

Year 1-3 Term 1 2025 Newsletter



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Wednesday 5 February

A warm welcome to the Year 1-3 team at Elim Christian College Mount Albert. We hope you had an enjoyable summer break with family and friends.

The teaching team includes:

Room 1 (Year 1): Mrs Jane Young
Room 2 (Year 1/2): Mrs Rita Ah Kau
Room 3 (Year 2): Mrs Gina Kennerley
Room 4 (Year 3): Mrs Natalie Escobar

Support staff includes:

Learning Assistant: Mrs Kirsty Sim
Literacy Activator: Mrs Lynda Butler
SENCO and ESOL Teacher: Mrs Joanna Emery
Music Specialists: Mrs Rachel Crellin and Miss Sarah Dunn
Art/ DT Specialist: Mrs Tracey Callender
Sports Specialist: Matua Victor Peach
Maori Specialist: Matua Dylan Hope
Deputy Principal Y1-8: Miss Jessica Kidd

This term our Biblical theme is **God wants us to work**. We will learn about the life of Jesus and how He came to serve and give His life for us. In Inquiry, students will learn about work and their role within their family. Any whānau who would like to share what they do with the Y1-3 students, please contact your class teacher.

Elim Exploration: Work (Mission)

Proverbs 16:3 "Commit to the Lord whatever you do and your plans will succeed."

Key Knowledge: God wants us to work.

Enduring Understanding: God wants us to work, serve and live for the kingdom of God.

Key Question: How can I serve, work, reach out and bless others for the kingdom?

- **Inquiry / Social Sciences:** Work

- **Literacy Focus:** Structured Literacy
- **Numeracy Focus:** Number knowledge
- **Strand Maths:** Statistics and probability
- **Kotahitanga Value:** Manaakitanga- Respect
- **Scripture:** Life of Jesus

HOME LEARNING: Guidelines for home learning will be pasted in the student's home learning books from Week 2 onwards. Please take time to read these guidelines. During Week 1 (this week), we will be focusing on our school memory verse and students are encouraged to read at home daily. There will be no home learning sheets or school reading books this week.

MEDICAL / CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Please send any changes in details, such as medical information, address or phone numbers to office@elimmtalbert.school.nz.

COMMUNICATION: Please refer to [our school website](#) where you can check email communications and our school Google calendar. If you are not receiving email notifications, please contact the office office@elimmtalbert.school.nz. School newsletters are emailed fortnightly on Tuesday.

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 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 their 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.

BIRTHDAYS: We ask that you do not bring any food items to school to share with the class on your child's birthday. This includes lollies, chocolates, cupcakes, cake, etc. There may be students with allergies in the class and we want to encourage healthy eating choices.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE: Carpe Diem Kids provides after-school care off-site. Students are collected from school and taken to another school for after school care. More 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

**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	