

# ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT

# NEWSLETTER



Kia ora tatou

It is with great pleasure I announce the appointment of Miss Sarah Dunn as the Head of Music and Music Teacher for Years 1-13. Sarah is an experienced Secondary Music Teacher who has been working as our Junior Music Specialist this year. She is excited for this new opportunity to teach students over their entire Music journey from primary to NCEA levels. We are thrilled that Sarah has taken up the position starting in Term 4.

Last week we started to use the rear entrance, allowing families to enter and exit our school directly from Allendale Road. We encourage all students and families heading up McLean Street to use this gate rather than walking up the street. Thank you also for parking away from the surrounding area to ease congestion.

In this week's newsletter, I will continue to share some ideas on the second key aspect of being part of our school community, **encouragement**. Encouragement is essential for creating a vibrant, supportive and effective school community. It benefits everyone involved by boosting morale and motivation amongst students, teachers and whānau. Encouragement helps to foster a positive learning environment, strengthens relationships, enhances academic performance, supports emotional well-being and promotes a strong sense of community and positive behaviour.



TANIA CALVERT

Principal / Tumuaki

*"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."*

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Here's how you can provide encouragement within the school community:

- Engage actively: Participate in school life by attending events and volunteering your time and skills.
- Communicate positively: Maintain effective communication with the school to support its initiatives and offer constructive feedback.
- Celebrate achievements: Recognize and celebrate the school's accomplishments and contributions to build morale and pride within the community.

You can also encourage your child by:

- Showing interest in their school life: Engage with their experiences and learning by asking about their day, discussing schoolwork and showing genuine curiosity about what they're learning.
- Celebrating their efforts and achievements: Acknowledge and celebrate their accomplishments, big and small, to boost their confidence and motivation.
- Becoming involved in school life: Participate in school events, volunteer your time and support school activities to demonstrate your commitment and involvement in their educational journey.

By supporting and encouraging both your child and the school, you help help to create a nurturing and motivating environment that promotes growth, success and a strong sense of community.

Thank you for the encouragement and kindness you as whānau give to our teachers and tamariki already. It is so important and appreciated.

Our ARISE Whānau prayer group meets weekly in the sunroom at the rear of the library. This is a great way to connect and cover the school with prayer. The group prays for our tamariki, staff, upcoming events and thanksgiving over what God has provided. We welcome you to join us for this time, it can be just a one off or more often.

May God bless you all this week,  
Tania Calvert



# IMPORTANT DATES

## WHOLE SCHOOL

- 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 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
- Wednesday 18 September  
Year 4-6 Zoo Trip
- Week 10**  
Year 7-8 Sports Camp

## SENIOR (YEAR 9-13)

- 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

### Celebrate Fathers Day



On Friday 30th August we will be celebrating Father's Day, with a special Father's Day Event for the fathers or other significant male figures of our YO-13 students.

There will be bacon and egg butties and coffee served.

Date	Friday 30th August
Time	8am - 9am
Location	Elim Mt Albert Ballroom
Cost	A donation would be greatly appreciated

There will be an opportunity for YO-6 fathers to visit their child/ren class/es between 8.30am and 9.00am for some special Father's Day activities.



### Year 1-8 2024 Calendar Art

During Term 2, most students in Years 1-8 created a piece of calendar art. Your child's amazing artwork can now be ordered online. Calendar art makes a great gift at any time of the year and definitely makes a fantastic birthday or Christmas present.

Thank you for supporting your child's creativity!

Orders close on Monday 26th August.

Follow these instructions to place your order online:

- 1/. Go to [www.kidsartworks.com](http://www.kidsartworks.com)
- 2/. Use the Entrance Code: KZ8231
- 3/. Enter your child's room & name when prompted

If you have any questions regarding calendar art or wish to see a physical copy of a school calendar, card, diary, sketch book, or mouse pad, please email me at [lauren.dixon@elimmtalbert.school.nz](mailto:lauren.dixon@elimmtalbert.school.nz)



## READING TIME

*Mrs Sangah Joo*

In Room 3, we had a special visitor after lunch on Wednesday. It was Mrs. Calvert! Mrs. Calvert came to read a story called "Pumpkin Soup" and it was a story of three animals, a cat, a duck and a squirrel. We all loved the story very much.

Thank you, Mrs. Calvert! Please come again and read another story!



## FRUITY FRACTIONS

*Miss Natalie Harbott*

On Friday 2nd August, Room 4 celebrated our learning around fractions by joining mathematics with morning snack time. Some apples were cut into halves, thirds and quarters and some apples were left whole. Each group member created a coloured fraction circle to represent their apple and we sorted the apple pieces accordingly.

The best part was saved till last...  
The taste test!



## BIGFOOT BIKES

*Miss Hannah Fale*

The Year 5-6 ākonga had a fantastic session with BigFoot bikes! They learnt a lot of new skills including: how to check if your bike is 'road safe', rules for wearing a helmet, how to ride a bike competently, road safety rules and a few games to consolidate their knowledge.





# YEAR 9 AND 10 NETBALL

Mrs Emma Abrahams

The Year 9 and 10 netball teams are having an outstanding season. Both teams came top of their grades in the last round, so moved up a rung for the championship round. They both then went on to win their first games in these higher grades. With just a few more games to go in the season, it will be exciting to see where the two teams come out.



# SPECIAL NETBALL COACHING SESSION

Mrs Amanda Abrahams

Thursday last week our Year 9-13 students had the opportunity to participate in a valuable 2-hour netball coaching session led by the experienced and highly skilled Mrs. Jo Blowfield. The session was packed with expert tips, drills, and game strategies that significantly enhanced the students' skills and understanding of the game.

We are incredibly grateful to Mrs. Blowfield for generously giving her time to work with our students. Her passion for netball and her ability to connect with the students made this a wonderful experience. Our girls left the session feeling motivated, confident and ready to take their game to the next level. We look forward to seeing their new skills in action on the court!





# SENIOR GIRLS FOOTBALL

Julia Davidson, Year 13

We have had a very successful senior girls football season this year. We played our final game last Wednesday competing for first place in our division against Selwyn College. It was a challenging game. However, our girls worked really hard and put into place lots of the skills we have worked on this season. All of this effort paid off and we won, 1-0, securing our spot at the top of the table! It was really exciting to see how many people came out to support us, really showcasing the amazing community we have at this school. Even though we have played our final official game, we are super excited that we have the opportunity to participate in a tournament later this term. I would like to say a massive thank you Mr Mackenzie and Mr Zoutenbeir for their support and leadership as they guided us through this exciting season.



# SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Mr Nigel Cato

The boys team played in the Central Western Open B grade and performed well. Going into the last game against MAGS we still had a chance to make the top 4 but a broken backboard cable meant the game had to be called off and counted as a draw. From there we played off for 5th and 6th (and came 6th). However, at the end of the season we had a rematch against MAGS which we won, so we claimed “virtual” 3rd place!

Theo Burgess and James Lee were the two standout players and sadly this is the last time the “twin towers” of Elim Mt Albert will play for our team. Zach Senn, is also in his final year. He has been a valued and loyal team member for the last three years. The other members are all Year 12s and will be a useful team next year - Manny, Taj, Jim, Cooper, Jordan, Cranston and Tushar.





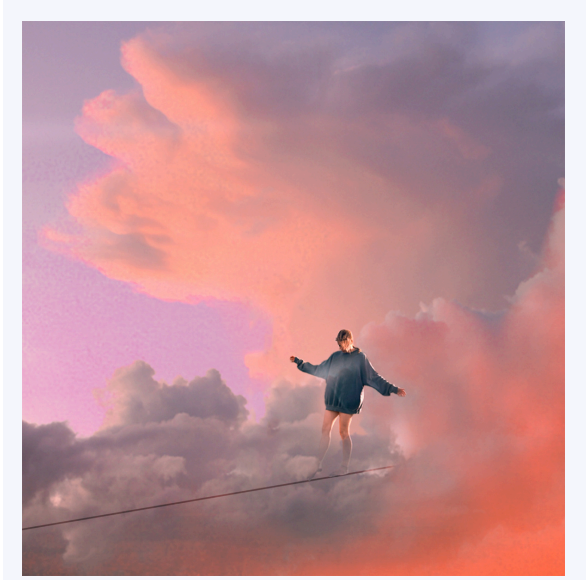
# KATE EDGER AWARD

Mrs Amanda Ray

The Kate Edger Foundation ([www.KateEdgerFoundation.org.nz](http://www.KateEdgerFoundation.org.nz)) is a charity set up to empower women through education and it organises an annual competition for Year 12 and 13 students. Students are invited to submit entries based on an annual theme, with the finalists' and winning entries showcased on their website. Entries can be all forms of creativity – art, photography, video, music and writing.



This year one of our outstanding Y13 students, Lily Brading, won third prize for her photography piece on the theme of 'Feel the fear and do it anyway'. This was accompanied by a monetary award of \$300. Helen from the Kate Edger Foundation visited our Y11-13 assembly to present Lily with the award.



Feel the fear and do it anyway, Lily Brading, 2024

# YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY TRIP

Mr Nigel Cato

On the 2nd August, 11 Geography visited several of Auckland's volcanic landforms. It was a beautiful clear day to see the views of the city and harbours. The students observed craters and tuff rings, scoria cones, lava flows and other important landforms created by volcanic processes. They also enjoyed the museum display.

View from Maungawhau





## GATEWAY

*Tevita Filimoehala, Year 11*

On the 8th of August 2024 me and some fellow students took a trip down to Mount Wellington. The purpose of this trip was to explore new opportunities in terms of plumbing, electrical engineering and the basics of construction.

The tour only took an hour but it was very informative and helpful to me and those looking into a career in engineering and construction. As we walked through the facility we got to see and learn about multiple courses that students can take after school. We were also able to see that this course was very capable of taking students far in the construction industry.



## PLASTIC FREE JULY

*Mrs Amanda Abrahams*

A huge thank you to all the students who participated in our Soft Plastic Free Lunch Challenge! Your efforts have made a significant difference and we are proud to say that together, we reduced a substantial amount of plastic waste during the challenge. We hope this experience inspires our students and wider Elim whānau ongoing mindfulness about reducing plastic use in our daily lives.

A special congratulations to our winning students, who showed commitment to the cause:

### **Winners of the eco travel mugs:**

Ollie Mowat, Ruben Wysoski and Zephaniah Nabete.

### **The following winners received zero waste pens:**

Kaylin Emery, Eden Mowat, Zia Elizai Zafranco, Ee Shen Em, Evelyn Mariam Jijo, Devin Yang, Archer Singleton, Rayna Yu, Jiah Badhan, Jessica Chiang, Rachelle Eccles, Tamara Johnson, Tivona Yu, Zara Crookenden, Lucas Chien, Zach Mowat, Natasha Penny, Judy Zhu, Brea Moore, Joshua Victor Kirubanidhi, Naomi Nova, Parsa Ghanavati, Charis Abrahams and Annette Paul



Thank you once again to everyone who took part in this challenge. Your actions reflect the values of stewardship and care for God's creation that we cherish at our school. Let's continue to work together to protect our environment for future generations.

-The Elim enviro team





# 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>



## COME AND PRAY

JOIN PARENTS TO PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOL - FRIDAYS 8.40-9AM  
LOCATION: END OF LIBRARY CLOSEST TO FRONT GATES - PLEASE COME THROUGH OFFICE

"REJOICE ALWAYS, PRAY WITHOUT  
CEASING, GIVE THANKS IN ALL  
CIRCUMSTANCES; FOR THIS IS THE WILL  
OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS FOR YOU."

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18



CALLING ALL 'BATTLEBOTS' FANS!

## ROBOT RAMPAGE



# BUILD + FIGHT ROBOTS

Grab a team (max 4 people - suits all ages) to build and fight robots! During the session your team will be supported by actual BattleBot champions - no skills needed! This epic session will culminate in a hair-raising tournament where you will battle your robot 1v1 in a purpose-built arena - a fight to the death!

SATURDAY 19TH OCT 3-6.30 PM  
ROBOT RAMPAGE HQ  
69F/A ONEHUNGA MALL, ONEHUNGA  
TEAM TICKET: \$200 (WHOLE SESSION)  
SPECTATOR TICKETS: \$20 PP (TOURNAMENT)

\$50 FROM EVERY TEAM TICKET GOES TO OUR POOL HEATER FUNDRAISING!  
MORE INFO + ORDER TICKETS ON **KINDO.CO.NZ**

LIMITED SPACES - BOOK NOW!  
SPECTATOR TICKETS AVAILABLE  
IDEAL FOR BIRTHDAY PARTIES  
FOOD FOR SALE

Tired of kids losing stuff?  
Help yourself + our school with labels!



Check out all the labelling goodness on your MyKindo account!  
**kindo.co.nz**



15% of all sales go to our pool heater fundraising - thanks for your support!



## ALL YEARS PIZZA LUNCH

Friday 23rd August  
Pizzas/drinks delivered to student's classrooms

**PRICES+ INFO+ORDER ON KINDO**  
CREATE YOUR KINDO ACCOUNT AT **KINDO.CO.NZ**  
SUPPORT OUR POOL HEATER FUNDRAISING!



# BOOK WEEK

## Jonah and the Giant Fish

2-6 September 2024

**DANCE SESSIONS**  
"Under the Sea"  
with Kirsty Sim

**AUTHOR VISIT**  
Rachel McQueen  
Author of  
"Piri's Undoing"

**Y1-8  
BOOK CHARACTER PARADE**  
Friday 6 September

**PRIZES FOR:**

- Best costume
- Reading log
- Jonah drawing

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**  
Thursday 5 September  
2:20 - 3:30pm  
Friday 6 September  
10:45am - 3:15pm

and more...

Elim Christian College  
Mt Albert

## ASIAN OUTREACH NZ

### Winter Kits For Mongolian Kids



We're keeping disadvantaged Mongolian children warm this winter with cosy coats and boots. Learn more about how we share God's love with them here: [www.asianoutreach.org.nz/winterkits](http://www.asianoutreach.org.nz/winterkits)



### Colour & WIN

A double movie pass valid at all Auckland **HOYTS**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age\* (will be considered by judges) \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent to fill in:  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I agree to receiving the winner announcement via email, as well as occasional updates about mission projects like Winter Kits.

Take a photo of the completed design and email to [admin@asianoutreach.org.nz](mailto:admin@asianoutreach.org.nz) by Fri 6th Sept

Asian Outreach NZ has launched their Winter Kits colouring competition. [Download it here](#) and be in to win movie passes. Or your child can collect the form from the library. Entries are submitted by photographing the finished artwork and emailing to [admin@asianoutreach.org.nz](mailto:admin@asianoutreach.org.nz).

The Winter Kits project provides warm jackets and boots for disadvantaged Mongolian children who face -40°C temperatures during winter! Each child receives a discipleship booklet and gets to learn about Jesus too! You can learn more about the [Winter Kits project here](#).