

# Elim Christian College

## NEWSLETTER

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### From the Principal

Kia ora one and all

Welcome to the wonderful 2017 school year. How incredible it was on Tuesday to greet amazing-looking students, full of life, some apprehensive, some unsure – but all full of anticipation. Thank you for the privilege of allowing us to work with and influence your child this year.

We have already finished week one and it's a reminder of just how fast time goes. A special welcome to all new families who have joined us. Naturally we trust your child has settled in and that each family finds this school to be a great place of significant learning and growing opportunities. The partnership of school and parents relies on relationship and communication, I trust you will find us approachable. Both campuses have had an orderly and solid start and I congratulate all staff on their preparation. Last week the whole staff took part in a 3 day programme to prepare for this school year. A powhiri was held for new staff, there were inspirational messages, a formal dinner, prayer times, communion on the beach, many meetings and of course good food. I give thanks to God for the staffing team He has put together for 2017. Student achievement data is currently being processed and initial summaries look really exciting. More information will be published shortly.

**A few matters from me:** From Monday both campuses will be commencing daily routine timetable mode; all students are expected to be at the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing, with the right attitude. Would all parents please take particular care in the drops offs and pickups, the parking and the speed. Handbooks have either been handed out or are on their way to provide families with a ready resource regarding school operations. A newsletter comes out every week and our new website is now our 'one stop shop' eventually providing all the information you need. Please ensure we have your up-to-date contact details.

**Uniforms:** It is summer so students should take responsibility for clothing and hygiene. Uniform items should now be sorted and all students are expected to be correctly dressed at all times. The long socks with two stripes for boys must always be pulled up to just below the knee. Elastic garters will help.

#### New Staff

The following new staff have joined the Senior Campus: Yun Xue, Jason Koh, Cara Padfield, Rachel Randall, Jane Nixon, Sarah Annabell, Tamzyn Rijns, Sarah Penn and Aileen King. We welcome Mark Naidoo back from sabbatical and Maria Hirschi from leave in Switzerland.

Junior Campus: Ahyoung Lin, Coralee Kemp, Allanah Steele, Annami Blom and Larissa Schick.



Mr Murray Burton MNZM  
PRINCIPAL

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely of Mr Murray Burton MNZM, the Principal.

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The Counselling team at Elim works together with the tutor teachers, deans and career advisors in providing pastoral care and guidance for students. We provide a professional and confidential counselling service to support the best possible social and educational outcomes and to create a safe physical and emotional environment for students. We aim to provide a safe space to help students explore their difficulties and concerns, and to develop their capabilities and resilience.

If you would like to see one of our counsellors, please fill in the following form online we will be in touch with you.

<https://goo.gl/forms/ebVF8PAcfWbsLKal2>

## Elim Netball Club

### 2017 Registrations

Netball players from last year should have received an email to register online last week. If you did not receive this, please click on the appropriate link below. Students who are wanting to register as first time players for the club this season can also click on the link below. Details of costs, uniforms and dates are on the registration form

Registration forms need to be completed online as soon as possible. Registrations close Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

Registration link for junior players (Years 5 – 8)

<http://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/33192>

Registration link for college players (Years 9 – 13)

<http://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/33154>



### Trials for college players only

Netball trials for the college teams only will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February 5.30 – 7.30pm in the senior campus gym. Girls need to have short nails, appropriate clothes and correct footwear in order to trial and bring a named water bottle.

If we need to run trials for junior teams we will give details of these closer to the time

Enquiries:

Holly Higson (Club Manager) [hollyhigson10@gmail.com](mailto:hollyhigson10@gmail.com) Ph: 021 0404334

Karen Blakeley (Club Secretary) [phil.and.karen@xtra.co.nz](mailto:phil.and.karen@xtra.co.nz) Ph: 533 8090

Club website: [www.sporty.co.nz/elimnetball](http://www.sporty.co.nz/elimnetball)



## MUSICAL INSTRUMENT & VOCAL TUITION 2017

### ENROLMENT / RE-ENROLMENT DUE THIS FRIDAY 10 FEB



STUDENTS MUST place **RETURN SLIPS with a NEW Direct Debit Form** to the SILVER BOX at SC or the JC Office if you wish to-

1. BEGIN LESSONS
2. CONTINUE LESSONS FROM LAST YEAR
3. CONFIRM INTEREST IF CURRENTLY ON A WAITING LIST

Enrolment Forms at the office and through school links to the website.

Successful applicants will be notified via email and timetables sent within the next week before lessons start in Week 3. Students not placed in lessons will also be notified via email ASAP and placed on waiting lists.

**A discount of \$100** is offered to **first year students in trumpet and saxophone** from **Year 10 or below**. Applications for these instruments remain open. There may be a saxophone available for hire from the school @ \$150 per year.

Inquiries to Mrs Grant on [pam.grant@elim.school.nz](mailto:pam.grant@elim.school.nz)



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#### Footpath Works Notice



Where:	Golfland Drive
When:	8th February to 15th February
Times:	7am to 7pm
Duration:	2 weeks

On behalf of Auckland Transport, Fulton Hogan will be carrying out footpath and kerb and channel works on Golfland Drive, Botany.

A new traffic control layout may be in operation during the work and brief delays may be experienced. Your cooperation in following the directions of any traffic control staff on duty and our temporary road signs would be appreciated.

On-street parking may be limited during work hours. Any vehicles parked in the work area will be towed to a safe position a short distance from the work site and may be returned to its original position by our approved towing company. Every effort will be made to locate the owner before towing. However, to avoid any inconvenience we would appreciate if you could park your vehicle away from the work area on scheduled work days.

Driveway access may be affected and wherever practical temporary access will be constructed. Please take care when entering or exiting properties as access may be of a different profile to the previous entrance way. We will notify you directly if vehicle access to your driveway is likely to be affected. Should you require assistance at any time please do not hesitate to ask our onsite staff.

For further information please contact the site engineer:

Name: Ashton Paparao  
Phone: 027 807 1202  
Email: [Ashton.Paparao@fultonhogan.com](mailto:Ashton.Paparao@fultonhogan.com)

Alternatively, please phone the Auckland Transport call centre on: (09) 355 3553.

This type of work can involve a certain amount of inconvenience. However, with your cooperation we are confident the work will be completed promptly and with minimal disturbance to residents, road users and pedestrians.

We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation while we undertake this work.



A very warm welcome to all students and families for a fabulous year ahead! A very special welcome to all our wonderful new students to Elim and to the Senior Campus. We are delighted that you have joined us!



Our Y7-11 students had an exciting start on the Senior Campus including introduction sessions on "Heart Stuff", "Clubs and Codes", "Deans' Welcome" and some IT preparation. Y12 and 13 students enjoyed their special Leadership Sessions with various activities including Mr Burton's key message, Peer Support and the Y13 Mangemangeroa Reserve walk.

Y7-13 assembly on Friday was a wonderful time of worship, academic and leadership celebration, and presentations. Congratulations to all our students who won awards and were acknowledged for leadership/service roles!



## Y9-13 Athletics Day



When: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February (Save Day – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February)  
Where: Lloyd Elsmore Athletics Track  
Time: All students must meet at Lloyd Elsmore no later than 8:40am (Bus students will be shuttled in school vans)

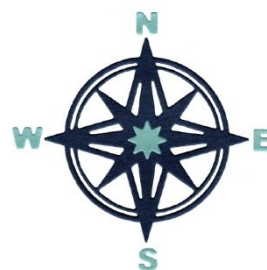
**Compulsory School Event!**

Get your house colours ready & dust off your sport shoes for a fun day of athletics!

## Orienteering

If any students are interested in competing against other schools in a Term 1 Orienteering competition, then see Mr Chapman before Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

When: Every Tuesday after school (21<sup>st</sup> February – 21<sup>st</sup> March)  
Where: Various local schools



## Volleyball

Senior Boys and girls volleyball

After school trainings schedule for Term 1

Monday girls, Tuesday boys, Wednesday boys and girls 3:30 to 5pm in the gym



Kind regards

Carol Pottow

Assistant Principal: Senior Campus

Welcome back parents/whanau! It's really awesome to see your children back at school after a long and not-so-hot Summer! Their uniforms are looking great, they have their stationery and everyone is settling into their new learning spaces! On the first day teachers were nervous, students were nervous and parents were really nervous as we all faced the new year! The teachers found that as we prayed first thing in the staff room, the peace that passes all understanding gently descended and then we were ready! I hope the tea/coffee and cake provided by our wonderful ARISE parents also helped to ease everyone into the day. Please don't hesitate to chat to your children's Pastoral Care Teacher, Team Leader or the Assistant Heads if you have any ongoing starting-the-new-term concerns and we will do our best to find solutions.

This term our theme is **God wants us to work!** We will be studying the life of Jesus in the gospels for Scripture (Y0-2 Mark, Y3-4 Matthew, Y5-6 Luke and Y7-8 John) and looking at Jesus' mission and work for the kingdom. What does that mean for us? We will also be exploring the Economic World for our Integrative Inquiry based unit in Social Sciences this term. We are looking forward to seeing which exciting 'work' areas of research the students delve into.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as you were bombarded with many permission slips and other information this first week. Many of you have made prompt payments already for all the extra activities and for that we are truly grateful. We appreciate the investment you make into your child's schooling. May God bless your bank balances with His riches!

We pray for an incredible year of exciting learning, progress and achievement and that your children may grow to love God more deeply and with a clearer understanding throughout the year.

God bless  
Angela Rees  
Assistant Head Junior Campus

## **CHESS LESSONS: TERM 1 2017**

*Chess Lessons will be offered once again to Y 3-6 students at the Junior Campus.*

*Level 1 (Beginners/Pawn Exam) and Level 2 (Knight Exam) lessons will be offered for a group of 25 students on Fridays, at 12 noon in the EAGLES ROOM (at the back of the Library) beginning Friday 17 February. Limited places still available.*

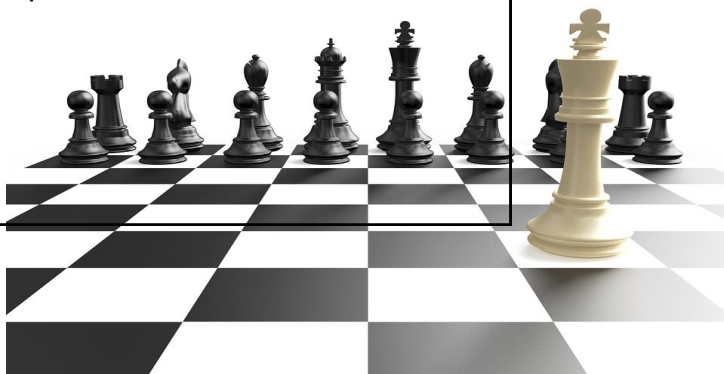
*Payment can be forwarded to the office by Monday Feb 13th : \$20.00 per student.*

*Advanced students (who have passed PAWN and KNIGHT exams) are encouraged to compete for a place in the Y 4-8 Chess Teams that will compete in Tournaments in Term 2 and 3. Lunchtime Chess opportunities will be provided on Thursdays in the EAGLES room (JC) or in the Galaxy Tuesdays (SC). Challenge games can also take place on other days if arranged with teachers.*

*Miss Langridge will visit SC on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> lunch time to sign up interested Y 7-8 students.*

*Any inquiries to Ms Barbara Langridge.*

*[Barbara.Langridge@elim.school.nz](mailto:Barbara.Langridge@elim.school.nz)*



CALENDAR					
TERM 1: 7 FEBRUARY 2017—13 APRIL 2017					
FEBRUARY					
Week 1	6	7	8	9	10
Senior Campus	WAITANGI DAY HOLIDAY	⇒ Y0-10 School Begins ⇒ Half day for Y11	⇒ Y0-11 Full School Day ⇒ Y12: Leadership Day ⇒ Peer Support Training	⇒ Y0-11 Full School Day ⇒ Y13 Leadership Day ⇒ Y12 Do not attend school	⇒ Y0-13 Full School Day
Junior Campus	WAITANGI DAY HOLIDAY	⇒ Y0-10 School Begins	⇒ Y0-11 Full School Day	⇒ Y0-11 Full School Day	⇒ Y0-13 Full School Day
Week 2	13	14	15	16	17
Senior Campus					⇒ FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Junior Campus	⇒ Y5 Sailing— Howick Sailing Club	⇒ Y5 Sailing— Howick Sailing Club	⇒ Y5 Sailing— Howick Sailing Club ⇒ Y3-6 Whanau / Teacher Evening	⇒ Y3-4 Swimming Lessons ⇒ Y6 Sailing—Howick Sailing club	⇒ FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Week 3	20	21	22	23	24
Senior Campus	⇒ Y9-13 Athletics Day	⇒ Student ID / Por- trait / Class Pho- tos ⇒ OED Trip		⇒	⇒ Y9-13 Athletics Saving Day
Junior Campus			⇒ Y1 Swimming Lesson ⇒ Y5-6 Swimming Lesson	⇒ Y2 Swimming Lesson ⇒ Y3-4 Swimming Lesson	

2017

Term	Start date	End date
1	7 February 2017	13 April 2017
2	1 May 2017	7 July 2017
3	24 July 2017	29 September 2017
4	16 October 2017	14 December 2017

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



*Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?! Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - Marrzipan!*

We run awesome drama classes at school, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. All children receive a certificate too to remind them they are awesome! You can sign your child up for a Trial Lesson via our website [www.marrzipandrama.co.nz](http://www.marrzipandrama.co.nz) or contact Jex on 027 217 0693

