

ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT

NEWSLETTER



Malo e lelei,

We value and celebrate the diverse cultures in our school and last week enjoyed Tonga Language Week at school. Thank you to our fāмили who decorated the foyer and provided activities and support for this. Our staff also shared devotions, celebrating their roots and connection to Tonga.

This week, I will continue to unpack Ephesians 3, sharing ideas and the third key aspect of being part of our school community, **prayer**. **Prayer** holds a significant place in our school community; it is both the foundation and an integral part of everything we do. We encourage our whānau to uplift our school daily in prayer. Please join us in praying for:

- Students:
 - Academic Success: For their achievements and progress in their studies.
 - Emotional Well-being: For support and resilience in facing challenges.
 - Character Development: To cultivate our school values of kindness, respect, diligence, and courage.
 - Protection: For safeguarding from all harm and negative influences.
- Teachers and Staff:
 - Strength and Energy: To handle the demands of their roles and maintain balance.
 - Support and Encouragement: For ongoing motivation and support in their professional and personal lives.
- School Leadership:
 - Vision and Direction: For clarity and inspiration in guiding the school's future.
 - Wisdom and Guidance: For effective decision-making and direction.
- School Community:
 - Unity and Harmony: To foster a cooperative and supportive environment.
 - Engagement and Involvement: For increased participation and support from families and community members.
 - Positive Environment: To promote a respectful and inclusive school culture.
- School Programs and Initiatives:
 - Success and Impact: For the effective execution and positive outcomes of educational programmes and activities.
 - Resource Provision: For adequate resources to support and sustain school programmes.
- Safety and Protection:
 - Physical Safety: For the protection of students and staff from harm and emergencies.
- Spiritual Growth and Faith Development:
 - Faith: For the deepening of personal and collective spiritual growth and commitment to Christian values.

We ask for continued prayer and support as we strive to create a nurturing and successful environment for all.
Mālō,
Tania Calvert



TANIA CALVERT

Principal / Tumuaki

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:17-19

It is important your child is at school when well and home if they are sick. Please see guidelines from the Ministry.
<https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/attendance-every-day-matters/>

IMPORTANT DATES

WHOLE SCHOOL	JUNIOR (YEAR 1-8)	SENIOR (YEAR 9-13)
<p>Week 6 Friday 30 August Father's Day Celebration 8-9am</p> <p>Week 7 Book Week 'Jonah & the Giant Fish'</p> <p>Thursday 5 September Pyjama / Loungewear day</p> <p>Week 10 Friday 26 September Civvies Day last day of Term 3</p>	<p>Week 8 Wednesday 11 September Year 4-6 speech competition (semi-finals)</p> <p>Friday 13 September Year 1-3 Zoo Trip</p> <p>Week 9 Tuesday 17 September Year 1-3 Poetry Recital, Year 4-6 and Year 7-8 Speech Competition</p> <p>Wednesday 18 September Year 4-6 Zoo Trip</p> <p>Week 10 Year 7-8 Sports Camp</p>	<p>Week 6 Friday 30 and Saturday 31 August Mission Camp #2</p> <p>Week 8 NCEA Practice Exams Week</p> <p>Week 9 NCEA Level 1 Co-requisites</p> <p>Thursday 19 September Mission Trip team session</p> <p>Week 10 Y12/Y13 Physics Trip to Rainbow's End</p>



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 1-6: Pyjamas



Year 7-13: Loungewear

PYJAMA / LOUNGWEAR DAY

As a reward for our recent "Acts for ACTS" fundraising efforts, we will be having a pyjama (Year 1-6) / loungewear (Year 7-13) themed civvies day on **Thursday the 5th of September**.

This is optional and will not be charged for.

CROSS COUNTRY

Ella Carroll, Year 12

On the 15th of August we had our annual cross country event! Being a Whānau leader, it was really cool to see everyone coming together as a community and showing good sportsmanship. Everyone did an amazing job running and it was so cool to see that everyone that was there got involved.

A big shout out to Mr Mackenzie for organizing the event, we appreciated it so much! And also a big thank you to the Year 13s who went and helped set it up, thank you guys!

It was an amazing day. The weather was ideal for running and we were so blessed to have Owairaka Park to run in, which is just down the road. Thank you to all the parents that came down to help or to support their child/children. It was an incredible day and it was amazing to see the Elim Christian College community gathered together. Amazing running, everyone! Well done!



Find more photos from [here](#) .
Special thanks to amazing photographers, Vanis Apiratsangsri and Lily Brading.

SENIOR BALL

Mrs Julie Nola

On Saturday the 10th of August, the Y11-13 students and staff joined with Elim Christian College Botany for our annual school ball. It was a delightful occasion, with superb food, great entertainment and good company. A highlight of the evening was the Year 13 group dance. It was a medley of line dancing, cultural dance and modern dance forms and it was performed superbly with high accuracy. It was great to see the students "all in this together".



MISSION LEADERS WITH JUNIORS

Necia Abrahams, Year 12, Mission Leader

As a reward for reaching our first goal, the Mission Leaders, and a few volunteers, set up some lunchtime games for the juniors last Tuesday. We had a really good time, especially because our breaks don't normally overlap. We played a variety of games which allowed the juniors to get involved in the games that they enjoyed the most, such as Football, Infinity tag and Octopus. It was super fun and the Mission Leaders are all really excited for the incentives to come!



YEAR 12/13 SERVICE

Lucy Harrowfield, Year 12

On Tuesday during our service period, some of the other service students and I ran a fun activity for the Year 0-3 juniors in the library. We read aloud and acted out the bible story 'Daniel in the Lions' Den' and finished with a colouring activity related to the story. It was really fun to connect with the kids in the younger year groups and to have the opportunity to serve them!



YEAR 13 BIO TRIP

While we were at the zoo, we did two courses based on two of our exam papers and revised everything that we'd learnt for the topics. I enjoyed the second course based on plants and animals and their behaviour, as we got a chance to walk around with Tori, our 'teacher', through the African area.

Shristi Lee, Year 13



The trip to the zoo was a great opportunity to revise human evolution and to learn about animal features. Our tutor was very knowledgeable and I learned lots about animal behaviour and features and I enjoyed revising the different skulls of human evolution and the tools used by early hominins.

Molly Ashcroft, Year 13

Going to the zoo was a great experience, both in terms of revision for our upcoming exams and learning about animals and their habitats. Overall, we all had a lot of fun and were engaged by this interactive trip.

Bethany Donaldson, Year 13



The trip to the zoo was a fabulous source of revision and practical application of the things we have learned in class. I particularly enjoyed the observation of plant and animal responses in a physical environment, between the animals in the African environment.

Joah Schnee, Year 13



It was good. The Plants and Animals talk was the best, as we looked at the animals.

Zachary Senn, Year 13

The zoo trip was very enjoyable. I found it incredibly helpful in terms of revision. It was cool to see all the things we have been learning throughout the year put into practice.

Tessa King, Year 13

The zoo trip was engaging and great for revising for our upcoming mock exams, particularly for plant and animal responses and human evolution.

Olivia McFedries, Year 13

FOOTBALL ELIM 14B

Mr Nigel Cato

Elim Mt Albert v Auckland Grammar B1 - 14B Central competition
Score 1-1 (Elim goal scored by Daniel Leung)

Elim were playing well but let in a goal just after half time. However, Daniel scored to get us back in the game. We had a chance to win in the last few minutes but couldn't quite put the ball in the net, so it ended as a 1-1 draw.

Last Saturday the boys beat Grammar B2 by 6-0, which means they hold onto second place in the competition. What a great way to end the season!



EVERIL ORR SERVICE TRIP

Mrs Julie Nola

On Tuesday the 20th of August, some of our Year 12 and Year 13 service students went to Everil Orr for some knitting classes. The students are working on knitting beanies for children in Mongolia, to support Asian Outreach's initiative of supplying children with winter gear so they can attend school. It was such a treat to work with the talented residents at Everil Orr and to have one instructor between two students. We were welcomed and cared for with such warmth and kindness. As one of the students said, it was really wholesome. We are looking forward to visiting next week!





ACTIVE PHYSIO

Beth Donaldson, Year 13

I had the opportunity to take a placement at Active+ Physiotherapy, where I met a senior physiotherapist and was able to ask multiple questions as well as assist with a group session. I found this really helpful and I am very grateful as it gave me insight into the job and physiotherapy in general.

GATEWAY- RHEMA MEDIA

Yasmin Luatua, year 12

Visiting Rhema Media was a wonderful experience for learning about Graphic Design. I learned many things about the work and had the opportunity to design bible verses for social media. I was also welcomed by many friendly people like Sam Lawson, who gave me a brilliant tour of the building. After visiting Rhema Media, I am confident that I can work as a graphic designer in the future.



THE IMPORTANCE OF SLEEP

Life Education Trust shared information with us from a conference where they heard from Kate Hunter from Sleep Well Clinic.

- Sleep benefits the brain, promotes attention, memory, analytical thought.
- It makes thinking sharper, recognizing the most important information to consolidate learning.
- Whether studying for a test, learning an instrument, or acquiring job skills, sleep is essential.

It is recommended children between 6-12 years old should get 9 hours sleep per night.

Children who are sleep deficient might be overly active and have problems paying attention. They also might misbehave and their school performance can suffer. When we make sleep a priority in our own lives, we send a powerful message to our children about the value of rest and self-care.

Tips for Better Sleep:

Stick to a consistent sleep schedule

Create a relaxing bedtime routine

Limit screen time before bed

Keep your sleep environment cool and dark

Sources for the stats:

<https://newsinhealth.nih.gov/.../kids-sleep-linked-brainhealth>

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/.../Lack-of-sleep-for-Kiwi-kids>

Recommended hours of sleep are:

Aged 3-5 years: 10 to 13 hours

Aged 6-12 years: 9 to 12 hours

Aged 13-18 years: 7 to 9 hours.

Adult+ : 7 to 8 hours.



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!

precious labels

We only have till the **end of term 3** to collect Yummy apple stickers (any Yummy apple sticker) / bag packaging / cut-outs!

MUNCH FOR SPORTS GEAR!

Attach them to a Yummy collection chart (with your child's name + room on it so we can reward the highest contributors), and hand it into the office by the end of the term. Grab sticker charts from the office - or print your own (search Yummy Apples sticker collection chart"). Hand into the office on/before the last day of term. THANK YOU so much for your support!

Save any Yummy sticker!

Save this plastic packaging!

Cut these out!

"JONAH AND THE GIANT FISH" BOOK WEEK, 2 - 6 SEPTEMBER

Mrs Emma Abrahams

Our beloved Book Week is happening next week and will be full of fun activities. We will have "Under the Sea" themed dance classes, mystery readers, an author visit, crafts run by our Year 12 service leaders, story time in the library with Mr Anderson, book quizzes, videos of staff favourite reads, a visit to Everill Orr, the Scholastic Book Fair and a Y1-8 Book Character Parade followed by a prize-giving for the best costumes, best Jonah drawings, and most voracious readers in Term 3.

Students in Years 1-8 need to be getting their book character costumes ready now for **the parade on Friday 6 September**. They are to bring the book that their character is from to the parade.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 5 September, 2:20 - 3:30pm

- **Scholastic Book Fair** in the Rahiri House Ballroom
- **Uniform* Sale** in Rahiri Room 1
(*mostly Junior and Middle School uniforms).

Friday 6 September

- **Scholastic Book Fair** from 10:45am - 3:15pm
- **Sausage Sizzle & Drinks sale** from 2:20pm - 3:20pm outside the Rahiri House. \$5 for two items. (EFTPOS & pre-sales on Kindo.)

EFTPOS only. No cash sales.

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

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Friday 6 September 10:45am - 3:15pm

and more...