

Year 1-3 Term 1 2024 Newsletter



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Welcome to the Year 1-3 Team at Elim Christian College Mount Albert. We hope that you have had a blessed, joyful summer break with your family and friends.

The teaching team includes:

Room 25 (Year 1): Mrs Jane Young
Room 2 (Year 1): Mrs Rita Ah Kau
Room 3 (Year 2): Mrs SangAh Joo and Mrs Jeanette Starrenburg
Room 4 (Year 3): Miss Natalie Harbott

Support staff includes:

Release Teacher: Mrs Jeanette Starrenburg
Learning Assistant: Mrs Kirsty Sim
Literacy Activator: Mrs Lynda Butler
ESOL Teacher: Mrs Merrin Zoutenbier
Music Specialist: Miss Sarah Dunn
SENCO: Mrs Joanna Emery
Team Leader: Miss Natalie Harbott

This term our Biblical theme is **God knows all about me**. We will learn about how God created the world and everything in it, including us. Students will learn about God's creation and will understand that God made them and loves them exactly as they are. In Inquiry, students will learn about matter and engage in various experiments exploring the changing states of solids, liquids and gases.

Elim Exploration: Identity (Mission)

Psalm 139:14

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know them full well."

Key Knowledge: God knows all about me.

Enduring Understanding: God knows all about me because He created the world and everything in it including me.

Key Question: How can I use my unique skills and abilities to be the best I can be?

- **Science:** Material World
- **Literacy Focus:** Structured Literacy
- **Numeracy Focus:** Number knowledge, addition and subtraction
- **Strand Maths:** Statistics - graphs, investigations, probability
- **Kotahitanga Value:** Manaakitanga- Respect
- **Scripture:** Unpack the Creation, the Fall, and Cain and Abel

HOME LEARNING: Guidelines for home learning will be pasted in the student's home learning books from Week 3 onwards. Please take time to read these guidelines. During Week 2, we will be focusing on our school memory verse and students are encouraged to read daily. There will be no home learning sheets this week.

DIGITAL LEARNING PLATFORM: ClassDojo is used to communicate notices with parents. More formal information will be sent through emails. Login information will be sent with home learning guidelines. Please ensure you have the ClassDojo notifications turned on. The students will also use ClassDojo to showcase their learning.

KOTAHITANGA: Elim is a Kotahitanga - PB4L school (Positive Behaviour for Learning). Our classroom management systems are based on Elim Christian College Mount Albert values and uphold the special character of our school. We use a tino pai (traffic light system) to reward students based on the Kotahitanga values. The focus in Term 1 is Manaakitanga (respect) so students will be learning what respect looks like in various school settings. All students start on a green light at the beginning of the day and have the potential to move to the purple 'tino pai' light for outstanding behaviour. Any student not adhering to classroom expectations will receive an orange light warning (a chance to change their behaviour). If the behaviour continues, an orange light is given. Where there are patterns of negative behaviour, parents will be informed.

UNIFORM: During Term 1, students wear the summer uniform. Refer to the [school website](#) for requirements or the Elim uniform [handbook](#) page. Please ensure that all items are **clearly named** and students bring their hats to school every day.

STUDENT HANDBOOK: This can be located on our website for easy reference: [Student Handbook](#)

WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION: All students are required to take their morning-tea and lunch wrappers, uneaten food, etc. home with them. They cannot dispose of it at school. Our recycling bins have little provision for landfill items and food scraps. We would still like to strongly encourage all our parents to pack lunches in reusable containers and to buy in bulk.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE: Carpe Diem Kids provides before-school care off-site and after-school care **on-site**. Students are dropped to school in the morning. Information about this service can be accessed via their website - <https://carpediemkids.co.nz/>

PARENT HELP: The school operates on the Ministry of Education's best practice. We have class trips and activities planned for this year. These cannot go ahead if the adult to child ratio is not met. All volunteers are required to hold a current police clearance. This clearance needs to be with Elim Christian College Mount Albert. Police vets for Elim Christian College are no longer valid. If you are unsure of your current police vetting status, please check with our admin staff. If you are not police-vetted via our school as yet, please note that this takes a few weeks to process.

We have an open-door policy. Teachers are in staff devotions until 8:30 am. They are available in their classroom to answer questions and to chat about minor issues from 8:30 am – 8:40 am and again after school. Alternatively, if you would like the time to talk further, please make an appointment with the teacher. They will be more than happy to discuss the matter with you.

If you would like to get in contact with us, our email addresses are:

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We are looking forward to working in partnership with you this year.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 1-3 Team, Elim Christian College Mt Albert

The New Zealand Curriculum:



* *Vision*: Our vision is for young people who will be confident, connected, actively involved, and lifelong learners.

* *Principles*: The New Zealand Curriculum principles embody beliefs about what is important in school curriculum - nationally and locally. They should underpin all school decision making.

* *Values*: Values are deeply held beliefs about what is important or desirable. They are expressed through the ways in which people think and act.

**Recommended Apps to download on home devices
(we do not have BYOD in Years 1-3)**

If you require a colour copy, or for any other queries regarding apps,
please contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher

	Apps to download for communication and showcasing of student work	
ClassDojo	Class Dojo is a place to share kids' most important learning moments through photos, videos, messages, and more.	
	Recommended Apps to download	
Nessy Hairy Phonics 1	Paid App: Hairy Phonics 1 app introduces consonant digraphs and floss doubles: sh, ch, th, ck, ff, ll, ss, zz, ng.	
Nessy Hairy Phonics 2	Paid App: Hairy Phonics 2 app Introduces vowel digraphs. Learn 9 phonemes (sounds): ai, ay, ee, ea, ie, oa, oi, oy, oo.	

		
Nessy Hairy Phonics 3	Paid App: Hairy Phonics 3 app will help you learn vowel-r and magic 'e'. Learn 9 phonemes: ar, or, er, ir, ur, a-e, i-e, o-e, u-e.	
Bible: <u>YouVersion</u>	Free: please ensure this is the ' <u>youversion</u> ' app	
Bible App for Kids	Free: Through interactive adventures and beautiful animations, kids explore the big stories of the Bible	
Sumdog	Free: Maths learning App	
Math Slide: addition and subtraction	Free: 1-4 player interactive Maths learning App	
Math Slide: multiplication and division	Free: 1-4 player interactive Maths learning App	
Epic!	Free: Online Kids Library	
	Subscription Apps recommended	
Mathletics	Reinforces maths concepts, level and tasks set by teacher.	
Reading Eggs	Literacy Learning App	