

# ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT

# NEWSLETTER



Kia ora tatou Elim Whānau

This week, we celebrate the conclusion of the term, which has been filled with valuable learning experiences and numerous opportunities for extracurricular engagement. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the staff and volunteers in our Elim Whānau for their generous contributions of time and support. The success of these activities would not be possible without your dedication. Thank you!

Over the past eight weeks, we have explored key messages inspired by Ephesians 3, emphasising the vital roles of engagement, encouragement, prayer, giving and serving within our school community. Engagement is crucial for strengthening the home-school partnership, enhancing educational outcomes, and fostering community connections. Encouragement creates a vibrant and supportive environment, boosting morale and motivation for students, teachers and families. Prayer underpins our school life, inviting daily support for our students' academic success, emotional well-being and character development. Additionally, giving and serving enrich our community, ensuring we meet practical needs while building strong relationships. Together, these principles cultivate a nurturing atmosphere that promotes growth and a strong sense of belonging. Thank you for your commitment to making our school community thrive!



TANIA CALVERT

Principal / Tumuaiki

*"The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."*

Exodus 33:14

### Structured Mathematics implementation in 2025

In light of the recent government announcement regarding the transformation of maths education in Years 1-8, I want to reassure our families about the exceptional educational standards already in place at our school. While the data highlights challenges in the broader system, we are committed to addressing these needs proactively. As the new structured maths curriculum rolls out next year, we will seamlessly integrate these changes into our existing programs, ensuring that our students receive the best possible education. We will also take advantage of the additional resources and professional development opportunities provided by the government to further enhance our teaching methods. Our focus remains on each child's success, and we will keep you informed about how these changes will benefit our students. Thank you for your continued trust and support as we work together to ensure every child excels in their mathematical learning journey.

This Thursday, we are delighted to host Pisey and his wife, Samien, who are visiting from Cambodia. They will come to school to thank the students and present service awards to top fundraisers from the Acts for ACTS campaign in Term 2. Pisey is the director of the the Hope Centre and administers this project on the ground. The Year 12/13 Mission team will then spend time getting to know them and asking questions as they continue to prepare for their trip in December.

Next week is the term break. I pray you have a safe and happy holiday time and look forward to seeing you again in Term 4, the final term for the year.

Ka kite ano,  
Tania Calvert

# IMPORTANT DATES

WHOLE SCHOOL	JUNIOR (YEAR 1-8)	SENIOR (YEAR 9-13)
<b>Week 10</b> Friday 26 September Civvies Day / last day of Term 3	<b>Week 10</b> Year 7-8 Sports Camp	<b>TERM 4</b>
<b>TERM 4</b>	<b>TERM 4</b>	<b>Week 2</b> Friday 25th October Y11-13 Last day Y13 lunch out
<b>Week 2</b> Friday 25 October Iceblock fundraiser	<b>Week 2</b> Tuesday 22 October Year 6 Kiwilele Jam	<b>Week 3</b> NCEA study leave
<b>Week 3</b> Monday 28 October Labour Day	<b>Week 3</b> Thursday 31 October Year 7-8 vaccinations	<b>Week 4</b> NCEA study leave + exams
<b>Week 4</b> Thursday 7 November Staff Only Day	<b>Week 7</b> Monday 25 November Year 8 Graduation 5:30-8:00pm	<b>Week 6</b> Year 9 and 10 Assessment Week
<b>Week 5</b> Thursday 14 November Civvies Day	<b>Week 7</b> Tuesday 26 November Year 3-8 Prizegiving 2:30-4:30pm	<b>Week 7</b> Tuesday 26 November Year 9-13 Prizegiving 6:30-8:30pm
<b>Week 9</b> Friday 13 December Last day of Term 4	<b>Week 8</b> Friday 6 December Year 0-2 Nativity 9:00-10:30am Year 6 Graduation 3:30-5:00pm	Wednesday 27 November Year 13 Graduation Dinner 6:30-8:30pm

# 2025 TERM DATES

- Term 1 Monday 3 February to Friday 11 April
- Term 2 Monday 28 April to Friday 27 June
- Term 3 Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September
- Term 4 Monday 6 October to Wednesday 10 December

## YEAR 4-8 SPEECH COMPETITION

Miss Jessica Kidd and Mrs Yen Kim

The big day finally rolled around: the Year 4-6 and Year 7-8 speech finals. Three students from each class were selected to share their speeches- the ones they had been working very hard on over the past few weeks. Each of your speeches has been incredibly inspiring and we've all been enriched by the thoughtfulness and passion they've shared with us at the event. A huge congratulations to all of the ākonga for showing maia and giving it a go.

Thank you so much to our judges for their skill and expertise:  
Year 4-6 Mrs Amanda Ray, Mrs Nelise Tesese and Hannah Walton  
Year 7-8 Mr Marvin Anderson, Mrs Julie Nola and Hannah Walton

The **Year 4-6 winners** were:  
Esther Harrowfield, Tyrell Taito and Thomas Taylor

The **Year 7-8 winners** were:  
Juan Puno, Riley Wood and Mikayla Sim





# YEAR 0-3 ZOO TRIP

Miss Natalie Harbott

On Friday 13th September, our Year 0-3 tamariki visited Auckland Zoo as part of our learning in Social Science. PJ and Nic, the Zoo educators, taught us all about our Awesome Aotearoa as we explored Te Wao Nui a Tāne - the forest habitat. We saw birds such as Kereru, Tieke and Tūi enjoying native plants. Did you know that even though Kererū have small beaks, they are the only bird that is able to swallow karaka berries? Good thing we have so many young kaitiaki / guardians wanting to protect and care for our native manu.

Our groups explored the wider zoo and were amazed to see so many different animals from all around the world. Thank you to all of the kaiako and whānau who helped make this trip possible.



# PERFORMANCE FOR JUNIORS

Mrs Sangah Joo

We had students from middle school come to present their play that they did in Book week. The play was "The three little pigs". They performed with great actions and expressions so we were amazed by it! Ka pai! Thank you for coming to show us!





## YEAR 4-6 ZOO TRIP

*Miss Jessica Kidd*

The Year 4-6 students had a fantastic time at Auckland Zoo on Wednesday 18 September.  
Here are some of their comments:

"We learnt about the habitats of animals and how their habitat is going due to deforestation."- *Tamara Johnson*

"We learnt about Spider Monkeys and how they can live up to a maximum of 50 years in zoos  
but the average age was 30."- *Lia Richter*

"There are not many Sumatran tigers left in the world and we need to protect them."- *Jiah Badhan*

"The Sumatran tigers are endangered and we are very lucky to have some at Auckland Zoo."- *Dominic Liu*

"The Asian Track was very interesting because you could see the tigers up close, which rarely happens. We saw one of the tigers lying on the bridge. One of the Orangutans looked at us weirdly."- *Jethrin Dorst, Ollie Mowat, Gideon Goh, Isaiah Luther and Ulrick Uta'i*





# INVICTUS

Mr Joseph Zoutenbier, Dean of Wellbeing, Invictus Coordinator

The end of Week 6 marked our inaugural Invictus Revolving Bonfire Night. Invictus is a programme that has been introduced into Year 9, to foster and grow their wellbeing, resilience, and connection with each other. The Revolving Bonfire Night was the first of 4 memory events over the next two years. Each memory event is tied to a module that is done during school time. This memory event was to capstone the Network module, where students have been looking at how God has created us to be connected with one another. Moving forward into next term we will be working on the Mastery module, which will culminate in a movie night, showcasing movies of the skills students have learnt.



## NEW BASKETBALL / NETBALL SYSTEMS

Mr Marvin Anderson

We have recently installed two brand new reversible basketball / netball systems on our turf. The students are enjoying using this new addition to our sports department. Special thanks to Kevin from Mayfield Sports, Steve from Tiger Turf and Sanitarium for their support in making this project happen.





## YEAR 12 SERVICE

*Katrina Joseph, Year 12*

Service periods with the juniors are heaps of fun! The Years 1- 4 absolutely love coming to the library to colour in Bible story printouts like Queen Esther or Daniel with us. The primary students love it when we act out Bible stories to them as well! It's honestly a really cool way to spend time with them and get to know them better.



## NETBALL

*Amisha Chauhan, Year 13*

Last Saturday, the Netball team attended the St. Johns Netball Prizegiving where we received 2nd place in our grade! We were so close to coming first but we came out second which is so good! Mrs. Abrahams also received a coaching award alongside other coaches!

I so enjoyed playing and coaching the team alongside Mrs Abramhams. Thank you to everyone who supported us this season and huge thank you to Mrs Abrahams for coaching and supporting us this year... we really appreciate it!

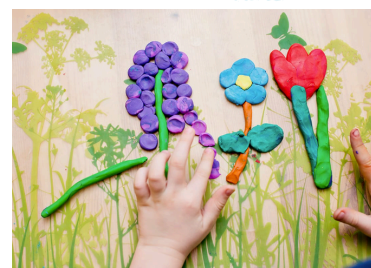


## HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Carpe Diem Kids Elim will be having a fun Holiday Programme at St.Marys School, 2136 Great North Road, Avondale from **30th Sept to 11th Oct 2024**.

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

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

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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  
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FOOD FOR SALE

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

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

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!

Cut these out!








Save this plastic packaging!



Enrollments for Term 4 Bricks4Kidz STEAM classes are now open. Spaces are limited, so book your spot now to avoid missing out!! You can enrol via the link below:

<https://nz.bricks4kidznow.com/profile.php?id=1485032&locationfilterid=2959778>


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**TUESDAYS**

**Junior Robotics Level 1: Coding Introduction**

Start date: 22 October 2024  
End date: 10 December 2024  
Lunchtime: 12:30 - 1:30pm  
After-School: 3:00 - 4:00pm  
Location: Room 10  
\$30 per session

**TUESDAYS**

**Junior Engineer**

Start date: 22 October 2024  
End date: 10 December 2024  
Lunchtime: 12:30 - 1:30pm  
After-School: 3:00 - 4:00pm  
Location: Room 10  
\$25 per session

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