

ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT NEWSLETTER



Chom reap sur. Greetings from Cambodia,

The Year 12 and 13 Mission team is currently in Cambodia. After spending the first few days in the capital, Phnom Penh, where we visited historical sites and spent time with Elim Cambodia, the team has bonded well and we are enjoying new experiences which are broadening our horizons. Today, we travelled to Stung Treng. We are staying at the Hope Centre as we engage with local village communities. As part of our visit, the students will distribute ACTS packs to children as they begin their school year. This is a very special opportunity to witness firsthand the impact of our school's fundraising efforts. The team will continue the mission trip serving in the villages and at the Hope Centre while in Stung Treng.

What incredible prize-giving ceremonies we had last week! We were so grateful to have families and friends join us to celebrate both the achievements of this school year and the individual efforts of their children. The events were a superb combination of performances and awards, showcasing the talent and hard work of our students. A huge thank you to the staff who worked tirelessly to organise and bring this all together, making the ceremonies both memorable and successful.

I would like to extend my congratulations to **Hannah Walton**, our 2024 Dux of the school. As Head Girl, Hannah has not only demonstrated exceptional academic achievement but has also shown outstanding leadership, dedication, and perseverance throughout the year. Her hard work and commitment to excellence have been an inspiration to us all. We are incredibly proud of her accomplishments, including being a recipient of the University of Auckland Top Achiever's Scholarship. We look forward to seeing all that she will achieve in the future. Well done.



TANIA CALVERT

Principal / Tumuaki

Isaiah 9:6

"or to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Thank you also to our Head Boy, **Joah Schnee**, for his outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment to the school this year. His contributions have made a lasting impact, and we are grateful for the example he has set for his peers.

Well done to all students who were awarded special awards this year. These recognitions reflect the effort and achievement you have shown as you strive for your personal best and seek to fulfill God's plan for your life.

Thank you to all of our outstanding staff at Elim Christian College Mt Albert. The combined efforts of each one of you have set our school on a strong path for the future. Every person at Elim contributes to the life and success of the school and our students and for that we are deeply grateful.

Sadly, we bid farewell to teachers Mrs. SangAh Joo and Miss Grace Zhang, who will be leaving at the end of the year. Thank you both for your hard work and dedication to our school and students. Your commitment has been appreciated and we wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

As we approach this season of celebration, we are reminded of the true meaning of Christmas—the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. His coming into the world brings hope, joy, and peace to all who believe. In this busy season, let us take time to reflect on the love and light He brought into the world. May the message of Christmas fill your hearts with peace, and may you be surrounded by the warmth of family and friends.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year, as we celebrate the greatest gift of all—Immanuel, "God with us".

IMPORTANT DATES

WHOLE SCHOOL

Week 9
Thursday 12 December
Market Day & Second Hand Uniform Sale

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

SENIOR (YEAR 9-13)

Week 9
Wednesday 11 December
Year 9-10 Outing Day

JUNIOR (YEAR 1-8)

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
Year 7-8 Outing Day

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)

MARKET DAY

Thursday 12th December 2024
Elim Christian College, Mt Albert

- Jewellery
- Delicious treats
- Hand-crafted items
- 3-D printed items
- Plants
- Origami
- Amigurumi
- And more...

Market Day money tickets can be purchased in \$5 and \$10 amounts via Kindo, at the school office, or on the day using EFTPOS.

Kindo tickets are non-refundable

Come and support our Enterprise students!

When: 12:30-2:10pm
3:10-4:00pm

For more info email:
amanda.abrahams@elim.school.nz

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

12 DECEMBER
3 - 4 PM

DO YOU HAVE UNIFORMS THAT NO LONGER FIT?

UNIFORM DONATIONS ARE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED AT THE OFFICE.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be placed in front of the office for collection from Wednesday 4th December until Friday 6th December.

Please note that any unclaimed, unnamed items will be donated after this period. If you have lost any jewellery or valuables, kindly inquire at the office.

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

Miss Jessica Kidd

The Year 3-8 prize-giving was a special occasion to celebrate the success of our students across a wide range of areas. Ākonga received awards for most outstanding progress, Elim Christian character, academic excellence, the ARISE award, sports awards, Year 6, 7 and 8 subject awards, as well as the ARISE cups for each year level.

The ARISE cups were awarded to: Vincent Wang, Neriah Liu, Jayden Dorst, Brea Moore, Tyrell Taito, Esther Harrowfield, Ulrick Uta'i, Elena Chien, Evangelina Filimoehala-Burling, Alizay Pedersen

Top Year 7 Scholar: Ruben Wysoski
 Top Year 8 Scholar: Ashley Yang

Well done to all of the students who received awards on the night!

The prize-giving event was filled with amazing performances from our Junior worship band, choir group, combined musicians for the finale item, and the Year 3 students. Thank you so much to Miss Sarah Dunn for all of your incredible work with these students. We also had a beautiful dance item led by the Year 7-8 students, with the wonderful coaching of Mrs Kirsty Sim.



SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

Mr Marvin Anderson

On Tuesday November 26th we celebrated the achievement and success of our students at the annual prize-giving ceremony. We also graduated our first Year 13 class as a new school. Below is a list of the significant achievements of our ākonga.

Sport Achievement Cup

Year 9-10 Girls Carys Walters
 Year 9-10 Boys Isaac Hydes
 Senior Girls Shristi Lee
 Senior Boys Jordan Penny

House Cup

Winning House Jeremiah

Service Cup

Year 9 Sophie Abrahams
 Year 10 Zephaniah Nabete
 Year 11 Diya Meruga
 Year 12 Rishaab Chandra
 Year 13 Arabel McNaughton

ARISE Cup

Year 9 Girl Jasmine Rambhai
 Year 9 Boy Daniel Young
 Year 10 Girl Evie Harrowfield
 Year 10 Boy Tobias Kailing
 Year 11 Girl Sophia Wakelin
 Year 11 Boy Matthew Liu
 Year 12 Girl Jordane Melchizedek
 Year 12 Boy Jordan Penny
 Year 13 Girl Tessa King
 Year 13 Boy Joah Schnee

Christian Character Cup

Recipient Lily Brading

Leadership Cup

Head Boy Joah Schnee
 Head Girl Hannah Walton

Academic Awards

Year 9 Academic Award Luniva Karki
 Year 9 Top Scholar Jasmine Rambhai
 Year 10 Academic Award Evie Harrowfield
 Year 10 Top Scholar Elisa Wysoski
 Year 11 Academic Award Oliver Liddell
 Year 11 Top Scholar Celyn Setyadi
 Year 12 Academic Award Rishaab Chandra
 Year 12 Top Scholar Oliver Peng
 Year 13 Proxime Accessit Lucia Calvert
 Year 13 DUX Hannah Walton

University Scholarships

University of Otago New Frontiers Excellence Entrance Scholarship - Lucia Calvert
 University of Otago Vice Chancellors Scholarship - Zachary Senn
 University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship - Hannah Walton



You can find the prizegiving photos here. A special thank you to the senior photographers, Lily Brading and Joanna Vashi.

TWO NZ SONGWRITING AWARDS FOR LILY

Miss Sarah Dunn

You heard her sing her original song *Walnut Tree* LIVE at Senior Prizegiving, now you can hear more of Lily's songs on Spotify!

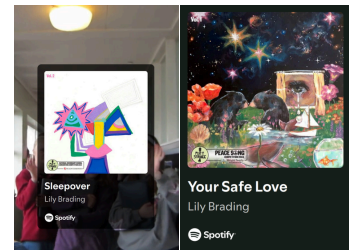
This year Lily Brading submitted two of her songs into two Play It Strange Songwriting competitions - the Peace competition and the Yr 9-13 Competition.

Amongst hundreds of competitors she was awarded a place in both competitions that enabled her to spend two days in a recording studio with professional engineers recording each of her songs. Lily describes her experiences:

"It was such a creatively inspiring experience to have two full days at Parachute Studios! I had so much fun fully immersing myself in the world of music during my time there and I will forever be grateful for this opportunity. You can now find me on Spotify under my name 'Lily Brading' and follow along for my music journey!

I highly encourage any up and coming songwriters to enter in next years 'Play It Strange' competitions. Don't be scared to give it a go! I'm cheering you on!"

We now proudly consider her a "professional recording artist" 😊 Well done, Lily! Head to Spotify to check out her songs: *Your Safe Love* and *Sleeper*. [Lily's artist profile link](#)



MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Minwoo Han, Year 10

Around the end of the year, the music class got the chance to perform a piece for the juniors. Although the class and I had several periods to practice our piece, we all seemed a bit nervous since the performance itself was a surprise. Since I have a few experiences of performing music in front of others, I was more excited to interact with the younger years, since in normal morning teas or lunch times I didn't get the chance. Our music pieces, inspired by nursery rhymes, were performed in front of the juniors. I think this would be a good learning experience for those who would take music in NCEA because in later years Miss Dunn explained how we will perform our own musical piece by ourselves.



JUNIOR MUSIC CONCERT 9TH DECEMBER

Miss Sarah Dunn

On Monday 9th December at 11am in the Ballroom, the Year 4-6 students will be performing the class song they have written in Music and the Marimba Group will also share a few pieces. If your child is involved, you are most welcome to attend.



OREO CREATIONS

Elise Bayldon, Year 9

For the last few weeks, 9M has been learning about Space and phases of the moon. To learn about the moon phases our entire class were given Oreos to use. My partner, Narinda, and I opened the Oreos and shaped them so that the cream represented the shape and size of the moon at different phases. Of course after the task we got to eat all the Oreos! Our class enjoyed this activity. It was very interesting and it really helped my partner and I visualise and memorise what the different phases of the moons looked like and their names.



FARMER TIME

Miss Natalie Harbott

In Terms 3 and 4, our Year 0-3 classes have loved taking part in Farmer Time for Schools. This is an educational programme that connects farmers virtually with our classrooms.

A special thank you to the incredible farmers who have inspired, engaged and educated our tamariki.

- Room 1: Stacey from Ashburton (dairy)
- Room 2: Jackie from Oamaru (dairy, grazing, beef, arable)
- Room 3: Sally from Oamaru (sheep)
- Room 4: Hamish from Winton (beef and lamb)

We have learnt about life on a farm and explored the journey of food from farm to fork. We met different animals and were amazed to see shearing, docking, dagging, vaccinations, milking, farm tools, machinery, homemade mudslides and so much more. We even got sent a bag of wool to feel and smell!

With the majority of New Zealanders living in urban areas, many school-aged children may be unfamiliar with where their food is sourced from. Farmer Time for Schools has helped us to better connect to our food and the farmers who grow it. Why not visit a farm these holidays and see what your child can teach your whānau?

