## Elim Christian College

## GOLFLANDS 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 Lomberg 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**

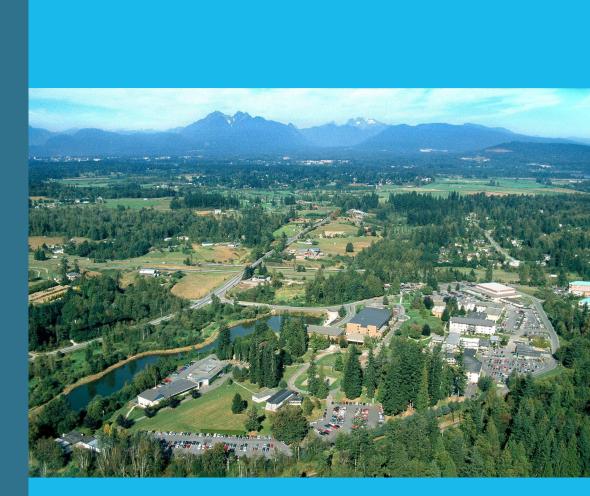
Trinity Western University is Canada's only Christian University and has a very strong athletics programme that is adding Varsity Rugby for Men's 15s and Women's 7s in 2019. The University is seeking Christian athletes who wish to get an outstanding education and use their rugby talents at TWU. More 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 exetremely 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.



#### Golflands Campus:

PARENT-STUDENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES (Year 0-6 students) - Tuesday 9 April (12.30-8pm) & Wednesday 10 April (3.30-6pm) Online bookings opened Tuesday 12th March at 10am and will close Monday 8th April at 12 noon.

For Years 1-6, the expectation is that all students will attend the conference with their parents and share their learning, and discuss their learning goals with the Pastoral Care Teacher.

Please note school closes early at 12 noon on the 9th April (Tuesday). Only bus students and ArisePM students may remain on site after 12 noon in the library. Year 1-6 students who are waiting till 12.50pm for their siblings in Middle Years, will wait in the hall. All other students must be off site by 12.15pm.

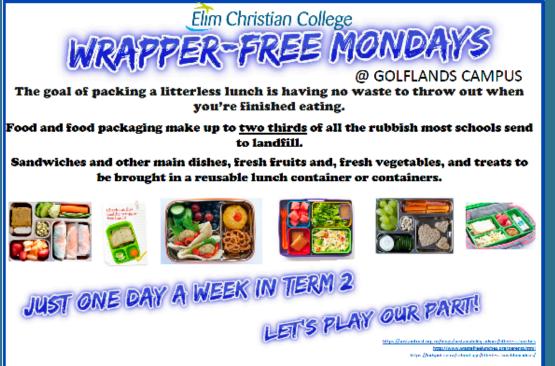
Please follow the link below for more information http://www.elim.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/GC-Y1-6-Parent-Interview-Letter.pdf

To make a booking, please go to www.parentinterviews.co.nz and use the event code M4V7GXW4. For instructions click on the link below http://www.elim.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/GC-Y1-6-Parent-Interview-Instructions.pdf

Goldlands Campus: PARENT-STUDENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES (Year 7-10 students) - Tuesday 9 April (1.30-8pm) Online bookings opened Tuesday 12th March at 10am and will close Monday 8th April at 12 noon.

For Years 7-10, students are invited to attend the conference with their parents and each Subject Teacher. Please note school will close at 12.50pm on Monday 8th April to enable teachers to attend Botany Campus interviews as well as at 12:50pm on Tuesday 9th April for Middle Years interviews at Golflands Campus. Buses will run at usual times and ARISEPM continues as usual. Students not collected at 12.50pm will be supervised in the hall – no students are to be on the playground. Only bus students and ArisePM students may remain on site after 12.50 noon in the hall. All other students must be off site by 1pm.

To make a booking, please go to www.parentinterviews.co.nz and use the event code F3BFNMTF. For instructions click on the link below http://www.elim.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/GC-Y7-10-Parent-Interview-Instructions.pdf





## Aerobics





# Card making

**CAMPUS SPECIFIC NOTICES** 





#### Dear Dr. Ronald Boet,

We are students at Elim Christian College in Auckland and our teacher is the niece of your old teacher at Port Elizabeth, Miss Williams. We heard that you work in Christchurch Hospital and we also heard that you cared for patients who was shot in the devastating Mosque shootings on Friday 15 March. We would like to thank you so much for all the hard work that we are sure you do in Christchurch and for helping someone who was injured in a horrific accident.

Through all the stress you've been going through we send out our hearts to you during the work and stress that we know will follow in the following weeks of the attack. We are praying for you to help you with everything that's happened. Thank you for all that you do for the citizens of Christchurch and New Zealand.

Thanx for everything!!

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13 NIV

Lots of Love, Munashe Z & Luca J



In Y8 Christian Living, our students are currently working in groups on an 'Outreach Project' where they are planning practical ways to put their faith into action and help those in need. This unit is based on the scripture found in Luke 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." The groups have been given creative freedom to plan their own outreaches and the teachers have been blown away by the creativity and generosity on display. Some ideas range from prayer boxes to grocery hamper deliveries to care packages for the homeless through Auckland City Mission. On top of all this, the Y8s have also just sent off 27 cards to the schools in the main Christchurch City area along with prayers, verses and encouragements for those affected by the recent shootings. It's safe to say that 'proud' is definitely an understatement as teachers here at Elim; we are blessed to both teach AND learn from our students.

Pictured below (Left to right): Uriah Grant, Janessa Chalmers, Harriet Curnow, Roah Cho, Adriana Belloso, Alyssa Chase, Toby Scott, Mayah Allerby and Isabella Fickling.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### Monday 8th - Tuesday 9th April

PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT INTERVIEWS Refer to information in the campus specific notices for motr details.

#### 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