

## From the Principal

### Special Invitation to all Elim Christian College Parents and Caregivers of both Senior and Junior Campus:

I will be hosting an evening titled 'Moving Forward with Elim Education' on **Thursday 6 April**. This will be held in the **Junior Campus Hall starting at 7.30pm** and I anticipate it will be for an hour. We will have refreshments for you when you arrive, with the on-stage part commencing at 7.45pm.

It is my desire as Principal to share our school's journey and to have the privilege of interviewing Luke Brough our visionary Senior Minister and strategist. I specifically want you to get some key information about what the next few years at Elim Christian College could look like as we embrace a period of significant change. We have great news to share with you!

I would urge all parents / caregivers to attend and appreciate you have busy lives and it's not easy when child care is required, but believe this meeting will contain crucial information all need to hear.

See you on Thursday 6 April – it's a date!



**Mr Murray Burton MNZM  
PRINCIPAL**

### WEEKLY COFFEE MORNING

Every Tuesday in the Junior Campus staffroom we have coffee/tea available for our parents to come and enjoy. Both Junior and Senior Campus parents and grandparents are welcome to attend. It's a great place to meet new people and find out what's happening at school.

We would like to say a huge thank you to those who have been making meals for sick families or those affected by the terrible rains with flooding. Your generosity is appreciated.

### Prayer

If you have a heart for prayer and for our school then please feel free to come along to one of our amazing prayer times. Below is the time and days we pray.

**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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**Working Parents Group 7:30 pm Friday's 24 March & 7 April @ SC**

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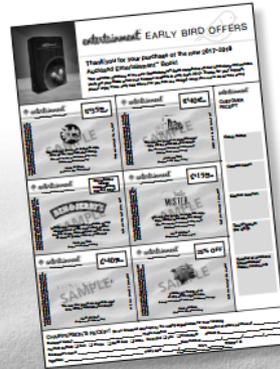
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OR



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Softball Practice has begun.

Thank you

Mr Hiko



## Elim Christian Netball Club

Thank you for coming to Club night and especially to those who joined in with the parents vs players games which were a highlight.

Everyone should now have their uniform either issued or ordered.

**Practices start on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at the senior campus**

Year 5 & 6 3.30 – 4.30pm

Year 7 & 8 4.30 – 5.30pm

College 3, 4 & 5 5.30 – 6.30pm

College 1 & 2 7 – 8pm



Please be on time and ready to practise so your coaches can use the full practice time.

Players need to wear appropriate clothes/footwear and bring a drink bottle.

Look forward to seeing you there.

### Enquiries:

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Ph: 533 8090

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



### Swimming

Congratulations to Matthew Palmer, Ethan Pope, Isabella Dunn & Maddie Donley who competed in the Counties Manukau Swimming Competition held at the Manurewa Aquatic Centre on Tuesday



**Auckland Volleyball Championships results:** Senior Girls finished 6<sup>th</sup> in Division 2 and Senior Boys finished 8<sup>th</sup> in Division 2. Congratulations to both teams who played outstanding volleyball and were great ambassadors of Elim Christian College!

### ACS Touch



Congratulations to the three teams from Y5-10 who competed in the annual ACS Touch competition on Tuesday. Each team achieved some outstanding results. Our Y5-6 mixed team achieved 1<sup>st</sup> Equal, Y7 scored 3<sup>rd</sup> place and our Y9-10 team held onto 1<sup>st</sup> place by winning every game!

# SENIOR CAMPUS NEWS

It has been a busy mid-term week with **NCEA internal assessments** starting across most levels. All students, particularly Y11 students who are new to the pressures of ongoing internal assessments, need to set up weekly planners and learn to prioritise the demands of homework, tests, ongoing project work and sporting and social activities. This can quickly develop into times where students can feel under stress if they have not put plans in place to manage their increased commitments.



**Our senior Y12/13 students** had the incredible opportunity this week during **RealTalk** to hear from **Lehan Stemmet (a TED talk presenter)** who presented a powerful insight into developing resilience and overcoming stress. **Y12/13 students need to ALL be reminded that it is compulsory to attend "RealTalk" every Wednesday morning (8.35-9.10am) in the auditorium.** These speakers are experts in their fields and are invited to share on significant topics preparing seniors for their future pathways and the world outside of school.

On Thursday we held a **Mufti Day** to raise funds for our ever-growing **Cultural Group**. It is incredibly exciting to see how our students from various multi-cultural backgrounds are proudly engaging in activities where their culture and identity are valued and upheld. We are particularly excited to have two of our Y10 students studying **Te Reo Maori** this year, both who are doing very well.

**Y13 PE students** enjoyed an overnight trip to Raglan this week as part of their assessment programme. In addition, as always, this has been a busy week for numerous sporting teams including the **Auckland Christian Schools Touch** and **Counties Manukau Swimming Competitions**. Two of our students who are studying German through **via correspondence**, had an afternoon at **Te Kura** where they met with tutors.

We were pleased to host some visiting staff from **Middleton Grange (Christchurch)** for the day on Tuesday – it was a delight to connect and share, particularly about how we integrate our Biblical foundation and teach from a Christian worldview.

Reminder that the **Australian Computational & Algorithmic Thinking Competition** takes place on **Tuesday 21 March**. Entries for the ICAS Competitions have now closed.

**An important reminder that Y9-13 Interim Reports will be issued on Tuesday 4 April and Parent/teacher/student Conferences will be held on Monday 10 April (1.30-7.00pm).**

## ECC Learning Hub

The Learning Hub has been embarking on some wonderful projects this year. We have 2 Junior Learning Hub Leaders rostered on each morning tea and lunch, supervised by either a Senior Learning Hub Leader or Mrs Randall. Some current projects:

- Preparing for a book sale on Market Day, with withdrawn learning hub materials
- Remodelling the shelving to allow for more room on shelves and face-out displays
- Design ideas for the wall-whiteboard, featuring graphics by our own Hub Leaders

We would love to welcome any more parents who want to volunteer some time at the Learning Hub. Please email Rachel Randall at [Rachel.randall@elim.school.nz](mailto:Rachel.randall@elim.school.nz), or if you are on campus, please sign in at reception, and pop in to the Learning Hub to see Rachel on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



Kind regards

**Carol Pottow**

**Assistant Principal: Senior Campus**

In preparation for our Online Jungle Evening next week, there has been a few deliberate discussions amongst staff as to what measure of information is enough to equip our parents about keeping our children safe online. How much information is enough? There are several providers out there like The Parenting Place and Netsafe for example, that alert parents and make them aware just how cautious we need to be with our children's online navigating.

But ... before we even access outside guidance and support, there are several simple measures that can be taken by parents to encourage responsible use of devices. Foremost, I want to encourage parents who are experiencing issues around children's device use, to take back their parenting role. It is disheartening to hear stories of iPads being used at the dinner table, being taken to bed without time limits, being used on car journeys instead of looking out the window and/or engaging in conversations, etc. I guess we see the consequences of some of these behaviours at school – it proves extremely difficult to motivate and engage a tired child.

An article in the New York Times less than two weeks ago mentions the new book, "Irresistible: The Rise of Addictive Technology and the Business of Keeping Us Hooked," by social psychologist Adam Alter. It issues a warning that that many of us — youngsters, teenagers, adults — are addicted to our digital devices. Alter found it interesting that even the late Steve Jobs said in a 2010 interview that his own children didn't use iPads.

At home, we've noticed that most of our battles with Zachary, my nearly five-year-old son would be around technology. A month ago, we decided to set a 30-minute timer on the iPad which works the majority of the time. Gone is the constant nagging to use the iPad and prolonged use of the device. This article also challenged Richard and I to be more aware of how much we use our phones or iPad in front of our son, and the *deliberate* modelling on our part of expected behavior.

For the sake of our children's digital footprint and online safety, I encourage all parents to mark a time on their calendars each week to check their children's devices – the history of sites visited, the restriction and security settings, photos taken, etc. Children need to view this type of active monitoring as normal and necessary.

We look forward to seeing all the parents of our Year 3 and new Year 4 students (and others who would like to attend) at the Online Jungle evening next week to learn more about keeping our children safe online.

Link to the article in The New York Times...

[https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/06/science/technology-addiction-irresistible-by-adam-alter.html?smid=fb-share&\\_r=0](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/06/science/technology-addiction-irresistible-by-adam-alter.html?smid=fb-share&_r=0)

Have a blessed weekend.

Neetha Mudhan (Ms)

*Assistant Head of Junior Campus*

## Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences for Years 1-6 at the Junior Campus

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April from 12:30 – 8pm and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April from 3:30 – 6pm.

Please note that **online bookings open today at 3pm** for the Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences in Week 9.

*(Exception - Please note that R8 will have their conferences in Week 8).*



Top Students @ Junior Campus

Term 1 Week 5

**1<sup>st</sup>** Enya Brunt  
Year 2

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Mila Yan  
Year 4

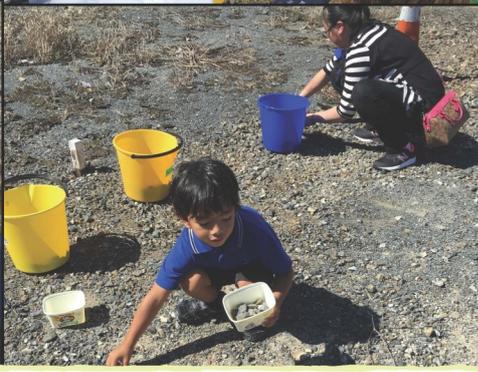
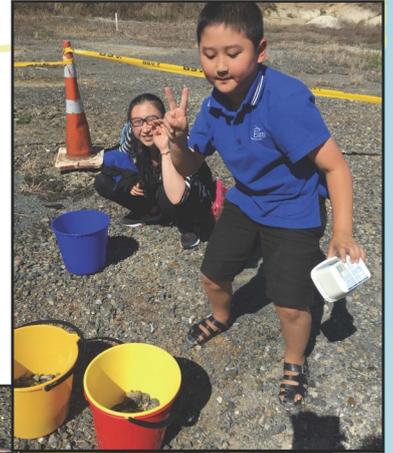
**3<sup>rd</sup>** Ernie Chee  
Year 2

# CLEARING THE LAND

Thank you to all who came to help.  
We still have a long way to go so do join us next  
week Wednesday.

**When:** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
March from 3.15pm

**What to bring:** metal  
rakes, shovels, suitable  
clothing, gardening gloves,  
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



# CALENDAR

**TERM 1: 7 FEBRUARY 2017—13 APRIL 2017**

## MARCH

Week 7	20	21	22	23	24
Senior Campus		⇒ DOE Silver Tramp	⇒ AUT Careers Assembly ⇒ DOE Silver Tramp	⇒ DOE Silver Tramp	⇒ DOE Silver Tramp
Junior Campus		⇒ On-Line Jungle Evening (7pm—8:30pm)	⇒ Y1 Swimming Lessons ⇒ Y5-6 Swimming Lessons	⇒ Y2 Swimming Lessons ⇒ Y3-4 Swimming Lessons	
Week 8	27	28	29	30	31
Senior Campus	⇒ Volleyball Nationals ⇒ Y12/13 Art Trip ⇒ Y11 Geo Trip	⇒ Volleyball Nationals ⇒ Y12 OED Trip	⇒ Careers Assembly ⇒ Volleyball Nationals ⇒ Y12 OED Trip ⇒ Worship Camp	⇒ Volleyball Nationals ⇒ Y12 OED Trip ⇒ DOE Bronze ⇒ Worship Camp	⇒ DOE Bronze ⇒ WV Leadership Conference ⇒ Worship Camp ⇒ Y11-13 Interact Mystery Night
Junior Campus			⇒ Y1 Swimming Lessons ⇒ Y5-6 Swimming Lessons	⇒ Y2 Swimming Lessons ⇒ Y3-4 Swimming Lessons	

## APRIL

Week 9	3	4	5	6	7
Senior Campus				⇒ 7:30pm—9pm Elim Christian College Vision Evening (JC Hall)	
Junior Campus	⇒ 12:30pm—8pm: Y0-6 Parent Teacher Student Conferences	⇒ 3:30pm—6pm: Y0-6 Parent Teacher Student Conferences	⇒ Y1 Swimming Lessons ⇒ Y5-6 Swimming Lessons	⇒ Y2 Swimming Lessons ⇒ Y3-4 Swimming Lessons ⇒ 7:30pm—9pm Elim Christian College Vision Evening (JC Hall)	

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





**Love Children? Want to work with a great team in a dynamic and fun environment?**

Our East location is looking for a new Childrens Pastor to lead our Powerzone team, for children Years 1-6.

If you are passionate about kids and want to help shape the next generation then this is the job for you. This is a full time role working with a great team of people. Applicants need to have leadership skills and be highly self motivated. If this sounds like you please send you application with CV to [alison.codlin@elim.org.nz](mailto:alison.codlin@elim.org.nz). Applications close 26 March .