

Year 4-6 Term 1 2024 Newsletter



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A warm welcome from the Year 4-6 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 1 (Year 4): Mrs Lauren Dixon

Room 9 (Year 5): Miss Hannah Fale

Room 6 (Year 6): Miss Jessica Kidd

Support Staff includes:

Release Teacher: Mrs Joanna Emery

Learning Assistant: Mrs Hannah Taylor

Literacy and Numeracy activator: Mrs Lynda Butler

ESOL Teacher: Mrs Merrin Zoutenbier

Music Specialist: Miss Sarah Dunn

SENCo: Mrs Joanna Emery

Team Leader: Miss Jessica Kidd

This term our Biblical theme is **God knows all about me**. Year 4 will be studying Genesis 1-4 and Year 5-6 will unpack Genesis 1-10. Our tamariki will understand that God is the Creator over everything. In Inquiry students will learn about states of matter and engage in various experiments using a range of materials to see how chemicals react.

Elim Exploration: Identity (Mission)

Psalms 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
- **Strand Maths:** Statistics- graphs, investigations, probability
- **Kotahitanga Value:** Manaakitanga- Respect
- **Scripture:** Unpack the Creation, the Fall and Cain and Abel (Year 4), and Noah and the Flood (Year 5-6)
 - Understand that God created each person as a unique individual and the world with great diversity but sin has had negative consequences.
 - Develop their unique skills and abilities to be the best they can be and look after God's diverse creation so it can be the best it can be.

CAMP: The Year 5 and 6 students will be attending camp from Wednesday 3 April to Friday 5 April (Week 10). More details about the camp will be sent out shortly, including a permission letter to sign up. We will require parent help for the camp, so please ensure you have an **up-to-date police vet clearance with Elim Christian College Mount Albert**. Police vets for Elim Christian College are no longer valid. Please have this underway by Monday 19 February as police vets take a few weeks to process.

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 for at least 15 minutes a day. There will be no home learning sheets 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.

SWIMMING: The swimming pool is up and running again. Classes will have 1-2 sessions per week in the pool for most of Term 1. Please ensure your child wears full togs (rash tops are accepted) for their session. Goggles are optional and swimming caps are recommended to avoid hair entering the filter system.

DEVICES/ LEARNING PLATFORMS: Students from Year 4-6 are encouraged to bring a charged Chromebook to school every day. Some students in Year 5 and Year 6 may still be using an iPad as they are being phased out. Class Dojo is used to communicate notices with parents. More formal information will be sent through emails. Please ensure you have the Class Dojo notifications turned on. The students will use Google Classroom to post digital work.

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 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**.

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. The recycling bins at Mt Albert Campus 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, camps 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. As mentioned earlier, this clearance needs to be with Elim Christian College Mount Albert. 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 4-6 Team, Elim Christian College Mt Albert

Apps to download if using an ipad or for home device use

If you have any other queries regarding apps, please contact your child’s Pastoral Care Teacher

Free Apps		
Google Drive, Docs, Spreadsheets, Slides (4 apps)	Free: Create and share easily. iPad and computer compatible. View, edit and share docs/files to a range of collaborators or viewers.	
Google Classroom	Google Classroom is a free blended learning platform	
Class Dojo	Class Dojo is a place to share kids’ most important learning moments through photos, videos, messages, and more.	
Google Draw	Google Drawings is a diagramming software	
Epic!	Free Online Library	
Read Theory	A platform to improve student’s reading comprehension	

QR Code Reader/ Creator	Free: scans QR codes which provide direct links to information/ videos/audio from a website	
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	
Kahoot!	Free: Play, create, host quizzes	
Optional		
Lexia Core5 UK (optional)	Free: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundational reading skills to develop automaticity and fluency • Listening and reading comprehension with complex text • Academic and domain-specific vocabulary to improve comprehension 	
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	
PicCollage app	Free: Picture editor and collage creator	
Clips	Free: Quick Movie Creator	