

Phase 2 Term 2 2026 Newsletter



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A warm welcome from the Phase 2 team at Elim Christian College Mount Albert. We hope you had a wonderful Easter break with family and friends.

The teaching team includes:

Room 10 (Year 3/4): Mrs Lauren Dixon

Room 9 (Year 4/5): Mrs Jordana Ryu

Room 1 (Year 5/6): Mr Minsoo Kim

Support Staff includes:

Learning Assistant: Mrs Penny Tasi

Literacy and Numeracy activator: Mrs Lynda Butler

Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO): Mrs Joanna Emery

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Teachers: Miss Jessica Kidd

Music Specialist: Mrs Rachel Crellin

Art/DT Specialist & Classroom Release Teacher: Mrs Tracey Callender

Phase 2 Team Leader: Mrs Jordana Ryu

Assistant Principal Y1-8: Miss Jessica Kidd

Scripture:

This term our Biblical theme is **God wants us to celebrate life**. Room 10 students will learn about celebrating their life, even when parts of our life seem difficult or not worth celebrating. They will learn about celebrating life through the story of Abraham's trials and the story of Isaac and Rebekah. Room 9 and Room 1 students will develop their ability to understand and empathise with others who are going through life-changing experiences, as they learn how God brought change in the lives of Jacob and Esau.

Elim Exploration: Diversity

Revelation 7:9

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude of people that no-one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb.

Key Knowledge: God wants us to celebrate life through our diverse cultures.

Enduring Understanding: God wants us to celebrate life through the ups and downs.

Key Question: How can I celebrate life and help others do the same?

- **Social Studies:** Community service
- **Science:** Planet Earth and Beyond (The House of Science)
- **Literacy Focus:** Information Reports
- **Numeracy Focus:** Number operations and rational numbers
- **Strand Maths:** Geometry
- **Kotahitanga Value:** Aroha- Kindness
- **Scripture:** Room 10: The life and trials of Abraham, Isaac, and Rebekah, Genesis 19-24.
Rooms 1&9: The story of Jacob and Esau, Genesis 25-36.

YEAR 5-6 CAMP: The Year 5-6 students are heading to Chosen Valley Christian Camp this Wednesday 22 - Friday 24 April. Please ensure students are at school by 8:30am this Wednesday. When students arrive at school, they can head straight to the back carpark with their luggage. Refer to the previous camp communications regarding specific notices around gear lists, packed lunch for Wednesday, providing kai for morning/ afternoon tea, and medication disclosures. Please pick up your child at the usual time of 2:50pm on Friday 24 April.

HOME LEARNING: Home Learning will commence in Week 1 and will be pasted in the student's home learning books. Please take time to regularly read the home learning guidelines each week. The two Scripture Understanding Projects are due in Week 5 and Week 10 of Term 2. The weekly scripture conversations starters on the home learning sheet help build understanding. Please help your child to understand what each set of scriptures mean before each project is due! There will be no home learning in Week 11.

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 Tuesdays.

ATTENDANCE: The Ministry of Education has specific requirements for student attendance. They have set a target for students to attend school for 90% of the time every term. Therefore, holidays during term-time are strongly discouraged. There will naturally be times when it is appropriate for tamariki to stay home and recover from illness. However, minor symptoms do not always require time away from school. Below is a link to information that will help you decide when it is okay to send your child to school, when you should keep your child at home, and when you should contact a health professional for advice: [Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school – Ministry of Education](#). If your child will be absent from school, please complete the [absence form](#) on the school website.

DEVICES/ LEARNING PLATFORMS: Students in Phase 2 are required to bring a charged Chromebook and headphones to school every day. Formal information will be sent through emails. The students will use Google Classroom to receive information about their learning as well as post digital work. All students and parents must sign the IT Agreement forms before students can use their devices at school. Students will complete their IT Agreement form with their teacher in the classroom.

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 2 is Aroha (kindness) so students will be learning what kindness 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. If the behaviour continues, a red light warning, and then red light would be given. When a red light is acquired, or patterns of concerning behaviour are observed, parents will be contacted.

UNIFORM: During Term 2, students wear their winter uniform. Refer to the [school website](#) for requirements or the Elim uniform [handbook](#) page. Please ensure that all items are **clearly named**. Hats are optional in Term 2 and 3.

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 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: Kowhai Kids Club 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 - [Kowhai Kids Club](#).

PARENT HELP: The school operates on the Ministry of Education's best practice. We have class trips and activities planned for this year, including a Year 5-6 camp. 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 term.





Yours sincerely,

The Phase 2 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 Read&Write	Google Read&Write is provided by the school to support reading and writing	
Epic!	Free Online Library	
Bible: <u>YouVersion</u>	Free: please ensure this is the ' <u>youversion</u> ' app	
Kahoot!	Free: Play, create, host quizzes	