

## Year 4-6 Term 3 2024 Newsletter

**Tuesday 23 July 2024**

Welcome to Term 3. We hope that you have had an amazing holiday with your family and friends.

**The teaching team includes:**

Room 10 (Year 4): Mrs Lauren Dixon

Room 9 (Year 5): Miss Hannah Fale

Room 6 (Year 6): Miss Jessica Kidd

**Support Staff includes:**

Release Teacher: Mrs Joanna Emery and Mrs Jackie Eksteen

Learning Assistant: Mrs Hannah Taylor

Literacy and Numeracy activator: Mrs Lynda Butler

ESOL Teacher: Mrs Merrin Zoutenbier

Music Specialist: Miss Sarah Dunn

SENCo: Mrs Joanna Emery

Team Leader: Miss Jessica Kidd

This term our Biblical theme is **God helps us grow and change**. The Year 4-6 students will be learning about the Israelites as they travelled through the wilderness. Some key teaching points are the Ten Commandments and God's Laws as well as various challenges the people faced when they disobeyed God.

**Kotahitanga Value:** Pukuahuhenua- Diligence

**Elim Exploration:** Change

**Hebrews 13:8** "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

**Key Knowledge:** God helps me grow and change

**Enduring Understanding:** God wants us to develop resilience, perseverance and patience as we grow and change.

**Key Question:** How can I embrace change in my life so that I grow?

- **Social Sciences:** Animal Encounters
- **Literacy Focus:** Structured Literacy
- **Numeracy Focus:** Number (addition and subtraction, multiplication and division)
- **Strand Maths:** Measurement

**HOME LEARNING:** Guidelines for home learning are pasted into the students' home learning books. Students will receive a home learning sheet every week. Homework is due on Fridays. Included each week is a copy of the scripture focus and discussion prompts for families to use at home. Homework will include work that reinforces what is happening in the classroom, including reading, maths and an optional extra activity.

**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 on Tuesday of even number weeks.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION:** Classes will have one session of physical education per week. Students are asked to wear sneakers for their session. They are encouraged to bring their PE uniforms for this and get changed using the school

facilities.

**DEVICES/ LEARNING PLATFORMS:** Students from Year 4-6 are encouraged to bring a charged Chromebook to school every day. Some students in Year 5 and Year 6 may still be using an iPad as they are being phased out. Some classes use Class Dojo to communicate notices with parents. More formal information will be sent through emails. Please ensure you have the Class Dojo notifications turned on. 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 3 is Pukuhauwhenua (diligence) so students will be learning what diligence 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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Yours sincerely,

The Year 4-6 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

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	
Class Dojo	Class Dojo is a place to share kids' most important learning moments through photos, videos, messages, and more.	
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	
Optional		
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	