

## Year 4-6 Term 1 2025 Newsletter



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### Wednesday 5 February

A warm welcome from the Year 4-6 team at Elim Christian College Mount Albert. We hope you have a wonderful summer break with family and friends.

#### The teaching team includes:

Room 10 (Year 4): Mrs Lauren Dixon

Room 9 (Year 5/6): Mrs Jordana Ryu

Room 5 (Year 6): Mr Minsoo Kim

#### Support Staff includes:

Learning Assistant: Mrs Penny Tasi

Literacy and Numeracy activator: Mrs Lynda Butler

SENCO and ESOL Teacher: Mrs Joanna Emery

Music Specialist: Mrs Rachel Crellin/ Miss Sarah Dunn

Art/ DT Specialist: Mrs Tracey Callender

Sports Specialist: Matua Victor

Maori Specialist: Matua Dylan

Deputy Principal Y1-8: Miss Jessica Kidd

This term our Biblical theme is **God wants us to work**. Year 4 will be studying the story of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew and Year 5-6 will explore Jesus' life in the Gospel of Luke. Our tamariki will understand that Jesus came to establish His kingdom on earth and that his mission was to seek and save sinful people. In Inquiry, students will learn about the importance of work and enterprise in society and our daily lives.

**Elim Exploration:** Work and Enterprise

**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?

- **Science:** Physical World (based on House of Science activities)
- **Literacy Focus:** Structured Literacy
- **Numeracy Focus:** Number
- **Strand Maths:** Statistics- graphs, investigations, probability
- **Kotahitanga Value:** Manaakitanga- Respect
- **Scripture:** Explore the story of Jesus' life in the Gospel of Matthew (Year 4) and Luke (Years 5&6)
  - Understand that Jesus came to establish the Kingdom of God on the earth.
  - Understand that Jesus' mission was to seek and save sinful people.

**HOME LEARNING:** Please take time to read the home learning guidelines, which will be pasted in the student's home learning books from Week 2 onwards. Home Learning will commence in Week 2. There will be no home learning in Week 1.

**MEDICAL / CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Please send any changes in details, such as medical information, address or phone numbers to [office@elimmtalbert.school.nz](mailto: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](mailto:office@elimmtalbert.school.nz). School newsletters are emailed fortnightly on Tuesdays.

**AQUATIC EDUCATION:** The swimming pool is up and running again. Classes will have 1-2 sessions per week in the pool for 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 6 may still be using an ipad as they are being phased out. Formal information will be sent through emails. The students will use Google Classroom to post digital work.

**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 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**.

**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 our school 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 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.

**OPEN-DOOR POLICY:** 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 a Chromebook 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	
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, <b>kids</b> explore the big stories of the <b>Bible</b>	
Kahoot!	Free: Play, create, host quizzes	
<b>Optional</b>		
Lexia Core5 UK (optional)	Free: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundational reading skills to develop automaticity and fluency</li> <li>• Listening and reading comprehension with complex text</li> <li>• Academic and domain-specific vocabulary to improve comprehension</li> </ul>	
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	