

# ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT NEWSLETTER



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We are excited to see continued growth at our school. Last week, we held our Orientation event for new students enrolling for 2025, a special occasion where we have the privilege of welcoming new families and students as we prepare for the upcoming school year. It's wonderful to watch our school community grow and we're grateful for the support of our families. As a reminder, we encourage families to apply for younger siblings ahead of their start date to assist with our planning.

Our ARISE whānau once again came together to serve our school during a working bee last Saturday. It was wonderful to work alongside parents to enhance our school environment for the benefit of our students. The cottage garden, located between our Arts Block and Rahiri House, is now complete. It features mature fruit trees, a mix of vegetable and flower beds, as well as new plantings and landscaping. This beautiful and practical space not only improves our surroundings but also provides a place where students can learn about gardening and growing their own food. If you have an interest in gardening and would like to help in this area, we would love to hear from you.

A heartfelt thank you to the families who generously donated materials for this project. Your support was invaluable. We also want to extend our sincere appreciation to the parents who contributed their time and effort with design, hard work, and providing food on the day. Your dedication made the event a tremendous success.



**TANIA CALVERT**

**Principal / Tumuaki**

*"Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation."*  
**Psalm 95:1**

I would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the ARISE whānau groups for their dedicated service in various ways this year. From ARISE fundraising and second-hand uniforms to ARISE Connect reps and parents in prayer, the contributions of so many have made a tremendous impact. Thanks to their efforts, our school has flourished in ways we could never have imagined or accomplished on our own.

As our itinerant music programme for 2024 comes to an end, our piano students had the opportunity to perform in a recital held in the ballroom. It was wonderful to see students showcase their hard work and talent in front of family, friends and staff. The performances were truly inspiring and we are so proud of the progress each student has made this year. Thank you to all the families who supported their children in preparing for this special event and to our dedicated music teachers for their guidance throughout the year.

Next week, we will be holding our inaugural prize-giving events to celebrate the hard work and achievements of our students this year. These formal events will take place at the Elim Christian Centre City Church on Tuesday afternoon and evening. Please allow ample time to travel into the city and find parking before the event begins. Students are expected to attend the prize-giving for their respective year group. To help with preparations and travel time, school will finish for all students at 12:30 pm.

Allendale gate will be closed from next week as work begins on the renovation of the Music Wing of the Arts Block. The gate will reopen in the new year when work is completed.

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# IMPORTANT DATES

## WHOLE SCHOOL

**Week 9**  
Thursday 12 December  
Market Day

Friday 13 December  
Last day of Term 4  
12:30 pm school finishes

## SENIOR (YEAR 9-13)

**Week 7**  
Tuesday 26 November  
Year 9-13 Prizegiving 6:30-8:30pm

## JUNIOR (YEAR 1-8)

**Week 7**  
Monday 25 November  
Year 8 Graduation 5:30-8:00pm

Tuesday 26 November  
Year 3-8 Prizegiving 2:30-4:30pm

**Week 8**  
Wednesday 4 December  
Year 0-2 Nativity 9:00-10:30am

Friday 6 December  
Year 6 Graduation 3:30-5:00pm

**Week 9**  
Monday 9 December  
Junior Music Concert 11am

Wednesday 11 December  
Year 0-6 End of year picnic

## TERM DATES FOR 2025

**Term 1**  
Monday, February 3 to  
Friday, April 11 (10 weeks)

**Term 2**  
Monday, April 28 to  
Friday, June 27 (9 weeks)

**Term 3**  
Monday, July 14 to  
Friday, September 19 (10 weeks)

**Term 4**  
Monday, October 6 to  
Thursday, December 11 (10 weeks)

## JUNIOR MUSIC CONCERT 9TH DECEMBER

Miss Sarah Dunn

**On Monday 9th December at 11am, Ballroom.**

Year 4-6 students will be performing the class song they have written in Music, and the Marimba Group and Junior Choir will also share a few pieces. If your child is involved, you are most welcome to attend.



Ezra Schnee, The Piano Recital

## ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MARKET DAY 12TH DECEMBER

Mrs Amanda Abrahams

Our talented Year 7-10 students have been working hard to create unique products and services during Enterprise class. Check out some of what is on offer by visiting a preview of our Enterprise [webpage](#). More details to follow.





## ARISE WHĀNAU WORKING BEE



## YEAR 10 PILOT EVENT

*Elizabeth Harman, Year 10*

On Wednesday the 6th of November, Zephaniah Nabete and I had the opportunity to attend the Year 10 Pacific Island Leaders of Tomorrow (PILOT) programme at the Massey University campus. This whole-day workshop featured fellow Pasifika students from several other high schools in Auckland. We were put into groups and participated in three different workshops that included open discussions about the importance of our languages, stories and values. We also played a traditional Samoan game called 'lape' that reinforced teamwork/communication. Gabby Solomona, a Samoan actress, TV personality and radio host who featured in this year's Celebrity Treasure Island show was the guest speaker. Her life story was very inspiring and motivational!



My takeaway from Gabby was perseverance through hardship, honesty and working hard to achieve your goals. Gabby also spoke about not taking on a big acting role because it did not align with her values or who she wanted to be. This is a great personal reminder to stay true not only to my cultural/family values but more importantly to my Christian values. All in all, this was an awesome and fun experience. We're grateful for the opportunity to grow, learn and make connections and thank you Mrs Ray for accompanying us.





## YEAR 4 COLLABORATIVE ART WITH MRS HA

*Mrs Lauren Dixon*

This week our Year 4 class had the awesome opportunity of having a professional art lesson with the famous Mrs Ha.

Vincent van Gogh was the inspiration for Mrs Ha's lesson as he is her favourite artist. The subject was his Sunflowers painting. Year 4, with the help of Mrs Ha, made their own Sunflowers painting.

Thank you Mrs Ha for providing such a fun and engaging art experience for the Year 4 class. Who knows, we may have another van Gogh artist in the making!



## YEAR 6 SCIENCE LESSONS

*Miss Jessica Kidd*

Over the past two weeks, the Year 6s have thoroughly enjoyed going to the secondary science labs to learn about sound with Mr Blok and light with Mr Ahn. The students were able to consolidate their learning through some exciting experiments. Thank you, senior teachers!





## PC4G PROGRAMMING CONTEST FOR GIRLS

*Mr Jason Ridler*

On Wednesday last week, four Year 10 girls spent the day at the University of Auckland practising for and then competing in a nationwide programming contest. They competed in teams of two, working on writing computer programs to solve a range of given problems. Approximately fifty teams from around the country participated in the competition and our two teams placed fourth and eleventh! This is an excellent result and the girls can be proud of themselves. The team that placed fourth now qualifies for a training camp in Christchurch that will be held early in January next year. Well done, girls!



## YUMMY APPLES STICKER COLLECTING

*Mrs Hannah Taylor*

Junior students enjoying their yummy reward for an awesome effort collecting LOTS of yummy apple stickers - thank you to all the parents who supported their apple munching!!



### YUMMY APPLE PROMOTION



We've sent in the collection to Yummy for this year - but **PLEASE** keep collecting the stickers/packaging for next year! Feel free to hand things in to the office anytime. Partially completed sheets are fine - **EVERY STICKER COUNTS!** Thanks so much to everyone who handed in stickers and packaging - we so appreciate all your munching!

Save any Yummy sticker!



Cut these out!



Save this plastic packaging!





# Elim Christian College Mt Albert

# PRIZE GIVING

## *Ceremony*

## 2024

Dear Elim Christian College Mt Albert Whānau, we are excited to invite you to our special prize-giving ceremonies as we celebrate our inaugural year and the outstanding achievements of our students. Join us for a time of celebration, recognition, and community as we honour the hard work and accomplishments of our students. Your presence will make this occasion even more special.

YEAR 3-8  
 JUNIOR PRIZE GIVING 2024  
 26 NOVEMBER 2024  
 2.30 - 4.30 PM

YEAR 9-13  
 SENIOR PRIZE-GIVING  
 & YEAR 13 GRADUATION 2024  
 26 NOVEMBER 2024  
 6.30 - 8.30 PM

Elim Christian Centre City | 74 Cook Street

*Some parking is available in the church car park. There is additional paid parking in Cook Street or across the road at the City Works Depot.*

The Nativity and Prize-giving for Year 0-2 students will be held at school on Wednesday 4th December. More details to come.  
 As we gather in the spirit of the season, let's celebrate our students' hard work and the pathways God has set before them.

We look forward to celebrating with you!