

Year 1-3 Term 2 2024 Newsletter

Tuesday 30 April 2024

Welcome to Term 2. We hope that you have had an amazing holiday with your family and friends. At the start of this term, we welcome all new students and their families to our Year 1-3 team. We wish you all a blessed term filled with learning and making new friends at Elim.

The teaching team includes:

Room 1 (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 and Numeracy 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 wants us to celebrate life**. The Year 1-3 students will be learning about diverse celebrations, from local events such as Matariki, to international events such as the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. During Scripture sessions, our Year 1 ākonga will learn the story of Abraham. The Year 2 and 3 students will extend on this by also learning the story of Isaac and Rebekah. We will all be developing patterns of prayer and worship.

Kotahitanga Value: Maia - Courage

Elim Exploration: Diversity

Revelation 7:9 (ICB) Then I looked, and there was a great number of people. There were so many people that no one could count them. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language of the earth. They were all standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

Key Knowledge: God wants us to celebrate life

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 Sciences:** Paralympics and Olympics
- **Literacy Focus:** BSLA and Structured Literacy
- **Numeracy Focus:** Mātauranga tau I Number - number knowledge and repeated addition (multiplication)
- **Strand Maths:** Mokowā I Space - shapes, patterns, symbols, symmetry

HOME LEARNING: Guidelines for home learning are pasted into the students' home learning books. Please take time to read these guidelines. Students will receive a home learning sheet every week. Reading is checked daily in Year 1-2 and everything else is checked weekly on Friday. Included each week is a copy of the scripture focus and discussion prompts for families to use at home. Refer to your child's home learning book for more information.

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 on Friday of even number weeks.

DEVICES/ LEARNING PLATFORMS: 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. Teachers (and Y3 students) will use Class Dojo to share learning activities.

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 Maia (courage) so students will be learning what courage 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 2-3, students may choose to wear the winter uniform. This includes long-sleeved polo shirts and regulation track pants may be worn. Refer to the [school website](#) for requirements or the Elim uniform [handbook](#) page. Please ensure that all items are **clearly named**.

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 Elim Christian College Mount Albert 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.

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/>

BLANKET CONSENT: Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) is the name given to all events / activities that occur outside the classroom, both on and off the school site. This blanket consent will be sought at the beginning of each year for every student Year 1-13. Fill out [the form](#) for each child in your family attending Elim Christian College Mt Albert if you have not completed it yet.

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. 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

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

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. We recommend the free version. You are welcome to purchase a premium upgrade, however this is not required.	
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: YouVersion	Free: please ensure this is the ' youversion ' 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		
Reading Eggs	Literacy Learning App	