



Phase 2 (Year 4-6) Term 2 2025 Newsletter

Tuesday 29 April 2025

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whānau

Welcome to Term 2. We hope you all had a restful holiday 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

Phase 2 Pastoral Lead: Mrs Lauren Dixon

Deputy Principal Y1-8: Miss Jessica Kidd

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.

This term, our Biblical theme is Design—God has designed us for a purpose. Year 4 will explore the beginnings of the Early Church through Acts 6-12. Year 5-6 will study the Early Church through Paul's Missionary Journeys in Acts 13-28. Through these studies, students will gain an understanding of how the Early Church was designed to spread the Good News around the world. They will also develop their ability to share the message of Jesus with others. In Inquiry (Science) this term, students will focus on Planet Earth & Beyond, specifically learning about extinct creatures through the Creationist lens.

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 me for?

Science: Planet Earth & Beyond - Extinct Creatures and How to Prevent Animal Extinction

Literacy Focus: Structured Literacy

Numeracy Focus: Multiplication/Division and Fraction/Ratios

Strand Maths: Geometry

Kotahitanga Value: Māia - Courage

Elim Scripture Syllabus: Learn and know the story of the start of the Early Church in the book of Acts 6-12 (Year 4) and Acts 13-28 (Years 5&6)

- o Understand how the early church was designed to spread the good news around the world.
- o Develop their ability to share the good news of Jesus with others.

HOME LEARNING: Students will receive a homework sheet every week. Homework is due on Fridays. Homework will include work that reinforces what is happening in the classroom, including memory verse, reading, spelling, mathematics and an optional activity. If your child is away when home learning is handed out, it is their responsibility to follow up the missed home learning when they return to school.

COMMUNICATION: Please regularly 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 using the email office@elimmtalbert.school.nz. School newsletters are emailed fortnightly on Tuesdays.

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. Headphones are also recommended for learning at school. Please ensure that your child charges their device/headphones each night.

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, juice, fizzy drink 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 can not 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 at least 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 (Year 4-6) Team