

Elim Christian College

NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Kia Ora everyone

It was fantastic to see the first trip of our new senior student Outdoor Education NCEA programme, take place this week. Three days on the iconic yacht Steinlager 2 around Great Barrier Island. Every student was challenged to dig deep for courage and skills. The scenery, environment, learning, interactions, and the list goes on, were superb.

Travel Wise Week at Junior Campus was filled with fun, fun, fun, great learning, colour and costume.

Great to see 40 parents attending our NCEA information evening last night. You all need this critical information so you can guide your child.

Lastly a big thank you to our Proprietor, Elim Christian Centre, for hosting a superb coffee and dessert evening for new parents and staff on Tuesday. As a school in operation, governance and oversight, we are in extremely good heart! Please keep praying for favour with the MOE for our continued development.

I regret to inform our Junior Campus parents / caregivers that we will not be using the back entrance to the campus, via Monticeto Place, until further notice. As soon as we are able, you will be informed and the entrance will be reopened for daily use. We really appreciate your ongoing co-operation and apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



Mr Murray Burton MNZM
PRINCIPAL

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely of Mr Murray Burton, 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, 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 Christian Netball Club

Junior and college skills session – Tuesday 7th March, 3.30pm – 4.30pm at the senior school gym and outside courts. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

College players – well done in trialing for a college team. We will announce teams next week once all registration fees have been paid. Payment of all registrations is due by Friday 3rd March.

Club night – Tuesday 14th March 7pm – 8.30pm in the senior school gym. Uniforms will be issued for juniors and ordered for college players. There will be a table set up to sell second-hand uniforms. Girls are responsible for selling their own uniform.

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



Please ensure that any Medical 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.

Thank you to the parents and students who attended our **NCEA Information Evening** on Thursday. Feedback received was very positive and we enjoyed the opportunity to clarify and outline the NCEA qualifications pathway. Our presenter from AUT, Pablo Fernandez, provided good insight into career pathways and the preparation required. All parents/caregivers are strongly encouraged to familiarise themselves with NCEA and refer to the website www.nzqa.govt.nz

Our **NCEA Level 2 Outdoor Education** option course (which we initiated this year) involved a 3-day sailing experience, through the **NZ Sailing Trust**, on the “Steinlager 2” this week which included camping under the stars on Great Barrier Island! What an outstanding experience! Our students did themselves proud and from all accounts reflected a distinctive God-honouring presence.

We are very excited to have this course available this year, which together with our NCEA Physical Education courses at NCEA Levels 1-3, provide extensive opportunities for our numerous students who love sport and the outdoors.



Our **Trades course (also at NCEA Level 2)** started up again last week – this course involves Carpentry and Construction, Plumbing and Electrical components provided by tutors from MIT (Manukau Institute of Technology). For this first semester, students are spending one day a week at MIT for the intensive Carpentry and Construction, done in partnership with Sancta Maria and Ormiston Colleges – we have worked together in this partnership for over 6 years. A number of students have followed on from this into trades career pathways especially when combined with our Gateway programmes.

Year 9 students participated in the excellent “**Attitude**” programme this week with their first presentation on Haurora (well-being) – “Attitude” forms part of our Christian Living programme and falls under Parents Inc. Further information can be found at www.attitude.org.nz Year 9 also enjoyed their second **Peer Support** morning with senior Y12/13 leaders on Thursday – this is such a pivotal time of connection between senior and junior secondary students.

We held our first **Student Voice Meeting** for 2017 this week. Thank you to our BOT student representative, Rachel Shallard, for leading this with our Head/Deputy Head students, and to Mrs Hirschi for supporting the group of student reps from all year levels 7-13. Ideas for continually improving teaching and learning are encouraged to be shared.

Our Head Students, Vivian Xu and Joshua Bagg, had the exciting invitation to be part of a Leadership Day entitled “**Leadership Lessons**” at Selwyn College on Friday – this was a great opportunity to connect and build relationships with other head students from across the wider-Auckland area!

Y10 students are looking forward to their **Seven Habits** Leadership training at Willowpark Christian Camp next week – students are sure to be challenged and encouraged with much fun and friendship!

A reminder that all **ICAS entries, Australian Mathematics and Otago Mathematics Competition entries** close early to mid-March: **please check closing dates on our school website.** <http://www.elim.school.nz/communications/notices/>

Stage Ensemble

If any student missed out on the sign-up for the Stage Ensemble this year and plays any of these of the following instruments; saxophone, clarinet, trumpet, (or any brass instrument), bass guitar, cello, violin or flute, we would love to hear from you. Practices are Tuesday lunchtimes in the Auditorium. Please see Mrs Grant or email her on pam.grant@elim.school.nz or come along to see next Tuesday.

Google classroom -1o02lo

Rhythm and Blues Vocal Ensemble We welcome Ngaariki Muru as our new vocal tutor at the Senior Campus and he will be continuing the R & B Vocal Ensemble that started up last year. Any Y 10-13 student who is interested should see Mrs Grant or come to auditions in Room 7 Friday lunchtimes from 1pm. Practices will start up in a couple of weeks in Room 15 on Fridays from 1-1.40pm. Watch the assembly power points. **Google classroom - 23999yz**

Learning Hub

The Learning Hub is proud to present their full team for 2017, led by Information Research Enabler, Mrs Randall.



Senior Learning Hub Leaders in front row (L-R): Angela Nguyen, Caitlyn Fredericks, Rose-Anna Schuurkamp
Junior Learning Hub Leaders in back row (L-R): Matthew Loh, Kaelin Jackson, Grace Wagener, Emily Wood, Kacy Kretschmar,
L-R (furthest back row): Natalie Beach, Maddie Brown, Chloe Hurst, Charlotte Cheung, Regan Ong

Kind regards

Carol Pottow

Assistant Principal: Senior Campus

Travelwise Week was yet another exciting week at the Junior Campus. Amidst all the thrills of wearing something bright or outrageous footwear, students were reminded about the safety messages of being travel-wise. This year, a Go-kart driven by Sean Ridenour, joined the Wheels Day extravaganza. Thank you parents for assisting with this and parking away from the school. Thank you Mrs Groenewald for organising all the events that made up Travelwise Week.



This weekend, Ms Barbara Langridge will celebrate 26 years at Elim Christian College. The staff celebrated with her yesterday at a morning tea held in her honour. Ms Langridge, your input and influence into all that's ELIM, can never be measured; it is too large and too vast. We thank God for you and your time given to the college.

Parents, please try to make it to one of our assemblies this term – worship (Mondays) and/or celebration (identified Fridays). It's a lovely experience to share these special gatherings with you. However, we do understand that most of you would have work commitments.

You would have been greeted by a friendly new face at reception these past few weeks when you popped into the Junior Campus. Mrs Snary completed her first week at the Junior Campus without Mrs Tams by her side. Mrs Snary, thank you for all that you are doing to get on board with all that's required at our campus. You have been amazing!

My area of concern this week is around punctuality – we have far too many of our children signing in late on the electronic tablets in the morning. While traffic, and all that goes with it, is a key contributing factor, please do all you can to have our children on site by 8.45. This may well mean an earlier start, good role modelling around punctuality or more structured time-management in the mornings. Our pastoral care teachers are also noticing this when taking the roll. It seems to be the same children who are turning up late on most days. Let's try all we can to do better in this area.

A reminder that we have a Maths Curriculum meeting this Tuesday at 7pm. Last year's meeting proved to be so successful that we have decided to do the same this year. Please come along and become familiar with how Maths is taught at the primary levels. In so doing, you would be able to offer support in the most effective way to your children at home. Mrs Vermeulen is creating a programme that would be specifically beneficial for our parents. We look forward to seeing you there.

On Friday, the 10th, we will be taking our class photos. Please help us by making sure that our students come dressed in our regulation uniform.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing. (Isaiah 40:26)

Nga mihi nui

Ms Neetha Mudhan

Assistant Head: Junior Campus

CLEARING THE LAND

A call to All !
Please join us to clear the land so we can have a Loose Parts Playground.



Who: Parents and children

When: Wednesday from 3.15pm - 8th, 15th and 22nd March

What to bring: rakes (strong ones), buckets, suitable clothing, refreshments.

What we need for our playground: tyres (big and small), planks (long and short), logs/half rounds (to balance on), small pallets, milk crates

Research has shown the power of play in establishing the skills necessary for academic success and success as an adult. E.g.

- Creative problem solving
- The ability to self regulate and reason.
- Mathematical, Scientific and Oral Language and social skills
- Resilience and risk taking

The Cognitive Benefits of play: <http://www.parentingscience.com/benefits-of-play.html>

Comments from *A Guide for Educators to Move Beyond Conventional School Playgrounds....*, published in the Australian Journal of Teacher Education.

"...the co-operative play has really increased, ... students became a lot more complex in what they did." <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JDq24UQuEkg>

CALENDAR					
TERM 1: 7 FEBRUARY 2017—13 APRIL 2017					
MARCH					
Week 5	6	7	8	9	10
Senior Campus	⇒ Y12 OED P3-4 ⇒ Y12 English Activity All Day	⇒ Y10 7 Habits ⇒ Y12 Bio Trip ⇒ Counties Manukau Athletics	⇒ Y10 7 Habits	⇒ Y10 7 Habits ⇒ Photolife ID Photo Catchup ⇒ Auckland Volleyball Champs	⇒ Y10 7 Habits ⇒ Auckland Volleyball Champs
		⇒ Maths Curriculum Evening Y0-6	⇒ Y1 Swimming Lessons ⇒ Y5-6 Swimming Lessons	⇒ Y2 Swimming Lessons ⇒ Y3-4 Swimming Lessons	⇒ Photolife Portrait and Class Photos
Week 6	13	14	15	16	17
Senior Campus	⇒ Y13 English Activity All Day ⇒ Y8 Camp	⇒ Y8 Camp	⇒ Y8 Camp	⇒ Y13 PE Trip ⇒ SC Mufti Day (Cultural Group) ⇒ 6:30pm Israel Trip Meeting	⇒ Y13 PE Trip
			⇒ Y1 Swimming Lessons ⇒ Y5-6 Swimming Lessons	⇒ Y2 Swimming Lessons ⇒ Y3-4 Swimming Lessons	
Junior Campus					
Week 7	20	21	22	23	24
Senior Campus		⇒ DOE Silver Tramp	⇒ DOE Silver Tramp	⇒ DOE Silver Tramp	⇒ DOE Silver Tramp
			⇒ Y1 Swimming Lessons ⇒ Y5-6 Swimming Lessons	⇒ Y2 Swimming Lessons ⇒ Y3-4 Swimming Lessons	
Junior Campus					



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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