

Year 1-3 Term 2 2025 Newsletter

Tuesday 29 April

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whānau

Welcome to Term 2! We hope you all had a restful holiday break with 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 Phase 1 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/ Lead: 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

Phase 1 Pastoral Lead: Mrs Natalie Escobar

Deputy Principal Y1-8: Miss Jessica Kidd

This term our Biblical theme is **God has designed us for a purpose**. We will learn the story of the start of the early church. This learning will support our inquiry on how the good news spread across the world. Ākonga will develop their ability to share the good news of Jesus with family and friends.

Elim Exploration: Design: Designed for a Purpose

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

Key Knowledge: God has designed me for a purpose.

Enduring Understanding: God wants us to understand the purpose of the church and our place in it.

Key Question: How can I find out the purpose God has designed for me?

- **Inquiry / Social Sciences:** How the good news spread across the world
- **Literacy Focus:** Structured Literacy
- **Numeracy Focus:** Number
- **Strand Maths:** Geometry
- **Kotahitanga Value:** Maia - Courage
- **Scripture:** How the good news spread across the world

HOME LEARNING: Students will receive a home learning sheet every week. Reading is checked daily in Year 1-3 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.

MUNCH 'N' CRUNCH: Slight changes have been made to the way we run munch 'n' crunch. Students will have a shorter break which will be mainly focused on movement and exercise. They can still have a snack to eat, but this will

be one small item from their lunchbox rather than several items. Students have their usual morning tea break approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour after lunch 'n' crunch.

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.

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

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.

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 vetts 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: 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	
Mathletics	Reinforces maths concepts, level and tasks set by teacher.	
Reading Eggs	Literacy Learning App	