

Elim Christian College

NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Kia Ora everyone

1 Peter 2:24 says *"He personally carried our sins in His body on the cross [willingly offering Himself on it, as on an altar of sacrifice], so that we might die to sin [becoming immune from the penalty and power of sin] and live for righteousness; for by His wounds you [who believe] have been healed."* I trust you will join with me in giving thanks for the death, burial and resurrection of Christ at this time of the year.

Yes, maybe the word Easter is derived from a pagan festival and yes maybe most of New Zealand will not be in church this weekend or even pausing to acknowledge Jesus who has taken their sins – but that doesn't stop us as grateful Jesus followers from shouting it from the rooftops that "Jesus Saves." Our school exists for HIS renown, that generation after generation of students will discover the saving grace and power of Jesus – that they will believe, trust, surrender and live for HIM every day of their lives.

Thanks for a great Term 1 – it has come and it has gone! It has been filled with so many good things, a few challenges along the way, useful and solution-based conversations and hopefully lots of celebrations as we all work together as our students, your children learn and grow.

Today we farewelled Miss Barbara Langridge after 26 years of amazing faithful service here and Mrs Joanne McDonald following 9 years of dedicated commitment to the leadership of our Beginning Teacher Programme, to ESOL and to English teaching at Senior Campus. God bless ladies in the next season of your lives.

I look forward to welcoming all students back on Monday 1 May for a fantastic Term 2.

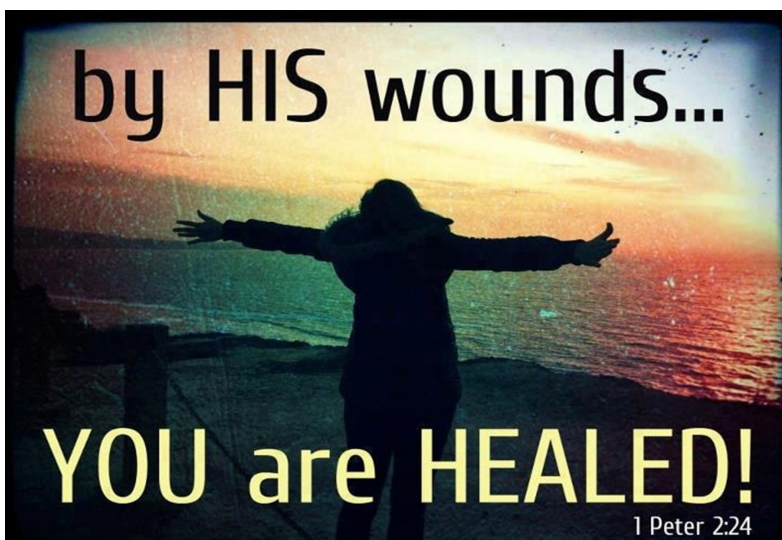



Mr Murray Burton MNZM
PRINCIPAL

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'M. Burton'.

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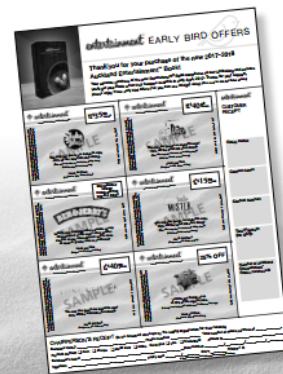
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ARISE Parents Prayer 2017

*Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people.
Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Raise a banner for the nations!*



MONDAY 9 am with Jiun @ JC Gym	TUESDAY 9 am with Christy @ JC Library	WEDNESDAY 9 am with Jane & Steve @ JC Library	THURSDAY 9 am with Richard @ JC Staffroom	FRIDAY We need a leader for SC Group
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ARISE Parents would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and staff who have prayed for our sick families and families who have been affected by floods. Amazing meals and lunches that have been provided and homes have been cleaned. This is what community is all about, serving one another in love.

Water Polo

A massive congratulations to the Elim Mixed Water Polo Team, who competed in the Junior Boys Water Polo One-Day Tournament, held at Kings College on Saturday. The team was made up of Y9 and Y10 students, who won all 3 of their games.

- Western Springs (10-2)
- St Kent's (8-2)
- Howick College (7-4)

Thank you to the parents who supported and helped out on the day with the various duties, and to the coaches, Jane Logan and Naomi Potter.



Thank you to all our parents, caregivers and students who attended our **parent/teacher Conferences** for Y7-13 on Monday! This is such a valuable opportunity to meet face to face and to briefly share about student progress including next steps. The five-minute slot provides for a brief connection and we warmly encourage any parents who were unable to meet with a teacher(s), or who wish to discuss any matters further, to contact the year level dean or the subject teacher directly via email (first name.last name@elim.school.nz)

Staff were incredibly blessed by our **stunning Year 13 students** who went the extra mile with a **Teacher Appreciation Day** on Wednesday! Wow – we are incredibly blessed to be part of this Elim community and family!! Our students gave personal cards to all teachers and blessed us with a superb morning tea – Thank You!

We look forward to our special full school “Easter and Spiritual Landmark Assembly” on the last day of term celebrating the new life that Jesus has given each of us – this will be an amazing time of coming together and honouring all that God has provided for us in His faithfulness over many years. We remember and honour the seven precious lives lost in our Mangatepopo Stream tragedy of April 2008. We will also honour Miss Barbara Langridge on her official retirement.

Congratulations to **Andrew Scott (Year 12)** who this week was awarded a **New Zealand Youth Award** presented at a prestigious ceremony in Parliament! Andrew has done some outstanding leadership across NZ and travelled widely worldwide. We are incredibly proud of his influence and willingness to make a significant difference in people’s lives.

We are also very proud of **Miss Karen Lin** who left this week on a scholarship for three weeks study at a university in Beijing. Congratulations go to Miss Ashleigh Payne who is getting married next week – our richest blessings on this joyous occasion!



ECC Senior Campus Learning Hub

An automated overdue items notice for Term 1 has gone out via email. Please email or come and see Mrs Randall if there are any errors and/or you would simply like to renew your overdue book/s for over the holidays.

You are welcome to borrow as many books as your schoolbag will carry so please stop by the Learning Hub for some book recommendations. Mrs Randall can also teach you how to set up a free Auckland Libraries Overdrive account, so you can read eBooks on your tablet these holidays!

Email: Rachel.randall@elim.school.nz

Visiting students from Hong Kong



Kind regards

Carol Pottow

Assistant Principal: Senior Campus

Dear Parents / Caregivers

A few weeks ago, we asked our Junior Campus students what Easter meant to them. I guess it was a means to gauge if the worldly interpretation of this special season had crept into their understanding. We collated their post-it notes and proudly displayed this in our foyer (see attached photo). The pride emanated from what each post-it note stood for – the agape love of God!



The following are snippets that can be found on the post-its:

- *When Jesus Christ died on the cross; the people were sad but happy inside.*
- *Easter is about Jesus dying on the cross for us so he can take away our sins.*
- *To me, Easter is celebrating Jesus coming back from the dead, and enjoying it with my family.*
- *Easter means to me that when Jesus rose from the dead, it was Easter and everyone celebrated!*
- *The chocolate eggs mean new life.*
- *Easter means to me...that Jesus rose from the dead to forgive us and he did. God would do anything for us.*

May you and your families know and feel our Saviour's love in a special way this Easter time, and we pray a special blessing over our families who are heading into the holidays with challenges. May the peace of God be upon you.

This week, we bade a special farewell to Miss Barbara Langridge after 26 years of faithful service to our school. Miss Langridge's legacy is imbedded in the culture of our school and her mere presence too will be sorely missed at the Junior Campus. Miss Langridge will continue to support our chess groups on Fridays.

Thank you for your giving once again. The food baskets that the Year 6 students are putting together, have been blessed with abundance. It is heartening to see our students enthusiastically be a part of this act of giving. *Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2)*

In Term 2, my role extends to that of a parent as well. I am really looking forward to my son, Zachary joining the Elim school community, and I will probably be needing lots of advice at the start of this incredible journey.

As the term ends, we usually request that you please take the time to pray for others over the holiday break. And if you are able to, please consider helping a family who struggles to get time off work, or for other reasons, the holidays are a difficult time.

Thank you again for your support this term.

Nga mihi nui
Neetha Mudhan (Ms)
Assistant Head of Junior Campus



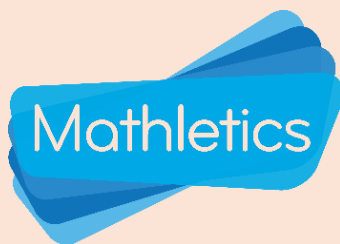
St. Francis of Assisi Primary School in Hong Kong visits the Junior Campus.

HOUSE POINTS @ JC

Well done on your win this week, JEREMIAH!

Thank you, Mrs Powell!

Week 10	1 st Jeremiah	2 nd Ezekiel	3 rd Daniel	4 th Joshua
END OF TERM 1	19	20	19	14



Top Students in Junior Campus Week 9

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Elyas Eyou	Mila Yan	Enya Brunt
Year 4	Year 4	Year 2

CALENDAR					
TERM 1: 7 FEBRUARY 2017—13 APRIL 2017					
APRIL					
Week 10	10	11	12	13	14
Senior Campus	⇒ 1:30pm—7pm Y7—13 Parent Teacher Student Interviews ⇒ Early Closure of School for Y7-13 students at 12:50pm ⇒ Y7 Sailing (returning at 3pm)	⇒ Y7 Sailing	⇒ Y7 Sailing	⇒ LAST DAY OF TERM 1 : FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY ⇒ Y7 Sailing ⇒ Sausage Sizzle (Volleyball)	⇒ GOOD FRIDAY
Junior Campus				⇒ LAST DAY OF TERM 1 : FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY (held at Senior Campus)	⇒ GOOD FRIDAY
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: TERM 2 BEGINS 1 MAY 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

Important information

- This programme is for children New Entrant – Year 6.
- All activities are fully supervised by experienced staff.
- The daily programme runs from **8.30am – 5.00pm**.
- On trip days **ALL CHILDREN MUST** be here by 9.00am.

What to bring every day:

A packed lunch (food will not be provided), water, sunscreen and hat.

Venue:

Elim Christian College
Junior Campus
94 Golfland Drive
Botany Downs

Contact Details:

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ariseholiday@elim.school.nz

To obtain registration forms:

email
ariseholiday@elim.school.nz

or

call Mark Castledine
538 0368 ext.5521

**Spaces are limited,
so be in quick!**

***Priority will be given to
students enrolling for the full
week of the programme***

 **Elim Christian College**

ARISE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

24th – 28th April 2017



DIVORCED? SEPARATED? WE CAN HELP

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**14 WEEK COURSE
MONDAYS 7PM - 9PM
FROM 1 MAY**

Interested in knowing more or attending?
Contact Bridget: 021 0269 0618. Join the course at any stage.

Confident Christianity Conference

Can you give both intellectually and emotionally satisfying answers to the hard questions Christians face today? The **Confident Christianity Conference** has a line-up of top international and local speakers to train you how to sensitively and skilfully respond to the biggest objections out there. They will equip you to live a confident, yet gracious faith in your everyday life. Friday night 28th April (free and seeker friendly!) and all day Saturday 29th April at Greenlane Christian Centre. For a full list of topics and to register visit: www.thinkingmatters.org.nz/conference