

Elim Christian College

NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Kia Ora Elim Christian College Community

How good it is that you have chosen us as your preferred provider of education for your child. As I write, I've returned from a full school assembly and I'm ecstatic. Why wouldn't I be? One thousand students, staff, parents and ex-students in the auditorium praising and worshipping God, celebrating student success on stage, acknowledging and welcoming new people to our community! We finished with the song 'Light of the world - Here I am to worship' and how fitting to end our first full week of testimony by recognising the alpha and omega - the author and finisher of our faith and placing Him in His rightful place.

Last evening the Senior Campus held a '**Haurua - Connections @Elim Christian College**' event. Led by Mrs Heim, a number of staff presenters outlined pastoral care at Senior Campus and facilitated interactions around student well being and learning. This is a critical evening for parents because student well-being is a major factor in achievement and learning success. We may look to combine 2-3 of our evening events to provide you as parents with a comprehensive choice of key information gathering and interacted opportunities with Senior Campus staff all in one evening.



'Junior Campus Shade Project' - it is simply wonderful to now see the sand pit covered and the revamped area outside the library nicely shaded and ready for some funky colourful outdoor furniture. A sincere thank you and acknowledgement again to the Dimock Trust for their incredible financial help, to the ARISE Parents for their fundraising and to the many parents who asked if there was any way we could look at shading - what a team!

Y9-13 Athletics Day

When: **Monday 20th February (Save Day – Monday 27th 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)

What to bring: Hat, sunscreen and lots of water & food. Rain jacket & umbrella.

Wet weather: We won't let a bit of rain dampen our day! However in the event that the weather is too bad to run the event, a notice will be put on the school website www.elim.school.nz/communications/notices on Monday morning.

This is a fun and exciting day that we look forward to every year. Students are encouraged to have fun and participate in a range of track and field activities.

Please have your child dropped off to Lloyd Elsmore Park, at the Athletics track (next to the rugby and cricket club), no later than 8:45am. The day is scheduled to finish at 2:30pm, students can be picked



Mr Murray Burton MNZM
PRINCIPAL

PHOTOLIFE

Y7-13 ID / Class / Portrait Photos will be taken on **Tuesday 21 February 2017.**

Students are expected to be dressed in their correct full school uniform.

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up from then onwards and by 3:10pm at the latest.

Students who arrive to school on the bus will be shuttled to Lloyd Elsmore by the school vans. Bus students will need to walk back to school at 2:30pm from Lloyd Elsmore, in time for the 3:10pm bus pick up. There will be designated staff to walk with these students.

Dress in house colours, wear appropriate sports gear (clothing & shoes)

Please note: This is a Compulsory School Event!

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



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

[Trials for college players only](#)

Netball trials for the college teams only will take place on Tuesday 21st and 28th 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

Invoices:

All players who have registered will be sent invoices by the school next week

These need to be paid by Fri 3rd March in order for players to be placed in a team

Enquiries:

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

Club website: www.sporty.co.nz/elimnetball

2017 Prefects



2017 Junior Prefects



MUSICAL INSTRUMENT & VOCAL TUITION 2017



ENROLMENT / RE-ENROLMENT

Is now closed

Successful applicants will be notified via email and timetables sent shortly for most lessons starting in Week 3. Students not placed in lessons will also be notified via email ASAP and placed on waiting lists.

We have had a great couple of weeks to the start of the year! Senior student timetables and options have been finalised, classes have settled and programmes are in full steam.

It is always a delight to meet and connect with our parent community, one of the first for the year being our **Y9-13 Connections Evening** held on Thursday evening where staff shared on various areas focusing on pastoral care and student welfare. Please keep an eye on the newsletter and website for upcoming parent events.

Our **full school assembly** on Friday was a special time of shared worship, sharing and celebration – always a treat to have combined Junior and Senior Campus staff and students! At this assembly we congratulated our selected Y8 Junior Prefects and introduced our newly-appointed Y13 Prefects. We also enjoyed the presentation and DVD highlights from our recent Y11-13 Taiwan trip.

Next week promises to be an exciting one with **Y9-13 Athletics Day** on Monday! This will be followed with **Class and ID photos of all Y7-13 students** on **Tuesday**. Our **prefects** will be away for their 3-day leadership camp at Blue Mountain Adventure Centre from Wednesday to Friday and we pray for a wonderful time of team-building and growth of capacity as they challenge themselves, sometimes well beyond their comfort zones. We pray that they will also experience a real awareness of God's presence, His anointing and leading as they spend time in prayer, worship and fellowship.

Our **interim NCEA results for 2016**, including internal and external results, are very pleasing with all levels over 80%. We are particularly delighted with our three Scholarships achieved and our high level of Merit/Excellence endorsements! **Congratulations to all our Y11-13 students** (and to those in Y9/10 who were accelerated). There are also a number of students who were involved in multi-level programmes who have now achieved their goals and are well prepared for their career pathways ahead.

ANALYSIS OF 2016 NCEA INTERIM RESULTS

NCEA LEVEL 3

- **73%** gained **University Entrance** (national average: 61%)
- **82%** of our Y13 students gained **NCEA Level 3** (national average: 82%)
- **34%** gained L3 endorsed with **Merit** (national average: 29%)
- **14%** gained L3 endorsed with **Excellence** (national average: 15%)
- **3 Scholarships: Calculus, Chemistry, Physics** (awarded to top 2-3% of students in NZ)

NCEA LEVEL 2

- **82%** of our Y12 students gained **NCEA Level 2** (national average: 89%)
- **47%** gained L2 endorsed with **Merit** (national average: 27%)
- **11%** gained L2 endorsed with **Excellence** (national average: 16%)

NCEA LEVEL 1

- **86%** of our Y11 students gained **NCEA Level 1** (national average: 85%)
- **46%** gained L1 endorsed with **Merit** (national average: 35%)
- **14%** gained L1 endorsed with **Excellence** (national average: 20%)

ACCELERATED STUDENTS IN YEAR 9/10

14 of our **Y10** students and **1** of our **Y9** students entered **L1 Mathematics**:

2 endorsed with **Excellence** and **11** with **Merit**

Kind regards

Carol Pottow

Assistant Principal: Senior Campus

Tena koutou Parents / Caregivers

A pleasant sight will greet you when you walk into the Junior Campus - the area outside the library that parallels the reception area is shaded and the astro turf gives it a child-friendly finish. Already, it has proved so popular with younger and older children having a play in and around it. The shade sails over the sand pit outside the Year 6 classes have provided considerable shade for our students and those classes. We are thrilled with the outcome. A big THANK YOU to the Dimock Foundation and our ARISE parents from a grateful Junior Campus community.

The wet weather certainly crescendoed towards the end of the week making us ever so mindful about safety around the school. I want to thank those parents who park away from the school, even if it means having to pick up an umbrella and traipse a wee distance. This helps considerably. Just this week, we've had:

- U-turns outside the school
- Parents running across the road and not using the crossing
- Parents driving into the staff car park even though we have a sign discouraging drivers to do this
- Drivers parking on the yellow lines at the bottom of the main entrance stairs to drop off / pick up students
- Drivers coming through the bus bay, making the exit crossing by the main gates less safe

May I please strongly urge that if you are travelling by car to school that you park away from the school and leave the parking spaces closer by for our parents with babies and toddlers? That would be a nice thing to do. Mrs Groenewald, our TravelWise co-ordinator has planned out the term's safety awareness programme. We would appreciate you supporting her and the TravelWise monitors.

The Year 3 - 6 whanau evening proved to be as pleasant as ever this week. I find this one of my most favourite evenings in the year. There is a lovely whanau feel when everyone gathers to picnic in the hall. I even rope my family in for this fun, introductory experience. Year 0 -2 parents, please bring along a picnic dinner on Tuesday at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you.

This week, a simple idea of getting our students active in the mornings was fleshed out by our Junior Campus leadership team. We now have two mornings of fitness rotations Tuesday and Wednesday when the whole school divides into their House groups and takes part in one of four activities – running (thanks Mr Wagener and Mr Castledine), bootcamp (thanks Miss Brown and Mr Hutchinson), Jump Jam (thanks Mrs Vermeulen and Year 6 leaders) and skipping. On Wednesday, is our cultural rotation – Pasifika (thanks Mrs Aggie Feterika), Korean (thanks Mrs Lim and Miss Lee), Kapa Haka (thanks Mrs Bagrie and Mr Caetano) and there is Te Reo in the classes at this time as well. We are really excited about giving this a go this term.

Activities outside the school began with our Year 5/6 sailing lessons. I heard that our delightful Mrs Candice Briscoe got soaked to the skin on Thursday but was a real trooper nonetheless. Thank you Year 5/6 teachers and parents for your input and time. We are blessed to have you invest in our children. Community Swim lessons have begun as well. Again, this is a blessing from the John Walker Find Your Field of Dreams Foundation, Auckland Council and the Lion Foundation, and we thank all those staff who are involved with our students in the pool.

Lastly, our Road Patrol team is up and running. Please be mindful of them as you are driving by. We still need to cover supervision on Thursday afternoons so if you can spare ½ hour, please email me: neetha.mudhan@elim.school.nz

Nga mihi

Neetha Mudhan (Ms)

Assistant Head of the Junior Campus



Learning Differently.

LEARNING SUPPORT AND EXTENSION.

Provisions for children with different Learning Styles and preferences is a high priority for Elim Christian College. We seek to cater for individual differences by addressing the particular learning approaches that best suit your child. Your child may be an auditory, visual or kinaesthetic learner. They may need to overcome barriers to learning. However, they may be extraordinary thinkers and needing to be challenged with the use of extended thinking and research opportunities.

Isaiah 40.31 *But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength,
they will soar on wings like eagles.*

WHAKATUIKI: Ma te huruhuru, Ka rere te manu.

Adorn the bird with feathers so it can fly. (A Maori Proverb)

EAGLES PROGRAMMES / OTHER EXTENSION.

*Eagles programmes are designed for students who are
Exceptional Advanced Gifted Learners Excelling and Soaring.*

The Eagles programmes are designed for extension and enrichment for able learners. We seek to see students emerging, achieving, arising, excelling and soaring, by striving for their potential in many learning areas. Students have been nominated by teachers and have completed some assessments for high-level reasoning and divergent thinking with Miss Langridge.

Students selected for EAGLES 2017 in Y 4-6 will receive a permission letter.

Year 4-6 provisions will start in Week 4.

Y 4 Thursday afternoons and Y 5-6 Monday afternoons. (Miss Langridge, Mrs Powell, Mrs Bagrie)

Y 7-8 students will be presented with opportunities for them to sign up for, at the Senior Campus. (Ms Rees)

PURPOSE: Eagles programmes challenge students spiritually, academically, and creatively. We provide opportunities for able learners to grow their exceptional talents.

OTHER EXTENSION PROVISIONS: *Music Lessons, Drama club, Cultural groups, Maths Competitions, ICAS examinations, Chess Lessons, Leadership, Sporting opportunities are some of our provisions for able students who are gifted in these areas.*

LEARNING SUPPORT PROGRAMMES

LEARNING SUPPORT: A range of programmes and interventions are provided for under-achieving students to assist them in making progress. Teachers in a SENCo (Special Education Needs Coordinator) role discuss these with the teachers to decide on the best provision to suit the learning needs of each individual.

ESOL lessons are provided for students with limited English. Other provisions such as Rainbow Reading, CORE 5 Reading and specific individual or group interventions will be put in place.

RTLB – Resource Teachers for Learning and Behaviour or the RT LIT teacher may come in to support our teachers in catering for particular children.

IEP Meetings take place in Term 1 & Term 3 (Individual Education Plan Meetings) for students we consider require some extra individual planning. If your child is scheduled for an IEP, we will contact you to propose a meeting time.

The Learning Support team members are:

Barbara Langridge – Head of Learning Support – Junior Campus.

Robyn Powell – SENCo y 3-8. Barbara Carr - SENCo Y 0-2.

We look forward to connecting with and supporting families and students at ELIM.

If you have any questions regarding any provisions for Learning Differently please contact:

Barbara Langridge.

Head of Learning Support - Junior Campus

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CALENDAR					
TERM 1: 7 FEBRUARY 2017—13 APRIL 2017					
FEBRUARY / MARCH					
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		⇒ Y0-2 Community / Whanau Picnic	⇒ Y1 Swimming Lesson ⇒ Y5-6 Swimming Lesson	⇒ Y2 Swimming Lesson ⇒ Y3-4 Swimming Lesson	
Week 4	27	28	1	2	3
Senior Campus	⇒	⇒ Proprietors Coffee and Dessert Even- ing (7pm)		⇒ NCEA Information Evening (7pm)	⇒ Y4-8 Swimming Sports
Junior Campus	⇒ TravelWise Week	⇒ TravelWise Week ⇒ Proprietors Coffee and Dessert Even- ing (7pm)	⇒ TravelWise Week ⇒ Y1 Swimming Lessons ⇒ Y5-6 Swimming Lessons	⇒ TravelWise Week ⇒ Y2 Swimming Lessons ⇒ Y3-4 Swimming Lessons	⇒ TravelWise Week ⇒ Y4-8 Swimming Sports

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



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!

Good news! We still have a couple of spaces in our Marrzipan Class! Marrzipan is a New Zealand renowned self-confidence programme aimed at bringing out the absolute best in students, and a

great opportunity for your child to come and give it a go! If you would like your child to come along for a non-obligatory Trial Lesson and experience Marrzipan first, you can sign up directly via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)

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 or contact Jex on 027 217 0693



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