

Elim Christian College

NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Kia ora everyone

My sincere thanks to the many families who have attended our Whanau evenings for the various age groups this past week or so. Some families have attended all three. It was also good to see people come to our Senior Campus Connections evening. Building a community and communicating within that community is so vital for us all. This coming week the Proprietors are hosting a coffee and dessert evening for all new parents to the school, Tuesday 28th Feb at 7pm in the church auditorium. There is an NCEA evening on Thursday night, here at the Senior Campus titled 'Why not debunk the myths around NCEA'. This is a great opportunity for parents / caregivers to get the right information, directly from our experienced staff.

Our recent full school assembly highlighted an issue around drop-offs for JC students. For the two full-school assemblies we hold each term, we will in future, open up the gates so that parents can drive into the playground area in front of the gym, drop off their child then proceed out to the road. We will also have staff in high-viz gear to direct the traffic. There are no right-turns between 8:15 and 8:45am any morning at Senior Campus.



Today we said farewell to Mrs Kelley Tams, admin/receptionist at Junior Campus. Kelley has done an incredible job and will be sorely missed. She is off to work for CAP, a very worthwhile organisation and will bless them wonderfully. Thank you Kelley for your skills, your heart, your passion and your fine character.

BOT Corner

At the first monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees this year, Mr Chris Bethwaite was re-elected Chairman and Mr Richard King re-elected deputy Chairman. Both men also chair committees of the BOT. Chris leads the Personnel Committee and Richard the Finance Committee. Mr Richard Wagener has taken up the leadership of the IT Steering Committee.

Our four Proprietor Reps remain the same for the coming year - being Bill Kathagen, Daisy Johanas, Lloyd Ratnaraja and Hayden Briscoe.



Mr Murray Burton MNZM
PRINCIPAL

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Trust In The Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own *understanding*;
in all your ways *acknowledge Him*,
and *He* will make your paths straight.
Proverbs 3:5-6



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

We are looking forward to a good season of netball

Junior Skills Session

There will be a netball skills session on Tuesday 28th February, 3.30 – 4.30pm in the senior school gym for all junior players registered for our Year 5 – 8 teams

Trials for College Players Only

The second netball trials for the college teams only will take place on Tuesday 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.

Invoices for All Players

The invoices sent by the school need to be paid by Fri 3rd March in order for players to be placed in a team

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



Please ensure that any Action Plans you may have for your child/ren are up to date and contain a current photograph.

Any medication to be held at school will need to be in a zip lock plastic bag with instructions and handed into the office. Students are not permitted to keep any medication in their school bags.

Our week began with our very successful **Y9-13 Athletics Day** at Lloyd Elmore Park! A huge thank you to our amazing House Leaders, Sports department and all staff and students for contributing to make this one of our best yet! Students looked fantastic in their house colours and staff in their new house polos. A very big thank you to our parents who gave up their day to provide the First Aid expertise and the BBQ – we are very grateful for your assistance and support. Students were encouraged to enter in numerous events and a number of new records were set by some of our top athletes.



Special congratulations to Matthew Aucamp (Y13) who competed in the **New Zealand Combined Events Athletic Championships** in Dunedin last weekend where he won the **Silver** medal for overall national second place in U18! Matthew competed in 10 events and gained personal bests in 5 of these. He will also represent Elim Christian College over the next few months in the Auckland and North Island Championships.

Our Senior Prefects have been away for three days this week at their **BMAC Leadership Camp** – all reports received so far are that they are having an incredible time of fun, team-building and leadership development in the beautiful surrounds of Mt Ruapehu. Thank you to Mrs Heim and Mr Chapman for accompanying this group. Their time has included special moments visiting the Mangatepopo River paying tribute to our seven precious lives lost in our tragedy of 2008.



Kind regards

Carol Pottow

Assistant Principal: Senior Campus



Athletics Day 2017

SURFING

Seti Burling with the Elim Surfing trophy – a stunning new trophy donated by a parent and awarded retrospectively to our most outstanding Y13 student in surfing.



Another awesome week at Junior Campus has whizzed by! It's been so wonderful to have some consistently sunny weather for us to be out and about around the school trialling our new fitness/cultural group morning rotations. We are trying to find the best way to develop our children's bodies, souls and spirits. These sessions may change as we find the best way to ensure we have a balance in all these areas. The children are loving these times and the beautiful singing coming from the cultural groups is lovely.

Thank you parents/whanau for coming to our Whanau/Teacher evenings. We really appreciate you taking time from your busy schedules to meet your child's teacher and visit the classrooms. If you were not able to attend, just check in with the Administration Staff in the office or the Pastoral Care Teachers if you have any questions or concerns.

Please see the website for the ICAS registration forms for 2017 if you did not receive a hardcopy from your child. (Y3-8) All registration forms must be in by the due date, as ICAS are charging us at 2016 rates as long as we register in time. Late entries will be charged at a higher rate. Mrs Claire Galbraith, our school librarian and ESOL teacher, requests that all orders for past ICAS paper are made in the library **before school** and she will deliver them to the child's classroom during the day, or **after school** when she is available. Thank you so much.

A reminder that Reading Eggs / Eggspress can be accessed on your iPad or computer using your Athletics password. I Great to see children wearing their hats at break times, enjoying the new astro-turf area and finding their shoes every day, so they can wear them home!

Many blessings

Angela Rees
Assistant Head Junior Campus

Travelwise! – it's that time of the year again.

Woohoo! Get yourself ready for a great Travelwise Week next week. These are the days and what you need to wear/bring:



Monday 27 Feb - AMI Be Bright Be Seen

Wear your loudest brightest clothes over your uniform so you are easily recognised by traffic in the 'AMI Be Bright Be Seen' day.

Tuesday 28 Feb - Funky Feet

Step out in a crazy pair of shoes for Funky Feet day.

Wednesday 1 March - Whacky Wednesday

Get out all your wheels and your helmet and bring them on Whacky Wednesday.

Thursday 2 March - Super Walker

Dress up as a Super Walker. Perhaps your favourite superhero or your own creation?

Friday 3 March - Giant Walk

Parents and students are all welcome, please come in big numbers!!! Meeting at 8:15am at either Bob Charles Reserve (reserve on Golflands Drive) or St Columba Presbyterian Church.



CALENDAR					
TERM 1: 7 FEBRUARY 2017—13 APRIL 2017					
FEBRUARY / MARCH					
Week 3	20	21	22	23	24
Senior Campus	⇒ Y9-13 Athletics Day	⇒ Student ID / Portrait / Class Photos ⇒ OED Trip			⇒ Y9-13 Athletics Saving Day
		⇒ 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	⇒ Outdoor Ed Sailing Trip	⇒ Outdoor Ed Sailing Trip ⇒ Proprietors Coffee and Dessert Evening (7pm)	⇒ Outdoor Ed Sailing Trip	⇒ NCEA Information Evening (7pm)	⇒ Y4-8 Swimming Sports
	⇒ TravelWise Week	⇒ TravelWise Week ⇒ Proprietors Coffee and Dessert Evening (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
MARCH					
Week 5	6	7	8	9	10
Senior Campus		⇒ Y10 7 Habits ⇒ Y12 Bio Trip ⇒ Counties Manukau Athletics	⇒ Y10 7 Habits	⇒ Y10 7 Habits ⇒ Photolife ID Photo Catchup	⇒ Y10 7 Habits
		⇒ Maths Curriculum Evening Y0-6	⇒ Y1 Swimming Lessons ⇒ Y5-6 Swimming Lessons	⇒ Y2 Swimming Lessons ⇒ Y3-4 Swimming Lessons	⇒ Photolife Portrait and Class Photos



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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TUESDAYS: 7th March - 14th April 2017
during the day 9:30am-11:45am

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Fitness & Health - 28th February

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Conversation & Social Dynamics - 28th March

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Finances - 18th April

Make the best use of your disposable income

Dealing with Loss & Stress Management - 30th May

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Healthy Eating - 27th June

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Parenting - 25th July

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Self Care - 29th August

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Finding fellowship that brings joy and respect.

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Beliefs - 19th December

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