

# ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT

# NEWSLETTER



Kia ora tatou

Welcome back to Term 3, whānau! I trust you had a refreshing holiday break. Our classes have started well and we're excited to dive into the new term's programmes.

Our school is dedicated to providing a faith-based education and nurturing environment for our children. We also value our families coming together as a community of believers. This week, I reflect on a message from Ephesians 3, which emphasizes the vital role of the church. As a church, we are called to Engage, Encourage, Pray, Give, and Serve . These principles can also be applied to our school community. In this newsletter, I will focus on how you can **engage** more deeply with our school. I will continue to unpack these in future newsletters.

Engagement with the school is vital to your child's educational journey. It strengthens the home-school partnership, enhances educational outcomes, fosters connections within our community and supports informed decision-making for both the school and families. Here are some ways you can



TANIA CALVERT  
Principal / Tumuaki

*"By God's grace and mighty power, I have been given the privilege of serving him by spreading this Good News."*  
**Ephesians 3:7:**

- engage more with the school:
- Attend and Volunteer: Participate in school events such as parent-teacher conferences, class trips, camps and educational meetings.
  - Get Involved in ARISE Whānau Initiatives: Contribute to fundraising efforts, assist with second-hand uniforms, join the Friday prayer group, help in the community garden or come along to working bees.
  - Join Online Groups: Connect through the ARISE Facebook page or ARISE Connect WhatsApp groups to stay updated and engaged.
  - Stay Informed: Regularly read newsletters and emails from the school to keep up with important information and updates.

I hope that you are all happily connected with a church community. If you are currently looking for a new church family, Elim Christian Centre has campuses throughout Auckland that would be glad to welcome you. Please get in touch if you would like help to get connected with the churches.

This week, whānau and students are attending conferences to discuss progress and next steps with learning. Thank you for engaging with your child's education and connecting with their teachers. If you were not able to attend on Tuesday, further conferences will be held on Thursday. The school closes at 12:20 pm on Thursday and we ask that you collect your child/ren promptly.

Details of important dates and events are on page 2 and on the school calendar.

Noho ora mai,  
Tania Calvert

**School closes 12:20 pm Thursday 1st August for parent/teacher/student conferences - Please pick up promptly**

# IMPORTANT DATES

## WHOLE SCHOOL

- Week 2**  
Thursday 1 August  
Parent Teacher Student Conference  
1-5pm
- Week 4**  
Cross Country
- Week 5**  
Friday 23 August  
Civvies Day
- Week 6**  
Friday 30 August  
Father's Day Celebration 8-9am
- Week 7**  
Book Week
- Week 10**  
Friday 26 September  
Civvies Day  
last day of Term 3

## JUNIOR (YEAR 1-8)

- Week 3**  
Tuesday 6 August  
Year 6 BigFoot Bike Adventure
- Wednesday 7 August  
Year 5 BigFoot Bike Adventure
- Friday 9 August  
Year 7 Netball Gala Day
- Week 8**  
Wednesday 11 September  
Year 4-6 speech competition (semi-finals)
- Friday 13 September  
Year 1-3 Zoo Trip
- Week 9**  
Tuesday 17 September  
Year 1-3 Poetry Recital,  
Year 4-6 and Year 7-8 Speech  
Competition
- Week 10**  
Year 7-8 Sports Camp

## SENIOR (YEAR 9-13)

- Week 2**  
Friday 2 August  
Y11 Geography Excursion
- Week 3**  
Saturday 10 August  
Year 11-13 School Ball
- Week 4**  
Tuesday 13 August  
KBB Music Festival  
and afterschool evening 3-8pm
- Week 5**  
Thursday 22 August  
Year 10-12 Subject Information Evening
- Week 6**  
Friday 30 and Saturday 31 August  
Mission Camp #2
- Week 8**  
NCEA Practice Exams Week
- Week 9**  
NCEA Level 1 Co-requisites

## GO BLUE: DROWNING PREVENTION

Miss Jessica Kidd

Last week, some of the Year 1-8 students wore blue to support Drowning Prevention in Aotearoa. We raised \$70 for the cause. Akonga were very creative with their blue accessories: headbands, hair ties, hats, scarves, skirts and much more.





# FLOAT MY BOAT

Mrs Lauren Dixon

Year 4 learnt about floating and sinking. We made boats out of tinfoil and hypothesised how many metal washers our boat could hold before it sank. We learned about how earth pulls downward (weight) and how water pushes upwards (upthrust). We learned that an object floats when the downward force of gravity, the object's weight, is balanced by an upward force from the water, upthrust (buoyancy force). We had so much fun working together to complete this activity that we repeated the activity by remaking our boat in a different shape.



# EPRO8

Mr Jason Ridler

Two teams of four students from our school participated in an inter-school engineering competition called EPro8. Both teams did exceptionally well and have now progressed to the semi-finals of the competition. The Year 12 team came first in their division and the Year 10 team came second in theirs. We look forward to the semi-finals in a few weeks' time!



**The Year 12 team:**  
Oliver Peng, Vince Quimson, Tushar Shaji and Abraham Li.

The scooter built by the Year 12 team.

**The Year 10 team:**  
Joshua Eccles, Seiya Uematsu, Zephaniah Nabete and Vicky Zhao with their 'washing machine'.



# YEAR 12/13 GEOGRAPHY TRIP

Mr Nigel Cato

Year 12 and 13 Geography students are investigating “The Auckland Stadium debate” as a contemporary geographic issue. The Auckland Council has recently announced that they will be deciding between two proposals. On Friday 26th July we travelled by train into the CBD and walked to the Te Tōangaroa precinct, site of one of the stadium proposals. While there, we looked at the transport infrastructure, land use and urban development in this zone. Then on the way back to school we called in at Eden Park, where we were shown the layout of the stadium and discussed the Eden Park 2.1 proposal. As a follow-up to this trip, we will be hosting two guest speakers during Week 2, who will give us different perspectives on the issue.



Year 12 and 13 Geography looking down the Britomart light shaft.



Year 12 and 13 Geography at Eden Park.

## NZDF ASSEMBLY

Shalom Laui , Year 11

We had a visitor from the New Zealand Defence Force. His name was Charles. He came to us and talked about the different branches of the Defence Force; the Army, the Navy and the Air Force. He told us about the different trades you can do within those branches. I found it very helpful because I'm looking at doing Mechanical Engineering or Plumbing. I've been searching up about these, but Charles explained it really well.



## 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





YEAR 9 AND 10 ART

Mrs Shinae Ha



Daisy Haimes



Adriel Cavanagh



Naomi Crookenden



Sophie Abrahams



Jasmine Rambhai



Lily Abrahams



Vicky Zhao



Emily Yang



Evie Harrowfield

Weekend Junior Netball Skills Clinics

- Open to boys & girls
- 6 week programme
- Individual registrations
- Netball skills and match play

Register online:  
[www.aucklandnetball.co.nz](http://www.aucklandnetball.co.nz)

**WINDMILL PARK**  
Saturday mornings  
Year 1-6  
Commencing 3 August

**ST JOHNS**  
Saturday afternoons  
Year 1-8  
Commencing 4 August







# 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:** Library  
**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>

**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!

## 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.

## ASIAN OUTREACH FUNDRAISING

We ask that all booklets and funds raised are sent back to school or deposited via bank account / give a little this week.

### Assessment Assistants

We are currently seeking anyone who would be happy to volunteer assisting students in Year 11-13 with practice exams from 9 September - 13 September. Volunteers can include university students, older family members or past students of the school. Volunteers would need to have fluent English and be confident in reading aloud, as well as writing/typing for the student. They would need to be available in term time and during the school day. All volunteers would need to complete a police vetting application, as well as a short training session. If you are interested or would like to inquire further please email Joanna Emery ([joanna.emery@elimmtalbert.school.nz](mailto:joanna.emery@elimmtalbert.school.nz)).

Thank you all for your support. The incentives and class pizza lunches will be given when a final total is reached. Individual fundraiser will also be celebrated and thanked for their efforts.

