

Year 7-8 Term 3 2024 Newsletter

Tuesday 23 July 2024

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whānau

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

This term our Biblical theme is **God helps us grow and change**. Year 7-8 students will explore the idea that God desires us to develop resilience and patience as we grow and change. Our Christian Living unit will focus on Paul, highlighting his dedication as a diligent follower of Jesus and his significant role in spreading the gospel in the New Testament. In Social Studies, we will continue to emphasise Pukuahuwhenua (Diligence) through our Pioneers unit.

Elim Exploration: Change

Kotahitanga Value: Pukuahuwhenua - Diligence

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

Bible Theme: 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 Studies: Pioneers and Missionaries

Literacy Focus: Reciprocal Reading, Persuasive Writing and Speeches

Numeracy Focus: Geometry and Measurement

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 Tuesday of even number weeks.

DEVICES/ LEARNING PLATFORMS: Students are required to bring a **fully charged** and **named** laptop/chrome book to school each day. Google Classroom is used to communicate within the classroom and share digital work. Ipads are not suitable at this level as the devices must have a keyboard attached.

HOMEWORK: 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, grammar/punctuation, social studies and maths.

STUDENT HANDBOOK: This can be located on our website for easy reference: [Student Handbook](#)

MEDICAL / CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Please send any changes in details, such as medical information, address or phone numbers to office@elimmtalbert.school.nz.

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 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/>

UNIFORM: During Term 2-3, students may choose to wear the winter uniform. This includes the Elim logo v-neck black knit jumper and school jackets. Refer to the [school website](#) for requirements or the [uniform page](#) in the student handbook. Please ensure that all items are **clearly named**.

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.

We have an open-door policy. Teachers are in staff devotions until 8:30 am. We are available in the classroom to answer questions and to chat about minor issues from 8:30 am - 8:40 am. Alternatively, if you would like the time to talk further, please make an appointment with the teacher. We 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 7-8 Team
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The New Zealand Curriculum:

* *Vision:* Our vision is for young people who will be confident, connected, actively involved, and lifelong learners.

* *Principles:* The New Zealand Curriculum principles embody beliefs about what is important in school curriculum - nationally and locally. They should underpin all school decision making.

* *Values:* Values are deeply held beliefs about what is important or desirable. They are expressed through the ways in which people think and act.