

Elim Christian College

BOTANY CAMPUS NEWSLETTER **5th April 2019**



Updates from Murray Burton - Principal

Kia Ora one and all

Once again, a term of learning and growing has raced by. It really has been a stunning almost ten weeks of operation and development. All three campuses have been in growth mode and are thriving and it has been so rewarding to observe the process and the emerging outcomes for students. Thank you Elim community for your support and your on-going commitment to your school. We have just this past week made some adjustments to our ARISE PM pricing at GC and this will be publicised immediately. Mr Mack has been working closely with Auckland Transport as we redevelop some traffic processes at MAC. We have made progress with our 'coming and going' at GC but regrettably we still field complaints from the community regarding parent parking. The busy bay is exactly that – a bus bay with highly restricted access to other vehicles. Please help us in this.

Staffing

We have some staff changes to share with you. Next Friday we reluctantly say farewell to Mr Raynes – moving to the far north, and to Mrs McClean and Mrs Jacobs -both moving on to new seasons in their lives. Mr Raynes has been the HOD of Social Sciences and HOD Maori and Pacifica at Botany Campus and has done a stunning job. Mrs McClean has been our International Student Coordinator for 15 years and has done such an amazing job guiding the huge growth in this department. Mrs Jacobs has also been with us for over 15 years – teaching first in the Intermediate Dept then in secondary and as our superb, hard-working and highly skilled SENCo (Special Education Needs Coordinator).

We are in the process of making appointments for the beginning of the term. We are pleased to announce the return of Mr Darron Gedge to the Geography department. As a previous member of staff Mr Gedge now replaces the person who replaced him over 5 years ago. We welcome Mrs Lauren Bailey to our teaching team. As a Maths specialist with a stellar career in education in the USA, Mrs Bailey will teach middle years Maths taking over from Mrs Jacobs. Mr Tody Granat will be back from the USA for the start of Term 2 and we all look forward to that. His care for his Dad has been incredible and it has been our privilege to facilitate this. Mrs Candice Briscoe will be on maternity leave for Term 2 and Mrs Lauren Dixon will be replacing her in the Y5/6 team at GC. Mrs Jess Lomborg will also be on maternity leave and Mrs Lauren Wade will be replacing her. It seems you need to be called Lauren around here!!



We are currently reviewing our staffing and organisational structure in our growing International Dept and will be advertising positions very soon. Quite early next term we will be unfortunately saying goodbye to Mrs Hart our Food technology and Soft Materials teacher at MAC. We are looking for superbly skilled person to continue and grow this unique department in our school.

Lastly from me – it has been our privilege again this term to host highly populated expression of interest tours at GC and MAC. We are always amazed yet grateful for the interest in our school and we work hard to find everyone a place. It has also been excellent to welcome a number of senior students during the term to our high school facilities. You may have heard the adverts on Life FM for Christian Education this year. Christian schools all over the country including Elim have all contributed to the cost of these advertisements as we actively promote the incredible provision of an excellent education through the Christian world view.

SCHOOL WIDE NOTICES

RUGBY SCHOLARSHIPS

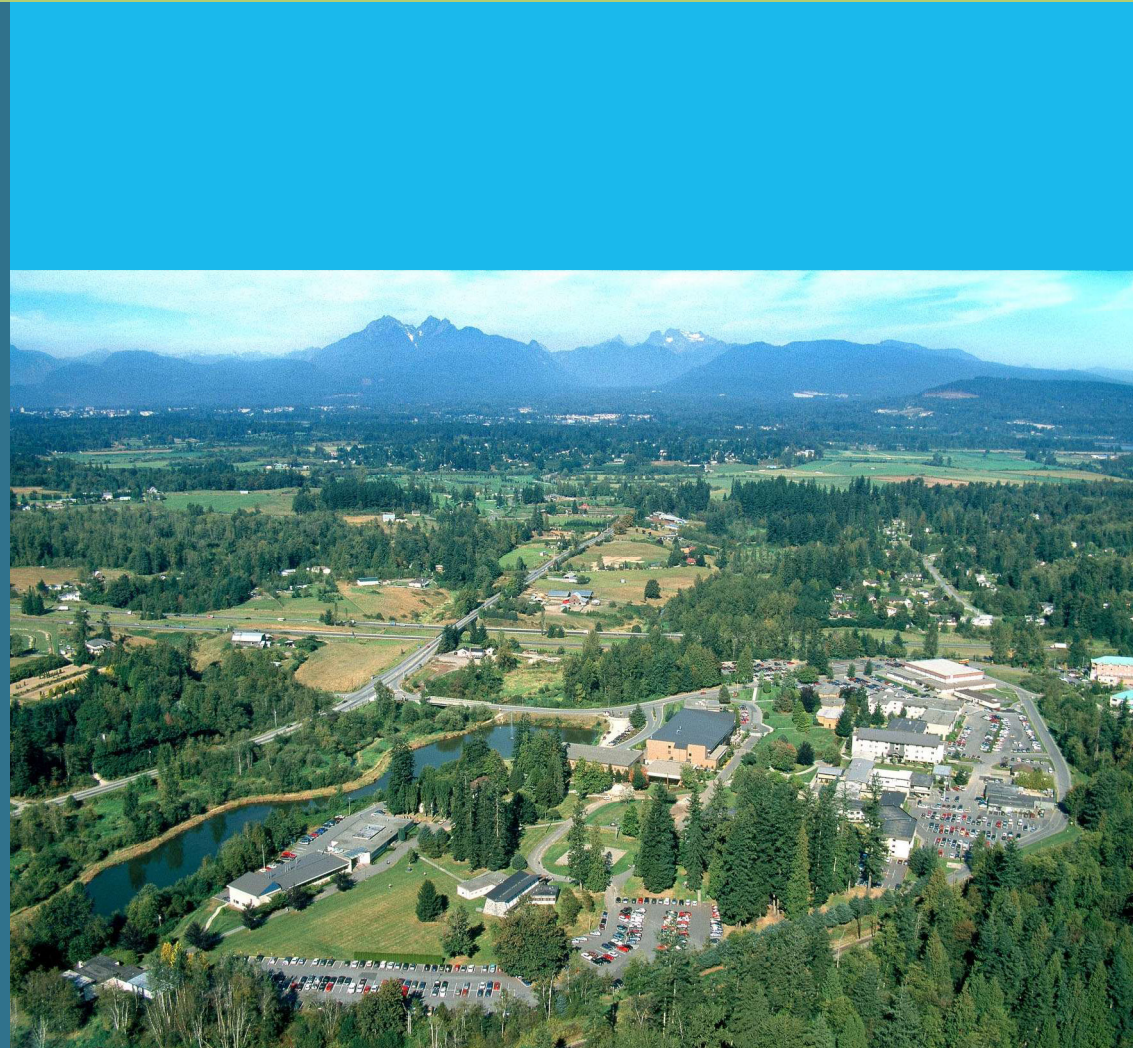
Trinity Western University is Canada's only Christian University and has a very strong athletics programme that is adding Varsity Rugby for Men's 15s and Women's 7s in 2019. The University is seeking Christian athletes who wish to get an outstanding education and use their rugby talents at TWU. More information can be found at: <http://www.gospartans.ca/sports/wrugby/index>

The university's director of rugby, Andrew Evans, andrewevans@twu.ca, is eager to be connected with Christian schools who have rugby programmes to see if there are athletes who would be a good fit for study and rugby at Trinity Western University. Outstanding athletes who fit the profile could be offered very attractive scholarships.

Interested students should fill out the recruitment inquiry found here:

www.twu.ca/rugby

and introduce themselves to Andrew via email at andrewevans@twu.ca



SCHOOL WIDE NOTICES

GATEWAY WORKPLACES NEEDED

**Electrician
Automotive**

**Builder / Construction
Early Childhood**

Gateway is an experience based learning programme we have here at Elim that our students take as a subject. This is for students who are interested in a particular industry and are wanting to experience what that would be like in the real world. They complete a course and work experience to get a clearer idea as well as the opportunity for potential employment. This is a very hands on way our students can gain real life experience to help make decisions about what to pursue in the future.

What we are needing is for workplaces who would be interested in taking a student on to help them gain that work experience they require. This can be done during the school term but is preferred over the school holidays ranging from 1 - 2 weeks.

If you are at all willing to assist us please contact Sofia MacKenzie at sofia.mackenzie@elim.school.nz or on 02102464102.



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Student Celebration

ANNEBELL DOGGER

Annebell Dogger from the Golflands Campus has successfully qualified and made the team selection to represent New Zealand at the Australian National Champions at the end of May. She is one of the youngest level 10 gymnasts to be selected. A truly incredible achievement that we as a school are extremely proud you. We celebrate you and cheer you on for your upcoming competition. An exciting emerging gymnast to be keeping an eye out for in the future.



CAMPUS SPECIFIC NOTICES

PARENT-STUDENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Date & Time:

Monday 8 April (1.30-6.30pm)

Online bookings:

Opened: Tuesday 12th March 10am

Closing: Monday 8th April 10am.

Please note school will close at 12.50pm on Monday 8th April for interviews at the Botany Campus as well as at 12.50pm on Tuesday 9th April to enable teachers to attend Golflands Campus interviews.

Buses will run at usual times and ARISEPM continues as usual. A classroom will be available for study for students who need to remain on site until 3.10pm.

To make a booking, please go to www.parentinterviews.co.nz and use the event code 3PVUUMXM.

**For instructions click on the link below
<http://www.elim.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/BC-Y11-13-Parent-Interviews.pdf>**

TUCK SHOP CLOSURE

Unfortunately we are unable to continue with the provision of the tuck shop for students here at the Botany Campus, the last day of operation will be Friday 5th April.

The church will be commencing renovations very shortly in the café area where the tuck shop is currently located.

However, we do have a Sanitarium dispenser in the Learning Hub and Year 13 students are permitted to go up the road to the local dairy at lunchtimes.

CAMPUS SPECIFIC NOTICES



Here are photos from our latest OED trip to Waitawa Regional Park. It was a kayak trip to explore the region and to camp along the Te Ara Moana kayak trail. We visited some significant Maori Pa's in the area and learned about their cultural history and significance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 8th - Tuesday 9th April

PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT INTERVIEWS

Refer to information in the campus specific notices for motr details.
School will be finishing at 12.50pm on both days.

Friday 12th April

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This assembly is an annual Elim tradtion as we gather as one school
to celebrate what God is doing, as well as remembering the past.

LAST DAY OF TERM ONE