represented over four days.

The students performed a thrilling programme that consisted of Sanctos by Greg Gilpin, Pākaitore composed by Timothy Evans and arranged specially for Elim Voices, and lastly Glory, Glory! arr. Adam and Matt Podd, which featured Karen Liu (piano), Nate Collings (guitar), student Sam Molloy (drums) and alumni Beth Britten (bass) and Isaac Aish (organ).

Although the choir did not receive any accolades on their 2nd attempt at participating in this festival, Alanah Jones, our choir director was awarded the young up-and-coming conductors award! Well done, Alanah!!



You can view the full programme and our Gala concert performance of Glory, Glory! on the Elim Performing Arts [YouTube Channel](#).

## AUT LEADERS CONNECT

*Lucia Calvert, Year 13*

On Thursday, 4 July, our head students, Joah and Hannah, along with mission trip seniors, Zach and I, attended a leadership course at Auckland University of Technology. Hon Erica Stanford, the Minister of Education, gave us great insight into New Zealand's current education system and changes to the curriculum, while providing useful experience-based leadership advice. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to attend this event and represent our school as leaders.



## EVERIL ORR

*Mr Nate Collings*

At the end of Term 2 we took our junior and senior Jazz Combos (MAC and Cheese and Big MAC Combo) across to Everil Orr Living to perform for their residents. The combos performed three tunes each to a very appreciative audience.





# YEAR 1-6 DISCO PARTY AND YEAR 7-9 MOVIE NIGHT

Miss Hannah Fale

Our Year 0-6 disco was a glowing time with face painting, a photo booth, a DJ and a dance battle, which our very own Mrs Kim won! The Year 7-8 movie night was also a hit with costume dress ups, a comfy set up, yummy food and a golden ticket photo booth!

A special thank you to the lovely ladies Hannah Taylor and Summer Haycock for all their efforts into organising the night. Thank you to the ARISE whānau parents and student volunteers for also supporting our tamariki.



Please find more photos from the links: [Year 1-6 Disco photos](#) and [Year 7-9 Movie Night photos](#)  
Special thanks to our photographers: Tessa King, Joah Schnee, Cranston Shandil and Mrs Shinae Ha.



ROOM 8 ART

Mrs Yen Kim



Elise McFedries

Alice Harrison

Rupert Harrowfield



Aminiya Aldrin

Debora Wysoski

Natasha Penny

YEAR 9 ART

Mrs Shinae Ha



Sophie Abrahams

Emma Jamieson

Daisy Haimes



Tejaswini Kumaravel

Dhaya Christopher

Jasmine Rambhai





## SANITARIUM SPONSORSHIP

Mr Sam MacKenzie

We would like to say a massive thank you to Mr Michael Barton (General Manager - Sanitarium) for sponsoring our sports department and helping to provide us with brand new gear for the school.

So far, we have been able to purchase:

- Two buckets of Tennis balls
- Frisbees
- Our first Ki-O-Rahi set
- New Table Tennis bats/balls
- Footballs and a pair of full-size nets for our secondary teams
- Basketballs and nets for our basketball/netball hoops
- Full sets of skipping ropes

Still to come:

- Further investments into the junior netball space with new hoops
- Gear for summer sport codes (touch balls, volleyballs etc)
- New sets of bibs for PE classes
- Cones



A big thanks also to Mr Anderson for making this all possible with his connections in the local community and for building business partnerships.



## PLASTIC-FREE JULY

A WISE CHOICE FOR THE PLANET



We are encouraging our Elim whānau to go plastic free this July. How can you help?

Four simple ways to support:

- Use reusable cups for coffee/drinks
- Use reusable shopping/fruit and vege bags
- Say no to single use plastic
- Use reusable containers instead of plastic

### Challenge:

Students who bring plastic-free lunches for the last week of July will go in the draw to win some fabulous prizes.

Wednesday 24th–Tuesday 30th July

Five plastic-free lunches = five entries.

Reusable plastic items are okay

e.g. lunch boxes, reusable drink bottles, containers...

No single-use plastics

e.g. food/chip/biscuit packets, glad wrap or cling film.



From the Elim enviro team  
[plasticfreejuly.org](http://plasticfreejuly.org)



# 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:** Staff Room  
**Who:** Everybody is welcome!



## ARISE WHĀNAU FUNDRAISING

This is well underway with more exciting events planned for next 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>

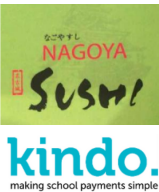
**SIGN UP NOW!**

ELIM MT ALBERT IS  
**FUNDRAISING**  
FOR A POOL HEATER + COVER!

Please help us reach our goal of \$10,000

- ✓ fun social events for students!
- ✓ school lunches delivered via EzLunch
- ✓ awesome items to purchase!

To support our fundraising download the kindo app / visit [kindo.co.nz](http://kindo.co.nz) and create your account today. It's easy to use!



## LUNCH ORDER

Nagoya Sushi menu - now available Wednesday and Friday! Orders close 9am on the day of delivery. It's easy, convenient, and open 24/7.

SUSHI	
Sushi: Teriyaki Chicken (6 pack)	\$8.80
Sushi: Teriyaki Chicken (8 pack)	\$11.70
Sushi: Salmon & Avocado (6 pack)	\$9.10
Sushi: Salmon & Avocado (8 pack)	\$12.10
Sushi: Tuna & Vege (6 pack)	\$8.80
Sushi: Tuna & Vege (8 pack)	\$11.70
Sushi: Vegetarian (6 pack)	\$8.80
Sushi: Vegetarian (8 pack)	\$11.70
Chicken Katsu on Rice (small)	\$8.90
Chicken Katsu on Rice (large)	\$13.60
Pork Katsu on Rice (small)	\$8.90
Lunch Box Chicken (small)	\$8.90
Lunch Box Pork (small)	\$8.90
Lunch Box Chicken (large)	\$13.60
Chicken Katsu Donburi	\$14.60
Pork Katsu Donburi	\$14.60
Teriyaki Chicken Donburi	\$14.60
Dumpling: Fried Vegetable	\$5.50
Dumpling: Steamed Pork & Chives	\$7.80



## ARISE WHĀNAU MĀRA KAI COMMUNITY GARDEN



Are you a keen gardener who would like to hep out with our vege 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.







## YEAR 1-8 SPORT REGISTRATION REMINDER

The last day to register your children for Term 3 sport is **Wednesday 10th July 2024**.  
Use the link below for more information, or contact Mr MacKenzie at [sport@elimmtalbert.school.nz](mailto:sport@elimmtalbert.school.nz)

**BASKETBALL  
BADMINTON  
TABLE TENNIS  
FUTSAL (Indoor Soccer)**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LRWHwRKII2xD43erHCisBNolUi4yn6-pXdY0hsmHrIc/edit>



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**.

Brochures are available online.

Enrol online on [www.carpediemkids.co.nz](http://www.carpediemkids.co.nz)

Fun hands-on STEAM learning with LEGO® bricks

**bricks 4 kidz**

**TERM 3**

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

**LEGO® ROBOTICS, CODING AND ENGINEERING CLASSES**

Scan to express interest by 30 June 2024

JUNIOR ROBOTICS	JUNIOR ENGINEER
Combines your child's model building & engineering skills with WeDo "drag and drop" coding and robotics	Experience the fun of hands-on model building to develop engineering & problem solving skills
Junior Robotics: Coding Introduction (Ages 7-9)	Junior Engineer (Ages 5-7)
<b>DAY - TBC</b>	<b>DAY - TBC</b>
Junior Robotics Level 1: Coding Introduction	Junior Engineer
Term 3: 9 Week programme	Term 3: 9 Week Programme
<b>\$270.00</b>	<b>\$225.00</b>

[www.bricks4kidz.co.nz](http://www.bricks4kidz.co.nz) | 02040 680 670 | [auckland-LNS@bricks4kidz.com](mailto:auckland-LNS@bricks4kidz.com)

EMPOWERING TODAY'S STUDENTS TO BECOME TOMORROW'S PROBLEM SOLVERS AND INNOVATORS

Bookings are now open for the Brick4Kidz classes at Elim Christian College Mt Albert. With such great interest, this programme will be offered at lunch-time as well as after school on Thursdays. Get your kids on the journey of STEAM Engineering and Robotics classes. Spaces are limited, so book now to secure your spot by clicking here: <https://nz.bricks4kidznow.com/profile.php?id=1485032&locationfilterid=2959778>

## Careers Expo

for Year 12 and Year 13 ELIM students

**Date:** Tuesday, 30th July

**Time:** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Location:** MH Block, Mount Albert Grammar School  
(students and parents can just turn up)

Explore Your Future!

Meet representatives  
from top NZ universities and training providers.

Don't miss out on this opportunity!

If you have any questions, please contact: [amanda.ray@elimmtalbert.school.nz](mailto:amanda.ray@elimmtalbert.school.nz)



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