

Elim Christian College

BOTANY CAMPUS NEWSLETTER 19th June 2019



Updates from Murray Burton - Principal

Kia Ora Everyone

Welcome to winter! Welcome to the new Board of Trustees and thank you to parents who were able to vote. We had 14 strong candidates which was fantastic, so thank you to all those candidates who stood. The vibrancy and drive within our school community is strong and great to see. We continue to thrive as a school, we embrace good change and we count it a privilege to reach, serve and influence the generations.

The continuity we have achieved in the BOT through the recent election process further strengthens and enhances our capabilities and opportunities. We really do have a stunning BOT who wisely navigate an ever-changing landscape with expertise and discernment. A special welcome goes to Joanna Lee who is the new parent trustee on the Board.

This week the BOT had dinner, sharing and prayer with the Proprietors (Elim Christian Centre Oversight) and this was a great get together. The Proprietor Representatives on the BOT remain as Hayden Briscoe, Lloyd Ratnaraja, Colin Marshall and Bill Kathagen.

This year we have held 6 Expression of Interest sessions for parents exploring what our school offers. I estimate between 120 and 150 parents have come through. We trust these will develop into enrolment applications and we look forward to many more joining the Elim family in 2020.

We have open mornings happening in the last week of the third term, please note the following dates - Botany Campus Tuesday 2 July; Golflands Campus 2 July and Mt Albert Campus Thursday 4 July. All mornings only so why don't you bring a friend who is considering our school? They will love the walk through.



SCHOOL WIDE NOTICES



Elim Christian College

Board of Trustees Election 2019
For 5 Parent Representatives

DECLARATION OF PARENT REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION RESULTS

Parent Representatives	Votes
BETHWAITE, Chris	213
WAGENER, Richard Norman	192
LEE (NEE KHOO), Joanna	151
KING, Richard	132
SINGH, Jiun	131
BRISCOE, Hayden	116
CARTER, Helen	101
RATNARAJA, Lloyd	83
WEI, Weina	82
BAILEY, Brad	67
JOHANAS, Daisy	63
MCNEILL, Duncan	33
MARSHALL, Colin	14
CHRISTOPHER, Cheryl (WITHDRAWN)	0
INVALID VOTES	1

I therefore declare the following duly elected:

Chris Bethwaite, Richard King, Joanna Lee (nee Khoo), Jiun Singh and Richard Norman Wagener.

Wayne Jamieson
Returning Officer
Elim Christian College

Year 11-13 Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences with Subject Teachers and annual Careers Expo

Parents and students are invited to attend Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences with subject teachers on Monday 1st July 2019. Each interview is 5 minutes long. Please ensure you arrive on time to each interview.

Instructions will follow by the end of the week on how to book your appointment electronically for your Parent- Teacher-Student Conferences. Bookings will open on Monday 24th June at 10am and close on Monday 1st July at 10am.

Please note: School will close at 12.50pm for years 9-13 on Monday 1st July to enable teachers to attend conferences.

Simultaneously, we will be running our annual Careers Expo on the same day at the Botany Campus from 1.30pm - 4pm with over 20 organisations, universities and institutes coming in to showcase what they have to offer in the school gym. This is a great time for students and parents to walk around, ask questions and dream about what life after school could look like.

Our team looks forward to meeting with you.

SCHOOL WIDE NOTICES



Mental Health Matters

From Suicidal to Hopeful
with Jazz Thornton from Voices of Hope

7:30pm-9pm Thursday 20 June



Details:

This workshop will focus on suicide prevention and supporting friends, family and community towards a life worth living.

Jazz Thornton will be sharing her story of hope through mental health challenges.

Join us for a night of encouragement and teaching from professionals as well as powerful testimonies.

TANZANIA MISSION TRIP

Students from Mount Albert Campus are preparing for their Tanzania Mission trip. This trip has historically taken place every two years, to support New Life Foundation (NLF) in Tanzania, giving our students a tangible opportunity to share their Christian faith. As a result, these students gain a wonderful understanding of living in a different culture and have opportunities to see God at work.

In praying for this trip, the students have felt led to collect two kinds of resources to take with them. We would like to ask you to partner with the team to bless the children of Tanzania as we have 25 kg of extra luggage per student travelling on the team for carrying these donations.

Classroom Resources and Stationery

Students in Tanzania have teachers who are committed to being the best teacher that they can be, but often they lack resources. We would like to provide stationery resources to every student at NLF to assist the teachers. During Week 7 there will be collection bins at each campus office to receive donations of new pencils, coloured pencils, erasers, pens, rulers, protractors, pencil sharpeners, non-liquid paint sets, art brushes and pencil cases.

Football Boots

Many of the children in Tanzania enjoy playing football. We are taking some balls with us but we would like to take some boots with us. Do you have suitable boots at home that are no longer being used? We will have collection bins at each campus office to receive donations of used, well cleaned or new football boots and new shin pads in Week 8.

Finance

If you would prefer to support this initiative by way of financial gift you can do so at any campus office or online by direct credit: 02-0100-0357672-00. Please indicate Tanzania Gift

Tanzania Team Fundraiser

The team will be commissioned by the school at Elim Christian Centre, City Campus at 74 Cook St, Auckland City on Saturday 22nd June 6:15pm – 8:30pm. There will be food and drink to buy, worship, prayer and items the team has prepared. An offering to support the ministries in Tanzania will be taken.

For any further information contact Craig Scott at craig.scott@elim.school.nz

SCHOOL WIDE NOTICES



40 Hour Famine Experiences

I did 40 hours of no talking, I lasted till 11:30am on Sunday. Just 30 minutes before it ended. When it first started (at Big Night Out) it was hard because everyone was all singing and having a great time. Then on Saturday I have Chinese lessons, some of my friends there were trying to make me talk but I stayed put. In the end it was really hard and I have raised \$120. - Nicole Liu

My 40 Hour Famine was not pleasant, my challenge was the No Food and No Bed Challenge. It was hard, seeing everyone eat Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner all around you. The smell was intoxicating, making it even harder! The Bed Challenge was slightly easier, because my parents would not allow me without at least a blanket, because of Winter. 2 hours into the challenge I ate a potato chip, mortified, I spit the chip out devastated, but when I searched up the definition of "eat", it said, "the action of chewing and swallowing" I was saved! In summary, I survived. - Oscar Wang

Student Celebration



On Thursday 13th June we took a team of 7 students to the Snowsports Ski & Snowboard Championships to represent Elim.

Congratulations to all the students who competed and placed.

In the snowboard race Adele Benns placed 1st and Lindy-Joy Pretorius placed 3rd.

In the slopestyle event Adele Benns and Noah Wotton both placed 2nd.

CAMPUS SPECIFIC NOTICES

Girls in Tech - Shadow Tech



Many people assume career pathways in Technology or STEM subjects are only for men. My whole life I have grown up knowing Technology is not something I should look into as I would never get a job in it as a female. I have also been told that Technology is only to do with two things: coding and programming. Through my two experiences in ShadowTech, I have realised that Technology is far more variegated and diverse than I had ever imagined.

When I first applied for ShadowTech, I had no idea what I was getting myself into. None of my friends wanted to join, and as an introvert, I was extremely scared I had made an appalling decision. Little did I know that this event would have an immense impact on me and my future decisions as a student. When we got to Diocesan School for Girls (ShadowTechs hosting ground), Elim was assigned a Technologically specific company that we would then spend the day with. We were chosen for Oracle, the third largest software company in accounting. At this news, I was quite disappointed as I wasn't looking into software as a career choice, but I was still excited to learn about how to get a job in Technology and what it would be like.

When we got to the Oracle building, we started learning about the different skill sets you would need in order to get a job in technology. Marketing, problem-solving, independent and interpersonal skills were just the tips of the iceberg. Our instructors told us of how the Technology Industry is mainly run by men and very little women apply because of the same reasons I used to think. There are so many different talents and skills women have that could be used in the Tech Industry, and it is so depressing seeing women refuse Technology as a job because of misconceptions. I think the main thing that really influenced me was that many people have a misleading view of Technology as a whole.

Another big facet I learned at ShadowTech was that you do not have to be a mathematically oriented person in order to get a job in Technology. I think the biggest turn off for me was that I believed I was not smart enough to get a job in such a serious and analytical occupation. If I had never applied to ShadowTech, I would have kept that mindset for my whole life. ShadowTech taught me that so many skills other than computing that is needed. Let me tell you that it is far more interesting and complex than you think. Technology is somewhat made up of software engineering and development, but it is also leaders, influencers, salespeople, analysts, artists, etc. that make up more than half the job description. Also, an added benefit to applying for degrees in Technology is that because it is such a broad and widespread career path, it will open up many job opportunities for you.

In conclusion, ShadowTech was an absolutely thought-provoking and eye-opening experience that has helped me learn so much more about Technology. Even if you are not interested in Technology whatsoever, I urge you to apply to next year's annual ShadowTech event. After all, there is no reason not to.

-Article By Chloe

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 20th June

MUFTI DAY

\$2 donation - Raising funds for sports uniforms

Thursday 27th June

MUFTI DAY

\$2 donation - Raising funds for Elim Christian College's Cultural Groups.